



OCTOBER 2025

ZION INFORMER

From Your Newsletter Ministry

National parks caught in the crosshairs of government shutdown

As Congress remains at an impasse on an agreement to fund government operations, several sites under the National Park Service (NPS) have brought their operations to a halt.

Across the country, parks have been forced to close, operate under reduced staffing or rely on outside donations to keep the lights on as the shutdown stretches into its fourth day.

The lack of a unified plan across all parks and sparse details outlined by official government resources has sparked confusion about which places parkgoers can visit or if the shutdown has caused sites to temporarily shutter their services.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE THREATS TO FIRE FEDERAL WORKERS AMID THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

"National parks remain as accessible as possible during the federal government shutdown," a notice on the NPS website reads.

"However, some services may be limited or unavailable," it continues, with a link directing readers to a site with contingency plans outlining how funds would be appropriated during the shutdown.

A contingency plan for the NPS says that park roads, lookouts and trails "will generally remain accessible to visitors" for the duration of the shutdown, but other services such as regular road and trail condition updates would not be provided.

"As part of their orderly shutdown activities, park staff will post signs notifying visitors that only basic or no visitor services, maintenance, or other management activities will be conducted, and emergency services will be limited," according to the plan.

At some park locations that collect fees, the memo stipulates that basic services can be provided such as those that maintain restrooms, collect trash and road maintenance.

But at some closed park locations, services will be stripped to the bone, including no trash collection, restrooms, road or walkway maintenance or visitor information.

October Birthdays

Dea. Robert Mack	02
Jennifer Seymour	05
Jazzeem Bethea	08
Lavonda Gladney	08
Sherry Moore	08
Rev. Gene Brown	11
Archie P. Williams III	12
Cadaisa Hallman	14
Jalynn Brooks	18
Edith Fogle	18
Dea. Cleveland Etheredge	19
Carla Moody	21
Deloris Walters	21
Jeremiah Washington	21
Renee Martin	25
Cederia Walters	28
Norvell Pettus	29
Doris Jumper	31

October Anniversaries

Dea. Robert & Dorothy Mack	12
Dea. Donnie & Jackie Mack	19
Merrick & Lakeisha Phillips	26

In Memoriam

Sister Doris Brown
Brother Julius Marshall
Sister Leatha Osborne

Zion's 2025 Annual Revival

For those who attended virtually or in-person what a time, what a Mighty Good Time we enjoyed during Zion's Annual Revival. We were blessed to have three of Zion's Sons preach the Word!

On Tuesday, September 9th, we heard from Rev. Thurmond Merchison of Friendship Baptist Church, St. Matthews, SC who preached from Mark 1:39-45; "Don't Tell Nobody."

On Wednesday, September 10th, we heard from Rev. A. W. Goforth, III of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Bowman, SC who preached from Colossians 3:23-24; "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

Of course on Thursday, September 11th, Rev. Donnie Chambers of Red Hill Baptist Church; Gadsden, SC wrapped up the week from Isaiah 6:1-8 on "Authentic Worship."

We want to thank our guest 'Sons' for an empowering three nights of praise and worship !!!

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

No matter who you are or where you live, breast cancer may touch your life. It's necessary to understand the warning signs of breast cancer, your risk of breast cancer and what's normal for you so you can take action if there are any changes in your breasts or underarm areas.

Since 1989, Susan G. Komen has helped drive down mortality rates from breast cancer thanks to our focus on early detection and improvements in treatment. However, that progress may be in jeopardy. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people delayed their regular breast cancer screening. The pandemic disrupted treatment and research progress.

And more progress is still needed. Through research, growing knowledge about breast cancer has led to new therapies and targeted treatments that improved outcomes for many people. It is research that brings hope to people facing this disease, especially those living with MBC. We need to ensure more treatment options are available for all people facing breast cancer, especially when treatments stop working.

The COVID-19 pandemic also highlighted the inequities in breast cancer treatments for under-resourced communities across the country, as well as the inequity in treatment between Black and white women. Black women in the U.S. are about 40% more likely to die from breast cancer than white women.

That's why Susan G. Komen encourages you to dedicate this October as a time of action — both for yourself and others.

Upcoming Events

October 7—Church Business Meeting, 6:30 P. M.

October 11—Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, Segra Park, 7:45 A. M.

October 11—Game Day with God's Men Tailgate

October 25—Church Picnic

October 26—ZBC Men's Day Celebration

November 2—Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 4—Election Day

November 7—ZBC Black Tie Gala, Ft. Jackson 1917 Club

November 27—Thanksgiving Day

November 28—Black Friday

December 21—First Day of Winter

December 25—Christmas

Scripture

"Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately"

Luke 12:35-36 NKJV

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

OCTOBER 5

"The Early Ministry of Jeremiah"
Jeremiah 1:6-10; 26:8-9, 12-16

OCTOBER 12

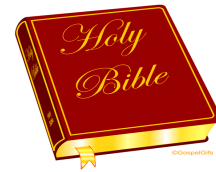
"Jeremiah Calls the People to Obedience"
Jeremiah 37:1-11, 21-23

OCTOBER 19

"The Story of the Rechabites"
Jeremiah 35:5-11

OCTOBER 26

"God's Law in the Heart"
**Jeremiah 31:29-34;
John 1:17**



Annual Picnic and Trunk or Treat

The Annual ZBC Picnic will be held on October 25 at Weston Lake which is located at 4420 Leesburg Rd, Building 4420, Hopkins, SC. This year, the Trunk or Treat fun will happen during our picnic. Both will be included on this particular day. We would like to thank the Singles Ministry in advance for the fun we will have on this day.

Clergy Appreciation Month

Clergy Appreciation Month is a designated time in October to acknowledge and thank religious leaders like pastors, priests, and ministers for their service to the community. Observed annually, this month features Clergy Appreciation Day on the second Sunday of October, with various organizations and churches promoting acts of kindness, gifts, and words of encouragement for their clergy. The tradition began in the mid-1990s, promoted by Focus on the Family, to provide a specific time for people to show gratitude for the dedication and spiritual guidance of their religious leaders.

THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING

Voting is not merely a right; it is a responsibility and privilege that each eligible citizen should embrace. By participating in elections, you play an active role in shaping the future of your community and country. Your vote carries the power to influence policies, hold leaders accountable, and create a more inclusive society.. It is essential to remember that voting is not only about your individual voice but also about contributing to the collective voice of the people. By exercising your right to vote, you are strengthening democracy and ensuring that everyone has a chance to be heard.

We are well aware that democracy is a difficult thing to navigate! Tiny laws about things such as absentee voting or voter IDs can be changed at a moment's notice. We believe that the important thing to keep in mind is not the overwhelming aspects of voting and democracy - Rather that it is possible to learn something new about how elections and government work in our country in a way that is understandable and accessible!

Looking to register voters now that you feel knowledgeable and excited about the democratic process? Take a look at our [upcoming events in your community](#) and sign up to volunteer with us at a show or other event!

Regardless of what resources and pieces of the community you use and are a part of, we hope you feel confident in knowing that every time you learn more about elections, democracy and the ins and outs of how the whole process works, you are strengthening not only your voice, but the voice of your entire community!

ZBC Sick and Shut-in

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

Sister Annette Hill
Sister Tonja Knightner
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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