

Living to Love and Loving to Serve



1872



2018

"Then he said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labors are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest,'"

- Matt. 9: 37-38

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

6175 Campbellton Rd | Atlanta, GA 30331
Aaron L. Parker, PhD, Pastor

Welcome to Zion Hill Baptist Church

We hope you have an inspirational and meaningful worship experience.

OUR MOTTO:

“Living to Love & Loving to Serve”

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As a body of baptized and faithful followers of Jesus, the Christ of God, we, the members of Zion Hill Baptist Church, identify as our mission the perpetuation of His Gospel, which operates by the powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit. We strive to minister to the needs of the spiritually and physically dispossessed. Our ministry, centered on love and service, seeks to edify the local and universal Church, as well as apply Christian solutions to various problems of the larger world community.

To move forward the fulfillment of this ministry we hope to realize the following goals:

- saved lives through witnessing and preaching the Gospel
- empowered lives through teaching biblically-based principles
- enriched lives through prayer and meditation
- delivered lives through education aid and economic assistance and development

WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Church Information

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES - 8:00 am & 10:30 am

COMMUNION – First Sunday, both services

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS – First Sunday, following the 10:30 Service in The Love Center, Room 109

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

- Wigglin’ Worshippers Nursery (Love Center) –Every Sunday, both Services
- Children’s Chapel (Love Center) - 2nd & 3rd Sundays, both Services
- Teen Worship (Love Center – Room 110) – 3rd Sunday at 10:30 am
- Wednesday Night Live (Room 110) – Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Noon Day Bible Study (Rehearsal Hall) – Wednesday at Noon
- Prayer Service (Fellowship Hall) – Wednesday at 6:30 pm
- Bible for Life (Fellowship Hall) – Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- School of Love, Learning and Service [SOLLAS] (Love Center) – Saturday at 10:00 am
(Extension Class – Love Center) - Tuesday at 6:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

- Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm
- Friday: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
- Sunday (Information Center): 7:30 am – 2:00 pm

~ Please review the bulletin in its entirety for additional announcements and activities. ~

A Message from Pastor Parker

Greetings in the Name of Jesus, the Compassionate Christ of God,

One hundred and forty-six years ago, the venturesome saints who faithfully gathered in a humble brush harbor to form Zion Hill Baptist Church laid the firm foundation on which we continue to build to this day. The hallowed passion that burned in their hearts, the fervent prayers that they prayed on their knees, and the sacred words that fell from their lips set the stage for future growth in spirit and number. With meager resources they ardently forged ahead to worship God as they sought fit, despite their endangered social status as newly freed slaves in a still slave-oriented society. We again honor them in this anniversary interlude wherein we consider their courageous accomplishments and those of all the others have come before us.



Most crucially, however, we bless the God of all generations for this moment in our ecclesiastical journey, for truly we could not have come this far and achieved this much without the hand of the Holy graciously leading, protecting, sustaining and benefiting us all the way. Our celebration, therefore, primarily centers on giving thanks to our Creator and Keeper for perpetual concern and care. Indeed, in this marvelous season of reflection and jubilation, we express our deepest collective gratitude for all that our ultimate Provider has done.

Nevertheless, we should surely recognize that we desecrate the memory of our church ancestors and violate our relationship with God if we refuse to progress in our faith and faith-works in our own time. We must remember that we still have a great gospel to share, an important service to render, and a mighty praise to offer. Let us do so, affirming that the God who undergirded and prospered our forebears resides with us still, and promises never to leave or forsake.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aaron L. Parker".

Pastor Parker

A Message from the Deacons Ministry Chair



In a brush harbor near Glenn and Richmond Streets in Atlanta in August of 1872, a group of African-Americans mostly former slaves met to worship the Lord. The brush harbor had no walls, so they praised the Lord in the open where all could see and were welcome to participate. Their purpose was to find a place in which they could fellowship, pray and praise the Lord. You might say they purposely evangelized to all because they worshiped the Lord in the open for all to witness.

The strength of the original Zion Hill was the spiritual cornerstone upon which it was built. From this humble beginning Zion Hill Baptist Church was established. The size and strength of original Zion Hill was not the building materials used to construct the brush harbor because physically the church was open to the elements. The strength of that first church was gaged by its strong and purposeful praise. A praise so strong that it protected their souls from the elements of the world. The size and strength of the founders' Zion Hill was measured by their prayer, praise and purposeful evangelism. Jesus stated that Peter would be the cornerstone of his church because of his faith and spirit. Zion Hill's strength today is not measured by the size of our sanctuary and grounds, but by our prayer, praise and purposeful evangelism.

Prayer, praise and purposeful evangelism guide us in the way we treat each other and strangers. Like the founders of Zion Hill, we should purposely pray and praise the Lord in an open manner where all are welcome to participate. We should strive to pray and praise the Lord in an open and transparent manner. Remember the strength of our church is not measured by bricks, mortar and metal. Our church is only as strong as its spiritual cornerstone.

Phillip Jackson

Chairperson, Deacons Ministry

A Message from the Trustee Ministry Chair

Zion Hill Family and Friends,

Happy Anniversary! The anniversary celebration is always a delightful time of thanksgiving for the generous and bountiful favor that God has poured into Zion Hill. This year's anniversary theme, "Prayer, Praise, and Purposeful Evangelism" reinforces 3 primary pillars of the church: communing with God through **Prayer**, exalting Him with **Praise**, and sharing our stories with others through **Purposeful Evangelism**.

