

Zion Baptist Church

Celebrates the 40th Pastoral Anniversary



Honoring
Pastor Marshall F. Prentice
& The Pastor's Assistance Ministry

Sunday, September 21, 2025
10:00 A.M.

~Guest Preacher~

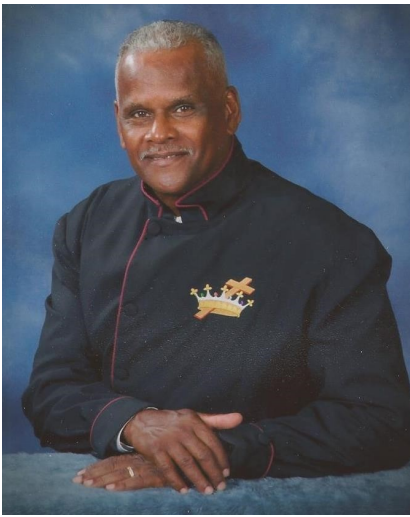
*Pastor Lehman Bates,
First Bethel Baptist Church,
Camp Springs, MD*

*A Church on the
Move!*

*Forging
Forward,
Following in
Faith, &
Fellowshipping in
Love*

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Greetings Zionites,

He leads me in the path of righteousness for His namesake, ...

I will dwell in the house of the Lord.

Peace and blessings Zionites and a blessed congratulations to our Pastor's Assistance Ministry forty years and thank you Zion for your goodness and mercy toward my wife and family and me over these

many years.

We have come a long way since 1985, many wonderful things have happened even the trials and challenging times have made us stronger wiser, and better. We might even say our love and appreciation has grown more - bringing us closer in the bonds of unity.

Our theme has been drawn from the 23rd Psalm one of the favorite scripture of our founder the late Rev. Dr. Matthew Wilkerson

"Forging Forward, Following in Faith, and Fellowshiping in Love." The idea is Zion is marching on through faith, following and fellowshiping in His Word which keeps us moving onward and upward.

A special thanks to our Assistance Ministry your kindness and unwavering support especially this year due to my and my wife's health issues you stepped up even more to make sure all our needs were met, we can't thank you enough.

And to you Zionites Family the ministers, joint boards and disciple members, your prayers, cards, and acts of generosity and kindness proves you are a living-proof of a loving God, I'm so godly proud of being your Pastor.

Thank you Dr. Lehman Bates, my Pastor, mentor, and friend, you have always been there for Elvira and I. Thank you for all you do and have done. A special thanks for bringing God's word and inspiring us to follow Jesus even more. And we thank the First Bethel Baptist Church for sharing you to bless us on this occasion.

Lastly to my Nubian Queen, you and our offspring, as well as siblings and in-laws, are the village that loves, encourages, and inspires the energy that by God's Spirit and Grace, We Move and have our being.

With love and joy
Because of Calvary

Pastor



GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR'S ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)

It is with immense pleasure to greet you on this 40th Pastor's Assistance Anniversary. We are especially grateful and excited that you are here celebrating with us.

Today marks another milestone. As we look back and see where the lord has brought us from all we can say is; “if it wasn't for the Lord on our side where would we be.”

Our prayer is that you feel the presence of Jesus love, abundant joy, and a wonderful experience on this glorious occasion.

We appreciate your abundant support, fellowship, and friendship with your presence. We thank you for your prayers and your assistance in making this a glorious occasion.

Please continue to pray for this ministry as we grow and bear much fruit for the kingdom of God. We wish everyone abundant joy, happiness, and love.

We extend our sincere thanks to our guest preacher, Pastor Lehman Bates, for taking part in this incredibly special occasion.

The Pastor's Assistance Ministry

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Biographical Sketch of Dr. Marshall F. Prentice

Zion Baptist Church Baltimore, Maryland

An effective preacher, teacher, or pastor today must possess a heart for the people, loving them as God loves us. God promised to provide pastors after His own heart (Jeremiah 3:15), and Zion has indeed been graced with a remarkable preacher, teacher, and pastor in the person of Pastor Dr. Marshall F. Prentice.

Dr. Marshall F. Prentice serves as the Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, a forward-thinking urban Baptist congregation located in Baltimore, Maryland. His dedication to furthering God's Kingdom on earth is evident in his devoted involvement in the church's community development initiatives, which include programs for senior citizens, youth empowerment, cultural awareness, homelessness, drug rehabilitation, transitional housing, and mission/outreach activities.

