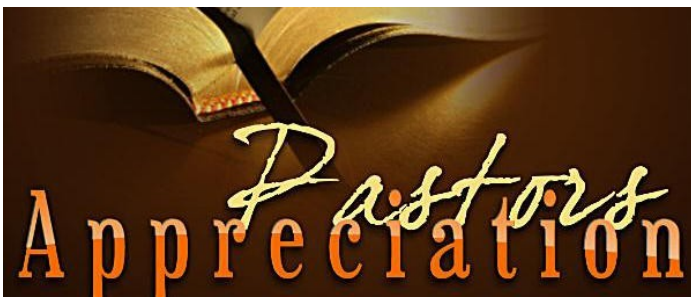




# The Zion Trumpet



**September 28 - 30, 2018**  
**7:30 and 11:00 AM**  
**Join us in this Celebration!**

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### Special Points of Interest:

- WMS Clothes Giveaway - Aug 10
- MIM Orientation - Aug 18
- C&A Golf Tournament - Aug 18
- WMS Afternoon in White - Aug 19
- Vote, Vote, Vote - Aug 28

*Join us for Morning Worship for our...*

**Family & Friends**

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**  
**7:30 and 11:00 am**

**THE GIANT  
IN FRONT OF YOU  
IS NEVER  
BIGGER THAN THE  
GOD INSIDE  
OF YOU.**

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## our **ETTA** Youths

### *Excelling Through Talent and Academics*

Best Wishes and our Prayers go out to our  
first time college students:

Jordan Presley - Morgan State, Maryland  
Alise Bryant - Valdosta State, Georgia

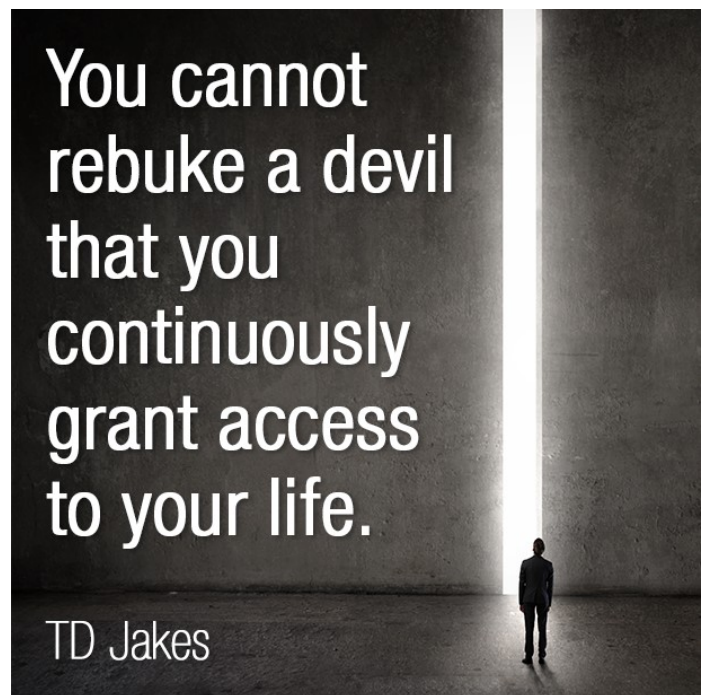
and **ALL** our students returning to their  
various Colleges, Universities and  
Technical Schools.

May God Bless each one of you!



- 08/01 Genuine Christian Behavior  
Romans 12:14-21
- 08/02 Gentiles Experience Repentance  
Acts 11:15-18
- 08/03 Joy at Corinthians' Repentance  
2 Corinthians 7:9-11
- 08/04 Doers of the Law Are Justified  
Romans 2:12-16
- 08/05 God's Righteous, Impartial Judgment  
Romans 2:1-12
- 08/06 God Provides Food to the People  
Exodus 16:13-17
- 08/07 The Widow's Generosity  
Mark 12:38-44
- 08/08 Generous Self-Giving of Jesus  
Philippians 2:5-11
- 08/09 Excel in Generosity  
2 Corinthians 8:1-6
- 08/10 Generosity and Thanksgiving  
2 Corinthians 9:11-15
- 08/11 Support Church Leaders  
2 Corinthians 8:16-24
- 08/12 Balance Need and Abundance  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
- 08/13 Many Members, One Body  
1 Corinthians 12:12-26
- 08/14 Live by the Spirit  
Galatians 5:16-26
- 08/15 Respond to Abuse with a Blessing  
1 Peter 3:8-12
- 08/16 Love Enemies  
Luke 6:27-36
- 08/17 Avoid Human Standards  
2 Corinthians 10:1-5
- 08/18 New Life in Christian Community  
Romans 12:1-8
- 08/19 Behavior Goals  
Romans 12:9-21
- 08/20 Baptism: Buried and Raised with Christ  
Colossians 2:6-12