As we reflect on each of these 3 "Ps" of Christianity, we are reminded that prayer really DOES change things!

Prayer helps us to deepen our relationship with God; and, it is through prayer, that He will transform our individual lives, this nation, and this world. We are also reminded that praise is vitally important, because it centers us on the greatness of God, and acknowledges His incredible power and presence in our lives. Lastly, we are reminded that purposeful evangelism is a critical responsibility of each and every Christian. God commands that we spread the good news of His love and salvation, by sharing our own individual experiences with others.

I am extremely grateful that God established this wonderful Zion Hill Church family 146 years ago, and that he has placed each one of us here, and enabled us to join together to spiritually and physically serve one another, our community, our nation, and our world. As we continue the mission that God has uniquely assigned us, I hope that this year's anniversary celebration propels us to further undergird ourselves with EXPLOSIVE Prayer, Praise, and Purposeful Evangelism.

In Loving Service,



Sheryl Chinn

Chairperson, Trustee Ministry



A Message from the Anniversary Chairpersons

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ. It is indeed a blessing to celebrate 146 years of Zion Hill Baptist Church as a pillar of steadfast commitment to loving and serving others in the Atlanta community. We as a church family have propelled the vision of Founding Pastor, Reverend Robert Grant, through our outreach efforts that span far and wide cross-continently. With R.E.A.P. (Revolutionary Evangelism and Prayer) as Zion Hill's focus for the year, it's increasingly important that we commit ourselves to transcending the word of God by seeking to engage those who may not know the goodness of the Father.



Guided by our Anniversary passage of Scripture, Matthew 9:37-38, this year's theme, "Prayer, Praise and Purposeful Evangelism" provides an opportunity for us to demonstrate a focused effort on praying earnestly. We are honoring HIS goodness through praise because Jesus promised that He would always be with us, especially when we gather in His name and that we will enter into His presence in a special way when we worship and praise Him. Our evangelistic efforts allow us to proclaim the excellences of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light just as Paul instructs the Philippians to be "with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Phil 1:27).

Our souls have been richly blessed by the opportunity to exalt 146 phenomenal years of Zion Hill Baptist Church by serving as your Anniversary Chairpersons. We are appreciative of Pastor Parker for his guidance and trust in allowing us to plan the 146th Church Anniversary Celebration. The most sincere thanks are extended to the amazing Anniversary Committee for their tireless efforts in helping to bring this weekend to fruition. Let us all pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out laborers into his harvest.

Sister Debra Chambers, Chair

Sister Toni' K. Terry, Co-Chair

Reverend Dr. Winfred M Hope



Winfred M. Hope was born to the late Reverend Robert L. Hope, Sr. and the late Mrs. Zeola Hope. He is a native of Mobile, Alabama.

He received the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Fort Valley State College, Fort Valley, Georgia, and the Master of Divinity from Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia, and the Doctor of Ministry from San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California. He was awarded the Doctor of Divinity from the United Theological Seminary and Bible College in Monroe, Louisiana.

His call to the Gospel ministry afforded him many opportunities to serve. He was greatly helped and encouraged by Zion Baptist Church of Brunswick, Georgia and the Trinity Baptist Church of Fort Valley, Georgia. He pastored the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Cairo, Georgia for seven and half years. On August 16, 1979, Dr. Hope was called to serve the Ebenezer Baptist Church

West in Athens, Georgia. As the visionary pastor for more than 39 years, he implemented many new ministries for children, youth, adults including Worship on Wednesday for the homeless, the Community Ministry Center to help the needy and the Foster Student/Parent Program to provide a home away from home for students attending the University of Georgia. Additionally, Ebenezer West under the leadership of Pastor Hope has partnered with First Presbyterian Church of Athens to build 3 Habitat for Humanity Homes in Athens, Georgia.

Pastor Hope served as a member of the Clarke County Board of Education 1984-1986 and has received numerous past awards for his dedicated service to the Athens Community from notable organizations such as the Girl Scouts of America, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Toastmasters International District #14. On April 7, 2017, Pastor Hope received the Banks, Pierre, Rutland, Bellamy Social and Behavioral Sciences Award at the 36th Annual Social Science Colloquium Luncheon from his college alma mater, Fort Valley State University as an outstanding graduate of the Social and Behavioral Science Department. November 29, 2017, Pastor Hope was recognized and honored by the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc. for dedicated service in recognition of the milestones achieved for his assistance in helping to grow the SSPB Convention. He has distinguished himself as a faithful pastor, known nationally and around the world as the “demonstrating” preacher and first-class motivational teacher. His audiences describe him in these words, “For others, you hear them preach, for Dr. Hope, you have to see him preach.”

He served as Dean of the Congress of Christian Education for the General Missionary Baptist Congress of Christian Education for 33 years. He served as lecturer for the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and many years as guest lecturer for the Sunday School Publishing Board Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Hope’s passion and vision for mission was fulfilled in June 2014, when he and 16 members from Ebenezer Baptist Church West travelled to Kenya, Africa to engage in an ongoing partnership with the St. Carl Home of the Champions School and Orphanage in Kisii, Kenya where 117 orphans ages 3-17 live and attend school. The mission trip to St. Carl resulted in significant upgrades and renovations since 2014 to the existing school facilities which included new beds, mattresses, new concrete steps, veranda, new windows, doors, as well as providing on-site teaching/preaching, medical care/wellness check-up, and providing new uniforms/shoes, school supplies and monthly food stipends to St. Carl.