Pastor Prentice and his wife, the former Elvira Johnson, are the proud parents of three children—Tonya, Preston, and Kevin—and grandparents to two grandsons, Brandon Jamaal and Konner Anthony.

A Pittsburgh, PA native, Pastor Prentice holds a dual-major equivalent in Elementary Education and Theology from Geneva College. He earned his Master's in Counseling Education from the University of Pittsburgh and his Master of Divinity from the Samuel D. Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA.

Ordained at Victory Baptist Church in Pittsburgh under Dr. Lehman D. Bates, he led the First Antioch Baptist Church in Greensburg, Pennsylvania for seven years before taking the helm at Zion in 1985. Under his guidance, Zion has experienced growth not only in numbers and finances but, most importantly, in spirit.

Zion Baptist Church, under Pastor Prentice's leadership, is dedicated to advancing in faith to nurture and grow its Christian mission. He aims to extend God's love beyond the church's walls. He was also a founding member and the inaugural President of Clergy United for the Renewal of East Baltimore (CURE), an organization committed to the health, welfare, and spiritual well-being of the citizens of East Baltimore.

Pastor Prentice has assumed numerous roles since arriving in Baltimore, including serving on the Empowerment Team for the City of Baltimore, being the Past President of Clergy United for Renewal of East Baltimore (C.U.R.E.), and the Past President of the Progressive Baptist Convention of Maryland. Currently, he served as the Co-Chair of the Clergy Caucus for Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development (B.U.I.L.D.). Pastor Prentice has been honored with several awards:

- The Ray of Hope Religion Award by the Black Professional Men in June 2006;
- The Excellence in Leadership Award by the Fullwood Foundation in January 2006;
- A Doctor of Divinity by the Virginia Seminary of Lynchburg, Virginia, on December 21, 1986; and
- A Doctor of Human Letters by the Eastern Theological Seminary in October 2000.

Pastor Prentice has delivered sermons in Africa and continues to receive invitations to preach in esteemed pulpits across Maryland and beyond. He is a staunch advocate of the teachings of his favorite scripture, Romans 1:16 – "For I am not ashamed of the gospel."



Biographical Sketch of Dr. Lehman D. Bates



Dr. Lehman D. Bates, a native of Columbus, Ohio, was licensed to the Gospel Ministry and ordained into the Pastoral Ministry through the Union Grove Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio, and the Columbus, Ohio Baptists Pastor's Conference. He currently serves as the spiritually pragmatic Pastor of the First Bethel Baptist Church in Upper Marlboro, MD. Previously he pastored First Baptist Church of Marshall Heights, Washington, DC; Victory Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, PA; and Second Baptist Church in Delaware, OH.

Dr. Bates is a dedicated teacher, profound thinker, and motivating humanitarian. As a dedicated Pastor, preacher, teacher, and speaker, he desires to be a positive motivator of individuals and groups, encouraging them to achieve their full potential. He travels and ministers domestically and internationally to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and provide counseling, health care support, medical supplies, and enlightened meaning of the Word to developing countries. His mission travels included the Caribbean, East & West Africa, Israel, Iran, Saudi Arabia, India, West Indies and Europe. He is the Executive Assistant of "Global Faith Alliance," which provided health care support, counseling, and the work of missions in St. Kitts-Nevis and Haiti for a number of years.

As a family man, Dr. Bates is the grateful and honored father of one son, Pastor Lehman D. Bates II, who is married to the former Gloria Pailen, and one daughter, the late Lori DeVon Bates Curry, who was married to Melvin Curry and the parents of

Dr. Bates' three delightful and loving granddaughters.



ENTER TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader

Sister Sharron Trogdon

Processional

Pastor's Assistance Ministry, Pastor Prentice & Family

Invocation

Congregation

"Almighty and everlasting God, who gives to all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication. Fill us, Oh Lord, with holy, peaceful, and beautiful thoughts, that with steadfast minds and kindled affection, we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth". Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"Lift Him Up"

Welcome

Sister Tesher Faulkner

The Occasion/Reflections

Sister Sharron Trogdon

Responsive Reading

Sister Milikka Smith

Prayer/Choral Response

Deacon Lyndon Nicholson

Musical Offering

The Whispers

Tithes, Offering, & 365: Malachi 3:8,10 "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it". Amen.

