



148<sup>th</sup>  
**Church**  
**Anniversary**



**GREATER NEW ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
720 DAVIS STREET EAST, ELBA, AL 36323  
JUNE 5TH, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.  
REV. JEREMIE TURNER, SR. - PASTOR  
MIN. DEBRA TUCKER - GUEST MINISTER



## FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR TURNER

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Today, we give glory to God for keeping us for 148 years. With churches closing all around the nation because of COVID and a lack of finances, we thank Him for allowing us to still be here today.



The theme for our Anniversary this year is, "God's Church Still Standing On the Sure Foundation" Truly, if we will thrive and continue to survive, then we must continue to build on THE foundation that has already been laid - Jesus Christ! It is true that He is a sure foundation.

We thank Minister Debra Tucker for accepting our invitation and joining us in our celebration this year. We thank those near and far who have joined us. To God be the glory for the things He has done!

Greater is Coming!

Your Pastor,  
Rev. Jeremie Turner, Sr.



# Order of Service



2022: The Year of Transformation:

We are transforming Ourselves Through Our Ministries to Look Like Christ!

CALL TO WORSHIP	PULPIT
OPENING SELECTION	MUSIC MINISTRY
DEVOTION	DEVOTION
HYMN	CONGREGATION
WELCOME & OCCASION	SIS. EDWINA WILLIAMS
PASTORAL REFLECTIONS	PASTOR TURNER
ALTAR CALL	PASTOR TURNER
CHURCH HISTORY	DEA. & SIS. MCMILLAN
HOLY COMMUNION	PASTOR & CONGREGATION
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	PASTOR TURNER
SELECTIONS	MUSIC MINISTRY
SERMON	MINISTER DEBRA TUCKER
INVITATION	PASTOR TURNER
TITHES AND OFFERING	PASTOR & CONGREGATION
ANNOUNCEMENTS	ANNOUNCER
BENEDICTION	PASTOR TURNER

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*For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Co. 3:11)*

"GOD'S CHURCH STILL STANDING ON THE SURE FOUNDATION"

# VISION OF GNZMBC



## Mission Statement

A Great Commission ministry on the move for Christ.

## Mission

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

-Jesus Christ  
Founder

## Vision Slogan

Exalting the Savior, Evangelizing the Sinner, Equipping the Saint

## Vision Statement

A Ministry-Minded 21st-Century church on the move for Christ exalting the Savior, evangelizing the Sinner, equipping the Saint.

## FAMILY Plan

At Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, we are F.A.M.I.L.Y.:

**F**ellowshipping

**A**ssisting

**M**entoring

**I**ntimate Worship Experience

**L**ife-Changing Bible Lessons

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## WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH



We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord  
Trusting in His Holy Word, He's never failed me yet!

Oh, can't turn around  
We've come this far by faith!

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord  
I will trust in the Lord, until I die  
I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord  
I will trust in the Lord, until I die

I'm gonna treat everybody right, I'm gonna treat everybody right  
I'm gonna treat everybody right, until I die  
I'm gonna treat everybody right, I'm gonna treat everybody right  
I'm gonna treat everybody right, until I die

I'm gonna stay on the battlefield, I'm gonna stay the battlefield  
I'm gonna stay on the battlefield, until I die  
I'm gonna stay on the battlefield, I'm gonna stay the battlefield  
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# CHURCH HISTORY



## History of Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church

According to past history, our ancestors were not allowed by their master to assemble together for worship, so they sang as they worked. Favorites such as "Give Me That Old Time Religion," "Go Down Moses," and "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" were songs that they often sang together.

After their freedom, they really wanted to show how thankful they were to God, so they would go from house-to-house and sing Zion praises and worship Him. In their community (or settlement as it was called then) the congregation began to grow, and they needed more space. So, they built their first church, less than a quarter mile from this present site.

The white settlers began to move out from a little frame church called the Providence Baptist Church and they decided to give their building and land to the Negroes. Deacon Dan Adams paid \$1.00 for the deed to purchase the building and the piece of land that it sat on.

The new owners wanted a new name for their new home and the late Mr. Simon Hammond submitted the name New Zion, after possible church names were written down on a piece of paper, placed in a hat, and drawn. The name was later changed to Greater New Zion under the leadership of Rev. L. B. Baldwin.

Greater New Zion has had many great Pastors, to name a few: Rev. Larkins, Rev. Gibson, Rev. Owens, Rev. Martin, Rev. Pritchett, Rev. Jackson, Dr. L. B. Baldwin, Sr., and Dr. Willie Peterson. Each of these Pastors made his contribution to the upkeep of the edifice and the molding of souls to Christ.

# HISTORY CONTINUED



When Rev. Baldwin was called to Pastor New Zion Baptist Church, it was a small framed building setting her at the same location today near the road. During his 41 years of service the old part was completely renovated, and a new building was added to accommodate more space. All this was done with God's grace and the help of the membership. Under his leadership New Zion was completely furnished and the building was bricked. He became very ill, and his works were limited, but the membership continued the upkeep of the church as a new roof was put on the building.

