

BEING A TRANSFORMING CHURCH IN A CONFORMING WORLD; MESSAGES TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN ASIA

<u>Thought</u>: Kingdom churches must be agents of transformation, reflecting ministry and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They must be an organized body operating in a spirit of unity, not conformed to the world, but reflecting the Kingdom of God in discipline and doctrine.

WORDS/PHRASES: Ministry, Worldliness, True Believers, Uncompromising

October 6 – A Message From The Master (Revelation 1:1-9)

October 13 - Ephesus-the Loveless Church (Revelation 2:1-7)

October 20 – Smyrna-the Persecuted Church (Revelation 2:8-11)

October 27 – Pergamum-the Compromising Church (Revelation 2:12-17)

Hymn - Since Jesus Came Into My Heart #301





Wear Pink- Breast Cancer Awareness and/or Purple-Domestic Violence
Awareness during the month of October

CHURCH EVENTS

Sumter Baptist Missionary & Educational Association An nual Session October 7 - 12, 2024 Taw Caw MB Church Summerton, SC

HYPE Program Lights on After-School Celebration

October 10, 2024 6:30pm Trinity Baptist Church 155 Wall St.

Joint Board Meeting October 26, 2024 9:00am

Sunday, October 27, 2024

"UNITY DAY"

PRAYER TIME

Beginning Sunday October 13, 2024. We will begin a morning prayer time each Sunday morning from 7:30-8:15 in room C-112. You are invited to come for a few minutes or for the entire time.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Ministry Leaders we need your help Tentative Brief Zoom Meeting October 3, 2024 6:00 pm

Soul Sister Gathering

Meet and Greet October 19, 2024 10:00 - 12:00 noon MH Newton Family Life Center

We want to meet sisters of all ages who have joined the church from 2019 to the present. Or if you are still deciding on a ministry, we want to see you.

Community Prayer Meeting

On Sunday October 13, 2024, beginning at 5pm, we will co-sponsor a community prayer time along with The Church of the Holy Comforter and Westminster Presbyterian Church at Holy Comforter 213 North Main St. Please join us as we intercede on behalf of our community.

Please invite others to attend.



JMBC Health Corner

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This began in 1985 when a British Chemical Industries company began a weeklong campaign to promote mammograms as the best way to fight breast cancer. Former First Lady, Betty Ford was a breast cancer survivor and she helped to raise awareness of breast cancer. Evelyn Lauder, a breast cancer survivor and Senior Corporate Vice President of Estee' Lauder, distributed pink ribbons after the Self Magazine's second annual issue on breast cancer. To this day nonprofit organizations, governmental and medical groups partner together to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The pink ribbon represents the courage to fight breast cancer, hope for the future, and charitable goodness of people and businesses who publicly support the breast cancer movement.

Breast cancer is a disease in which abnormal breast cells grow and form tumors. Breast cancer is the second most common type of cancer in women in the United States. What's important to know, men can have breast cancer as well.

Risk factors include family history, genetics, sex, age, smoking, alcohol consumption, obesity, radiation exposure, and hormone replacement therapy.

Things to reduce your risk:

- 1. Women should begin getting mammograms early. Talk with your GYN doctor to determine when you should begin
- 2. Managing stress overall health
- 3. Avoid smoking which increases the risk of heart disease and lung cancer
- 4. A healthy diet to include fruits and vegetables. Limit red and processed meats and processed foods
- 5. Exercise regularly

Let's support persons with breast cancer and salute our breast cancer survivors.

Revelation: Your Hope or Your Despair?



The book of Revelation reveals God's final Word- the person of Jesus Christ -for His people to His world. We will be examining the warnings and instructions given in letters to the seven churches and explore what this means for us today. The time is near, His Word is final, He is coming back for His people. He will make all things new again! He is our hope! (Adapted from BSF International -Revelation Our Hope, 2024)

This week JMBC Small Groups will be kicking off its study of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Many people have expressed fear of reading this book, but in actuality there is nothing to be fearful of, if you are a born again believer in Jesus Christ. In actuality this book is filled with hope for the believer. If you have never read this book of the Bible, now is the time to put away your fears and claim the blessings promised to those who read, hear and take to heart the words in this book of the Bible. Small Groups will be taking a close look at the seven churches, join us in a group and decide which church mostly describes your walk of faith. Please call the church office at 803-775-4032 Ext. 7 Family Ministry office or 803 847-1765 or 1769 to speak with someone about joining a Small Group. Don't wait too long, blessings await you in this study!