Offertory Response "We Exalt Thee"

Introduction of Guest Preacher

Sister Tesher Faulkner

Musical Offering

ZBC Music Ministry

The Preached Word

Pastor Lehman Bates, First Bethel Baptist Church

Invitation to Discipleship / Invitational Hymn

Pastor's Appreciation March

Closing Remarks

*Pastor's Assistance Ministry
Pastor Marshall F. Prentice & Family*

BENEDICTION

DEPART TO SERVE



Lift Him Up

1 How to reach the masses, *men of ev'ry birth,

For an answer Jesus gave the key:

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,

Will draw all men unto Me.”

Refrain:

Lift Him up, (Lift the precious Savior up),

Lift Him up, (Lift the precious Savior up),

Still He speaks from eternity:

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,

Will draw all men unto Me.”

2 Oh! the world is hungry for the Living Bread,

Lift the Savior up for them to see;

Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said,

“I'll draw all men unto Me.” [Refrain]

3 Don't exalt the preacher, don't exalt the pew,

Preach the Gospel simple, full and free;

Prove Him and you will find that promise is true,

“I'll draw all men unto Me.” [Refrain]

4 Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought,

Let the world in you the Savior see;

Then men will gladly follow Him who once taught,

“I'll draw all men unto Me.” [Refrain]



Responsive Reading

64. CLERGY APPRECIATION

Good Shepherd of the sheep, you have appointed some to be pastors and teachers, under-shepherds of our souls. For this we give thanks.

We rejoice that they follow in the tradition of the apostles and prophets of old.

Apostles are commissioned as delegates of the Lord Jesus Christ to bring the Word of God to the unbelieving.

They proclaim the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

After Jesus prayed, he then selected the initial twelve apostles to further his teaching.

They were trained by his example to carry on his ministry after his departure.

Jesus commissioned seventy more apostles, representing all the nations of the world.

After his departure, the apostles testified to his resurrection. Barnabas and Andronicus, Junia and Paul, were added to this group.

The prophets are messengers to the believing Church, discerned as instruments of fresh revelations.

They included Anna and Simeon, the prophets at Antioch and Jerusalem, and finally, Philip's daughters.

Prophets give inspired instruction in moral and religious truth. Some are endowed with literary powers, and commit their visions and revelations to writing.

Prophets edify, comfort, and counsel God's people.

Among the apostles and prophets whom we honor today are Richard Allen and Absalom Jones, Jarena Lee, Lemuel Haynes, Sojourner Truth, and Bishops Mason and Lawson.

Thanks be to God!

We also honor Adam Clayton Powell, Benjamin Mays, Howard Thurman, Pauli Murray, Martin Luther King Jr., C. L. Franklin, J. H. Jackson, and Samuel Procter. We give thanks for unnamed servants of the Lord, women and men of the past, as well as those who serve us today.

Thanks be to God!

Our clergy announce God's will with authority, honoring the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus. They take heed to build carefully upon his foundation, studying and rightly dividing the word of truth.

Thanks be to God for the diligent efforts of our clergy!



SERMON NOTES

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A Heartfelt Thank You from Zion's Ministries

Romans 10:15b (NKJV)...How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" On behalf of the ministerial staff, we would like to congratulate our Pastor for 40 years of service to Zion. You provide such an example for us of what a man of God exemplifies. Thank you for your guidance, wisdom and tough love you provide. You deserve to be celebrated. To God be the glory for the great things He has done through you. Ministers

Congratulations Pastor Prentice, sister Prentice and family for 40 years of service. We appreciate your spiritual leadership. How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity. Psalm 133:1 The Deacon Ministry

As the under shepherd of Zion Baptist Church and trustee, Pastor Marshall F. Prentice, is a great teacher and visionary that has taught us the importance of a personal relationship with God, the Father, Jesus Christ, the Son and the Holy Spirit. He also taught us the importance and purpose of stewardship (Titus 1:7) as it relates to a disciple's assignment to manage / steward God's gifts and riches (Galatian 4:1-2)

Praise God for a blessed 40 years! Congratulations Pastor Prentice. We praise God for your leadership, love and the relationship! To God we give the glory for Pastor Prentice and the Prentice Family. Ephesians 4:11 "To some He gave apostles, some prophets, some evangelist and some pastors and teachers." The Deaconess Ministry

Education Ministries

Pastor Prentice for 40 yrs has been a man of integrity, Great Father, Husband, Grandfather, and Friend to many. A true man of God committed to preaching, teaching and transforming lives. Happy 40th Anniversary! Zion's Sunday school ministry.

