

Zion Deacons Speak

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

FALL 2022 EDITION



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach the end of another year, it brings us to much reflection. I can't help but think about the many changes that have taken place as well as the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us. All too often, we are side tracked by the adversities and challenges we face and fail to focus on how we have overcome. Surely, the grace and mercies of God have kept us through dangers seen and unseen. He has promised to never leave or forsake us, and I am assured that He never will.

The Zion Deacon Board is committed to serving the membership with excellence. Please be prayerful for your Deacon Board that God continues to preserve us and equip us to serve His people well. As we enter into the season of Thanksgiving and then Christmas, let us possess the spirit of thanksgiving and Christmas within our hearts all year long. To this end, the Missionary Assistance Ministry is available to assist our members and community during times of need. Help us in our effort to help you and your loved ones during the holidays, or whenever there is a need. We endeavor to adhere to the word of God: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Deacon Lawrence McGregor, Chairman
Deacon Board, Zion Baptist Church Marietta

Our Mission

Love God.
Love Others.
Share Jesus.
Make Disciples.

Our Vision

Connect,
Grow, Serve
and Go

Our Community

We invite and share
Christ with unbelievers +
active in and supportive of
Christ's mission abroad +
invested in ministry outside
the walls of the church +
an active advocate for social,
political, and economic
justice.

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The Purpose and Mission of "Zion Deacons Speak" is to INFORM and ENCOURAGE members:



INFORM by CONSOLIDATING important church-wide information
INCLUDING financial status in one source.



ENCOURAGE by: 1) CLEARLY STATING ACTIONS desired of
members, 2) Reporting status of various CONNECTION
opportunities,
3) Sharing TESTIMONIALS





MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

Greetings Zion family!

Each edition of *Zion Deacons Speak* provides you and your family with another opportunity to share your successes, challenges and concerns with the greater church family. The success and consistency of this newsletter depends on you and your engagement in submitting newsworthy information that can be shared with our readers. This newsletter is intended to be a beacon of hope and inspiration. Are you a source of inspiration to someone? Perhaps you are an aspiring poet or writer? We urge you to submit your work for consideration to be included in an upcoming edition. Help us to make this a newsletter that you look forward to receiving and reading.

Communications Committee

156th Anniversary Campaign Update



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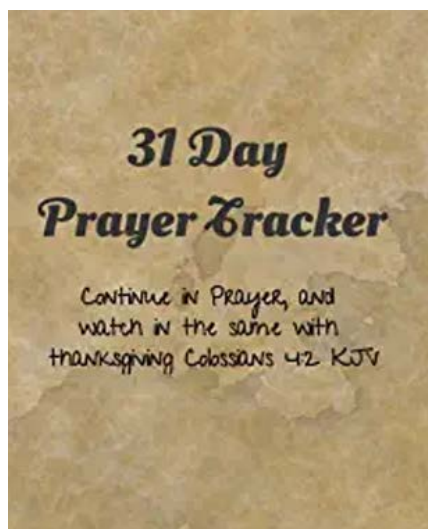
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156th Anniversary Donation Update

Total Raised as of October 24, 2022: \$47,896.71

Thanks for your support. Together, we can reach out goal.

*Anniversary Committee Co-chairs,
Deacon Sean J. Moore and Sister Sandra Snell*



Sis. Dana Lincoln publishes new book

Please support Sis. Dana Lincoln by purchasing a copy of her new book, "The 31 Day Prayer Tracker." This is a great resource to aid you in your growth and development as a Christian and especially in your prayer life. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.



PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH - THE BODY OF CHRIST

Loving Father, thank You that we are Your children and have become joint-heirs with Christ Jesus, simply because we believed on His holy name. Be with the Church Lord, for we have become united with You and are now all members of Your body. Lord, I pray that the Church of God may become one in unity with Christ and with each other, just as You Lord are in loving fellowship with the Father. May we hold to the things of this world lightly, knowing that our citizenship is in heaven. Keep us from hankering after the things of this world, but rather may we find our peace and joy and rest in You alone.

*Give each member a loving thankful heart and one that lives in willing submission to each other, and to You. Sanctify Your Body I pray, and wash each one of us clean with the water of the Word of God day by day, so that we may one day be presented to the Father without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Help us Lord, to live out our lives in a way that is pleasing to You. In Jesus' name, **Amen.***

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Mother Jean Greaves

The Senior Adult Ministry held their Passing the Torch Celebration October 13 for Mother Jean Greaves as she stepped down as ministry leader and welcomed her successor, Sis. Nedra Robinson.

On behalf of the Zion Deacon Board, we salute you and celebrate you! We thank you for dedicating 15 years of service to the Zion Senior Adult Ministry. We wish you the all the best. May God continue to bless you!



