



JANUARY 2026

ZION INFORMER

From Your Newsletter Ministry

What is Spiritual Growth?

Spiritual growth is the process of becoming more and more like Jesus Christ. When we place our faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit begins the process of making us more like Him, conforming us to His image. Spiritual growth is perhaps best described in [2 Peter 1:3-8](#), which tells us that by God's power we have "everything we need" to live lives of godliness, which is the goal of spiritual growth. Notice that what we need comes "through our knowledge of Him," which is the key to obtaining everything we need. Our knowledge of Him comes from the Word, given to us for our edification and growth.

There are two lists in [Galatians 5:19-23](#). Verses 19-21 list the "acts of the flesh." These are the things that identified our lives before we came to Christ for salvation. The acts of the flesh are the activities we are to confess, repent of, and, with God's help, overcome. As we experience spiritual growth, fewer and fewer of the "acts of the flesh" will be evident in our lives. The second list is the "fruit of the Spirit" (verses 22-23). These are what should characterize our lives now that we have experienced salvation in Jesus Christ. Spiritual growth is identified by the fruit of the Spirit becoming increasingly evident in a believer's life.

When the transformation of salvation takes place, spiritual growth begins. The Holy Spirit indwells us ([John 14:16-17](#)). We are new creatures in Christ ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)). The old, sinful nature begins to give way to the new, Christ-like nature ([Romans 6-7](#)). Spiritual growth is a lifelong process that depends on our study and application of God's Word ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)) and our walk in the Spirit ([Galatians 5:16-26](#)). As we seek spiritual growth, we should pray to God and ask for wisdom concerning the areas He desires us to grow in. We can ask God to increase our faith and knowledge of Him. God desires for us to grow spiritually, and He has given us all we need to experience spiritual growth. With the Holy Spirit's help, we can overcome sin and steadily become more like our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

January Birthdays

Tonja M. Greene	01
Alfreda Polite-Burkley	02
Samiya Holmes	02
Nathaniel Abraham Jr	04
Archie P. Williams IV	04
Thurston Brown	05
Michele T. Brown	06
Tarryl Canzater	06
Joshua Etheredge	06
Nakia R. Franklin	06
Virginia J. Beasley	07
Flossie M. Hall	07
Evetta Ross	08
Thelma Whitney	08
Linda F. Davis	11
Joielle D. Knightner	13
Danielle Conyers	15
Marcus Fraizer	18
Barbareta Smith	21
Bridge Smith	21
Patricia Abraham	23
Rosa Trapp	29
Norma West	29
Aniya Fluker	30



January Anniversaries

Harry & Anita Taylor 24

February Birthdays

James D. Richardson 03

2026 Zion Officers

Trustees—Term Expires 2026

Jackie Calvi-Mack
Cynthia Dantzler
Cynthia Gist
Robert Richardson
Camille Williams

Trustees—Term Expires 2027

Patricia Abraham
Donna Brice
John Dixon
Gloria Edmond
Merrick Phillips

Trustees—Term Expires 2028

Rebecca Barnette
Gene Brown
James Jones
Maxine Pearson
Kingsley Waring

Christian Education—Term Expires 2026

Dr. Brenda Clark
Margaret Tucker
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Walters
Shenika Waring

Christian Education—Term Expires 2027

Min. Golie Augustus
Rudine Boyd
Teresa Canzater
Cynthia Gist
Gloria James

Treasurer

Flossie Hall

Clerk

Elmira Rutherford

Church School Superintendent

TBD

Church School Assistant Superintendent

Deaconess Sherry Moore

Budget

John Dixon
Sonja Lewis
Deaconess Jackie Calvi-Mack
Dea. Frankie Moore
Merrick Phillips
Beverly Springs
Rena Walters

Deaconess—Term Expires 2026

Cynthia Dantzler
Rheda Simmons

Deaconess—Term Expires 2027

Daisy Amaker
Donna Brice
Deborah Summers

Assistant Treasurer

Camille (Williams) Brewer

Assistant Clerk

Deaconess Sherry Moore

Upcoming Events

January 11—ZBC Installation of Officers, 11:00 a.m.

January 19—NAACP MLK Jr. Day

January 19—MLK March to the Dome From Zion

February 14—Valentine's Day

April 5—Easter

April 15—Tax Day

May 10—Mother's Day

May 25—Memorial Day

June 19—Juneteenth

June 21—Father's Day

Scripture

"To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."

Ephesians 4:22-24

REMINDER

Our ZBC Worship Service broadcast is every 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

JANUARY 4

"Sin"

1 John 1:5-10; 2:1-6

JANUARY 11

"Repentance and Faith"

Luke 15:11-14; Acts 2:38-39

JANUARY 18

"Prayer"

Genesis 18:25-27, 30-32;
Luke 18:9-14; 1 John 5:14-15

JANUARY 25

"Christian Growth"

Matthew 4:18-20; 16:16-18;
John 21:15-18;
2 Peter 3:14-15, 18



Good News

Sister A'ja Wilson was named [TIME Magazine's](#) 2025 Athlete of the Year after an incredible season where she led the Las Vegas Aces to another WNBA title, won her record fourth MVP, the scoring title, and Defensive Player of the Year, making her the first player in NBA/WNBA history with a championship, Finals MVP, League MVP, and DPOY in the same season. She is a native of Hopkins, SC. She is the granddaughter the late Sister Hattie Rakes.

Congratulations Sister A'ja Wilson !!!

The Arsenal Hill Circle supports several community charities including "Homeless No More" with funds raised from ads in their program booklets, sponsored trips, etc.

Congratulations Arsenal Hill Circle !!!



The Arsenal Hill Circle celebrated its Annual Christmas Dinner at Zion's Reeder House with guests that included Interim Pastor James Palmer and Mrs. Palmer.

New Year with God

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Sunday School	Congregation	Holy Bible
Holy Spirt	Sanctuary	Offering
Hebrews	Respect	Worship
Church	Pastor	Praise
Prayer	Jesus	God

ZBC Sick and Shut-in

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

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

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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 Thursday Morning Prayer / 7:00-7:15 a.m. / 1-605-313-4912 / AC 511288#