February 2, 2022

**Joshua 6:20-21**  When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city. They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it-- men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.

Dirk R. Buursma in **No Ordinary Plan** said that you have to admit, it was some kind of unorthodox military strategy: march around the city for six days without saying a word, on the seventh day go around seven times, listen for the long blast of the trumpet and then shout. This was no ordinary procedure of battle. Joshua heard it from the mouth of the commander of the Lord’s army: **Joshua 5:13-15**  Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

The Israelites followed God’s instructions even though the entire operation was a venture of faith that involved taking risk. In the face of what seemed like insurmountable odds, they were relying on God’s faithfulness. A nation notorious for its murmuring and complaining obeyed in silence. What a testimony to God’s power.

**Did You Know?**

The Pastor Search Committee is now in the crucial phase of their work. Each member of the committee has committed themselves to pray diligently, fast and ask God to guide and direct them in all that they do in this search. The Committee is requesting that the Church body pray and fast with them during this crucial time leading to the presentation of candidates for consideration. Please pray and fast each Monday between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. provided you have no medical constraints.

**COVID At Home Test**

You can order four (4) at home Covid Test by clicking on the link listed below. These tests are **free**:

 <http://www.usps.com/covidtest>

**Black History month**

As you know February is Black History Month. Our overall theme this year is: **Shining A Light on Black Health and Wellness Through Education**. We will have a brief (**5-7 minutes**) Black History presentation each Sunday in February culminating with our Monthly Zoom Fellowship presented by the Education Ministry.

 February 6, 2022 Missionaries and Seasoned Saints Presentation

 February 13, 2022 Greenhouse Youth Ministry Presentation

 February 20, 2022 Children’s Presentation

 February 27, 2022 Men’s Ministry Presentation

**Music Ministry**

As a reminder, we have resumed small group rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. This group should expect to sing on Sunday, February 13, 2022. Also the Minister of Music will be asking music ministry members to sing special Black History hymns throughout the month of February. You should also feel free to volunteer your talent.

**Prayer Request**

Please keep the Boyd/Childress family lifted in prayer. Sister Judy’s brother, Rev. Gregory Childress passed away and the home going service will be Saturday, February 5, 2022 at New Jerusalem Baptist Church. The visitation will be from 10-12 noon and the celebration of life will begin at 12 noon. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to the following address:

 Sister Judy Boyd

 6707 Deerview

 Loveland, OH 45140

Please keep the Henderson/Mincy family lifted in prayer. Our own Sister Cynthia Mincy Henderson passed away on January 23rd. Arrangements are as follows:

 Saturday, February 5, 2022

 Mt. Zion Baptist Church

 Visitation: 10:00 a.m.

 Service: 11:00 a.m.

 Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Sister Alaina Mincy (daughter) or Sister Emma Mincy (Mother) at the following address:

 Sister Alaina Mincy

 551 Matthews Dr.

 Cincinnati, OH 45215

 Sister Emma Mincy

 1360 Meredith Dr.

 Cincinnati, OH 45231

**Thank You**

Mt. Zion, thank you for the support and resolution in loving memory of my brother. We thank you for your thoughts and kind words. Brother Aaron and Sister Sebrina Tillman III

Thank you for remembering to support your church financially. As a reminder you have a choice to stop by the church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to drop off your tithes and offerings. You still have the ability to use Givelify and of course your checks are still welcomed and accepted. Place your check (**no cash**) in a secure envelop and mail to:

 Mt. Zion Baptist Church

 10180 Woodlawn Blvd.

 Woodlawn, OH 45215

If you are having trouble receiving Church Correspondence, please let us know and we will make every effort to ensure that you receive the correspondence. Also, **if you know of any member that is not receiving the correspondence, please have them to notify the church.**

Please continue to pray for those who are sick, shut-in and in nursing homes/care centers. I have attached a list of our sick and shut-in members as well as those that are in the nursing homes. Please check with the nursing home prior to your visit to ensure that they are allowing visitors. Please pray that all the residents will remain safe.

Please join us for the following weekly worship services/Bible Studies:

**Wednesday Noon Bible Study (Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.)**

**Teacher:** **Deacon Sanford Kirksey**

**Study Scripture:** **Intro to I Thessalonians and I Thessalonians 1**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.)**

**Teacher: Rev. Patricia Stone**

**Scripture: Titus 3 and I Timothy 1**

**Dial in Number:** **(470) 480-9361**

**Saturday Morning Bible Study (Saturdays at 10:15 a.m.)**

**NO BIBLE STUDY ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022**

**Teacher:** **Bro. Steve McCullom**

**Study Scripture: John 3**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361 Freeconferencecall.com

**Sunday School (Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 9:15 a.m.)**

**Sunday’s Lesson: Nathan Condemns David**

**Teacher: Sister Lolly Sanders**

**Study Scripture: II Samuel 12**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Sunday Morning Worship Service (Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 10:45)**

**Morning Message:** **Rev. Patricia Stone**

**Sermon: What’s Blocking Your View?**

**Sermon Text: Isaiah 6**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Facebook Live and YouTube is also available for this event: Mt. Zion Baptist Church Woodlawn; YouTube—Type in MtZionWoodlawn (It is case sensitive)**

**Saturday Evening Prayer**

**Receiving Prayer Request Every Saturday Evening at 4:15 p.m.**

**Evening Prayer: Deacons**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

**Monday Morning Prayer**

**Receiving Prayer Request Every Monday Morning at 8:15 a.m.**

**Morning Prayer: Sister Deanna Kimbrough**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

We encourage you to continue to reach out to each other to minister the Good News. Most importantly, our hope rests in the Lord Almighty, Emmanuel, God-with-Us. In the words of the Psalmist:

**If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the Lord who is my refuge—then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. (Psalm 91:9-10 NIV)**

During this time of the pandemic, we are not alone! God is with us, and we have each other as members of the Body of Christ.

In His Service,

Rev. Patricia Stone