Mother Dr. Mildred Howard Recognized by the Marietta History Center

"Color My Teacher" produced by Tim Penn is an oral interview series with Black educators from Cobb County. Retired teachers from Cobb and Marietta City school districts share their stories from the classroom and the impact they had on the community. The Color My Teacher series was on exhibit at The Marietta History in October. The third interview in the series was with Mother Dr. Mildred Howard, chairperson of the Mother and Deaconess Ministry here at Zion. Look for future interviews with Zion's educators on Youtube. Click on the following link to watch Mother Howard's interview <https://youtu.be/AH51FxMp04k>



Shout out to Sis. Bridget Spencer!

Congratulations to Sis. Bridget Spencer, daughter of Mother Gloria and Deacon Robert Spencer. She has relocated back home to the metro area to serve as news reporter for Atlanta's CBS news station. We welcome you and send our congratulations! God bless.

MISSIONARY ASSISTANCE



Zion Members, your spiritual well-being is important to us. If you have any personal needs, (illness, bereavement prayer needs, etc.), please contact your fellowship deacon. Deacons are assigned to serve members based on letter of your last name. We are here for you.

MEMBERS

Zion Members in need of financial assistance (food, rent/ mortgage, utilities, bus pass, etc.), Please contact your fellowship deacon, complete and submit your application by voicemail or text.

Upon submission, member's fellowship deacons must contact Lead of Missionary Assistance, Deacon Tony Davis via email at rc-missions@zbcmarietta.org. The MA will review and assign the member to a missionary assistance team deacon. Applications will be processed and provided relative to your need.

NON-MEMBERS

The MA Team requests to refrain from referring assistance inquiries except in dire emergencies during church services.

1. Please click this link for [Missionary Assistance Form](#) and bookmark on your phone to guide those in need, whether member or non-member.
2. Please share our online/mobile application found at zbcmarietta.org/requests.

CONTACT

Please advise those seeking assistance to call 770-427-8749 and press **3** for MA extension. Do not leave a message on the operator line to ensure their call is received in a timely manner. Information about missionary outreach initiatives is available on our church website at zbcmarietta.org/missions.





MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Happy Birthday to all our members who celebrated (or will be celebrating) a birthday this quarter! May God continue to bless you!

A full list of member birthdays this quarter is available in the October 28 edition of our "Zion Connect" newsletter. GOD BLESS.

BEREAVEMENT

Join us in lifting our Zion family in prayer who lost a loved one. Listings are provided in weekly prayer list via Zion Connect. Please check with your home fellowship deacon or on Realm for member contact information. Some member profiles may be listed as private. Our God WILL see all of us through; He promised and He keeps His promises.



SPECIAL PRAYER

Dear Lord, once again death has invaded our ranks and taken our loved ones to rest in your presence eternally. Our lives have forever been changed by our losses, but we hold firm to our faith and trust in You. Father, we ask for comfort in the dark days ahead as we adjust our lives without them.

Help us to turn to your word as we fall into your strong arms that are able to sustain us at all times and in every situation. We pray that we find joy in every memory of our loved ones and a reminder that to be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord. Keep us in your unfailing superintending care. Amen.





QUARTERLY MESSAGE



MESSAGE: PEACE IN TRANSITION

By Rev. Bianca Howard

ZBC Pastor, Zion Children & Youth and Associate Minister

As I think about my time at Zion as the Children & Youth Minister, one of the words I think of is grateful. I have so much gratitude for God in how he chose to use me over these 16 years I served on staff. I am truly grateful for the opportunity afforded to me and all that God did in the season I was serving. God has been so good and I can't thank Him enough.

As I begin my transition from my staff position, another word has been constant in my mind and spirit and that's the word Peace. Peace within my soul as I depart.

Lately, I have come to understand how the Peace of God works and how incredibly valuable is it to have. It's indescribable at times. Peace that surpasses all my understanding. When the timing is in line with God's time, there is Peace. When God gives you the green light after you have waited and been patient to move, there is peace. When you are in God's presence and operating in His will, there is peace.

I have learned that the peace of God is promised to us through the Holy Spirit. John 14:25-27 and John 20:19-22 are verses that Jesus is talking about that peace and how we obtain it. In chapter 14 of John, Jesus is talking to the disciples about this promise of the Holy Spirit. He says, "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

So Jesus is saying, there is a promise coming and that promise is His spirit which is the Holy Spirit which will be our guide, our advocate and it will bring back to memory everything Jesus told us before he died. And it will also bring peace that can only come from Him. Not Worldly peace that is temporary but God-given peace that lasts.

Then in John 20:19-22, after Jesus died and rose, he showed back up and revealed Himself to the disciples and reminded them what He said before He died. At this point, the disciples were afraid and worried after Jesus was put to death because the Jewish leaders were coming after them, but

that is when Jesus showed up and reminded them He would be back. He reminded them in these verses about peace, saying, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

The Holy Spirit is the key to our peace. We look for peace everywhere but for where it is. It's already in us. If you are a believer, you have the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit equals Peace. We must activate it like we do a new debit card or credit card and start using it. It works! And has ALL the power authority we need. Peace is ours today if you want it! All we need to do is tap into the promise of the Holy Spirit in us and cash in on the promise God already made to us and watch Him work peace in your soul!