- 08/21 Follow God's Example  
Matthew 5:43-48
- 08/22 Life with Christ in the World  
John 17:14-19
- 08/23 Life in the Spirit  
Romans 8:1-11
- 08/24 Speak Truthfully Always  
Ephesians 4:25-30
- 08/25 Replace Anger with Forgiveness  
Ephesians 4:31-5:2
- 08/26 Live the New Life in Christ  
Colossians 3:1-17





# Preach the Word

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (NIV)

# BE KIND

*be thoughtful*

# be genuine

*but most of all*

# BE THANKFUL



## July 1st

10:00—Rev. Clarence Williams  
2 Corinthians 1:8-15  
*“The Extended Warranty”*

## July 8<sup>th</sup>

10:00—Rev. Dwayne Gaddis  
Acts 3:1-10  
*“Keep the Party Going”*

## July 15<sup>th</sup>

10:00—Rev. Clarence Williams  
Leviticus 11:44-45  
*“Higher Standards”*

## July 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 — Rev. Dickens  
*Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Ft. Washington, MD*  
Mark 8:22-26  
*“The Gospel of Humpty Dumpty”*

## July 26<sup>th</sup>

10:00—Rev. Ira Whitson  
John 4:32-38  
*“The Harvest Is Ready,, Where Are The Laborers”*



### Trivia Question for July

What three things accompanied the Holy Spirit’s “visit” on the Day of Pentecost?

### Trivia Answer for July

It began with 1) the sound of a mighty, rushing wind from heaven, 2) everyone began to speak in foreign tongues, and those from other nations heard in their own language, and 3) Peter stood and explained everything. Reads Acts 2:1-41

### Trivia Question for August

Where did Philip begin a successful ministry, doing many miracles, and converting a former sorcerer named Simon?



## Be Filled with the Spirit



*“Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves.”*  
Ephesians 5:18-19



These words are a command. They make us realize what the ordinary, consistent experience of every true believer should be. This commandment to “be filled with the Spirit” has often been misunderstood. On the day of Pentecost, being filled with the Spirit was accompanied with the manifest enthusiasm of a supernatural joy and power. Such a state has been looked on as one of excitement and strain, quite inconsistent with the quiet course of ordinary life.

The suddenness of the outward manifestation has been linked with the idea of being filled with the Spirit. Many believers thought it was a blessing only possible to a very few. And if the blessing were given to them, they felt it would be impossible in their circumstances to maintain or to manifest it. However, this commandment is indeed for every believer today. The promise and the power are also for every believer.

The first condition of all filling is emptiness. A reservoir is a hole, an empty place waiting, thirsting for the water to come. Any true, abiding fullness of the Spirit is preceded by emptying.

There is one more aspect in which this fullness comes to our faith. God loves to appear in lowly and unlikely ways to clothe Himself in the garment of humility that He want His children to wear. The kingdom of heaven is like a seed. *“The kingdom of heaven is life to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field”* (Matthew 13:31). Only faith can know the glory there is in its smallness.

It was this way in the earthly dwelling of the Son. It is this way in the indwelling of the Spirit in the heart. The Spirit asks to be believed in, even when nothing is seen or felt. Believe the fountain that springs up and flows forth in living streams is within you. Believe, even when all appears dry.

Take time to retire into the inner chamber of the heart, and then send up praise and offer worship to God with the assurance of the Holy Spirit within. Take time to be still and let the Spirit Himself fill your spirit with this most spiritual and heavenly of all truths—that He dwells within you. His temple, His hidden dwelling place, is in our lives, deeper than we can see and feel. It is not in the thoughts or feelings first.



# INSPIRING MOMENTS

## You Will Never Be Sorry

You Will Never Be Sorry...

