

## The Zion Trumpet

December 1, 2024

#### **Upcoming Events**

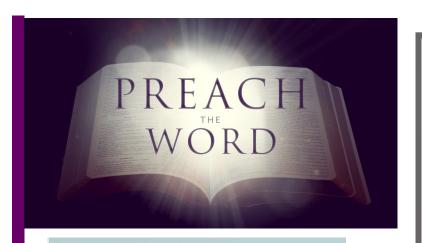
St. Petersburg District
Planning Meeting
Historic Bethel AME
Saturday,
December 7, 2024



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What God has said is accurate, what he has predicted will come to pass, what he has promised he will fulfill.

#### **On-line Streaming**

November 3<sup>rd</sup>
Rev. Clarence A. Williams
Psalm 23
"Come Closer To Bare Fruit"

November 10<sup>th</sup>
Rev. Clarence A. Williams
2 Chronicles 20:15 / Matthew 6:25 - 27
"What Are You Afraid Of"

November 17<sup>th</sup>
Rev. Clarence A. Williams
Judges 20:24-28
"The Lesson of Losing"

November 24th Rev. Dr. Sherrisse Bryant 1 John 4:15—17 "Give Thanks"



#### Trivia Answer for November 2024

God is kind to the unthankful and the evil. He is a just and good God. See Luke 6

#### Trivia Question for November 2024

In Luke's account of the Sermon on the Mount to who does Jesus say "God is kind"?

#### Trivia Question for December 2024

How many years were the Israelites in bondage in Egypt?



#### **Facing Rejection**

"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. "
Isaiah 53:3

Throughout His earthly life, Jesus was constantly exposed to personal criticism and rejection. At the beginning of His ministry, His own townsfolk at Nazareth tried to hurl Him down from the brow of the hill (Luke 4:29 "They got up, drove Him out of the town, and took Him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw Him down the cliff."). The religious and political leaders constantly argued with Him and conspired to kill Him. At length He was arrested and brought to trial before Pilate and Herod. Even though He was guiltless of the accusations, He was denounced as an enemy of God and man, and not worthy to live.

How did He respond to criticism and rejection?

- ♥ First, with **steadfastness**. He did not tone down His message, nor did He stop doing what He knew was right.
- ▼ Second, with strength. Ahead of Him was the Cross but He did not lose courage or shrink from what He knew was God's will.
- ▼ Third, with **submission**. When Herod prodded Him to defend Himself, "He answered with nothing" (Luke 23:9). Only one thing mattered: Fulfilling God's purpose for His life.

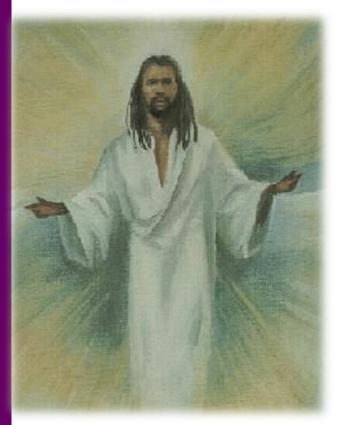
#### How will we meet criticism?

#### Rev. Clarence A. and Sister Andrea P. Williams



# Inspirational Moment

#### Santa's Christmas Wish



It's Christmas Eve once again,
And the world awaits Santa's return,
But as children sleep with happy faces,
Santa's face is full of concern.

For he know that many believe in him, Even though they see him not; Yet they don't believe in the unseen God, Nor the Son that He begot.

They accept the many gifts from Santa,
As an expression of his love;
But they won't accept The Greatest Gift,
From the loving God above.

The gift of eternal salvation, Was offered on Christmas Day -Through the birth of Baby Jesus, Who is still rejected today!

"How sad it is," though Santa, As he climbed into his sleigh And with tears staining his cheeks, Santa bowed his head to pray.

"Lord Jesus, 'tis not for my glory, That I return each Christmas Eve. But to show men, women, and children, That they don't need to see to believe.

And if they can accept my gifts, Even though they're undeserving— I pray they'll learn to accept Your Gift, Through a clearer understanding.

And Lord, if I could have a Christmas wish, I would ask for it to be -That on each and every Christmas Eve, The world would look for Thee, not me!"