There is nothing that the world can give that can replace or even compare to this peace Jesus has left for us. We look for peace in so many things except from the one who can give us everlasting peace. We look for it in money, jobs, people, activities, yoga, exercise to fill that void that is actually already in you as believers. Peace is at our fingertips, so ask God for it today and you will instantly feel the Holy Spirit blanket your soul with God's everlasting peace. It is always available to us as believers!

So as I begin to step out into new adventures in my life, I am not afraid because of the promise I have! The promise of peace in my soul. That peace lets me know not to be afraid or let my heart be troubled. Jesus has me in this transition and He will have you too. No matter what's happening in your life, let peace lead you. It will be your reminder that Jesus is walking with you in this life's journey. May God's peace be with you always! Shalom, My Zion Family!





Thank you for reading our newsletter. For submissions and requests, please contact your Zion home fellowship deacon. Have a blessed holiday season! God bless! — **ZBC Deacon Board**

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Deacon Carl Brown, *Chair*

**Deacon Gary Ludgood
Deacon Charles Edwards**

**Deacon Gary Crawford
Deacon Thomas Bouvay**



SPECIAL REQUESTS:

PRAYER:

The ZBC Intercessory Prayer Ministry is here to serve you and respond to your prayer requests. The ministry is led by Rev. Benita White and Minister Bartley Gray. You can submit your requests via email to **ZBCprayerteam@zbcmarietta.org**.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST SUBMISSIONS:

Please contact Sister Bobbie Sims at **bobbiesims@zbcmarietta.org**.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact your home fellowship deacon(s) for family announcements. For church-wide submissions (news or special events), please complete an announcement request form on our website at **zbcmarietta.org/requests**.

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Willie Winfrey

Deacon Support

For prayer, help and resources, please refer to your home fellowship deacon. Groups and applicable deacon are listed by the first letter of your last name. The complete roster is listed on page 10 of this newsletter, or visit our website at zbcmarietta.org/requests to reach out.

CONNECT REQUESTS

MAKING CONNECTIONS THAT DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS FOCUSED ON YOU.

- REALM Contact Updates
- Sick and Shut In
- Assistance and Prayer requestsions, etc.
- Important Life Events
- Special events: birthdays, graduations, etc.

Form is available on our website at zbcmarietta.org/requests.



Zion HOME FELLOWSHIP CONTACTS



A,I,K

ASSIGNED DEACONS

- Deacon Thomas Keitt
- Michael Mathis

Ba-Bq

ASSIGNED DEACONS:

- Charles Byrd
- Calvin Hill

Br-Bz

ASSIGNED DEACONS:

- Thabo Bopape
- Bill Pinkston
- Roy Richardson

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ASSIGNED DEACONS:

- Will Jackson
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- Rev. Vanessa Abidoye

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- Rev. Kenneth Fernandez
- Rev. Gerald Massey
- Rev. Gary Montague

ASSIGNED MINISTERS:

- Rev. Robert Brown

ASSIGNED MINISTERS:

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ASSIGNED DEACONS:

- Anthony Davis
- Mark Riggins

F&L

ASSIGNED DEACONS:

- George Thompson
- Robert Glover
- Albert Lovett
- Sims Gordon

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ASSIGNED DEACONS:

- Chesley McNeil
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- Michael McCloud
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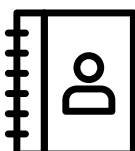
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- Rev. Everleaner Grant
- Rev. R.B. Brown

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- Rev. Randy McClure
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- Don Johnson
- Gary Ludgood
- Eric Ludgood

ASSIGNED MINISTERS:

Rev. Jo Ludgood

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ASSIGNED DEACONS:

- James Robinson
- James Hargrett

ASSIGNED MINISTERS:

- Rev. Robert Spencer
- Min. James Hunter

J

ASSIGNED DEACONS:

- John Knighton
- Greg Jemison

ASSIGNED MINISTERS:

- Rev. Barbara Curry

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- William Howard
- Carl Brown

ASSIGNED MINISTERS:

- Rev. Kara Pringle
- Rev. Maria Harris

R

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- Thad Allen
- Rob Halsell
- Hollis Howell
- Verdell Hall

ASSIGNED MINISTER:

TBD

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ASSIGNED DEACONS:

- Robert Poe
- Chet Simmons
- Darren Spaulding
- Alexander Shannon

ASSIGNED MINISTER:

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- Phillip Fant
- Willie Winfrey

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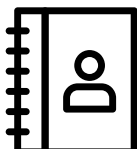
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- Gary Crawford
- Lawrence McGregor
- J. Sean Moore

ASSIGNED MINISTER:

- Rev. Toni Ruffin



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