MISSION OF THE CHURCH (“PRAYER IS THE KEY”)

Bless the name of Jesus! It is with joy that we are given this opportunity to greet each other after a few assemblies of Body Meetings this year. I just want to praise the officers, the leadership and the membership of this great Body of Christian women and girls. We must remain steadfast of the same mind one toward another in agreement with God and each other.

We thank Pastor Young for the Bible lessons we are learning and looking in a three-fold mirror - how we see ourselves, the church within us, and church as we adjust to the present. I was reading in a book which stated “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results”. Our world, our cities, communities and people are changing rapidly. Our Scriptures give us our functions. An old Chinese fortune cookie reading says “Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.” Our Bible lessons and comments from the Bible students have been interesting and rewarding. “Zion is calling us to a higher place of praise.”

Taking a look at the big picture, sometimes we feel pressure to be successful; pressure to motivate others to pitch in; pressure to find the perfect speaker for that special program; pressure to make sure there is good attendance at the planned event that we have used so much time in planning, and lastly, pressure to make sure the budget will cover the anticipated expenses. Paul shared this type of experience with us in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, which reads “For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

[The Mission, April, May, June 2013]
It's vacation bible school season
Sister Dorothy Wells-Fowlkes
Director, VBS

The final school bell has rung...the days are longer...and the kids are...bored! It’s summertime and parents and guardians are probably trying to find ways to keep their children busy and entertained! Well, here is an idea. How about passing the word about our outreach ministry that can do all of that AND teach kids more about Jesus at the same time! It is time for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

Let us knock on doors, make phone calls, or send text messages to family, friends, and neighbors to let them know that First Rising is now enrolling children in its fun-filled Vacation Bible School (VBS). The program runs from Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14. It is open to all children ages 5 through 12. Students ages 13 through age 17 may sign up to earn community service hours as an Assistant. Membership in First Rising is not a prerequisite. The hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m.; classes will commence at 9:00 a.m.; and lunch will usually start around 12 noon. Children will also receive an afternoon snack.

This year’s VBS theme is “Glow for Jesus - Let Your Light Shine.” The theme will be creatively adapted to God's word during daily activities. A typical day at VBS may consist of prayers, Bible time, group lessons, arts and crafts, games, skits, and songs. Additionally, field trips to Watkins Park and a bowling alley are planned. Children are placed in age groups with VBS teachers who are certified under First Rising’s VBS Program. What a terrific time for them to meet new friends!

All activities are FREE. This includes registration, meals, class activities, and field trips.

Contact Sisters Dorothy Wells-Fowlkes, Teresa Hamm-Wooten or the church office for registration forms.

In Loving Memory
Nannie Bell Franklin
September 23, 1923 - May 9, 2017

Frances McMullin Circle
First Rising Mt Zion Baptist Church Celebrates 81 Years of Walking By Faith

Congratulations 2017 Mothers of the year Sisters Rose Brown, Virginia Logan and Nancy Simmons


Pre-Mother’s Day Luncheon May 6, 2017

FRMZ Males host luncheon • Guest speaker, Elder Felicia Motley

First Rising Mt Zion Baptist Church 81st Anniversary Service Becoming Whole Like Jesus 2 Corinthians 8:18

Theme: "Becoming Whole Like Jesus"
And we who were once distant from all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (Romans)

Sunday, May 21, 2017 5:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker
Rev. Mark J. Boy
Senior Pastor
Good Shepherd Ministries
Capitol Heights, MD

Women’s Day, June 25, 2017
Rev. Dr. Cheryl J. Sanders & Choir Third Street Baptist, Washington, DC

Women’s Day Committee
May you be blessed with the beauty of His Grace and may His favor be lavished upon you. Happy Birthday!

AN OLD MAN’S PRAYER

Every time I am asked to pray, I think of the old fellow who always prayed, Lord, prop us up on our leaning side. After hearing him pray that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed that prayer so fervently. He answered, ‘Well sir, you see, it’s like this... I got an old barn out back. It’s been there a long time; it’s withstood a lot of weather, it’s gone through a lot of storms, and it’s stood for many years.

But it found itself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop us up on our leaning side, because I figure a lot of us get to leaning at times.

Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness, leaning toward hatred, leaning toward cussing, leaning toward a lot of things that we shouldn’t. So we need to pray, ‘Lord, prop us up on our leaning side, so we will stand straight and tall again, to glorify the Lord.’

If you stare at this barn for a second, you will see who will help us stand straight and tall again. Do you see HIM?

Pass this on to others who might need Propping Up. ‘In God we Trust!’

Author Unknown