



104th Anniversary Celebration of

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

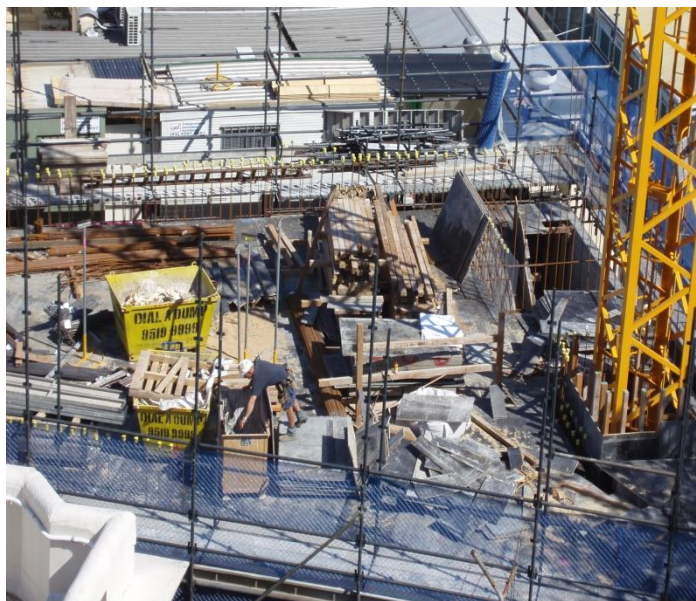


11115 Kinsman Road, Cleveland, OH 44104

SEPTEMBER 1917 – SEPTEMBER 2021

Theme: “Lord You Build This House”

Scripture Reference: Ps. 127:1 (KJV) – “Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”



SPEAKER:

Rev. Artis Caver

Pastor, New Birth Christian Fellowship Assembly

Morning Worship on September 5, 2021 at 11:30 AM

Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr., B.A., M.Div., Pastor

104th Church Anniversary Program

Morning Service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

11:30 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY SCHOOL.....SIS BEVERLY DURST
DEVOTION.....DEACONS
PRAISE AND WORSHIP.....SIS. LUCRETIA COLSTON BOLDEN
WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.....MOTHER THELMA LEWIS
OFFERING.....FINANCIAL COMMITTEE
THEME ADDRESS.....DEA. KOLLIE WOODARD
PRAISE AND WORSHIP.....SIS. LUCRETIA COLSTON BOLDEN
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER.....PASTOR JIMMY L. GATES, SR.
THE SPOKEN WORD.....REV. ARTIS CAVER
PASTOR, NEW BIRTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSEMBLY
TIME TO RECEIVE THOSE WHOM THE LORD HAS CALLED.....
HOLY COMMUNION.....
BENEDICTION.....PASTOR JIMMY L. GATES SR.
RECESSIONAL.....LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

THE CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the LORD Jesus Christ 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 Spirit, 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.

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; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, towards its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the Word of God; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputations, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report, and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

When we're removed from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word. AMEN

Historical Review of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

There is a song entitled, "Beautiful Dreamer" that best captures the spirit of Dr. Charles C. Ailer, who founded and organized Zion Hill Baptist Church on the first Sunday in September, in the year of our Lord, 1917. From the moment of her birth, Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church embarked upon her God ordained destiny of being one of God's oaks in the city and the nation. In the spiritual, social and political realm. Thirteen members who had been a part of the Second Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, where Rev. Dr. C. Ailer pastored, formed the nucleus of the new congregation. With spirits aglow with the love of God and love for their pastor, Rev. C. Ailer, they all unitedly blended their spiritual forces to make their new church a great force in the community.

What a mighty force they became, for after nine short months at 2404 Central Avenue, with the Spirit as their director and the Gospel of Jesus Christ as their only product, the church outgrew their original site and they had to expand, and thus they purchased a new site on East 55th Street and Thackeray Avenue, from the Christian Reform Congregation for \$11,000. This church became Zion Hill's new home from May, 1918 to August, 1920.

