March 2, 2022

**1 Samuel 2:22-26**  Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours. No, my sons; it is not a good report that I hear spreading among the LORD's people. If a man sins against another man, God may mediate for him; but if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?" His sons, however, did not listen to their father's rebuke, for it was the LORD's will to put them to death.

And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men.

I think that you will agree with me that this has been a long cold winter. Winter’s cold is not always cozy and our winter years are not always golden. We all do the best we can for those we love. Eli had some wicked sons who had no regard for the Lord. They treated the Lord’s offering with contempt and they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. Eli heard about the sins of his sons and attempted to rebuke them. I am sure that this is not the way he planned to spend the winter of his life. Eli’s sons did not listen to him and the Lord had to put them to death. We cannot offer healing to one who lives in the winter years or bears a wintry heart. We can offer hope. The God of spring’s new life, of summer’s joy and of autumn’s fullness is also the God of winter’s chill. After winter comes spring and we are ready for Spring.

**Did You Know?**

We praise God that our church is totally handicap accessible! We have places to park motor scooters, walkers and canes. If you wish to stay in your scooter, we can accommodate that as well. Spread the word that Mt. Zion is totally accessible to everyone.

**Voting At Mt. Zion**

We will have an important vote coming up on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Some have raised the question of what qualifies one to be able to vote. I have listed the information from the latest Bi-laws below:

**Section 4. Voting Rights of Members** - Every active member of the church is entitled to vote on all matters pertaining to the affairs of the church, provided the member is present and meets the following criteria.

**An “active member,” for voting purposes only, shall be defined as one who meets all of the following criteria:**

A. Must meet requirements for general membership defined in Article 1 of the Church By-laws

B. Must be at least sixteen (16) years of age

C. Must have made at least six (6) contributions of tithes or offerings during the previous twelve (12) months prior to a Church conference/meeting, that are on record via the church envelope system or on-line giving application used by the Church. The last contribution must occur at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting to allow for automated reporting of eligibility.

D. Should attend church regularly

We have had some questions raised about the six (6) contributions. **If we receive six envelopes at the same time, it will be recorded in our system as one contribution. We encourage you to spread your giving out so that you can receive credit for all six contributions.**

**Prayer Request**

Please keep our Church lifted in prayer as we enter the final stage of our search for a new Pastor. Pray that God’s will be done and that God will send us a Pastor after His heart.

**Spring Revival**

Our Spring Revival will begin on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., I have listed our revivalist for each night and you can review the attachment:

 Wednesday, March 9, 2022 Rev. Natalie Brooks

 Wednesday, March 16, 2022 Rev. Dr. Andrea Sutton Lee

 Wednesday, March 23, 2022 Rev. Meshach Kanyion

Reverend Natalie M. Brooks is an associate minister at Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church (LHMBC) where Reverend Alfonza Jones is Interim Pastor.  She was licensed to preach the gospel in 2000 and ordained in 2003. She has served or is serving in the following ministries: Co-Chair for the Women’s Ministry, Co-Ed Adult Sunday School teacher, meditation facilitator for the daily prayer line, R.D. Wess Scholarship Committee member, Prison Ministry member, Superintendent of Sunday School, and a volunteer for the Food Pantry.

Ultimately, Reverend Natalie M. Brooks desires to be remembered as a Daughter of Zion who seeks to do the will of God by utilizing her gifts of preaching, teaching and encouragement as an evangelistic ambassador of Christ.

**Church Directory**

Sister Karen Kirksey has been working diligently to provide us with an on-line Church directory. Thanks to all of her hard work, our directory is now ready to be rolled out to the congregation. Please follow the directions listed below.

**Instant Church Directory** has been set up and is ready for your view.  Please create an account at the address below.  Look at your name and make sure it is correct.  If not, please select edit family and make the change.

If you would like to add a photo, please select edit my family and upload a photo.

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

You may also download the "Instant Church Directory" app at the Apple Store or Google Play.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Kirksey at 513.314.2046 or karen.kirksey2@gmail.com

**Thank You**

To the Missionaries: Blessed arethe givers and grateful are the receivers. Thank you so much. Sister Shirley Munlin

To my Mt. Zion Baptist Church Family, thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards and gifts you sent to my family and me. I am so grateful to belong to a praying and loving Church. My heart was truly filled with much love and kindness. You are amazing. Thank you so much and may God continue to bless our Church family. Sister Carolyn Crawford

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: I Thessalonians Chapter 2**

**Dial in Number:** (470) 480-9361

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

**Teacher: Rev. Patricia Stone**

**Scripture: I Timothy Chapter 1 & 2**

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

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

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

**Study Scripture: John 3**

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

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

**Sunday’s Lesson: Babylonian Captivity Ends**

**Teacher: Brother Cedric and Sister Lillie Newberry**

**Study Scripture: Ezra 1**

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

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

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

**Sermon: Tempted and Tried**

**Sermon Text: Luke 4**

**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