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PASTOR'S NICHE

Volunteers Needed

As we move closer to transitioning to our new facility, one of the many areas that will change is our need for more volunteers to perform various tasks that will enable us to operate effectively and efficiently. Even a new building with all of the latest technology won't meet our needs without adequate human resources, namely - you and me.

In order to help you start the process of thinking about where you can volunteer, I am listing some of our volunteer needs. If you are interested, you can start signing up immediately. We will begin to pull volunteers together for the "equipping for ministry" process in February 2010. Notices of the specific dates for all "equipping sessions" will be given at a later date.

Security and Parking Ministry - Responsible for providing security during all events at church, and directing parking traffic at scheduled events. We need at least 50 volunteers for this ministry.

Nursery Attendants Ministry - Responsible for assisting Circle 5 with the care of infants and toddlers brought to the nursery during church events. We will need at least 8 volunteers per Sunday and 4-6 on Wednesday. Other events - like revival - will also need 6-8 volunteers. So that NO volunteer will be required to work more than one Sunday per month, we need a total of 40 volunteers for this ministry.

Audio/Visual Ministry - Responsible for audio and video recording, and production of all church events

Lawn Care Ministry - Responsible for maintaining lawn at Westover Road and MLK, Jr. Boulevard locations

C.A.P.S. Ministry - The desire to expand our 'Claiming Academic Power and Success' ministry: Additional tutors, drivers, and staff support will be needed

The list above is a partial listing of our needs, yet it represents the need for at least 200 new volunteers. These slots are open to any member of Mount Zion, and in some cases, we will allow non-members to volunteer.

How to Volunteer:

Submit your name and contact information, including email address (if you have one), and the ministry you would like to volunteer for. Turn in your information to the office, or email it to me at simmons_danielb@bellsouth.net.

"Thank you" in advance for your help. 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Editor of Zion Informer Retires



Mrs. Mary Frances Jenkins began contributing articles to the Zion Informer in 1979.

When the founder of the newsletter, Mrs. Helen P. Johnson became ill, she asked

Mrs. Jenkins to assist her with the paper. After doing so for several years, Mrs. Jenkins became editor of the Zion Informer.

Mrs. Jenkins is retiring from the position of editor of the Zion Informer after nearly 40 years of dedicated service to the publication of the newsletter. She considers it a pleasure to have served the Lord through the publication of the paper. The Zion Informer provides close communication with the members and missions of the church. One of Mrs. Jenkins' greatest joys has been to work with the youth editors. Just recently, a former staff editor informed her that she was able to start a newsletter at the church she now attends because of the experiences she had while working with the Zion Informer.

As Mount Zion continues to expand, Mrs. Jenkins foresees a greater Zion Informer. She sees the paper as a vital link to the minds and hearts of members inside and outside of the church. She believes that communication is the key to survival. Overall, Mrs. Jenkins feels blessed to have had the cooperation of Mount Zion's great congregation, as well as a strong supporter in Mrs. Notrice Scott who always said to her, "God gave you the talent. Use it." Indeed, Mrs. Jenkins has done just that - above and beyond the best of her ability! Mount Zion is forever grateful for her dedicated service and will continue to keep the paper's vital link to the minds and hearts of its readers alive as publication of the Zion Informer prepares to move to greater heights! Thank you and God bless you, Mrs. Jenkins!

Congrats to Alex Covin for Receiving ASU Scholarship Award!



Mount Zion Church is the first winner of a new campaign launched by the Albany State

University National Alumni Association. All area churches were issued a challenge to participate in the annual Homecoming Golf Classic, with the prize being a \$1,000.00 scholarship that would be taken back to their church and presented to a member of the congregation who is presently attending ASU. Mount Zion's golf team was par for the course, and brought the winnings home! Congratulations go to Alex Covin, a junior chemistry major at ASU for being the recipient of this award. Persons who attended the awarding of the scholarship include Robert E. Lee (event coordinator), Charlie Crapps (golfer), Geneva C. Fields, Pastor Daniel Simmons, Alex Covin (scholarship recipient), Michelle and Norman Newton (parents), and Clifford Porter (ASU Vice President for Institutional Advancement). *(Info quoted from the Albany Southwest Georgian 10/28/09).*

Mount Zion Centurion Serves as Grand Marshall at ASU Homecoming Parade

As part of an ongoing celebration for turning 100 years of age this year, Mount Zion's own Mrs. Leola Olga Caldwell accepted invitation as the Grand Marshal for the Albany State University Homecoming Parade which took place on September 26, 2009.



Mrs. Caldwell graduated from Albany State University College in 1949, having received her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She retired from teaching after 40 years, and continues to spread joy and receive fulfillment through her other hobbies of gardening and supporting the musical and religious endeavors of her family.

Mrs. Caldwell was honored by Albany's Mayor Willie Adams on her centennial birthday celebration earlier this year. The Mount Zion family engaged in a special birthday fellowship with the 'Birthday Lady' hosted by the Pastor's Aide Ministry following the 11 a.m. worship service on July 19, 2009. May God continue to bless you, Mrs. Caldwell!

YOUTH NEWS

"Preparing the Next Generation of Kingdom Citizens"
Rev. Brian Jones, Youth Pastor

Track Winner!

Congratulations are in order for Jacob Kennedy; a 10th grade student at Lee County High School for winning first place in the recent high school Cross Country track and field competitions held on Saturday, October 3, 2009. Jacob ran a 17:24 time in the regional meet. He is scheduled to compete on Saturday, November 7, 2009 again in the State Championships. Jacob is the son of Randall and Jewel Kennedy. Great job Jacob!

VISITORS FOR THE MONTH

Talia Anderson
 Alicia Bostick
 Bridgette K. Bozeman
 Terry Burks
 Pastor Childs
 LaToyia Crafton
 Brother Willie Crawford
 Ariane Donnes
 Jennifer Edwards
 Anika Fambro
 Te'Shounda Fleming
 Don and Robin Gray
 Jarmal Hairston
 Adashia Harding
 C. Ruth Harris
 Maurice Jackson
 Morganne Jackson
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Johnson, Jr.
 Ayanna Johnson
 Carla Johnson

Laura Johnson
 Chasity Lumpkin
 Margaret Marshall Gaines
 Jasmine McPhatter
 Brianna McMichael
 Kiekka Moore
 Shane' Pascali
 Anthony Pilate
 Carolyn Jellis Porter
 Beverly Reid
 Brenda Richardson
 Dr. Leviticus and Carolyn Roberts
 Samuel and Brenda Richardson
 Whitney Robinson
 Jasmine Shavers
 Ashley Starling
 Latresa Steward
 Julia Stokes
 Shaneica Temple
 Kei'Shawn Tention
 Shirley Tyler
 Clarence Washington
 Bianca Ware
 Atria Warred
 John W. Wimberly
 Mrs. Carrie Carter Young

September 2009 Building Fund

January	1,807.06
February	3,814.00
March	1,678.00
April	4,091.00
May	1,932.00
June	1,411.00
July	5,866.00
August	2,069.50
September	13,919.00
October	3,656.00
November	2,882.50
December	1,388.50
Total	\$44,514.56

Keep it growing!