Under the direction of the Spirit and using the Gospel as the magnet, they quickly outgrew the edifice on Thackeray Avenue and moved to 2541 East 37th Street in 1924. This magnificent structure was purchased for the sum of \$55,000 and immediately, Rev. Ailer, with a fire-up flock, was moved by the Lord to host the National Baptist Congress. For this event, the church was redecorated, the pulpit and pool were built, the extension added and the \$10,000 organ installed and unveiled at the opening of Congress.

"There was Power in our Founder and Dreamer, Rev. Dr. Ailer"

No achievements are permanent in a church that weren't produced by the power of the Holy Ghost, Rev. Ailer was a spiritual dynamo. Zion Hill reputedly had 10,000 members. We had, supposedly, one of the largest congregations in the city and state. Dr. Ailer had powerful convictions. During his pastorage all teachers attended Teacher's meetings or they didn't teach. If you didn't teach the Bible, he sat you down. Slowly, Rev. Ailer's health failed and after a fruitful 24 years pastorage, God's highstepper departed this life on August 31, 1941.

The Reverend E. Smith, assistant to Rev. Dr. Ailer and was one of his best supporters for 23 years, assumed the role as acting pastor and led the church in the burning of a \$4,000 mortgage in a year. This feat left the Rev. Smith in the heart of all the parishioners.

Brief History of the Pastorate

Rev. F.N. Tate (June – October, 1942)

Rev. L.M/ Johnson (February, 1943-September, 1946)

Rev. T.E. Weems (March, 1947 – February, 1953)

Rev. A.Wm. Jamerson (1953-1979)

Rev. Clarence Hicks, Pastor Emeritus (June, 1980 – October, 2012)

Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr. (Interim Pastor Nov. 2012 – August 2014)

Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr. (September 2014-present)

Under the pastorate of Rev. Clarence Hicks, our building fund was increased from \$99,000 to enough to build and to move Zion Hill into its new home at 11115 Kinsman Avenue on the second Sunday in November, 1986. We also burned our million plus dollar mortgage in 1999 under his leadership, and then Dea. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr. was chairman of the Mortgage Burning Committee and asked each member to donate \$500.00 to pay off the mortgage.

Under the pastorate of Rev. Gates, we have become a church that not only dwells on the spiritual being, but also the whole man. Zion Hill is actively involved in the community, feeding the residents with hot meals, and the mobile pantry. Active ministries that help with community trauma, local schools, criminal justice reform, crime reduction, community youth initiatives, and environmental concerns.

MISSION STATEMENT

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church is called to proclaim the Gospel of Christ and the beliefs of the Christian faith. Our mission is to maintain the worship of God, and to inspire in all persons a love for Christ, a passion for righteousness, and a consciousness of their duties to God and their fellow human beings.

VISION STATEMENT

We, the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, believe God has called us to reach the unchurched of our city by providing caring structures for families, diversity in worship, and knowledge of spiritual gifts through studying God's word.

WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH!!!

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.” Psalm 127:1

As we celebrate one hundred and four (104) years of lifting up the name of Jesus, I want to reflect on a few things as well as this scripture text that reminds us of who is our builder and maker. The foundation of who and what we are.

Every year in and about the cities we live in, we have a season where construction is prevalent. Whether it's the building trades, roads, bridges, docks, you can see cranes and construction equipment on site of those locations. Sometimes people take pictures of the site and keep up with how things are progressing which is very interesting to watch the transformation of what was, compared to what is. Normally at the end, especially when the cranes are no longer needed, and all the steel beams are in place an American flag is raised. But I wonder does anyone go in secret prayer to thank God for what He has allowed. Is there any gratefulness to the chief architect for His goodness and mercy? I believe it's safe to say that that probably does not happen often. I'm glad to report today that that was not the case here at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

Those who came before me were praying Pastors, and specifically my predecessor, Pastor Clarence Hicks, whom I know would frequently come to this location prior to and during building, and would pray over the grounds, the architecture firm, the contractors, and everyone else who played a role into where we are today. Yes, they along with Pastor Hicks, and I certainly know and believe in the theme scripture, Psalm 127:1. It was the Lord who built it, and therefore, there was no vain laboring, and for 104 years, the Lord has watched over the city known as Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