The Scholarship Committee applauds Pastor Prentice for forty years of dedicated commitment to religious as well as secular education. We value and appreciate his unwavering support of students who actively pursue higher education.

Congratulations to Pastor Prentice, Mrs. Prentice and the Pastor's Assistants on this glorious 40th Anniversary.

From the Children's and Youth Ministries. And: The Children's Church would like to say that we're glad that you're our pastor. Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations Pastor Prentice & family for 40 years of dedicated commitment and service to the Wednesday Daytime Bible Study Class. We enjoy and appreciate you. Love Always!

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it's the Power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..." Romans 1:16 - Congratulations Pastor Prentice! Thank you for proudly proclaiming the Word of God for 40 years Teacher, Preacher, Servant of God encouraging discipleship, and teaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. We Love Our Teacher! Thursday Night Bible Study

Pastor, we are truly grateful for the love, guidance, and wisdom you have poured into us as youth and young adults, helping us grow in faith and purpose. Your dedication has shaped our spiritual journeys and shown us what it means to live boldly for Christ. On your 40th pastoral anniversary, we celebrate you with hearts full of gratitude for being a steadfast leader and mentor in our lives. Always remember GOD LOVES YOU BEST, I LOVE YOU TOO! YYA

We the Men of Unity ministry congratulate you on 40 years of service as Zion Baptist Church's Servant Leader. We thank you for your steadfast support and commitment to the ministry. Your spiritual leadership to Teach, Testify, and Transform has helped us stay focused on our Christian walk with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the Lord continue to bless you and your family as Zion forge forward.



"This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed." (1 Corinthians 4:1) The WJB, Jr. Deaf Ministry congratulates Pastor Prentice, Lady Elvira and the entire Prentice Family, for 40 years of exemplary service.

Mission Ministries

Pastor Prentice, Lady Prentice, & Family

We would like to take this opportunity to say thanks, for a strong foundation for Mission, and for using your life as an Example. one thing we learn not only do we care For the persons we serve, but also care About the person, we serve. Prentice Family We appreciate you. Mission/New Life Ministry

Continued blessings to Pastor Prentice and First Lady Prentice for their leadership, guidance and support of the Seed of Hope Ministry over the years. Zion Baptist Church has become known as a welcoming community of believers who accept people for who and where they are. Living out our purpose to administer the principles of God's Word to incarcerated and returning citizens and their children, we all grow as we journey together creating a truer sense of community. Seed of Hope Ministry

Pastor Marshall Prentice's four decades of dedicated service to the Healing Ministry has been a blessing to many. The Healing Ministry has brought hope and comfort to countless lives. Ministry of Healing



Joyful Saturday meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We gather at a Mennonite Church with Ministerial support and other volunteers to distribute donated items of prepared foods, clothing and personal care items, etc. We honor God's Word of love and compassion as presented in the Gospel. We're thankful for a Pastor whose teachings "Come to Life" in this manner. Happy 40th Anniversary!

Over the years, your leadership and service to the B.U.I.L.D. Organization have been Very Impactful to the Citizens of Baltimore and beyond. Thank you for being a God Force for Justice and Equity. Congratulations on your 40th Anniversary The B.U.I.L.D. Action Team

Service Ministries

Thank you isn't enough to say how grateful we appreciate you. Pastor, you have been a blessing and service to the church. Congratulations for 40 years at Zion Baptist Church. The Pastor's Assistants Ministry

Marshall Frank Prentice

M- a man of integrity who serves GOD well.

F - fear of the LORD as he fed his flock

P - a pastor of GOD'S heart The Multimedia Ministry

Pastor Marshall F. Prentice, a spiritual and powerful leader, a true man if God here at Zion for 40 years, has always been a strong advocate for making transportation to and from church available for Zion members. We give honor and thanks to Pastor Prentice for ensuring this vital resource is available for those who need it, so that we all can fellowship and break bread together. Transportation Ministry

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever. "Isaiah 40:8" -Thank you Pastor Prentice for instilling the Word of God in our hearts for 40 Years! You are our blessing! Happy Anniversary -The Flower Circle Ministry

The Adult Usher's would like to congratulate Pastor Prentice and Lady Elvira on 40 years. For the early Sunday mornings. For the middle of the night calls. For the wise counsel and advise. For all of the prayers. For patience, love and sacrifice. Thank you for always giving your all. You are so appreciated, please know that God loves you best and we love you too. Love Adult Usher's Ministry.