He is married to Betty Smith Hope, formerly of Dublin, Georgia. She is a graduate of Fort Valley State College and is a retired Early Childhood teacher from the Clarke County School District. Rev. and Mrs. Hope are the proud parents of two lovely daughters: Helen Yvonne (Marcus, son-in-law) Kimbrough of Charlotte, North Carolina and Tracey Yvette (Ulysses, son-in-law) Haynes of Birmingham, Alabama. They are the proud grandparents of Austin and Avery Kimbrough.

Order of Worship

8:00 am

Sister Toni' K. Terry, Presiding

Prelude

Call to Worship
Prayer

Reverend Dennis Brown
Deacon Lloyd Prysock

Praise and Worship

Welcome
Occasion

Sister Kimberly Smith
Sister Renee Manning

*Hymn of Praise (#172)

"Praise Him"

*Litany

Sister Marie Richo

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Closing Remarks

Pastor Parker

Ringling of the Bell

Benediction

Postlude

**Congregation Please Stand (if able)*

Order of Worship

10:30 am

Sister Toni' K. Terry, Presiding

Prelude

Call to Worship
Prayer

Reverend Brenton Cox
Deacon Marilyn Cruter

Praise and Worship

Welcome
Occasion

Sister Kathy Fluellen
Sister Liz Richo

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Anniversary Litany

Prayer, Praise and Purposeful Evangelism

(Matthew 9: 37 – 38)

Lead: Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

Congregation: When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Lead: Jesus is the true shepherd, He laid down his life for his sheep.

Congregation: His sheep, know his voice and follow him.

Lead: The shepherd meets the sheep's every need: food, water, rest, safety, and direction.

Congregation: God has already redeemed the world; the battle has already been fought; love has already won.

Lead: The fruits of God's work in the world are ours to enjoy, we already have everything we need

Congregation: For every good and perfect gift has been offered to us by a loving and gracious God.

Lead: Then he said to his disciples,

All: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

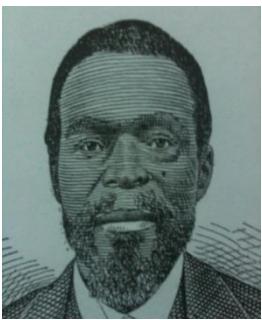
ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY: 1872 - 2018

Zion Hill Baptist Church is one of nine churches that grew out of **Friendship Baptist Church**. Friendship Baptist Church was established in 1862 and independently organized in 1866, in the days after the Civil War, becoming Atlanta's first black Baptist autonomous congregation. The founding pastor was the Reverend Frank Quarles, who served from 1862-1881. The congregation, being unable to buy property, worshipped in a boxcar that was sent to Atlanta from Chattanooga, Tennessee to house the first class room of what became known as Atlanta University.

Friendship is known as the "Mother Church" among Baptists in Atlanta because of its role in harmoniously forming nine other congregations throughout the city. Reverend Frank Quarles, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church and organizer and first president of the Missionary Baptist convention of Georgia, provided the guidance for the establishment of Zion Hill and seven other black Baptist churches throughout Atlanta, as follows:

- 1870 Providence Missionary Baptist Church
- 1871 Wheat Street Baptist Church
- 1871 Paradise Baptist Church
- **1872 Zion Hill Baptist Church**
- 1877 Antioch Baptist Church
- 1883 Providence Baptist Church
- 1909 Little Friendship Baptist Church
- 1917 Union Baptist Church

Nine years after the Proclamation of Emancipation, former slaves, who were members of Friendship Baptist Church, located on Mitchell Street in Atlanta, Georgia, decided that they needed a church closer to where they lived. The **Reverend Robert Grant**, along with seven members, organized and founded Zion Hill Baptist Church in 1872. They organized Zion Hill Baptist Church in a brush harbor on the corner of Glenn and Humphries Streets, closer to their homes. They worshiped there until a dwelling, with a dirt floor, was donated for their use so long as it was used for public worship. Reverend Grant selected four members of the founding group as deacons. They were Ben Thrasher, Henry Gunn, Dick Jones and Mr. Darby. In addition to the Deacon Board, Reverend Grant organized the Mothers Board and Sunday School.



The church in its infancy was very successful, progressing spiritually, numerically and financially. Reverend Grant and Reverend M.C. McGuire conducted a ten-week revival, which resulted in the addition of many members.

Reverend Grant's keen spiritual insight and academic ability were tempered by a genuine love of people; however, like other organizations, the church had many battles and in 1873, Reverend

Grant resigned. Including Reverend Grant, Zion Hill Baptist Church has grown and been nurtured by ten pastors.

After much prayer and consideration, the second pastor, the **Reverend Jesse Davis**, was called. Led by the spirit of God, Reverend Davis carried the church to marvelous spiritual victories. The first choir of the church was organized and the church continued to grow. To the members' sorrow, Reverend Davis was stricken with a severe illness, which resulted in his death. He served as pastor from 1873 – 1878.

The third pastor, **Reverend Cyrus S. Wilkins**, was a dynamic and able leader, endowed with both spiritual insight and keen business acumen. His service was characterized by many physical signs of growth and development. He advised the church to purchase the building in which space had been donated to them for worship on McDaniel and Glenn Streets. They readily agreed and purchased the building. Zion Hill shall be ever grateful to Reverend Wilkins for making us property owners. Reverend Wilkins served as pastor from 1878 to 1888.