GOD  
IS  
LOVE

- ...for thinking before acting.
- ...for hearing before judging.
- ...for forgiving your enemies.
- ...for being candid and frank.
- ...for helping a fallen brother.
- ...for being honest in business.
- ...for thinking before speaking.
- ...for being loyal to your Church.
- ...for standing by your principles.
- ...for closing your ears to gossip.
- ...for bridling a slanderous tongue.
- ...for harboring pure thoughts.
- ...for sympathizing with the afflicted.

Think once before  
you act, twice before  
you speak, and three  
times before you  
post on Facebook.

—Author Unknown

Before you speak..

THINK.

- T - Is it true?
- H - Is it helpful?
- I - Is it inspiring?
- N - Is it necessary?
- K - Is it kind?

Proverbs 3:3 (TLB) Never tire of loyalty and kindness. Hold these virtues tightly. Write them deep within your heart.

This is written to everyone.

Two of the greatest virtues are loyalty and kindness.

### **Are you loyal?**

Can your wife/husband/children depend on you?

Can your employer depend on you?

Can your church depend on you?

Can your friends depend on you?

08/01 Cameron Keys  
 08/02 Jordan Presley  
 08/03 Darlene Jackson  
 08/03 Alisiya Webb  
 08/03 Cheryle Harrell  
 08/03 Justin Miller  
 08/03 Kendrick Poku  
 08/03 Andrea Smalls  
 08/04 Brian Perry  
 08/04 Annette Smith  
 08/04 Davenia Bryant  
 08/05 Troy Walker  
 08/05 Jordan Weldon  
 08/05 Anton Hosein  
 08/05 Antonio McMillian  
 08/06 Olester Clemons  
 08/06 Keaio Newton  
 08/06 Jacquelyn Thompson  
 08/06 Nicole Moore  
 08/06 Shonrielle Evers  
 08/07 Lizzie Donald  
 08/07 Shakeria Barber  
 08/07 Shannon Cooper  
 08/07 Simone Wilson  
 08/09 Jimmy Pritchett  
 08/09 Kingley Green  
 08/10 Ashanta Singletary  
 08/11 Nathan Parker  
 08/11 Belinda Williams  
 08/11 Carolyn Lewis  
 08/11 LaKeshia Eva  
 08/12 Cornelius Bell  
 08/12 Charlie Williams  
 08/12 Cherita Wilson  
 08/12 Javarus Jackson  
 08/13 Stephanie Rich  
 08/13 Rev. Clifford Tyson  
 08/14 Rosalyn Hart Rolle  
 08/14 Rodney Mims  
 08/14 Desmond Adams  
 08/15 Rory Holden  
 08/15 Zenaida Green  
 08/15 Shakina Long  
 08/16 Jarish Albrition  
 08/16 Leanna McDowell  
 08/16 Gwendolyn Elliott  
 08/17 Keara Sermon  
 08/17 Troy Johnson  
 08/17 Christopher Butler  
 08/17 Jessica Allen  
 08/18 Constance Shaw



**If you were born in  
 August...  
 Your characteristics  
 show you are  
 Honest, Generous,  
 Self-motivated,  
 Warm-hearted and  
 Enthusiastic**

**Birthstone:  
 Sardonyx or Peridot  
 Symbolizes  
 Protection and  
 Success**



**Birth Flower:  
 Gladiolus  
 Means  
 Sincerity and Strength  
 of Character**



08/19 Latina Hoyte  
 08/19 Jamal Register  
 08/19 Isahia King  
 08/19 Keyanna King  
 08/19 David Helm  
 08/20 Robert Warner  
 08/20 McKendrick Pringley  
 08/20 Antwuan Rivers  
 08/20 Mack Burton  
 08/21 Lula Love  
 08/21 Elijah Flewellen  
 08/21 Terry Bradley  
 08/21 Jada Presley  
 08/22 Raynard Roberts  
 08/22 Khia Bryant  
 08/23 Alvin Hodge  
 08/23 Anthony Washington  
 08/23 Lorraine Green  
 08/23 Tanequa Harden  
 08/23 Nakaybee Moore  
 08/23 Devon Campbell  
 08/24 Pearl Keys  
 08/24 Kamiya Simmons  
 08/24 John Sisler  
 08/25 Shanay Swain  
 08/25 Joann Andrews  
 08/25 Sylvia Moore  
 08/25 Janis Jones  
 08/25 Patrick Landers  
 08/25 Twyanna Everett  
 08/25 Rasheda Govantas  
 08/26 Linda Bradley-Aquil  
 08/26 Tryshanta Lang  
 08/26 Cherlynn Mills  
 08/26 Christina Davis  
 08/26 Orlando Pizana  
 08/27 Aretha Stewart  
 08/27 Gary Stanford  
 08/27 DeNiro Watson  
 08/27 Malach Kenty  
 08/29 Apryl Hester  
 08/30 Dwight Williams  
 08/30 Qawie Wilcher  
 08/30 Isaiah McKinnon  
 08/31 Cynthia Scott  
 08/31 Benjamin Jean-Charles  
 08/31 Jacqueline Wilson  
 08/31 Deneen Wyman