-Julie A. Dawes





12/01	Ruth Davis
12/01	Tarsha Holden
12/01	Devin Lassiter
12/01	Rosa Lester
12/01	Keosha Kennedy
12/02	Nancy Keys
12/02	Cynthia Boyd
12/04	Latonya Leonard
12/04	Mark Murvin
12/04	Lakeshia Williams
12/04	Trisheka Jenkins
12/04	Lavatrice Newton
12/04	Deanna Newsome
12/04	Gwendolyn Williams
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12/06	Antoneice Atkins
12/06	Merline Davidson
12/06	Lisa Williams
12/07	Delta Oliver
12/07	Wynee Giles
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12/10	Simone Newton
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12/10	Earl Robinson
12/11	Michelle McNeal
12/11	Ny'Quesha Rembert
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12/19	Jacqueline Wells	
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12/27	Kiarrah Rose	
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12/27	Landon Moore	
12/27	Garrett Moore, II	
12/28	Daphni Black	
12/28 12/28	Zy'Rayla Cromartie Reggie Reed, Sr.	
12/28	Kahawna Bing	
12/29	Annette Williams	
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12/29 Terrace Johnson 12/29 Joshua Gilbert

12/14 Karen Davis

12/14 Ronald Holden

12/29 James Bryant 12/30 Regina Woody 12/30 Natalie Williams 12/30 Richardo Simmons 12/30 Angie Arrington 12/30 Myles Bell 12/31 Vichelle Boorth 12/31 Keria McCowan
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#### People Born in December

- loyal and generous
- patriotic
- impatient and hasty
- loves to socialize
- honest and trustworthy
- short tempered
- changing personality
- hates restrictions
- good sense of humor
- are logical



#### Blue Zircon · Tanzanite · Turquoise



Since the Middle Ages, **Blue Zircon** has been believed to aid in spiritual growth and to promote wisdom. Those who wear blue zircon, it is said, will find beauty and peace.



As a relatively new gemstone, **Tanzanite** does not have any mythical or mysterious powers associated with it. But what it lacks in history, it compensates with beauty in its deep blue and purple tones.



Turquoise attracts money, success and love. Its powers include protection, healing, courage, friendship, and luck. It relaxes the mind, and eases mental tension.

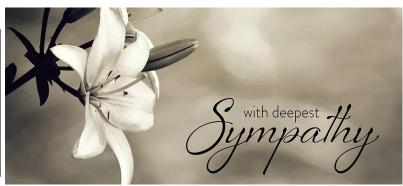
#### NARCISSUS

DECEMBER'S BIRTH FLOWER



In Floriology the narcissus embodies the idea that you want your beloved to stay just the way they are. To Willie Williams, our Mt. Zion Family and all other Family Members on the loss of our Member:

Ms. Ginger Roberts





Untilla and Chris Davis, and all other Family Members on the loss of your Father / Grandfather:

Deacon Charles V. McCall

#### SICK AND SHUT IN





Sister Barbara Keys
Brother Bobby Jackson
Brother Herbert/Sister Kay Keys
Sister Daisy Powell
Sister Hattie Relford
Sister Edna Stevens
Sister Jasmine Walker

219 Pompano Drive SE, Unit D 2350 9th Avenue South, Apt. 310 3201 Burlington Avenue North, #405 2350 9th Avenue South, Apt. 102 4610 9th Avenue South 2400 23rd Street South 1955 29th Street South 1660 31st Street South

#### **Nursing Homes and Rehabilitation Centers**

Ms. Valerie Griffin Mr. Eugene "Geno" Harrell Brother Quentin Keys

Rev. Ira Whitson

Laurellwood Care Center, 3127 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, #10 Angel Care Rehab Center, 4300 31st Street South, Room 22 Shores Acres Rehabilitation, 4500 Indianapolis St. NE

Ms. Stephanie Cummings ⇒





Awareness: Type 2 Diabetes in Children (part 2)

Type 2 diabetes can affect nearly every organ in your child's body, including the blood vessels, nerves, eyes, and kidneys. The long-term complications of type 2 diabetes develop gradually over many years. Eventually, diabetes complications may be severe or even life-threating.

#### Complications of type 2 diabetes are related to high blood sugar and include:

- High cholesterol
- Heart and blood vessel disease
- Stroke
- Nerve damage
- Kidney disease
- Eye disease, including blindness



#### Prevention

Healthy lifestyle choices can help prevent type 2 diabetes in children. Encourage your child to:

- Eat Healthy Foods. Offer your child foods low in fat and calories. Focus on fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. Strive for variety to prevent boredom.
- **Get More Physical Activity.** Encourage your child to become active. Sign up your child for a sports team or dance lessons.
- Better yet, make it a family affair. The lifestyle choices that help prevent type 2 diabetes in children can do the same for adults.

