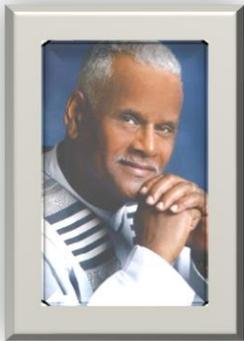


# ZBC News

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Dr. Marshall F. Prentice, Pastor



Peace and blessings  
Zionites,

This is the Lord's doing and its marvelous in our eyes (Psa.118:22). June is the month that we celebrate with our children, youth, and young adults. Let us not forget that we **honor all fathers!** What a marvelous month--second Sunday, Children's Day; fourth Sunday, Youth and Young Adults Day; and Father's Day, the third Sunday.

Historically "JUNETEENTH", June 19<sup>th</sup>-Freedom Day is a significant day

## Pastor's Pen

commemorating the abolition of slavery in Texas and celebrating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States. It is now a nationally recognized holiday.

Now that we are permitted to return to some sense of normalcy, post lock down, it's a good time for all, especially our young people. Being in the house of the Lord, worshipping and fellowshiping together. We are right in saying, "this is the Lord's doing and it's marvelous in our eyes."

God is bringing a Peace of Mind to them (our young people) by reminding us all; he

who keeps their minds on God will have perfect peace. (Isa.26:3). So, we are moving forward in Renewed Strength, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.

A note to all, we just came out of the month of May, the month of focusing on Mental Health (depression). Let us keep in prayer, the young lady-tennis pro, for her bravery, her stand and her need for self-care opening to all the importance of this situation. Keep her in PRAYER.

Because of Calvary,

*Pastor*

## Church Events

- † **6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15 am**  
Family Day  
Worship Service 10:15  
Communion Service  
immediately following worship service
- † **8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm**  
*Prayer Meeting*
- † **9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup> @7pm-9pm**  
*Evangelism Class via Zoom*  
Sis. Evi House -Teacher
- † **13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15am**  
*Children's Day*
- † **20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15am**  
Father's Day
- † **27<sup>th</sup> @10:15am**  
Youth & Young Adult Day
- † **Wednesdays Daytime @ 10:30am**  
*Bible Study*  
[Zoom ID: 861 1843 4969](https://www.zoom.us/j/86118434969)  
[Passcode: 426771](https://www.zoom.us/j/86118434969)
- † **Thursday Nights @7pm**  
*NBC Bible Study*
- † **Fridays @6am**  
Early Morning Prayer

# COVID Report

*As COVID-19 circumstances change, so does the matters of the church; or do they?*

COVID-19 surprised the nation with a stealth-like attack. No one was exempt from the effects of the deadly catastrophe. A pandemic was unknown to mankind other than in the context of history books. But to find ourselves actually in a pandemic changed our hearts, minds, and souls. Included in that list affected by the devastation are family dynamics, money matters, jobs, hospitalization, and

death. No one could cry out, "look at me," seeing as though everyone was affected. Every institution was required to make changes in order to keep people as safe as possible. Children could not attend school; and when a decision was finally made that children will be educated remotely, the impact on the child, families and educators took on a new face. Countrywide, statewide,

nationwide, and worldwide imposed curfews, shutdowns, restrictions, and penalties that perplexed the nation. Responding to the mandates was draining at best. Establishments closed including malls, restaurants, and even churches. How could this be? We needed God more than anything. Houses of worship closed their doors. But not Zion. Honoring every mandate to its utmost degree, Zion Baptist Church followed the rules by continuing to hold Sunday worship

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others.*

*Philippians 2:3-4*

services for its disciples and anyone else who wanted to join in. Zion kept to the law whether numeric value or the ever-changing percentages. Zion made God's word available to the community and to all who had a desire using the ZBC website, Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom. Praise God for our pastor, Dr. Marshall Prentice for following God's direction! We're still here.



## to Sunday School

We are proud and grateful that even through COVID, Sunday School has maintained its place. There has been one adult class with Sunday School teachers rotating. Be on the lookout for Sunday School classes to open up.

We will be on the lookout for our Children to return for classes. We understand the importance of arming our children with the word. Schedules will be announced and posted soon.

## 60<sup>th</sup> Progressive National Baptist Convention

***In Pursuit of Wholeness:  
Maximization of Potential***

The 60<sup>th</sup> PNBC will take place virtually from August 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. State conferences, workshops, the preached word, banquets, and so much more will be offered. This worthwhile and fulfilling convention will have you walking away with the Spirit.