# Happenings at the Z

## Prayer Line

Monday thru Friday  
6 am

1-302-202-1110  
Access Code: 356251

All Men are invited to join us to  
start



## Ladies

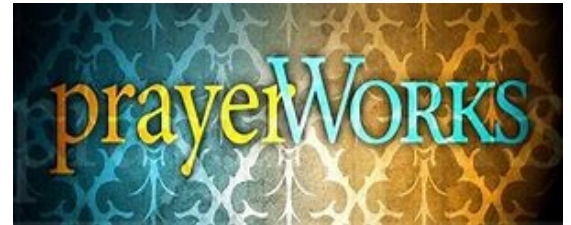
### Are you in need of PRAYER?

The Women's Ministry has a Prayer Conference Line. You can call every Monday-Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 am.

Number: 641-552-9161  
Access Code: 375083

Please join us!

“  
Prayer  
changes  
everything.”



Trustees and Stewards  
on Duty for the  
Month of August

**Cornelius Bell**  
**Mamie Jackson**  
**Jimmy Pritchett**  
**Donnie Williams**

(Please make sure your event, activity, rehearsals (Choir and Dance), are listed on the monthly calendar so we can adequately provide coverage for the building).

Thank you, Kelvin Davis,  
Pro-Tem Trustee Board

O.L. Nicks Women's Missionary Society

Afternoon in White  
Sunday, August 19, 2018  
4 pm

*You are invited*

Please Join Us!  
Thank you  
Patricia Smith Johnson



# NEWS *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Choir Schedule

**Mass Choir - 1st Sunday**  
August 5th

**Male Chorus - 2nd Sunday**  
August 12th

**Voices of Praise — 3rd Sunday**  
August 19th

**Youth Choir - 4th Sunday**  
August 26th

## Rehearsal Schedule

<b>Male Chorus</b>	<b>August 7th</b>
<b>Voices of Praise</b>	<b>August 14th</b>
<b>Mass Choir</b>	<b>August 21st</b>
<b>Youth Choir</b>	<b>August 25th</b>
<b>Male Chorus</b>	<b>August 28th</b>

**Mrs. Constance T. Shaw**  
Minister of Music

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Would you like to place something in the Trumpet? If so, **ALL information MUST** be submitted to the Church Office by the 15th of the month. This will ensure that it will appear in the next issue of the Trumpet.

If you would like your announcement to be on the screen for Sunday, the information **MUST BE** in the office on Wednesday before it is to be announced.

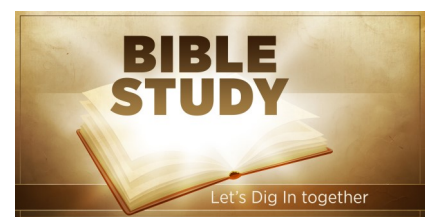
Thank you,

## Homeless Shelter in Need

Personal hygiene items are being collected for residents of My Place in Recovery Shelter. One of these facilities is located in our neighborhood.

Items are needed for both male and female (soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, shaving cream, etc. Your donations can be placed in the gray bin in the Fellowship Hall. Your contribution is appreciated.

Thank You, Anna Herring, Social Action Commissioner



Please join us as we resume our study on:  
"Giving to God"

Hope to see you here every Wednesday, 6 pm. Food is served.

Thank you,  
Rev. Clarence A. Williams



# BACK TO SCHOOL WORD SEARCH

Find and circle all of the words from the word list below.