#### **Treatment**

Treatment for type 2 diabetes includes:

- Taking insulin
- Monitoring blood sugar
- Eating healthy foods
- Exercising regularly

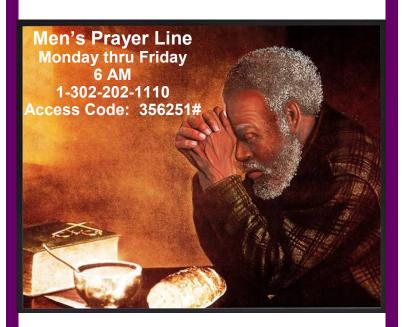
You'll work closely with your child's diabetes treatment team—health care provider –to keep your child's blood sugar level as close to normal as possible. Your child healthcare provider will let you know your child's blood sugar target range. This range may change as your child grows and changes.

Reference: Website

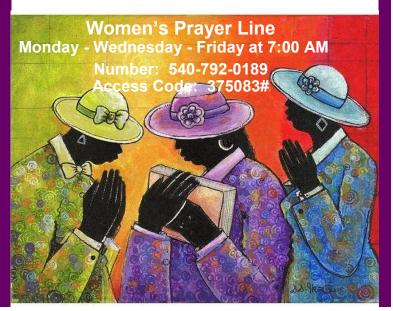
Sister Sam Foster

Health and Wellness Ministry Dr. D. Pringle





"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. " 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)





Every Sunday - 8:30 - 9:30 am

Senior Women's Class - Rhonda Ryan Number: 1-978-990-5076

Access Code: 7777943#

**Progressive Women's Class** 

**Monique Brown and Rosalind Macon** 

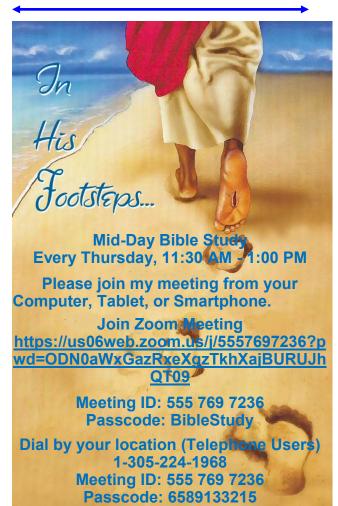
Number: 540-792-0189 Access Code: 375083#

Men's Class Brother Al Turner

Number: 302-202-1110 Access Code: 356251#

Youth Class – Rev. Dr. Sherrisse Bryant Streaming at: greatermtzioname.org

**Please Join Us!** 





#### **Trustees** on Duty for the Month of December

#### Alphonso Gwyn Frederick Robinson

Please make contact with any member of the Board of Trustees if you need information about building use, activities on the grounds, or any other concerns.

If you need further direction or have questions or concerns, please call me, Fred Robinson. Vice-Chair of the Trustee Board. My phone number is listed on Page 15. Thank you,

Mr. Frederick Robinson





Every Thursday, 6:30 pm

As we practice for all upcoming programs and have Children's Choir Rehearsal.

You can be a STAR!

Thank you,

Dawn Bannister

#### **December Meetings**

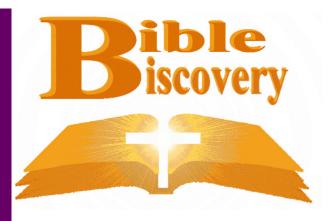
Jessie Kicklighter Wells Lay Organization December 10, 2024 - 6:30 pm

O.L. Nicks Women's Missionary Society December 12, 2024 - 6:30 pm

Sons of Allen Meeting December 14, 2024 - 9 am

> Women's Ministry 2024 - 6:30 pm

Class Leaders Meeting **Board of Christian Education** will resume in January 2025



