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### Am I My Brother's and Sister's Keeper?

This Fourth of July is going to be a lot different than in the past. There will be no fireworks. There will be no parades. Maybe that is how it is supposed to be. Maybe without all of us wrapping ourselves around the flag, watching fireworks fan out and cover the night sky with blue, red, white, yellow, and green displays of light, and the dazzling displays of fire trucks, police cars, floats and bands, maybe will we step back and pause to think, "What does freedom mean?" and "Who is truly free in this country?"

The events that have erupted with the death of George Floyd, Ahmaud Aubrey, Breonna Taylor, Sandra Bland, Eric Gardner, Tony Timpa..... the list unfortunately goes on and on, have caused me to think about racism. How have I contributed to keeping the sin of racism alive in this country? Let me say that I do not consider myself a racist, but that does not excuse me from contributing to the sin of racism. Rev. Tim Keller\* says that corporately, white America is responsible for the sin of racism. In Romans 5:12, "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned." Even though Adam and Eve sinned, their sin is incorporated into us. So that all of the human race has sinned. I have personal sins, and you have personal sins, but we also have sin in our life through our connection to Adam and Eve. So, it is with the sin of racism. Even though I am not personally responsible for slavery, I am corporately responsible for it, because I am a White European American.

So, should I bear this sin of racism for the rest of my life? The answer is "No!" Jesus Christ has died to remove all sin for those that believe and confess their sins. They have received forgiveness. Again, Romans 5:18 says, "Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all." We receive forgiveness of sin through repentance. The word repentance comes from the Greek word "metanoia," which means "a transformative change of heart, especially a spiritual conversion." In simpler terms, one needs to acknowledge one's sin, to turn

around, and go in a new direction. That is what I feel is behind the protests. The protests are calling on White Americans as a group to acknowledge the sin of racism by not just saying "I am sorry," but by making real societal changes in the ways that we interact with Black, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, Indian, and other races in the United States. We also need to break down barriers in our government and businesses that have disadvantaged these people. We do not have any barriers here in Dorchester County or here in Cambridge. Or do we? Are we blinded and do not see the barriers? Just because we do not see them does that mean that they do not exist?

So where do we start? We start by looking at all people in the world as children of God. As the Body of Christ, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:28-29) We cannot simply look the other way and say, "That is not my sister or brother who is in need," because according to God's Word, they are.

So, to answer the question, "Am I my brother's and sister's keeper?" the answer is "Yes!" "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it," (I Corinthians 12:26).

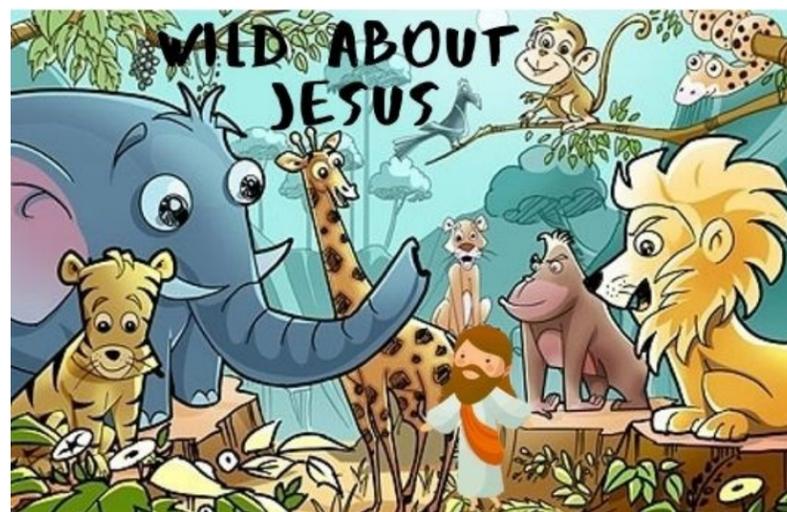
Where do we go from here? I do not exactly know, but we start with God. I am reading the Bible, praying to God for direction, watching different recorded Zoom and YouTube videos from church leaders and bishops, and reading different points of view. I will also be asking for your help in how we can do the hard work of repentance and reconciliation. We are all in this together. "Freedom for all people" is what we need to work toward, so that we can celebrate Independence Day. Christ died for all people.

God bless you,  
 Pastor Dave Kelley

\*YouTube: Racism and Corporate Evil: A White Guy's Perspective – Tim Keller

### Vacation Bible School On-Line Starting July 7!

By Ashton Moody



Young disciples of **ALL** ages are invited to join Pastor Dave, Ashton, and other members of our Zion Family for Virtual VBS.