BOOKS  
BUS  
CRAYONS  
GLUE  
GYM

LEARNING  
LIBRARY  
MUSIC  
PAPER  
PLAYGROUND

PRINCIPAL  
READING  
RULER  
SCHOOL  
SCIENCE

SCISSORS  
SPELLING  
STUDENT  
STUDY  
WRITING

W G L U E R I Z D B N E G R U  
C R A Y O N S R W X O B W E W  
S R T Q F Q Z R E F M O E E P  
T W P M U S I C F A E S K M L  
U C S Y V E G G F G D C O S A  
D S T U D E N T W X U I K I Y  
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Y J J W L I B R A R Y S L G R  
W S P E L L I N G K P O G J O  
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T A E P H W B N R U L E R I D  
I F R P O M E N A F G Y M D O  
N M M P O L E A R N I N G R C  
G Z J W L F P R I N C I P A L





**August 02, 1924** Author James Baldwin is born.

**August 04, 1961** First Black U.S. President, **Barack Hussein Obama, II** was born in Honolulu, Hawaii to Barack Obama, Sr., and Ann Dunham. He was educated at Occidental College, Columbia University with his BA and Harvard University with his JD. In 2009, he won the Nobel Peace Prize and in 2017, he won the Profile in Courage Award. History was made in 2008 when he won the election to become the 44th President of the United States. He won reelection in 2012, so his term in office was January 20, 2009 thru January 20, 2017.

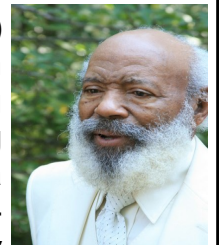


**August 05, 1892** Harriet Tubman receives pension from U.S. Congress for her work during the Civil War.

**August 09, 1936** Jesse Owens wins four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics.

**August 14, 1959** Basketball great Earvin "Magic Johnson is born.

**August 18, 1963** **James Meredith** becomes first Black graduate of the University of Mississippi. He was born June 25, 1933 in Kosciusko, Mississippi to Roxie (Patterson) and Moses Meredith. In 1966, he planned a solo 220 mile March Against Fear from Memphis, Tennessee, to Jackson Mississippi. The March highlighted the continuing racism in the South and encouraged voter registration after the passage of the Voting Rights Acts of 1965. On the second day of the March, he was shot several times by a white gunman. While hospitalized, the Leaders of major organizations vowed to complete the march in his name. During his recovery, more people from across the country became involved as marchers. He rejoined the march and when they entered Jackson on June 26th, they were leading an estimated 15,000 marchers, which was the largest civil rights march in Mississippi. More than 4,000 African Americans had registered to vote, and the march was a catalyst to continued community organizing and additional registration.



**August 21, 1904** Musician William "Count" Basie is born.

**August 25, 1927** Tennis champ Althea Gibson is born.

**August 28, 1963** Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers his "*I Have a Dream*" speech at the March on Washington.

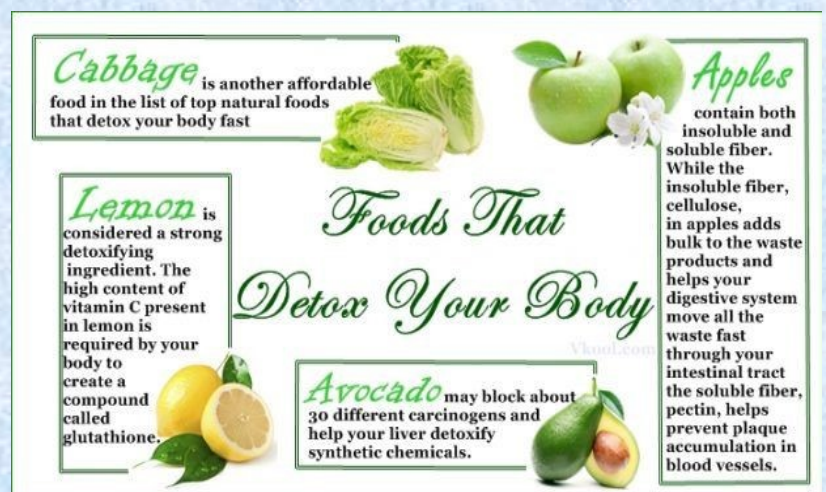
**August 30, 1983** Lt. Col G. Bluford, Jr. becomes the first Black astronaut.