- 12/01 God Has Not Abandoned You Ruth 4:9-17
- 12/02 The Lord Looks on the Heart 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- 12/03 A Shepherd for God's People 2 Samuel 5:1-10
- 12/04 Christ's Unending Reign Luke 1:26-38
- 12/05 God Defends God's Anointed Psalm 2
- 12/06 Endless Peace for David's Throne Isaiah 9:1-7
- 12/07 The Son of David Romans 1:1-7
- 12/08 An Everlasting Kingdom 2 Samuel 7:4-17
- 12/09 God's Covenant of Love Psalm 89:1-4, 27-37
- 12/10 God Has Heard Your Prayer Luke 1:5-17
- 12/11 A Message of Promise and Grace Luke 1:18-23
- 12/12 God Is a Sun and Shield Psalm 84
- 12/13 The Herald of God's Coming Malachi 4
- 12/14 A Child of Wonder Luke 1:57-66
- 12/15 Praises to the God Who Saves Luke 1:67-80
- 12/16 The Coming King of Peace Isaiah 11:1-9
- 12/17 God Is Doing a New Thing Isaiah 43:14-21
- 12/18 O God, Come Down and Save Us! Isaiah 64
- 12/19 A Great and Peaceful King Micah 5:1-6
- 12/20 The Word Became Flesh John 1:1-5, 9-14, 16-18

- 12/21 Christ Is King! Worship Him! Hebrews 1
- 12/22 Christ Is Born! Glorify Him! Luke 2:1-16
- 12/23 Mercy for Those Who Suffer Luke 4:14-21
- 12/24 Show God's Mercy to All Luke 6:27-36
- 12/25 God Delights in Compassion Micah 7:14-20
- 12/26 Remember Your Mercy, O Lord Psalm 25:1-10
- 12/27 God Relieves a Troubled Heart Psalm 25:11-22
- 12/28 Mercy for Sinners Luke 18:9-14
- 12/29 Lord, Let Me See Again Luke 18:35-43
- 12/30 The Kingdom Belongs to the Messiah Revelation 11:14-19
- 12/31 A Heart Full of Thanks Psalm 9:1-9
- 01/01 A Plea to God for Grace Psalm 9:10-20
- 01/02 Immortal, Invisible 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- 01/03 The Life of Faith 1 Timothy 6:11-16
- 01/04 God's Judgments Are True Psalm 10:1-11
- 01/05 God Will Arise and Hear Us Psalm 10:12-18





## CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to find the Christian Christmas words.

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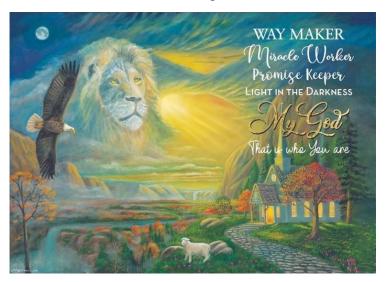
# MOMENTS THAT MATTER OUR BLACK HISTORY

#### Black History Trivia Answers

- 1. 1954, outlawed segregation in public schools
- A system of racial segregation found in South Africa.
- 3. Juneteenth
- 4. Mike Tomlin, Todd Bowles, DeMeco Ryan, Raheem Morris, Jerod Mayo, Antonio Pierce.
- 5. Bryan Stevenson
- 6. Deacons for Defense
- A person who believes people of African descent should be united; they want a strong and unified Africa.
- 8. Paul Robeson
- Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
- 10.U.S. Senator from California

#### **Trivia Questions**

- 1. What is the difference between de facto and de jure segregation?
- 2. Give two laws passed during Reconstruction while African Americans were elected as State Legislatures.
- 3. Who started the "Let's Move" initiative and what was the purpose of the program.
- 4. In 1984, this South African Bishop was awarded the Nobel Peace Award.
- 5. What did the Central Park 5 and Groveland 4 have in common?
- 6. Former NFL star player Deion Sanders coached football at what HBCU?
- 7. Name the northern African people who once ruled and improved a European country along with the name of that European country.
- 8. She won a gold medal at the Winter Olympics in a 500meter speed skating event and became the first African American to win a medal in that event.
- 9. Two of the all-time greatest jazz artists are Charlie Parker and John Coltrane. What instrument did they both play?
- 10. Give two inventions of Garrett Morgan.





#### The Prudent Spender

At the highest level, we do two things with money: earn it, and spend it. Spending in this sense includes everything we do with money - including lifestyle spending, giving, saving (which is really future spending), and debt retirement (past spending). In this article, we will focus on lifestyle spending. We'll look at what God's Word has to say about how we use the resources He provides, and we'll learn some practices and tools to apply Bible wisdom.

**Cultural Myths**: Not surprisingly, our culture views spending differently than God does.

**Things Bring Happiness** - the first myth is that things bring happiness. We've all felt the satisfaction of a purchase well-made, or of finally buying something we've saved a long time for. And we've felt the more fleeting pleasure of an impulse buy. But over the long run, things do not bring happiness. What was your favorite purchase last year? Do you feel about it now like you did then?