The fourth pastor, **Reverend Crawford G. Holmes**, served Zion Hill from 1888 to 1897. He served during a season of turbulence within the church. However, rather than allowing the church to be defeated by these existing difficulties and differences, he used them as a source of spiritual growth. During his administration, some dissatisfaction arose, and the membership was divided. Part of the group remained at the newly purchased building, and the others worshipped on the corner of Glenn and Humphries Streets. After Reverend Holmes resigned, “both factions were as sheep having no shepherd.”



The members that remained on the corner of Humphries and Glenn Streets appointed a committee composed Deacons C.H. Kelly, Wash Holland, and John Roberts, to select a desirable place for a church. The members that were worshipping in the new dwelling called **Reverend W.W. Floyd** to become Zion Hill's fifth pastor. Reverend Floyd, with the help of Deacon P.H. Hill, succeeded in uniting the two factions.

Reverend Floyd was not only a good preacher, but a good pastor. He endeared himself to the hearts of his followers. He was a successful pastor and a safe leader. He left a fadeless mark on Zion Hill's spiritual scroll as a great preacher, orator, Christian Statesman, and above all, a humble servant of God. He often used this expression, “I do not want to rust out, but wear out in the service of the Master.” During his administration, the lot at the corner of Georgia Avenue and McDaniel Street was purchased from Mr. Day and a small wooden structure was built to worship God. The missionary society and the first usher board were organized under Reverend Floyd's leadership. Pastor Floyd served Zion Hill for seventeen years (1899-1916) until he passed to the Great Beyond.

The sixth pastor, **Reverend Claud H. Robinson**, was a gospel preacher and a loving pastor. He served Zion Hill for ten years until his death (1916-1926). His greatest work was the building of the church to replace the small wooden structure, located at the Corner of Georgia Avenue and McDaniel Street. Huge crowds thronged the church to hear stirring sermons delivered by this anointed messenger. Under his leadership, the church received its first charter on December 5, 1919. Zion Hill Baptist Church was duly incorporated and made a body politic by the Fulton County Superior Court for a period of 25 years. Charters have subsequently been renewed upon expiration.



After the death of Reverend Robinson, **Reverend Joe T. Johnson** became the seventh pastor and served from 1926-1942. He served during the dark days of the depression. A most loving pastor and effective preacher, he sought to reveal Christ to the world. Many members came into the church during his administration and many accomplishments were recorded during his season of leadership. Membership increased to 1157. The Deaconess Committee and trustee board were organized.

Zion Hill was very proud of its pastor and felt that he could represent the congregation anywhere. The members sometimes called him a picturesque preacher, because he could drive home many thoughts by some story he had read or some picture that he had seen. Under his leadership, Zion Hill was improved to “a lovely brick edifice with a seating capacity of nine hundred or more that would give credit to any people.”

Following the Reverend Johnson’s pastorate, God sent the **Reverend Doctor Levi M. Terrill, Sr.** (1943-1971), the eighth pastor of Zion Hill. His coming and God’s love brought the church a spirit of prosperity. New programs were set in motion, new blessings were enjoyed, and the membership grew. A weekly radio broadcast, choir concerts, record making rallies, nursery school and other social and spiritual programs were designed and implemented for the glory of God. For nearly three decades as pastor, Reverend Terrill’s contributions extended beyond the borders of Zion Hill. He became president of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia in 1957 and served in that capacity for many years. As President, he held the 100th Annual session of the convention at Zion Hill Baptist Church, located at 666 McDaniel Street, in 1970. He later served as vice president of the National Baptist Convention for more than ten years.





After Reverend Terrill was called home, God sent another giant, the **Reverend Larry H. Williams** (1972-1992), Zion Hill's ninth pastor. Not only did he believe and live the Word of God, he infused it into his congregation. Inspired by God, he contributed greatly to the spiritual and economic growth of the church. Under his leadership, we purchased the next church home, located on five acres at 815 Lynhurst Drive and moved into it on May 16, 1976. His business acumen led us to liquidate the church's mortgage and all other indebtedness in three and one-half years. This indebtedness included \$400,000 for the purchase of the church and \$103,000 for renovations and furnishings.

Some of his other accomplishments included establishment of the regular Sunday morning radio ministry and the scholarship program. Reverend Williams, gospel preacher and tender loving shepherd, served the Zion Hill church family for 21 years until his retirement on December 16, 1992.



After Reverend Williams retired, **Reverend Diane Fearn-Crews** (July 1993 – January 1994) faithfully served as Interim Pastor.

In January 1994, Zion Hill was blessed with its tenth and current pastor, **Reverend Doctor Aaron Larry Parker, Sr.**, along with his wife, First Lady Sheila Smith Parker and their children, Aaron Larry, Jr. and Asha Liana. At the age of eight, he accepted Jesus Christ into his life at the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Canton, Mississippi, where his father was the pastor. Only a decade later, at the age of 18, he heard and answered the call to the gospel ministry.