## How Your Body Detoxes (Without Juices or Colon Cleanses):

1. **Your Digestive System**—Eating enough fiber not only helps keep us regular, but helps maintain a healthy inner bacterial ecosystem. This in turn will help our body eliminate substances (i.e. heavy metals and chemicals) and metabolites, and reduce bad bacteria and yeast which are naturally present.
2. **Your Immune System**—Our immune system is an incredibly complex system made up of cells, organs, and skin with one goal in mind—to get rid of any foreign substances and eliminate it from our body. Key players like zinc, vitamin C, A, and antioxidants help keep our immune system healthy and strong.
3. **Your Kidneys**—Responsible for filtering out any excess of water, salts, and other electrolytes, your kidneys are a huge reason why staying hydrated is pivotal to ridding your body of waste.
4. **Your Liver**—Your Liver is your body's natural filter. It helps metabolize nutrients, eliminate chemicals, heavy metals, alcohol, and drugs, break down fats, and helps filter blood. Foods loaded with antioxidants will help support our liver. Add dark red, purple, and green vegetables to your diet to keep your liver going strong.
5. **Your Lungs and Respiratory System**—The tiny hairs in our nose and mucus in our respiratory system helps capture and trap particles before entering our lungs.
6. **Your Lymphatic System**—Responsible for producing white blood cells that help fight against infection, your lymphatic system is made up partly by your spleen, thymus, adenoids, and tonsils. Lymph is a fluid that circulates all over our entire body, sending white blood cells where they are needed.
7. **Your Heart and Mind**—Positivity, mindfulness, love, laughter, and joy make us feel better and improve our quality of life. This is just as important as the physical. Make this as much a part of your healthy living goals as eating healthy and exercise.

-Maria Bango, Florida Health Department




## Commission on Stewardship and Finance

We have put this tithing envelope in our Newsletter to ask you to use it as a guide for giving your gifts to God. We want everyone to get proper credit and have accurate totals for tax purposes to the IRS. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We thank you for your continued support to the ministries of Zion.



**Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income.**

Proverbs 3:9<sup>a</sup>

	<b>Greater Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church</b> 1045 16th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705 + 727-894-1393 + 727-827-4707 (fax) The Rev. Clarence A. Williams, Pastor	
	<i>You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.                  "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." (2 Corinthians 9:7 - NLT)</i>	
	Envelope # <u>555</u>	Date <u>July 8, 2018</u>
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Address <u>1045 16th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705</u>		
Phone # <u>727-894-1393</u> Email Address <u>ruth@greatermtzioname.org</u>		
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Gifts for Mission \$ <u>5.00</u> Church School \$ <u>5.00</u> Cross and Anvil <u>MIM</u> \$ <u>200.00</u>		
Offering \$ <u>5.00</u> Project Zion \$ <u>50.00</u> Sacrificial Gift / Project <u>Golf</u> \$ <u>100.00</u>		
Tithes \$ <u>1,000.00</u> Auxiliary <u>YPD</u> \$ <u>50.00</u> Youth Department \$ <u>5.00</u>		
Special Day <u>Family &amp; Friends</u> \$ <u>250.00</u> Total Giving \$ <u>1,470.00</u>		

### 2016 AMEC Disciplines

If you are interested in purchasing a Discipline, please see anyone in the Church Office. The cost is \$30 and all checks should be made payable to Greater Mt. Zion AME Church. Thank you.

## Sick & Shut In



Sharing biblical principles with the sick, their family members and friends by showing love, sharing their burdens and addressing their needs.

Sister Betty Covington Bouey  
 Sister Addie Bryant  
 Brother Johnny Dallas  
 Sister Patricia Daniels  
 Sister Dezra Flournoy-Hudson  
 Sister Mamie Jackson  
 Sister Sallie Johnson  
 Sister Sylvia Johnson  
 Brother Charles Myrick  
 Sister Bertha Searcy  
 Sister Bertha Sorey  
 Ms. Jasmine Walker  
 Brother Marcus Wynn  
 Sister Sherrisse Wynn

1458 15th Street South  
 2225 17th Street South  
 3126 1/2 Oakley Avenue  
 1391 63rd Avenue South  
 2012 69th Avenue South  
 3821 1st Avenue South  
 1230 40th Street South  
 1035 Arlington Avenue North #307  
 514 Kingston Street South  
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### Nursing Homes and Rehabilitation Centers