**Possessions Define Us** - the house we live in, the cars we drive, the clothes we wear, the schools our children attend - these are the important things, the things that determine whether we're on the right track. Or so culture tells us. But God tells us something different. We're defined not by what we own but rather by **WHO** owns us. There is no more important identification in life than the identity of belonging to Christ.

The More We Have, The More We Should Spend - as we make more and more money across our careers, our lifestyles should reflect that. Bigger houses, more luxurious cars, more expensive vacations - these are the hallmarks of long-term success. But like the other myths, this one just tends to enslave us. In order to continue expanding our lifestyle, we work longer hours, neglecting our families and the community of God's people. We fall pray to the deceitfulness of wealth.

**Biblical Wisdom** - The Prudent Spender is one who enjoys the fruits of their labor while guarding against materialism. Prudent spenders exhibit several Biblical characteristics:

**GRATITUDE** - Prudent spenders recognize God as the source of all they have (James 1:17). They enjoy His provision but don't become arrogant as a result of it (1 Timothy 6:17). Consequently, they're not compelled to spend to impress others or to establish their own position. **CONTENTMENT** - Prudent spenders are content with what God has provided. Like Paul, their level of contentment isn't impacted by how much they have (Philippians 4:11-13). Instead, they are content regardless of the circumstances. As a result, they don't need to acquire and spend more in order to enjoy life. Their contentment helps them to guard against greed (Colossians 3:5; Ephesians 5:3; Luke 12:15).

**PATIENCE** - seeing God as their Provider, and being content with His provision, Prudent Spenders are patient when it comes to purchasing things they want or need. They're not given to rashness or impulse buying; instead, they understand the importance of delayed gratification. They trust God to take care of their needs, rather than taking matters into their own hands like Sarah and Abraham did regarding the promise of a son (Genesis 16).

These character qualities lead prudent spenders to:

- Disciplined and moderate lifestyles characterized by what is not spent as well as what is
- ▼ Freedom from consumer debt
- Generosity and wise saving.





#### **Quinton Byfield**

**18, became the highest drafted Black hockey player in NHL history.** He was picked No. 2 overall by the Los Angeles Kings, and in addition to the bright future that experts predict for him on the ice, he also wants to get involved in NHL's diversity initiatives to recruit more players like him.

#### **Trude Lamb**

**16, and her classmates successfully campaigned to change the name of their high school.** She was the fastest runner on (formerly) Robert E. Lee High School's cross country team, but she refused to wear a uniform with the Confederate leader's name on it. Her letter to administrators made her the <u>face of the movement</u> to change the school's name, and eventually the School Board complied, renaming it Tyler Legacy High School (the school is located in Tyler, Texas).

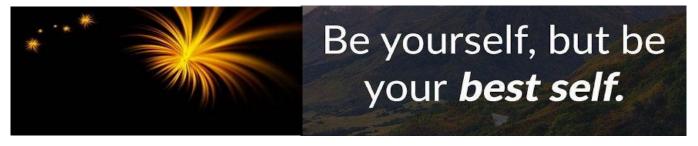


#### **Aalayah Eastmond**

19, is leading a movement for gun reform that centers on Black lives. As a survivor of the



Parkland school shooting, she's founded a non-profit and held events dedicated to <u>gun violence prevention</u>. Her hope is to open the conversation beyond mass shootings to also address the ways that gun violence, police brutality, and poverty impact the safety of Black communities.





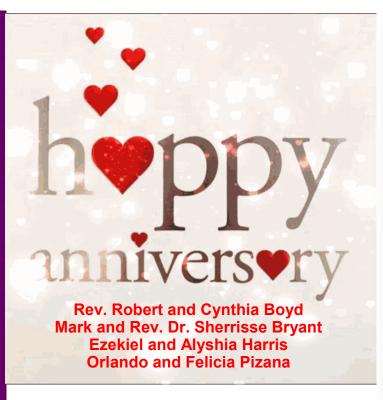


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Please highlight your Youth accomplishments and achievements here.





# FAMILY

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#### To Our Church Family:

The kindness shown during the Ministerial Appreciation is so greatly appreciated. We love each and every one of you, and wish God's richest blessing on you.

Rev. Keturah Pittman

Rev. Dr. Sherrisse Bryant

Rev. Ira Whitson