Pastor Parker has inspired and led this congregation to be one of "living to love and loving to serve." During his 24 years of leadership, membership has grown to over 4600 and innovative spiritual and educational programs have been implemented. Programs include more than 43 community outreach ministries, a vibrant children and youth ministry, Saturday Church School with certified teachers, a model and dynamic Rites of Passage program, Christian educational and enrichments programs through an annual Christian Empowerment Summit and Global Praise Service, increased educational support to students, and the formation of the Zion Hill Community Development Corporation (ZHCDC), a faith-based non-profit organization, which purchased, renovated and opened a two-story facility in East Point, Georgia, the Zion Hill Community Development Center, which serves the needs of women and children.

Under Pastor Parker's leadership, Zion Hill implemented the "Rock Project," a three phase building program to accommodate the church's growing membership and expansion of programs to continue changing lives and serving with love. This project included the purchase of 43.5 acres

and a more than \$27 million, three phase building program. Phase I has been completed and Zion Hill moved into its new church home, located at 6175 Campbellton Road, on December 5, 2010. In 2014, the former church location, 815 Lynhurst Road, was sold. In 2015, Phase II planning began for the construction of the “Love Center” (a multipurpose facility).

In 2015, the Zion Hill family membership grew to 4400 with 303 new members, inclusive of 49 newly baptized converts. Ministry Planning Groups began to research and plan specific areas of ministry that will take place in the Love Center. New ministries were initiated: The Mothers of the Church, Hagar (Single Mothers) and photography. The 20th year of our Rites of Passage Program for teens was celebrated.

In 2016, the Love Center construction began. Three new programs were initiated, inclusive of Relationship Saturdays for Singles, a Bereavement Ministry and establishment of the Deacon Emeritus Status. Zion Hill continues to emphasize and fund outreach ministries, the Community Development Program and the Home Retention Program, in addition to providing funding and support for numerous other programs, inclusive of bereavement donations, student scholarships and donations to the Atlanta University Schools.

Our theme for 2016 was Preparation Mode. Planning, training, researching, arranging, aligning and setting all things in order in anticipation of completion of The Love Center, and expansion and enhancement of ministries were put in place. The Teacher Certification Program in the School of Love, Learning and Service (SOLLAS) certified 120 church school instructors.

In February of 2017, we celebrated the opening of The Love Center, a 46,000 square foot multi-purpose facility designed to serve the needs of the church and community.

Under Pastor Parker’s guidance, the church has placed a focus on evangelism, with a special emphasis on “TOSS, Telling Our Sacred Story.” We are sharing the ways God has blessed us as individuals and as a body of believers. We are conveying His divine goodness through every medium available to us. Two new ministries have also been initiated, a Couples Ministry and a Prayer Ministry. Prayer is offered in the Chapel after each service every Sunday.

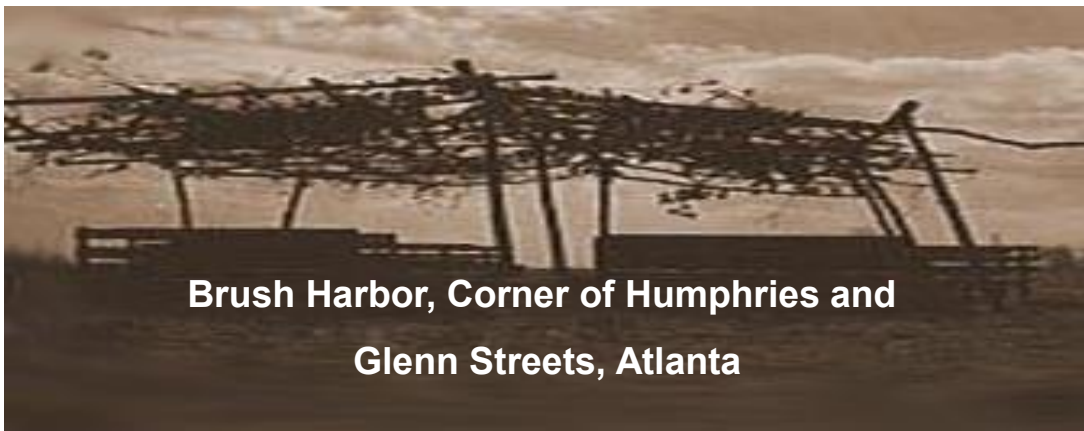
During the fourth quarter of 2017, the church initiated a feeding program for children in Folah Bong County, Liberia, West Africa, called the Mission of Hope Meal Program. We are currently providing two meals a day, five days a week.

In 2018, we launched a church-wide effort, called Revolutionary Evangelism and Prayer (REAP). We are intentionally and intensely emphasizing bringing others into the Beloved Community of God, in general, and into Zion Hill, in particular. Each member was asked to serve as a catalyst and encourager for persons to get saved or restore their faith and to bring at least one person into God’s Community. A “Reaping Roll” is being published, listing the persons that each member brings into the Zion Hill family. Also, in 2018, the Stewardship Weekend was revived to highlight our response to God’s goodness through our tithes and service. The following new ministries were initiated: The Temple Caretakers, to assist in caring for the facility; the Planet Preservers, to educate the congregation on crucial environmental issues and how they are fundamental to their health; and the JOY (Just Older Youth) for Life Seniors Ministry, providing

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As Christian soldiers, we continue to work as instructed in Galatians 6:9, "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." As we continue to "live to love and love to serve," we thank God for His many blessings and His grace.