According to our constitution, “the church is a group of born again baptized believers” If we look at the bible and read how Christ describes the church based upon Peter's confession, we will realize Jesus is saying that though He were rejected by the people, arrested, tried and found innocent and then crucified anyway, it wouldn't stop Him from building His church. The Jews did reject Christ and crucify Him, but He arose, and He did build His church. The church building is the edifice where we gather together and worship with one another. As parishioners, we are the church. Psalm 127 is bound together by the overarching theme of God's sovereignty. No matter what we do or where we are, the Lord is the One who makes things come to pass. We can praise Him for He holds every aspect of our lives in His hands! No housebuilding is successful which leaves God out of account. How have we seen men build only houses, with care and at great cost, only to see them crumble to pieces because God was forgotten. We are taught to have a continual regard to the divine Providence in all the concerns

of this life. Solomon was found to be a wise man and would be apt to lean to his own understanding and forecast, and therefore his father teaches him to look higher, and to take God along with him in his undertakings. He was to be a man of business, and therefore David instructed him how to manage his business under the direction of his religion. Parents, in teaching their children, should suit their exhortations to their condition and occasions. We must have an eye to God. For the securing of a family or a city, for this is what the psalmist particularly mentions, we must acknowledge the God of the universe. If the guards of the city cannot secure it without God, much less can the good man of the house save his house from being broken up. Except the Lord keep the city from fire, from enemies, the watchmen, who go about the city, or patrol upon the walls of it, though they neither slumber nor sleep, wake but in vain, for a raging fire may break out, the mischief of which the timeliest discoveries may not be able to prevent. The guards may be slain, or the city betrayed and lost, by a thousand accidents, which the most watchful sentinel or most cautious governor could not obviate, but God can still patrol with a watchful eye over His church. So yes, it is true that "Lord You Built This House" We the entire membership of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church collectively ask that you continue to keep a keen watchful eye over "your" church and we as "your" people, as we celebrate not just today, but everyday recognizing "your goodness" and "your mercy" towards "us."

Thank You God for one hundred and four (104) years of existence. Lifting, praising, and magnifying our Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS
ZION HILL BAPTIST MISSIONARY CHURCH
ON YOUR
104TH ANNIVERSARY

“PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW. PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES
HERE BELOW. PRAISE HIM ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOST. PRAISE FATHER, SON,
AND HOLY GHOST.”

What a popular spiritual doxology sang by many of our Christian churches. Written by Thomas Ken, it is surely treasured in the heart of Christianity. I think most members of the body of Christ would agree that praising God is a good pattern for living life. Psalm 33:1 states, “Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. For praise from the upright is beautiful.”

Born again Christians can only be named as righteous because God has imputed His righteousness to us. Because we have acknowledged our sins, repented, and given our entire being into the hands of our loving Heavenly Father, we have passed from death unto life. We live today knowing that Jesus was crucified on that cruel cross for the remission of our sins and that His Divine blood has washed away all our sins, translating us from the power of darkness into the light of God’s only begotten Son, Jesus. “For He rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son.” Jesus is the resurrection and the life. “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”

So, with that being said, what is it that we as a body of Christ can praise God for? Just looking at the lyrics, we can certainly praise him for 104 years of existence, for His loving kindness, for His goodness and mercy, but I also must reflect on Psalm 150.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Yes, we can praise God for all that and then some, but we want to praise Him specifically today because, “Lord You Built This House”

We love each and every one of you.....