Leroy Staggers Mary Wigfall London Budden, Jr. Harris Richardson Shirley Brown Robert McKelvie, Jr. Aniya Nelson June Albritton **Ruth Evans** Braley McCutchen Sterling TaBon Johnny Wigfall **Dorothy Herriott** Alisa Wheeler Kenneth Williams James Colter Rose Mickens Sharon Lawrence Kimberly Boulware Jacqueline Hunt Kendal Jenkins Daisha Samuel Jabar Zuell Jimmie Goldson Esa Strickland Tacorie Tiller Shirul Ford Mary Gregg Jordan Hodge Monica Jackson Kennedy Rogers Ophelia Spencer Johnny Washington Demetri Pringle Jonathan Singleton Mary Nelson Pastor Marion Newton Elvira Washington Sheila Darrell Willie McFadden Roleesha Montgomery Ray Goodman Johnnie Washington Pinkie Wilson Ethel Byrd Ariyah Gray Adam Hodge Wilkinson Knight **Edmond Palmer Darlene Conyers** Kellye Woodard Marcello Boatwright

Donald Little Sallie McDuffie Karen Myers Necole Jacobs Ruby Frink Jonathan Singleton, Jr. Thomas Washington Oliver Coleman, Sr. James Gamble James Sinkler Mary Wilson Bessie Keels Richard Martin Luke Stewart, Jr. **Betty Sumter Ruth James** Rosa Kelley Craige Sloan, Sr. Bennie Grant Frizell Johnson Ouinton McLeod Constance Oliver Beatrice Shirley Margaret Simon Robert Zimmerman Sara Bynum Marie Watts Keysa Rogers Shirley Roman

JMBC Veteran of the Month

U.S. Air Force Retired Veteran Michael J. Alvin served our Country from 1978 to 2004 with 26 years of honorable service.

After retirement Veteran Alvin made Sumter his home and worked as a Claims Adjuster for State Farm Insurance.

He currently enjoys serving and praising God as he travels around the world. He and his beautiful spouse Lenise have been married for 23 years, and they have three children, Malikah, Manny, and Mike.

Thank you for your service!





Blessings Of Studying Your Bible

Between the "already" of your conversion and the "not yet" of your final home going, few things are more important in the Christian life than a practical and functional level of biblical literacy. One of the Father's most important gifts to his children in the here and now is the gift of his Word, and we simply won't be what God has called us to be and consistently do what God has commanded us to do without an ability to draw wisdom and insight out of the pages of his amazing Book.

1. God Consciousness

Beginning with the first four words of the Bible – "In the beginning, God..." – the existence, character, and plan of God are splashed across every single page of Scripture. And since we were created for him, made to love and serve him, designed to walk in close communion with him, and called to do all that we think, say, and do in reference to him, there are few things more important to us than Scripture, because that's where we find God.

2. Self-Awareness

Second only to a life-shaping knowledge of God is a heart-humbling knowledge of self. But since sin is deceitful, we all must abandon the notion that no one knows us better than we know ourselves. As long as sin remains, there will be pockets of spiritual blindness in all of us.

3. Knowledge of God's Plan

It's a principle captured powerfully in our Lord's model prayer — "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). What's the principle? You and I were created to live for something bigger than ourselves. Because of this, God works to rescue us from the claustrophobic confines of our little kingdoms of self and deliver us to his big Kingdom of glory and grace.

4. Personal Transformation

If you were to ask the question, What is God doing right now in the lives of his children? you could answer the question in one word - change. Yes, the power of sin has been broken, but the presence of sin still remains, so God is working by grace to progressively transform every one of us.

5. Gospel Worldview

I don't know if you've thought about this, but you are a theologian. I don't mean an academic theologian studying biblical history and languages in seminary, but an everyday theologian. Every day, you and I interpret our experiences through the lens of theology. We make assumptions and draw conclusions about God, about ourselves, and about our world.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Beta Pi Zeta Chapter is soliciting your support to our Sacks of Love program. Sacks of Love was initiated approximately 17 years ago when our organization saw the need of low-income students that may not get a healthy meal on the weekends. Our goal is to get them healthy snacks that they can enjoy without the assistance of adult preparation. The numbers of this program have grown in the past 2 years, and we need your help to continue serving the children in need of the Sumter community. We have received donations in the past from some prominent businesspeople in Sumter and we truly appreciate their efforts. We sponsor two elementary schools, Crosswell Drive and Rafting Creek. We would appreciate it if you or your business would consider making a monetary donation to the Zeta Phi Beta "Sacks of Love" program. Our international organization is 501(c3) certified, so all donations are tax-deductible. Checks may be made payable to Beta Pi Zeta Chapter (SOL on the memo line), or you can use the following link to donate electronically.

ce * Sisterhood

(https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/20affdeb-0652-4d54-9a9a-f208b60a128c)

Or you may contact: Sue Catanch (803-469-0511), Chair Keisha Grant (803-840-1987) Cheryl Weeks (803-968-0802) Linda Avery (803-983-7663) Roslyn Canty-Brown (803-406-1825)