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Atlanta, GA 30331**

AN OILY FAITH

In our everyday lives, we use various oils in three primary ways – as a lubricant, as a source of energy, and as an ingredient in some foods. As a lubricant oil cuts down on the wear and tear of movable parts, such as those found in mechanical devices; it also smooths and softens surfaces that may be rough, dry, or scratchy, like some human skin. As a source of energy, burning oil gives light and enables combustible-designed machines to move from one place to another. As an ingredient in some foods, oils are added to produce certain textures and consistencies, but also to enhance flavor by causing certain herbs and spices to adhere more firmly to the foods on which they are applied.

In the Bible, we see oil used in another manner: ritualistically or symbolically. It usually represents the presence of God at a particular place, on a given thing, or in people's lives to designate their assignment to divinely appointed responsibility. Biblical writers called this ritual act anointing. In the Hebrew Scriptures, we first find this act of anointing at the place where the patriarch Jacob had a dream of angels ascending and descending upon a ladder that stretched from heaven to earth. Overwhelmed by the awesomeness of this experience, he declared, "Surely the Lord is in this place!" He then took the stone on which he had laid his head and poured oil on top of it, designating the location as Bethel or the House of God (Genesis 28:10-22). Some other noted examples of anointing with oil in the Hebrew Bible include Aaron for the priesthood (Exodus 29:7); Saul, David and Solomon for kingship over Israel (I Samuel 10:1, 16:13 and I Kings 1:39 respectively); and Elisha as chief prophet and successor of Elijah (I Kings 19:16). And of course there is that famous reference to anointing in what many would call the most beloved passage in the Hebrew canon: "...you anoint my head with oil..." (Psalm 23:5). In the New Testament, the most notable reference to anointing comes when Jesus reads from the book of the prophet Isaiah, saying, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor..." (Luke 4:18ff), which he applied to his own life.

When we consider these ritualistic applications of oil in light of its everyday uses, we may gain some important insights. First, the presence of God in our lives provides us with a kind of lubrication, a form of protection, to help us operate more efficiently, cutting down on the friction of obstacles and opposition and smoothing out the rough, dry, scratchy places that we encounter along the way. Second, the presence of the Divine provides an inexhaustible source of spiritual energy that gives us the strength to carry out our assigned missions and sheds light (understanding) on what we should do. Finally, the anointing as the presence of God just makes life taste better, for only in God, do we find true joy, sustained peace, and an all-embracing love. Among other benefits, the prophet of Isaiah 61, and Jesus by implication, understood this better-tasting life, for God had sent to bring "the oil of gladness" (Isaiah 61:3).

Let us all, therefore, seek God for an oily faith!

Pastor Parker

Congratulations to our brothers and sisters who have been members of Zion Hill Baptist Church fifty years or more.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Romans 15:5-7

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Revolutionary Evangelism And Prayer

TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

Worship Service.....	8:00 & 10:30 am	(Sanctuary)
<i>Children's Chapel & Teen Worship are in recess in observance of the 146th Church Anniversary</i>		
Prayer Service following both Worship Services		(Chapel)
Azizi Children's Choir Rehearsal.....	9:30 am	(Love Center Room 110)
Church Anniversary Committee Meeting.....	9:30 am	(Love Center Room 109)
Courtesy Guild Meeting.....	9:30 am	(Love Center Room 111)
July Club Meeting.....	9:30 am	(Love Center Room 112)
The Mighty Men Usher Ministry Meeting.....	9:30 am	(Fellowship Hall)
Voter Registration following both services		(Love Center Room 132)
Generation 8 Youth Choir Rehearsal	12:30 pm	(Rehearsal Hall)
Missionary Ministry Meeting.....	12:30 pm	(Love Center Room 109)
Rites of Passage Session	5:00 pm	(Love Center)

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018

Group Fitness Class.....	6:00 & 7:00 pm	(Gymnasium)
Relaxation Class.....	7:00 pm	(Love Cntr Rms 045 & 046)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018

SOLLAS Class (Traditional)	6:30 pm	(Love Center Room 040)
Outreach Ministry Meeting	7:00 pm	(Love Center Room 138)
Open Basketball for adults 18 and over	7:00 pm	(Gymnasium)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018

Noon Day Bible Study	12:00 pm	(Rehearsal Hall)
Prayer Service	6:30 pm	(Fellowship Hall)
Bible For Life.....	7:00 pm	(Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday Night Live	7:00 pm	(Love Cntr Rms 111 & 112)

THURSDAY AUGUST 23, 2018

Sounds of Zion Preparation for Worship.....	7:00 pm	(Rehearsal Hall)
Praise Ringers Preparation for Worship.....	6:30 pm	(Love Center Room 112)
Aerobics & Group Fitness Class	7:00 pm	(Gymnasium)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018

SOLLAS Classes for adults and children	10:00 am	(Love Center Rooms)
Mothers of the Church Ministry Meeting	11:30 am	(Rehearsal Hall)
Health Ministry Meeting.....	11:30 pm	(Love Center Room 111)
Azizi Children's Choir Rehearsal	11:40 am	(Love Center Room 110)
Generation 8 Youth Choir Rehearsal.....	11:45 am	(Love Center Room 112)
Youth Choral Speakers Rehearsal.....	1:00 pm	(Love Center Room 110)
Adult Spiritual Dancers Preparation for Worship	12:00 pm	(Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018
SENSATIONAL YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Worship Service.....8:00 & 10:30 am (Sanctuary)
Prayer Service following both Worship Services (Chapel)
Missionary Ministry Meeting.....12:30 pm (Love Center Room 109)
Rites of Passage Session5:00 pm (Love Center)
June Club Ministry Meeting will be in recess in August

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER
SERVICE**

Following 8:00 am and 10:30 am services in The Chapel

BIBLE FOR LIFE



Join Pastor Parker on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
In The Fellowship Hall
Series Title:
Revolutionary Evangelism and Prayer (REAP)

SINGLES MINISTRY The Singles Ministry Meeting scheduled for September 1, will be in recess in observance of the Labor Day holiday weekend. Meetings will resume October 6, in room 110 of the Love Center.

