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ZION INFORMER

From Your Newsletter Ministry

Why Is Christian Fellowship so Important?

God never intended for His people to be separate. God never intended 'people' to be separate. In the very beginning, God said, "It is not good for man to be alone." That has not changed. It is even more important for the followers of Jesus Christ to come together. Terms such as "family," "together," "fellowship" are all important concepts in the New Testament for us to gather together and encourage one another.

Though the pandemic has been real, and people have had concerns about safety, I believe that our enemy has also stepped in to promote the separation and making efforts to keep the family of God separate and lull us into believing that we can grow strong while staying separate.

We need to come back together and re-establish the family of God. I'd like to share the following article with you.

Each of us together shows all of God's graces to the world. No one is perfect. We all sin, but each of us has a purpose here on Earth to show aspects of God to those around us. Each of us has been given specific spiritual gifts. When we come together in fellowship, it's like us as a whole demonstrating God. Think of it like a cake. You need the flour, sugar, eggs, oil, and more to make a cake. The eggs will never be the flour. None of them make up the cake alone. Yet together, all those ingredients make a delicious cake. It is like that with fellowship. All of us together show the glory of God.

No matter where we are in our faith, fellowship provides us with strength. Being around other believers gives us the chance to learn and grow in our faith. It demonstrates to us why we believe and sometimes it is the excellent food for our souls. It's great to be out in the world evangelizing others, but it can easily make us hard and eat away at our strength. When we deal with a hard-hearted world, it can become easy to fall into that hard-heartedness and question our beliefs. It's always good to spend some time in fellowship so that we remember that God makes us strong.

We all have bad moments. Whether it's the loss of a loved one, a failed exam, money problems, or even a crisis of faith, we can find ourselves down. If we go too low, it can lead to anger and a feeling of disillusionment with God. Yet these low times are why fellowship is important. Spending time with other believers can often lift us up a little bit. They help us to keep our eyes on God. God also works through them to provide us what we need in darker times. Coming together with others can aid in our healing process and give us the encouragement to move forward.

Coming together with other believers in worship and conversation helps to remind us that we are not alone in this world. There are believers everywhere. It's amazing that no matter where you are in the world when you meet another believer, it's like you suddenly feel at home. That's why God made fellowship so important. He wanted us to come together so that we always know we're not alone. Fellowship allows us to build those lasting relationships so we're never by ourselves in the world.

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August Birthdays

Oliver Washington, Jr.	01
Kiyana Brice	01
James A. Moore	02
Dolores Scott	03
Neketta Ramsey	04
Doretha Thompson	06
Annette Hill	08
Joy K. Flemming	08
Joan McDuffie	10
Frances Tillman	10
Hazella Baylor	10
Corey Moody, Jr.	11
Rheda M. Simmons	13
William Gunn, Jr.	14
Gloria James	16
Rev. Cynthia J. Walters	17
Hattie Zimmerman	19
Anita Taylor	19
Marilyn Moody	23
Cynthia Gist	24
Daisy Amaker	24
Michael Alston	25
Ronald Davis	27
Erica Craft	28

August Anniversaries

Dea. Greg & Gail Brown	01
Michael & Deloris Walters	19
William & Charlie Mae Gunn	23
Dea. Herbert & Rebecca Barnette	24

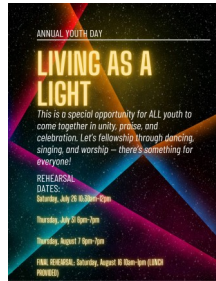
September Birthdays

Rev. Ernest Hare	01
Briana Abraham	03
Dwanna Walters	06
Dea. Herbert Barnette	07
Gail Brown	07
Louise Dawson	07
Gloria B. Edmond	07
Thurman Zimmerman, Sr.	07

In Memoriam

Brother John Turnipseed

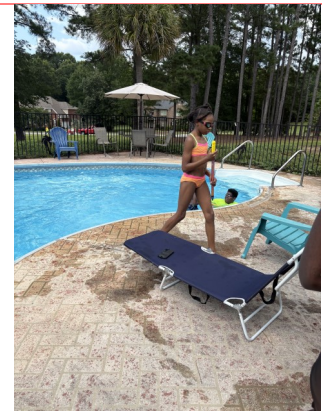
2025 Annual Youth Day



This Youth Day Celebration will be held on August 17, 2025. The speaker for this occasion will be announced at a later date.

We invite everyone to come out and support our children as we move forward. The associated scripture is Mark 10:45

2025 Back to School Bash



Upcoming Events

September 1—Labor Day

September 22—First Day of
Autumn

November 2—Daylight Saving
Time Ends

November 11—Veteran's Day

November 27—Thanksgiving
Day

December 21—First Day of
Winter

December 25—Christmas
Day

Scripture

"Now this is the confidence
that we have in Him, that if
we ask anything according to
His will, He hears."

1 John 5:14 NKJV

REMINDER

Our ZBC Worship Ser-
vice broadcast is eve-
ry Sunday morning
from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m.
on the Big DM
(WWDM 101.3 FM)

*Continue to Pray
for
Zion Baptist Church
and for
our
Nation !!!*

Sunday School Lessons

AUGUST 3

"Believers (the Church) as
God's Temple"

1 Corinthians 3:10-23

AUGUST 10

"Our Bodies Belong to God"

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

AUGUST 17

"Jews and Gentiles Form One
Temple"

Ephesians 2:11-22

AUGUST 24

"Sacrifices of Praise and Good
Works"

Hebrews 13:9-21

AUGUST 31

"Living Stones in a Spiritual
Temple"

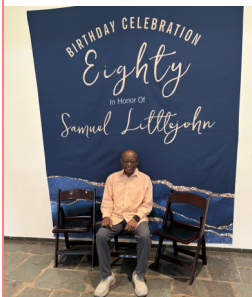
1 Peter 2:1-12



Good News

Congratulations to Sister Jalynn Brooks for making the Lander University Dean's List !!! As a result of her hard work and time invested in her studies, Sister Brooks will be traveling to England at the end of August.

Congratulations Sister Brooks !!!



Deacon Samuel Littlejohn has recently celebrated his 80th birthday. His family gave him a surprise party a few days after his actual birthday. He was very surprised !!!

Congratulations Deacon Littlejohn !!!



Congratulations are also in order for Sister Elizabeth Taylor. She was recently presented with the key to the city.

Congratulations Sister Taylor !!!

Why Is Christian Fellowship so Important? - (Cont.)

Coming together is a great way for each of us to grow in our faith. Reading our Bibles and praying are great ways to get closer to God, but each of us has important lessons to impart to one another. When we come together in fellowship, we teach each other things. God gives us a gift of learning and growing when we come together in fellowship and we show each other how to live as God wants us to live, and how to walk in His footsteps.

Let us not neglect our meeting together... but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” Hebrews 10:25

ZBC Sick and Shut-in

Brother Donald Counts
Brother William Hope
Brother Julius Marshall
Sister Evelyn Stearns
Sister Clannie Washington
Sister Thelma Whitney

Sister Annette Hill
Sister Tonja Knightner
Sister Leatha Osborne
Reverend Fletcher Tucker
Brother Jeremiah Washington
Brother Archie P. Williams III

Vision Statement

“Victorious People”

The vision is to minister to people by Remembering our History, Rendering Help while Reaching forward with Hope to be victorious in our future demonstrating an unwavering love, steadfast faith and effective witness.

*Remembering our History
Rendering Help
Reaching forward with Hope*

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