Pastor and First Lady Gates

Happy 104th Church Anniversary

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.” Psalm 127:1 (NIV)

From the Senior Usher Board Members and Usher Board #2
Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

Bro. Sherman Williams, President – Senior Ushers
Sis. Victoria Dennis, President – Usher Board #2
Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr., B.A., M.Div., Pastor



Congratulations!!! 104th Church Anniversary

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” Philippians 4:4-8 (KJV)

The Mission

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

Sis. Millie Walker, President
Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr., B.A., M.Div., Pastor

“The Matrons’ Ministry is proud to serve

Zion Hill for 104 years

Congratulations,

Zion Hill on this 104th Church Anniversary

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.” Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

The Matrons’ Ministry

Sis. Lavenia White, President

Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr., Pastor

Congratulations on

Celebrating 104 Years of

Faithful,

Dedicated, Faith Based Ministry

The Board of Deacons

Dea. Richard Mason, Chairman

Dea. Lewis Mays, Dea. Ernest Nunn, Dea. Sam Stovall, Dea. Lewis Mays,

Dea. Willie Moore, Dea. Kollie Woodard, Dea. Earl Walker

Deacon in Training Howard Lloyd

Pastor: Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr.

From The Trustee Board of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

***“This is the day that the Lord has made
let us rejoice and be glad in it.”***

Celebrating 104 years

Congratulations!!!

Zion Hill

Bro. Larry Jordan, Chairman

Dea. Ernest Nunn, Sis. Victoria Dennis,

Sis. Sadie Anderson, Bro. Ron Durst

Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr., Pastor

Our Beloved Zion Hill family:

104 years is a long time for some, but not for our Father in heaven.

As we celebrate Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Churches' 104 year of service to God's people, we give God the praise, glory and honor.

We thank you Lord, for our pastor, Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr., all officers, members -both past and present and visiting friends.

Lord, you have been faithful, thank you for this celebration with your love and compassion.

Down through the years you have shown us you are in charge. We bless your Holy Name!

As we look forward to 2021, keep us all in you loving care; looking to your for Grace and Mercy.

We know there is a great cloud of witnesses urging us all to keep going.

Help us to endure this race, until Jesus Christ comes back again.

Our love to all.

Sis. Mary F. Hicks



ZION HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

“Be ye therefore, followers of God, as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.” Ephesians 5:1-2

Praise God, Zion Hill, on our 104th Church Celebration

The Mass Choir

*Deaconess Margaret Moore, President
Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr., B.A., Pastor*



ALL PRAISES TO GOD

CONGRATULATIONS!

ZION HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

On its 104th Anniversary Celebration.

*We are looking forward to the 104 years Celebration
September 2021.*

*Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr., B.A., M.Div., Pastor
and All of the Clergy*

May this 104th Anniversary of our church be a sign of its continued good work and blessed ministry. Thank you for all you've done and will continue to do!!!

The Sunday School Department

Officers

Beverly Durst, Superintendent
Sis. Denise Mays, Asst. Superintendent
Deacon Dennis Williams, First Asst. Superintendent
Sis. Felicia Mason, Secretary
Lady Janet Gates, Asst. Secretary

Teachers

Chairman Richard Mason
Deacon Ernest & Joyce Nunn
Deacon Lewis & Denise Mays
Rev. Eloise East
Evangelist Bobbie Jo Curry
Min. Kofi Washington
Sis. Kim Robertson
Sis. Mary F. Hicks
Rev. Jimmy L. Gates, Sr.

The Deaconess Board would like to thank Zion Hill Baptist Church for everything you have done over these 104 years. God has truly been faithful.

Sis. Walterine Woodard, President

Margaret Moore, Vice President
Pastor Jimmy L. Gates, Sr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE PASTOR:

104th Church Anniversary today Sunday, September 5, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. Theme: "Lord You Built This House" - Psalm 127:1. The Pastoral Staff is chairing the program. We are asking each member for a dollar for each year. \$104. Our guest speaker for the morning service is Rev. Artis Caver, Pastor of New Birth Christian Fellowship Assembly.

The New Member's Class will resume Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. We ask that you wear your face mask in class and social distancing is required.

The Precept Upon Precept Bible Study Class will resume Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. We ask that you wear your face mask in class and social distancing is required. You may bring a light lunch if you so desire.

Memorial Services for Rev. Clarence Hicks will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 10 a.m. here at Zion Hill.