Wild About Jesus VBS will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning July 7 for five weeks. Sessions will include music, a message, crafts, games and other activities. The daily sessions will last about 15-20 minutes. Links will be posted on Facebook and YouTube so that your family can participate in this Virtual VBS at a time convenient for you. If your young disciples and/or family would like to participate, please respond to: Janel (office@zionumccambridge.org) by Wednesday, July 3.

## 2020 - Zion's 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

### What Was Happening The Year Zion Was Formed?

#### 240 Years Ago - July 1780

July 1780 - Rochambeau and the French Army arrive in Newport, Rhode Island to join the allied cause

July 1780 – The first bank created in the United States, the Bank of Pennsylvania, is chartered.

#### July News of the 1800s

Trustees of Zion Chapel—July 16, 1846—Ordered by the board that the old church be exposed to public sale on Monday, the 17th. day of August next to the highest bidder, without reserve (except as to Pulpit seating and furniture which are hereby excepted) and that the terms of such sale shall be six, 12 and 18 months note and security with interest from the date of sale. And that Wm. Rea be and he is hereby appointed and authorized to make such sales.

Democrat & News—July 19, 1873 The work of repairing the town spring is in active operations but before it commenced, our Chief Judge suggested to Mr. F. H. the propriety of arranging seats in the valley and notifying all loafers in town of the fact so the contractors and workmen could have full benefit of their many suggestions and profound wisdom gathered from witnessing and commenting upon every piece of work that has been executed in Cambridge for the last ten or twenty years.

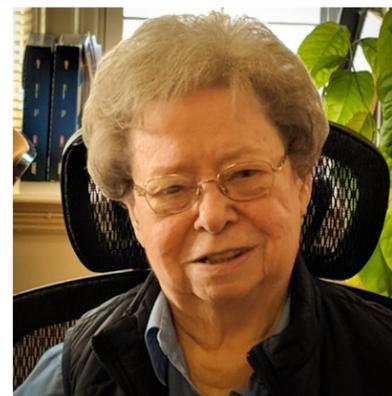
Cambridge News—July 2, 1881—A town meeting was called last Saturday night in Bothum's Hall to take action in reference to the enforcement of the Sunday law. It is said the meeting was slimly attended, but those who were present resolved to do all in their power to prevent further violence of the law relating to the Sabbath. We understand the main object is to prevent the landing or shipping of freight here by the steamers on Sunday, and to this end a committee was appointed to wait on the captains and inform them of the action of the meeting with what result we have not learned. Another meeting will be held this Saturday night.

Cambridge News—July 9, 1881 On Wednesday last the corner-stone of Zion M. E. Church of this town now being rebuilt, was laid with interesting and impressive ceremonies of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. At 11 A.M. Major Wm. E. Stewart, of Easton, delivered a very appropriate and able address in the Court house in reference to the work of the Methodist church here and elsewhere, with accurate statistical reports, etc. The Major is a recent convert to Methodism, and his remarks were listened to with a great deal of interest. In the afternoon Rev. J. S. Willis of Delaware, addressed a large audience, and spoke very forcibly and eloquently of what the Methodist church is doing in the great work of evangelizing the world. At the conclusion of his remarks the assemblage repaired to the church yard to witness the laying of the corner stone. Rev. J. S. Willis was master of ceremonies, with the following ministerial assistants: Rev. E. P. Aldred, of Easton; Rev. Wm. S. Robinson, of Beckwith's; Rev. W. H. Edwards, of M. E. Church south, of Cambridge, and Rev. Alfred Smith, of Oxford. A number of articles were placed in the stone by the pastor including silver coin which was deposited at the first corner stone laying thirty-six years ago, copies of the Democrat & News, Chronicle and Era, some specimens of wood, stone, sand and other things from Palestine, which were presented for the occasion by one of our citizens, the names of the trustees, building committee, pastor, & etc. There was a large attendance at the ceremonies, many of whom were present at the first laying in 1845.

Democrat & News—July 16, 1881 The stone work on the M. E. Church now that it is fairly started, will go ahead more rapidly. The tower and the new walls are up about six feet.

July 15, 1893—The tax gatherer will soon be coming to see us again in the West End. So far we have seen no results of the money collected from us last year, although the law, I am told, provides that our taxes shall be applied to improving the new part of town. Our streets need shells badly and now is the time to put them on and we have paid enough money to have them put on. Will we get them? We need a gas lamp or two and are told that the Gas Co. will extend the mains as soon as the Council will contract for the lamp. We don't like to pay our taxes and then be neglected. The members of the City Council have all sworn to obey the law.