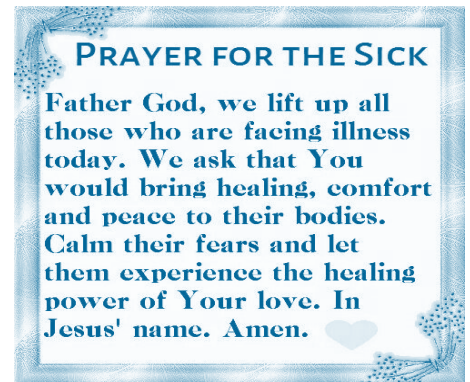
Sister Ethel Eva  
 Sister Jessie Gamble  
 Brother Eugene "Geno" Harrell  
 Sister Betty Jordan  
 Brother Quentin Keys  
 Sister Valerie Griffin  
 Sister Darlene Dudley  
 Brother Wilson Bryant

Gulf View Health Care Center, 3636 10th Avenue North  
 Alpine Nursing Home, 3456 21st Avenue South  
 Egret Cove, 550 62nd Street South, Bed 18B  
 Carrington Place, 10501 Roosevelt Blvd  
 Shores Acres Rehabilitation, 4500 Indianapolis St. N.E.  
 Springwood Facility. 4602 N. Gate Court, Room 205C, Sarasota  
 Westminster Rehab, 1095 Pinellas Point Drive S.  
 Pinellas Point Rehab, 5601 31st Street South

### Hospital

Mr. Corey Gibson

Bayfront, Room 578



### Our Sincere Condolences and Deepest Sympathy

Elouise Brown and all other Family Members on the loss of your Cousin:

**Harvey Collier**



## Ways to Survive Hard Economic Times

Congratulations! You've survived the summer. But can your wallet afford the high costs of back-to-school season? As the season change, so do your children's sizes, activities and school supplies. But, by using a few simple tips and tricks you can get your children what they need—and maybe even what they want—without breaking the bank.

- ◇ **Take Inventory**—before you hit the stores, take stock of what you have. You might be surprised how many No. 2 pencils and unused notebooks you discover or how many unworn clothes you unearth from the deepest realms of your children's closet.
- ◇ **Host a Back-to-School Swap**—gather a group of parents and host a back-to-school swap. From lightly used sports equipment to outgrown clothing, you can make a dent in your list and spend time with good friends.
- ◇ **Shop Late**—avoid the August rush—and August prices —by skipping the crowded mall and waiting for better deals on school supplies to arrive in late September.
- ◇ **Price Match**—many large stores offer price-match guarantees. Bring an ad or your smartphone with you to prove a competitor's price, and rejoice in getting the biggest discount on school supplies in town. Just remember to do your homework ahead of time. Get online and read up on store policies to make sure you're bargain hunting at participating retailers.
- ◇ **Follow Your Favorite Stores**—find your favorite stores on Facebook and twitter, or sign up for email at Listservs to get instant access to exclusive discounts, coupons and deals on school supplies.
- ◇ **Save with Savvy Teacher Gifts**—you want to show teacher appreciation, but back-to-school gifts can get expensive. This year, try something a little closer to home. Freshly baked treats or a handmade gift are meaningful and memorable alternatives to costly store-bought baubles.
- ◇ **Stay Smart with After-School Treats**—instead of grabbing fast food in the name of speed, try prepping a healthier, cheaper option the night before. Snacks such as carrot sticks, crackers and fresh berries are easy on your budget and more nutritious for your kids.
- ◇ **Don't Forget About the Dollar Store**—think outside the name-brand box. Because your children are growing and changing every day, dollar stores can be a great place to find discount school supplies including clothing, stationary and even snacks.
- ◇ **Take Advantage of Tax Breaks**—tax-free retail weekends are a wonderful way to knock out a snazzy back-to-school outfit, but did you know many states also offer savings and deals on supplies—including computers? Find out if your state offers tax-free holidays for school supplies and get ready to save big.

Sending your kids back to school doesn't have to be a financial hurdle you face yearly. With a little planning and a few of these tips, you and your family can get ready to tackle a new school with everything you need, including a little extra in the bank.

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CONGRATULATIONS 

**Linda Wells Brown**

for **35** Years of Faithful Service  
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**HAPPY RETIREMENT!!!!**

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**Courtney Poole**  
Graduated from the  
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**Inspiration Quote from Eddie Pringle:**

We have so much to be thankful for, money and material things can never determine who we are, but our relationship with God will define who we really are, it's the true moment of truth.



**Morning Worship - 7:30 am and 11:00 am**  
**Church School - 9:30 am**  
**Vintage Bible Study - Wednesday 11 am**  
**Adult Bible Study - Wednesday, 6 pm**  
**Prayer Meeting - Wednesday, 7:15 pm**