Men's Month and Men's Day will be in October only having morning service.

Sunday School online on Sunday's at 9:15 a.m. –
Call in: 978-990-5047 ~ Access Code 3312613#

Wednesday Bible Study online at 7 p.m. –
Call In: 701-802-5360 and Access Code: 7817353

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT



WHO

At the **Saint Luke's Foundation**, we strive to put our stated values to practice, where our words show up in our actions. We are a Foundation that awards millions of dollars each year to organizations that serve you and your community. The goals are to align our grant awards with your interests and for the associated activities to have a positive impact on your health and wellbeing.

WHY

We know you have the power to be your own best advocate!

We created **Lift Every Voice** as a means to hear directly from the people we intend on uplifting. More specifically, we want to invest our grant funds where you have input in shaping the services meant to help you and your neighborhood. For these reasons, we want to maintain ongoing dialogue to learn directly from you.

WHAT

Lift Every Voice is a community engagement platform consisting of the **lev216.org** website with corresponding email and text messaging features. It is designed for community stakeholders to provide feedback on community services that allow people to thrive. The effort includes an outreach campaign to make the community aware of this initiative. Members of **Lift Every Voice** will receive updates on our findings and notices about available community resources.

As you stay connected with us through **Lift Every Voice**, we hope you see your imprint on our grantmaking decisions.

HOW

Explore the site and share your feedback where prompted. Become a member by sharing your email and/or cell phone number. This will allow us to keep you informed about our findings. In addition, we will continuously garner your feedback as we evaluate, learn from, and modify our grantmaking decisions. We will not share your contact info with any other entity.

<https://lev216.org/>



NOTES FROM THE SERVICE

DATE _____ SPEAKER _____

TEXT _____

SCRIPTURE _____

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE:

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Etiquette

- *Please refrain from walking and using the middle aisle during worship service
- *Exiting/Entering the sanctuary during prayer and ministry of giving is not permitted
- *No food, gum or drink permitted in the sanctuary
- *Please silence cell phones
- *Please no talking during offertory service
- *Pray for the Sick, and Shut-in and those in bereavement

*Come to Bible Study and hear the speakers on people who had relationships in the Bible

Zion Hill's 104th Year



*For great things He
has done and
yet to do!!!*

GET WELL

Benson, Fred & B. Lenora
Please keep them in your prayers as
Sis. Benson is caregiver

Bowles, Sis. Ines (C) (216) 776-9166
5909 Lehman
Bedford Hts., OH 44146

Carswell, Barbara (C) (216) 703-3736
12613 Lenacrave
Cleveland, OH 44105

Cooper, Shirley (C) (440) 786-9011
5952 Lehman Drive
Bedford Hts, OH 44146

Dudley, Sis. Ella (C)
4500 Sprague #73
Anniston, AL 36206

East, Bro. James (C) (216) 561-5169
3375 East 137th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44120

Hillsman, Sis. Juanita (C) (216) 229-
8623
3110 East 98th Street
Cleveland, OH 44104

Kelly-Nunn, Bro Ronald G. #584954
940 Marion-Williamsport Rd.
Marion, Ohio 43302 **or**

Kelly-Nunn, Bro Ronald G. #584954
M C I P O Box 57
Marion, Ohio 43302

Lewis, Mother Thelma (216) 231-5170
8920 E. 89th #714
Cleveland, OH 44106

Moore, Dea. Willie C. & Margaret (C)
(216) 910-2284
23508 Vera St.
Warrensville Heights, OH 44128

Nunn, Destinee
At home – continue to pray for her

Nunn, Joyce (C)
**Please continue to pray for her
healing and restoration**

Scott, Sis. Sarah L. (C) (216) 332-0929
14822 Lawndale Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44128

Woodard, Deaconess Walterine (C)
at home (216) 932-9116
3909 Meadowbrook Blvd.
University Heights, OH 44118

Legend: (C) Convalescing
(S) Sick/Shut-In
(P) Request for Prayer/Prayer Only
Revised: September 3, 2021