Democrat & News—July 11, 1896—There is no place at the Court House for a telephone. The thing would be a great convenience to the citizens generally, but the officials are afraid that it would require too much of their time to answer their calls.



We mourn with her family and friends while celebrating the life of faithful servant Norma Reed, who went to be with the LORD on June 14, 2020.



June 14, 2020

Dear Friends of Zion,

Thank you for all the prayers, love, support, cards and encouraging phone calls I received since my injury and hospitalization in January and my recovery at home.

The special remembrances left by Zion at Easter, Mother's Day, Pandemic, were cheery reminders that even though we could not attend we were not forgotten!

Thank you, Pastor Dave, for your telephone prayers and conversations. We were so happy to be able to attend today's outdoor service - beautiful weather and sunshine in "God's garden" - and I know we will all be glad when we can gather together to worship in our beautiful sanctuary when the time is right.

In Christian love,

Joyce Turner

## Zion's Prayer Chains

**Did you know that when you or someone you know is in need of prayer, that your Zion family is ready to PRAY?**

We have two Prayer Chains, the first is a Phone Prayer Chain. Whomever receives/has a prayer request calls the next person on the list. When the request reaches the person who started it, the chain is complete.

The goal of this prayer chain is to get as many people as possible praying as quickly as possible.

Irene Howard	410-228-3195
Dot Geoghegan	410-228-0508
Ann Moore	410-228-7629
Shirley Spedden	410-228-1649
Gloria Brake	410-228-2712
Karla Wilkins	443-521-3527
Charlotte Booze	410-228-3190 (home) 410-463-0493 (cell)
Patricia Haring	410-476-4825
Mary June McGinnis	410-228-0941
Joan Reinisch	410-228-9232
Church Office/Janel Parke	310-8769 (cell) 410-228-0365 (home) 410-228-4910 (church office)**

\*\*While the Church remains closed because of COVID-19, it is best to call Janel at home or on her cell.

We also have an Email Prayer Chain. Requests can be emailed to [office@zionumccambridge.org](mailto:office@zionumccambridge.org) or call or text Janel with the prayer request. Prayer requests are then sent out to about 20 people on the Email Prayer Chain. These requests may not be sent out immediately, but they will be sent out as soon as possible.

When requesting prayer, please be sure to let us know which chain or chains you wish to use as well as whether or not the person's name can be placed on our Praise & Prayer Lists read during services. If the request is confidential, please specify that. Please keep in mind, particularly with the way we are conducting worship services, that names are read on YouTube, Facebook, and at times, on the radio, so people may be sensitive to having their name announced. We are using names only for these lists; God knows the rest.

## Zion Memories

by Susan Robinson



When my great-grandparents moved to Cambridge from Hooper's Island early in the twentieth century, they came to Zion with their family of 9 children. I grew up in Zion Church. My parents were married at Zion; both of their funerals were held in Zion's sanctuary. My sister, brother, and I were all baptized at Zion and confirmed as members of the (United) Methodist Church at Zion. The stained-glass windows behind the altar are dedicated in memory of Great Gran (who I knew briefly) and Captain Luther (who I never knew) by their children. Phillips and Rozelle of the Phillips-Rozelle Room are Uncle Thurman and Meme, my grandmother's siblings.

I remember attending church in Garrettson Hall, where services were held when the educational building was rebuilt after the fire in 1950; the sanctuary followed later. My baby brother was baptized there. I also remember attending the wedding of my friend June Andrews' older sister Sue to Phil Stephenson in Garrettson Hall. What I remember most vividly, however, is that the last spanking I ever received was after an evening service in Garrettson Hall. I was in the children's choir sitting in the front of the congregation with Shelly Creighton next to me. We, being bored with all the talking, decided to count the lights in the ceiling. But we didn't just count in our heads, we raised our arms into the air, pumping them enthusiastically with each light we counted. Apparently, my mother found this behavior unacceptable. When we got home she informed me that she, also, counted the lights, told me exactly how many (I don't remember the number now, and never revisited the task), stating that she didn't need to make a spectacle by waving her arms in the air. I suspect that she might not have been having a good day, as my brother was also in trouble. Robin Herman and I have determined that we probably first met each other sitting in the blue chairs in our nursery/kindergarten Sunday School class. I attended Sunday School from then until I left for college.