MOTHERS MINISTRY – the next Mothers of the Church Ministry meeting will take place on **Saturday, August 25th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the Rehearsal Hall.

146th Anniversary Committee Members

Sister Debora Chambers, Chairperson
Sister Toni' K. Terry, Co-Chairperson

Janine Batie-Gray
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Reverend Brenton Cox
Deacon Marilyn Cruter
Sister Kathy Fluellen
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Special Thanks

Administrative Staff
Anniversary Dinner Volunteers
Beautification Ministry
Brotherhood Ministry
Culinary Ministry
Courtesy Guild
Facilities Staff
Finance Staff

Friday Night Participants
History Ministry
Media Ministry
Music Ministry
Security Team
Temple Caretakers
Zion Hill Special Events Team
Zion Hill Baptist Church Family

Pray for our Sick, Shut-In and Bereaved Families

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. James 5:13-15

Nursing Home/Rehabilitation Center/Hospital

Sis. Rosa Bolton	Green Acres Health & Rehabilitation, Milledgeville,
Sis. Bessie Hall	Summerset Assisted Living, Atlanta, GA
Sis. Lena Jones	Fox Glove Center, Atlanta, GA
Sis. Louise LeRoy	Dunwoody Health and Rehabilitation, Atlanta, GA
Sis. Renell Reeves	Douglasville Nursing Home, Douglasville, GA
Sis. Nellie Roberts	Sadie G. Mays Health & Rehabilitation, Atlanta, GA
Sis. Myrtice Thomas	Brookdale Vinings, Atlanta, GA

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Sis. Barbara Almond	3554 Lynfield Dr., S.W. Atlanta, GA 30311
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Sis. Mary Walton	381 Fielding Lane SW, Atlanta, GA 30311
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Sis. Ruby Wilcoxin	3680 Las Olas Dr, Atlanta, GA 30349
Sis. Arciae Wilson	815 Falcon Drive, Atlanta, GA 30311

BEREAVEMENT

Sister Yvonne Bynoe – August 1

Daughter of Mother Ann Henton
Sister of Brother Al Bynoe

Sister Carrie Bell Brittain– August 8

Sister of Sister Louise Tolbert

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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Scholarship Recipient



The Community Action and Business (CAB) Ministry encourages all eligible voters to Register to vote.

The CAB Ministry will be available in the Love Center after each worship service, beginning this Sunday, August 19, 2018 and every Sunday to follow in August and September, then ending Sunday, October 7, 2018 for Voter Registration. All are welcome to visit our table to be a part of our wave of efforts to get everybody at Zion Hill registered to vote. Absentee ballots will also be provided.

To verify your voter registration status, please visit Georgia's Secretary of State's voter verification tool located on-line via the My Voter Page (MVP). The link to the site is <http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>.

The MVP site provides information on the following and gives you the option to register to vote in Georgia online or to update your existing Georgia registration record:

- Voter registration status
- Mail-In application and ballot status
- Poll location
- Early voting locations
- Elected Officials
- Registration information on file with the county office
- Sample ballot for the upcoming election
- Provisional Ballot status

The Voter Registration Deadline for the General Election is Tuesday, October 9, 2018. The General Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Please exercise your right to vote.



rites of passage program

KENTAKE & ADIGUN NKOSI

"faithfully preparing youth for young adulthood"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the
2017 Rites of Passage OKUMO

(Closing Program)
in the following areas:

Outfit Preparation

(sewing, cutting fabric, fitting, ironing)

Closing Program Activities

(set-up, hosts, production staff, inventory, clean-up)

Publicity

KARAMU

(Community Feast – setup, hosts, clean-up)

Please stop by the Information Center or Church Office
to complete the **Ujima Support Form**.

Stay Healthy, Be Active Initiative



ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH ATHLETICS MINISTRY

CLASSES FROM JULY 30 - SEPTEMBER 15

MONDAYS

6:00 pm **ZH H.I.I.T** (Required Equipment - yoga mat, towel, water bottle)

7:00 pm **Relaxation** (Required Equipment - yoga mat, large towel, or small blanket)

7:00 pm **20/20/20** (Required Equipment - yoga mat, towel, water bottle)

TUESDAYS

7:00 pm **Open Gym for adults age 18 and up**

THURSDAYS

7:00 pm **Praise Pump** (Required Equipment - light hand weights, yoga mat, towel or small blanket)

SATURDAYS

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Open Gym for children up to age 17

COMING SOON: The Wellness Lecture Series



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you have experience or certification in athletics, recreation or fitness and can teach classes or have an idea to share? **WE NEED YOU!**

... Contact **DR. LEO BROWN** at **LEOTBROWN1@GMAIL.COM** ...

LOOKING FOR A DYNAMIC WORSHIP AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR YOUTH?