On January 31, 1987, the Lord blessed us with the leadership of the Rev. W. L. Peterson. Three (3) years later the church family voted to go full time; a sign of growth as many church auxiliaries were put in place. Under his leadership auxiliaries from the past were reorganized and new ones were created. Of these include the Nurses Guild, Brotherhood, the Youth Church for Training Young Children for Christian Living, the Crusaders, the Red Circle, the Youth Choir, and the Young Adult Choir. He was concerned about the upkeep of the church and for every need of his members, so he became a full-time Pastor, available for his congregation in their time of need.

Under his leadership one qualified nurse from the Nurses Guild staff was available each Sunday. Dr. Peterson also instituted a project to reach out to all the sick and shut-in of our congregation. Additionally, the church began live broadcasting services on the local radio station, a Tape Ministry was created, and a Christian Video/Bible Study for the Youth and Adult Bible Classes began to be taught on Wednesday nights. A tutoring program was also instituted and sports teams were created.

# HISTORY CONTINUED



Under Dr. Peterson's leadership the following things were put in place:

- In 1993, an additional building was added that consisted of two (2) classrooms, bathrooms, a kitchen and a fellowship hall.
  - In 1996, the music department of the church was upgraded.
  - In 1997, new church furniture was purchased and improvement to the choir loft was done.
  - In 1998, the exterior woodwork was painted.
  - In 1999, a new refrigerator was purchased for the kitchen.
  - Progress continued into the turn of the century with the addition of new lighting in the sanctuary, upgrading the P.A. systems, and the dining/fellowship hall was paid off in July of 2000. Additionally, a new air conditioning system was installed along with the purchase of a new organ.
  - In February 2001, new carpet was installed. In June, new pulpit furniture was purchased. In July, the sanctuary revived a facelift of new paint by Bro. Clauzell Elliard.
  - More improvements and progress continued with the purchase of the following: a new computer, fax machine, and copier machine in January of 2002.
  - A new gas stove for the kitchen was purchased, and new transportation, in the form of the church van was purchased.
  - Again, On May 27th, the following new appliances for the kitchen were purchased: five (5) food warmers, and a fry daddy.
- On June 11, 2020, Rev. W. L. Peterson retired from Greater New Zion Baptist Church due to his failing health.

On August 19, 2020, Rev Jeremie Tremaine Turner, Sr was unanimously voted in as the newly elected pastor of Greater New Zion Baptist Church. God has and still is blessing this church family to prosper and grow, and for that we are truly grateful. We look forward to the great things that shall be as we build on the past with God ultimately in control. We do believe and know that "Greater is Coming!"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE THINGS HE HAS DONE!



# CHURCH COVENANT



Pastor: Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

Congregation: We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

Pastor: We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

Congregation: We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

ALL: We moreover engage that, when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. And now unto Him, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, be Power and Glory forever. Amen.

# Scripture for Giving

2 Chronicles 31:4-5 (ESV)

And he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion due to the priests and the Levites, that they might give themselves to the Law of the LORD. 5. As soon as the command was spread abroad, the people of Israel gave in abundance the firstfruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field. And they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything.

## Ways to Give

CashApp: \$newzionelba

Text2Give: "Give" to 616.404.4089

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Chosen Ministry

VBS will take place June 27 - 30; 6pm nightly

## Outreach Ministry

Evangelism Bootcamp will take place June 11th at 10 a.m., here at the church.

## Family Life Ministry

Pastor will meet with the Family Life Ministry

## Daughters of Zion Ministry

Daughters of Zion will meet next Sunday after service, as we continue to look at, "Becoming a Woman Who Does Not Quit"

## Department of Christian Education

Wednesday in the Word will resume back in-person in the month of July.

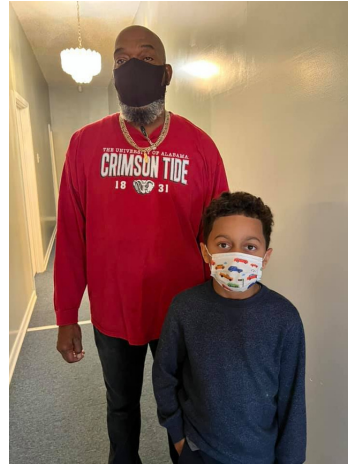
## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made our 148th Church Anniversary a success.

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# SERMON NOTES



Minister Debra Tucker

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## Welcome

Welcome to Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church. In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are happy to have you worship with us today, and we hope to see you again. Please fill out a visitor's card before you depart today. If you are seeking a church home, please prayerfully consider Greater New Zion and become part of our fellowship. God wants you as part of His church in order that you may enjoy blessed fellowship with the Son.