When the sanctuary was completed, the opening dedication was held, I think, in 1958 while my family was spending the summer in Memphis, where my father was managing their minor league baseball team. My grandmother sent us the news and maybe a program from the dedication. When we returned to Cambridge in the fall and I attended a church service in the new (current) sanctuary, I was awed by the beauty of the place. I remember walking down the center aisle, my black patent leather Mary-Janes sinking into the thick, elegant red carpet while I looked about at the overwhelming magnificence. I knew I was in the presence of God. I've had the privilege of seeing many impressive, famous cathedrals and churches in Europe, but none gave me such an awestruck feeling as I had the first time I entered our still beautiful sanctuary.

During my junior high and high school years, I was a Sunday night regular at IMYF and MYF for the spiritual growth, but, truth be told, because it was also fun! Every Sunday evening after the program/meeting we headed down to Garrettson Hall for refreshments and games and activities. One Sunday in February, 1964 when I was in charge of the program, I realized that I had a great dilemma in that the Beatles were scheduled to appear on Ed Sullivan. I was willing to forgo the fun and refreshments to get home in time for the show, but first I had a responsibility that I needed to carry out. I planned that program precisely, timing it to the minute, so that it would be over in time to see the performance. I even brought a hymnal home and sat in my third-floor bedroom singing the songs so I would know how much time to allow for them. I cannot remember now what those hymns were or what the message of the program was, but I do recall that several friends came home with me and that we made it to my house in time to see the lads.

So Zion Church is like home to me, with my personal family and my Zion family intertwined. Many of Zion's people watched me grow up, as I now have watched many of our younger members mature. While I will never forget many of those older members, I do not remember or even know the names of others who prayed for me and wished the best for me. I am sure some of our youngsters over the years never knew how I've prayed for and wished the best for them either. I hope that I can be a Christian role model as many of those older folks were for me. I do know that Zion Church has played a major part in my life and in my growth as a Christian.

## A Father's Day Delivery



Zion UMC blessed about 75 men in our church family with a special Father's Day delivery. Special thanks to our delivery drivers and their helpers: Diane Hoge; Meghan & Katelyn Masden (shown above); Elaine Horseman & Robert Condon; Susan Robinson; Susan Matthews; Robyn & Dalaney Mackert; Gloria & Ham Brake and Debbie & Kenny Thomas.

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
in July

4 Melvin & Joyce Turner  
10 Mike & Vista Cheesman  
15 Mark & Betsy Eberspacher

25 Daniel & Amy Insley  
26 Joseph & Annie Williams

**BIRTHDAYS**  
in July

2 Joyce Turner  
2 Carolyn Williams  
4 Gloria Willey  
5 Betsy Gannon  
5 Quinn McGinnis  
6 Morton Schunick  
7 Ella Creighton  
7 Mary June McGinnis  
7 Jane Parks  
8 Indigo Ellis  
8 Edwin Robbins

10 John "Clayton" Brooks IV  
10 Carl Dunnock V  
10 Laura Elliott  
15 Nicholas Meekins  
19 Elizabeth Ward  
20 Chad Edmondson  
20 Robin Farnell  
21 Stephanie Bloodsworth  
21 Christy Lednum  
21 Karla Wilkins  
24 Lake Nichols

24 Edvin Patterson  
25 Elise Pfeifer  
27 Robyn Edmonson  
27 Mike Thomas  
28 Edward Pridgen  
29 Sonny Dodson  
29 Chip Lednum  
29 John Lee  
31 Michael Dodd  
31 Joan Reinisch

<b>Baptized in July:</b>	1980 J. Clayton Brooks, III 1983 Winford Elliott III	1985 Laura Elliott 2011 Indigo Ellis	2011 Aiden Etchison 2014 Mia Schuyler
<b>Joined Zion in July</b>	2002 A. Delmer Willey 1983 Billie Sue Norton	1983 John Norton, III	
<b>Directory Update</b>	Alyssa Nantt 13263 Renshaw Rd. Princess Anne, MD. 21853		

**Mission Minute - Being Thankful**  
by Vista Cheesman

We are living in unusual and uncertain times. It can be said that God has our undivided attention. The question is, What we do with this attention. How we respond determines how we will spend eternity. In this period of isolation, have we increased our Prayer Time or Bible Study? Have we sought God's direction? The two ways to accomplish this task are to Pray and to Study. In Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians chapter 5 vs. 15 – 18, we are instructed to pray without ceasing, rejoicing always. How do we rejoice with all the difficulties around us? It begins by being thankful. Thankful? How can we be thankful for isolation, lost income, being out of work or sickness? His perfect plan unfolds in our lives, He protects and provides. We must trust that He can make good come from the evil arounds us as only He can.