You may visit [www.pnbc.org](http://www.pnbc.org) to identify possible sessions you'd like to attend. You may then see Lady Elvira Prentice to register and sign up. When doing so, you should remember and honor your commitment. The church will assume the cost for your attendance. Do not register independently and expect reimbursement.

## Welcome All New Disciples

We are glad you chose Zion. You have found a place where you will see, know, and learn that God loves you best and we love you too.



# Jerrelle, One of the Unforgettable

by Doris Holt

My sister, my cousin and I participated in all the youth-oriented organizations (now ministries). We were members of the Sunbeams, the Red Circle, the Young People's Guild, the Junior Choir, the Young People's Choir; we were all Junior Ushers, except Jerrelle, who decided she didn't want to stand when everyone else was seated. Sunday School, Sunday Services, BYPU (Baptist Training Union) and first Sunday Evening Communion Services formed our lives. So we grew in stature and in grace.

Until 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Jerrelle's name was pronounced as one syllable. Her teacher pronounced her name with the two syllables, Jer-relle, which from then on, she preferred. When addressed as one syllable Jerrelle, she firmly and consistently corrected you, two syllable Jerrelle. All complied except her mother and her husband who always addressed her as Jerrelle one syllable.

Jerrelle was quiet and a little whincy growing up, but she came into her own in high school (Dunbar) and college (Morgan) where she attended on a Senatorial Scholarship. Her journey began!

She moved rapidly through BCPS from math teacher in Cherry Hill to Associate Superintendent of Baltimore, garnering numerous, prestigious awards along the way.

Jerrelle was an effective trustee and a dutiful disciple at Zion. She continued her walk with God. Jerrelle was a part of the dynamic duo who took turns dispensing biblical essence to worldly issues. Adult Class No. 4, Sunday after Sunday, year after year, until the duo was disbanded by God.

I sat beside her, fourth row, right side, 7:45 Service, for 30 years. God changed her location; I changed mine.

As a hostess she was extraordinaire. Invited or just showing up, you felt welcomed

and she would effectively, seeming effortlessly, produce a four-star meal.

On family cruises we always said "Grace" and every Sunday morning we had Service with you know who as speaker.

She is now in Heaven, awaiting the arrival of more of her 1<sup>st</sup> cousins (needed for a quorum) so we can resume our Just Cousins' meeting, because after all she is president for life. What a journey!

Restful Peace.



Jerrelle Francois

by Yolonda Lambirth

Each first Sunday we approach the altar with giving on our minds and in our hearts. We participate in benevolence. Jerrelle had a vision about the future of Zion. She understood the commitment that was needed to actualize what God has in store for us. With that in mind, the act of bringing our building fund, The 365 Campaign, has been coined by Pastor Prentice as the Jerrelle March. We invite **you** to share in the vision by participating in the Jerrelle March on first Sundays. You don't have to wait until first Sunday to contribute. You may give electronically (Simple Give) or in person.

# Ladies Afternoon Tea

*"My cup runneth over"*

Psalm 23:5

A churchwide invitation was extended to the women by the Women of Faith to participate in an afternoon of fellowship and fun. On Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> the ladies showed up on Zoom looking mighty fine. This was a come-as-you-are event. Hats and pearls were suggested but your presence was most important. Nicely packed SWAG bags were distributed in advance. The reusable bags would serve nicely as a makeup tote, a "church candy" bag, or perhaps even a change purse. I can see many of you looking for your multi-purpose bag after reading these suggestions.

There was trivia, Pinkies Up, games, contests, and just plain ole fellowship since COVID has kept us apart. The Women of Faith leadership, Lady Elvira Prentice was insistent on these three facts:

- COVID has made a tremendous impacted on our way of serving;
- there remains a need to take care of one another as women;
- and ministry will go on!

The event was wonderful to the glory of God. Keep your eyes and ears open for more from the Women of Faith.



## We're Back...

**ZBC News has returned.** We apologize for the interruption in service. If you are interested in joining the Newsletter Ministry you may contact Yolonda Lambirth @ 410-440-8428 or [ynbrown713@outlook.com](mailto:ynbrown713@outlook.com).

**Let us hear from you.** You may submit documentation of God in action through ministry. Submit article, announcements, update, future events. All newsletter submissions are due the Monday before first Sunday. A great way to ensure your ministry information makes its way to the newsletter, identify a responsible person prior to the event. Pictures are welcomed.

**Beginning this month, The ZBC Newsletter will appear online under the ZBC website. They will be archived.**

*As COVID protocol changes we need everyone to remain safe.*

**Wear Your Masks**



*Stay tuned for announcements regarding Zoom, Livestreaming, and in-person ministry, events, and services. Circumstances are subject to changes by way of the Holy Spirit.*