Your leadership, wisdom, and love have made a lasting impact on our lives. You've not only preached the Word-you've lived it. You've taught us what it means to walk in faith, to lead with integrity, and to serve with purpose. Happy 40 years love and appreciation, We look forward to 40 more! Youth Ushers ministry

"Feed my sheep." — John 21:17 As the Culinary Ministry, we understand that nourishment is more than food--It's the love, care, and presence that feed the soul. Pastor Prentice, your unwavering dedication has been a feast for our spirits. Through every sermon, prayer, and act of love, you've nourished this body of believers with truth and grace. We thank God for your 40 years of service, and thank you for feeding our faith and inspiring our service. CONGRATULATIONS!! The ZBC Culinary Ministry

Thank you, Pastor Prentice, Sis. Prentice and the Prentice family for answering the call to Zion 40 years ago. Congratulations on this memorable occasion! Your prayers, teaching, and counsel have immensely blessed us and strengthened our walk in the Lord. Thank you for demonstrating living proof of a loving God. It only takes a spark ... Love Professional Counseling Ministry

*Thank you Pastor Prentice for 40 years of unwavering faith, guidance, and dedication within our congregation. We appreciate how you preach and teach God's word with all boldness We are deeply grateful for your commitment to serving God and His people
Courtesy Guild Ministry*

On your 40th Pastoral anniversary, the Couples Ministry wants to acknowledge your leadership, support and sacrifices. Your faithfulness in spreading the word of God has touched countless lives, including ours. In Titus 2:7-8, Paul instructs "In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned. "We strive to follow in you as you follow Christ.

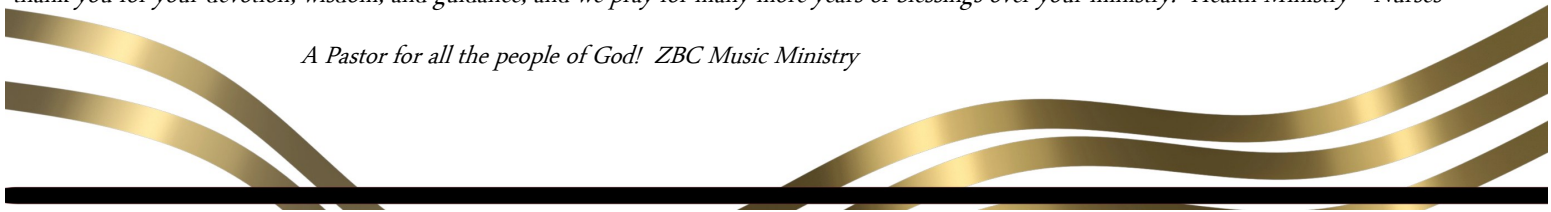
Pastor Prentice, the Senior Usher Ministry appreciate and thank you for your hard work and dedication you have shown us over the past 40 years. You are a wonderful shepherd to your flock and we thank you for your teaching, preaching, love, and all you do. Congratulations on your 40th Anniversary!

Pastor Prentice Your unwavering dedication, compassionate leadership, and steadfast faith have been a guiding light to so many. We honor your service, rejoice in your accomplishments, and thank you for the countless lives you've touched. May this milestone be a testament to your enduring commitment, and may the years ahead be filled with continued blessings and joy!

The Women of Faith Ministry congratulates Pastor Prentice, Lady Vi, and their family on 40 years of dedicated service. Your leadership has greatly supported our ministry and unified us in faith. We are grateful for Lady Vi's spiritual classes, conferences, and retreats, and appreciate her inspiration and positivity. Thank you both for supporting a ministry that empowers women of all ages to live in the representation of Jesus Christ.

Congratulations on your 40th Pastoral Anniversary. Your forty years of faithful service have been a generous gift to congregation and community. We thank you for your devotion, wisdom, and guidance, and we pray for many more years of blessings over your ministry. Health Ministry—Nurses

A Pastor for all the people of God! ZBC Music Ministry



40th PASTORAL

Anniversary



THANK YOU