Zion Hill's **YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** is uniquely designed to: Reach youth and children in the church and community; Help them Grow in their faith; Connect them with other Christians; Encourage them to offer themselves in service to Christ and Honor God with their lives.

THERE'S A MINISTRY TO INVOLVE ALL AGES!

3 MONTHS TO 3 YEARS

Wigglin' Worshippers Nursery

AGES 4 - 9

Azizi Children's Choir
Azizi Children's Ministry
Children's Chapel

TWEENS 10 - 12

God's Attainable Purpose (GAP)

TWEENS & TEENS

Generation 8 Youth Choir
Zion Hill Step Team
Junior Ushers
Teen Praise Team

TEENS 13 - 18

Youth League for Christ
Rites of Passage Program
Teen Worship Service (3rd Sunday)

AGES 4 - 18

iLIFE Academy
Zion Hill Choral Readers
Zion Hill Spiritual Dancers

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES:

SUNDAY WORSHIP	8:00am & 10:30am (for all ages)
WIGGLIN' WORSHIPPERS	Every Sunday
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL	2 ND and 3 RD Sundays
iLIFE ACADEMY	2 ND & 3 RD Sundays
TEEN WORSHIP SERVICE	3 RD Sundays
GENERATION 8 YOUTH CHOIR	4 TH Sundays
AZIZI CHILDREN'S CHOIR	4 TH Sundays
JUNIOR USHERS	4 TH Sundays
SOLLAS (CHURCH SCHOOL)	Every Saturday 10:00am
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE	7:00pm

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY IS YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

We are excited about the endless possibilities here at Zion Hill and we look forward to having you and your family join us in a dynamic worship and learning experience!



Experience
GOD

like never before

Stay in The Word

Join us for

Noon Day Bible Study

Wednesdays at noon in
the Rehearsal Hall

September is
SOLLAS Emphasis Month

Classes for all ages
Every Saturday Morning at 10:00 a.m.
& Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (adult class)

SOLLAS Mission

To seek to lead children, youth and adults to become aware of and grow in the understanding of the will of God as He revealed Himself in Jesus with this knowledge they will be able to love like Christ, serve like Christ and witness for Christ.

Join us for SOLLAS
School of Love Learning and Service
In



Minister Galetha Thompson Superintendent



Zion Hill Baptist Church Brotherhood Ministry 10th Annual Golf Tournament



West Pines Golf Club

Douglasville, GA

Thursday, August 23, 2018

Report Time: **8:00 A.M.**

Shotgun Start: **9:00 A.M.**

 Four-Man Teams (Ladies & Men)

 Best Ball

 Closest to Pin

 Long Drive

 50/50

 Raffle

Awards Banquet at **2:30 P.M.**

Open to all! Entry Deadline is Sunday, **August 19, 2018**

Register at - <https://tinyurl.com/zhbgtform>

Contact Louis M. Bell for full details

Louisb6961@aol.com; 678-596-1493

*Get Ready to Strut Your Hattitude!
You Are Invited to Participate in the
Crown of Hope*



Wear your best fancy hat, bring your SIsTers and “strut your hattitude” while the SIS Women’s Ministry pays homage to those women affected by breast cancer and the many other forms of cancer that affect us.

Please join us to kick off our Weekend of Hope

Friday, October 12, at 6:30 pm

For additional information contact Deacon Norma Ricks

norma.ricks@yahoo.com





Alternative Giving Options

Whether you forgot to bring your donation, or you are out on vacation, Zion Hill offers several convenient alternative ways to give your Tithes and Offerings!

Check out these options....

- **Mail a check or money order to:**
Zion Hill Baptist Church
6175 Campbellton Road SW, Atlanta, GA 30331
- **Bill Pay from your Personal Bank Account**– The donation would be sent directly from your personal bank account to the church. Simply log onto your online banking account, and add Zion Hill to your list of payees and/or companies that you pay on a regular basis. On the date you designate, the bank will send a check directly to Zion Hill.
- **PayPal** - Visit our webpage www.zionhill.org Click on the "Giving" tab, press the donate button at the bottom of the screen, and choose to give using your debit card through PayPal.
- **Easy Tithe** - You can choose to donate in one of three simple ways.
 - Through our Easy Tithe giving page: www.easytithe.com/zionhill
 - Through the free Easy Tithe mobile application. Just download the app onto your smart mobile device or tablet. Once you launch the application you can follow the instructions to give.
 - Through our "text to give". Number -770-604-1450. To give using this option, simply text an amount to this number. The first time you "text to give" you will receive a reply with a web link that will allow you to register and enter your debit card information. After the initial setup, giving is as simple as texting an amount to the number. Please note the texting donations are settled to your debit card, not to your phone bill.

For more information or questions, please e-mail us at zhbc@zionhill.org or call (404) 691-8025.



Worship Times: Sun., 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Noon Day Bible Class: Wed., 12:00 pm
Bible for Life: Wed. 7:00 pm
SOLLAS (School of Love, Learning and Service): Sat. 10:00 am & Tues. 6:30 pm

Welcome Honored Guests

Zion Hill has something exciting and engaging for each member of your family! From comprehensive youth activities to young adult mixers and senior socials, this multi-generational community continues to grow and thrive with each welcomed addition. With more than 40 outreach ministries engaged in local, national and international service projects, Zion Hill is the perfect place to start if you really want to make a difference. Learn more about ZHBC outreach ministries and how you can get involved by visiting www.zionhill.org.

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