In His timing, God does answer prayer. Sometimes yes, sometimes no and a lot of time wait. If you are having a hard time being thankful, try this idea. Start your day by listing 3 things you are thankful for on an index card. On the reverse side 3 things that need prayer. It is just that easy. Add a daily devotional and viola, there you are in communication with Father the God, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our teacher and comforter.

Summarize your prayers by asking for forgiveness, seeking His will, and acknowledging your salvation through grace, thereby finding thankfulness.

**A Prayer for Those Who Live Alone**

I live alone, dear Lord,  
Stay by my side,  
In all my daily needs  
Be thou my guide.

Grant me good health,  
For that indeed I pray,  
To carry on my work  
From day to day.

Keep pure my mind,  
My thoughts, my every deed,  
Let me be kind, unselfish  
In my neighbor's need.

Spare me from fire, from flood,  
Malicious tongues,

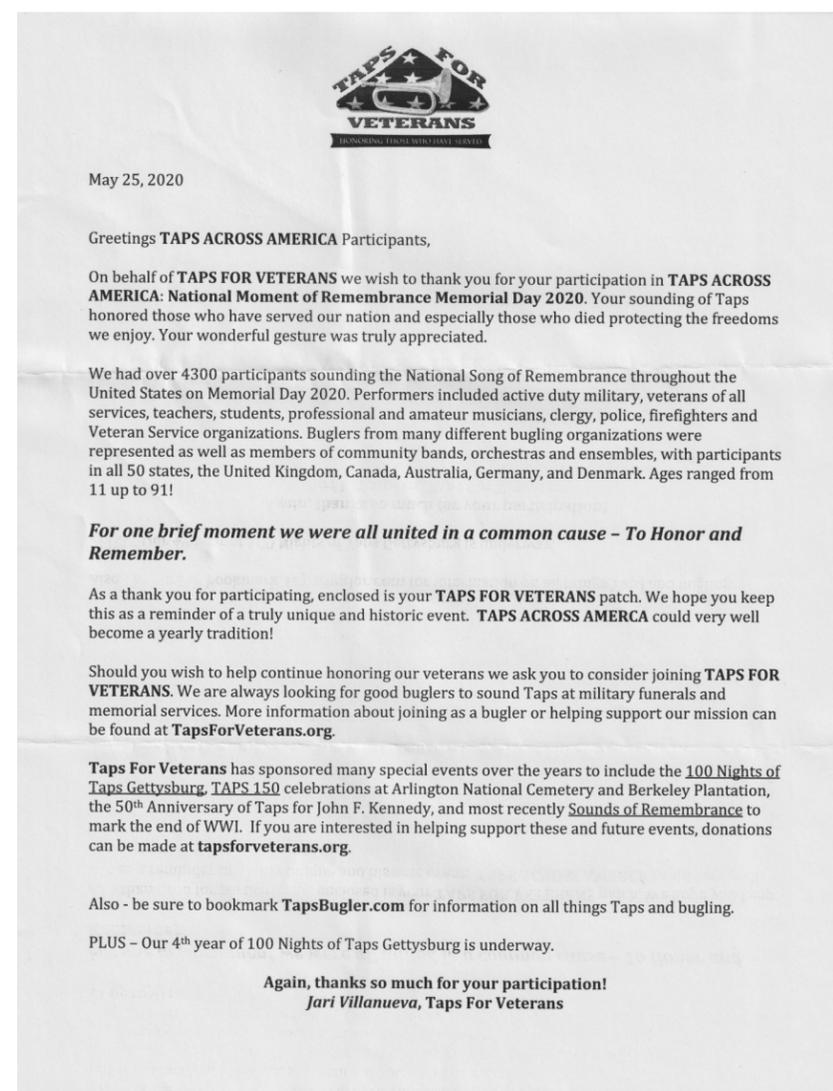
From thieves, from fear,  
And evil ones.

If sickness or an accident befall,  
Then humbly, Lord, I pray,  
Hear Thou my call.

And when I'm feeling low,  
Or in despair,  
Lift up my heart,  
And help me in my prayer.

I live, alone, dear Lord,  
Yet have no fear,  
Because I feel Your Presence  
Ever near, Amen.

Melson Funeral Services



On Memorial Day, several members of Zion participated in "Taps Across America" by playing Taps at 3:00 p.m. Kenny Thomas set Zion's carillon to play Taps, Grace Kelley played at Dorchester Memorial Park, and Craig Duerling played in his neighborhood.