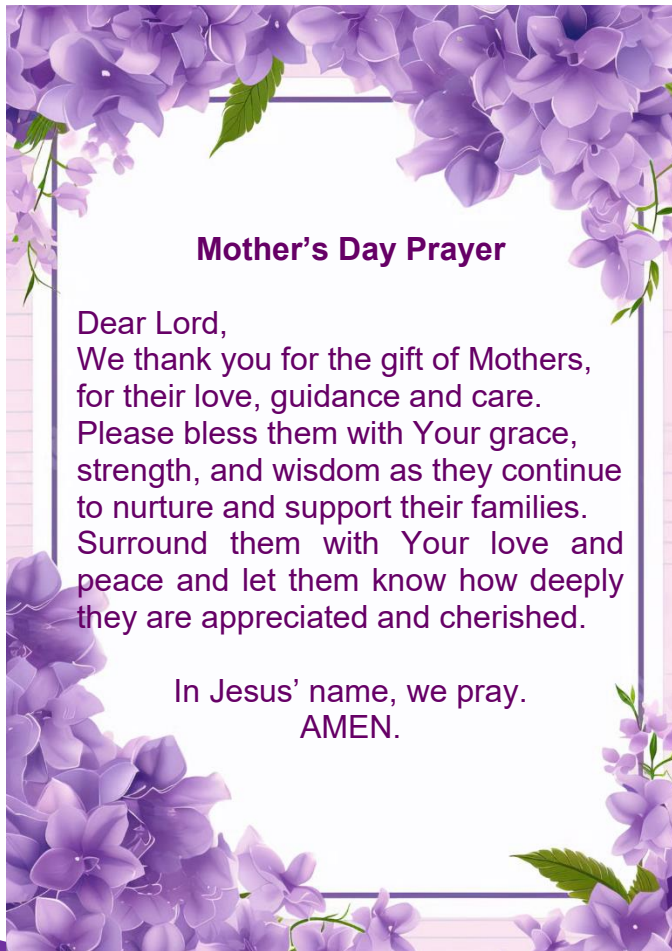


THE ZION TRUMPET



Greater Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church
1045 16th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705
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May 3, 2026



Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,
We thank you for the gift of Mothers,
for their love, guidance and care.
Please bless them with Your grace,
strength, and wisdom as they continue
to nurture and support their families.
Surround them with Your love and
peace and let them know how deeply
they are appreciated and cherished.

In Jesus' name, we pray.
AMEN.



BIBLE

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

UPSET ----- JOHN 14
WEAK ----- PSALM 18:1-29
LONELY ----- PSALM 23
SINNED ----- PSALM 51
WORRIED ----- MATTHEW 8:19-31
ANXIOUS ----- PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9
UNHAPPY ----- COLOSSIANS 3:12-17
IN DANGER ----- PSALM 91
DEPRESSED ----- PSALM 27
LACK OF FAITH ----- EXODUS 14
NEED COURAGE ----- JOSHUA 1
NEED DIRECTION ----- PSALM 73:21-26
SEEKING PEACE ----- MATTHEW 11:25-30
LEAVING ON A TRIP ----- PSALM 121
STRUGGLING WITH LOSS ----- LUKE 15
STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY ----- PSALM 37
DISCOURAGED WITH WORK ----- PSALM 126

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Trivia Answer for April 2026

Jacob was a servant to Laban, Rachel's father for fourteen years. See what LOVE looks like in Genesis 29:16-30

Trivia Question for April 2026

When Jacob wanted to marry Rachel, what did he have to do?

Trivia Question for May 2026

What animal is mentioned most frequently in both the New and Old Testaments?

On-line Streaming

April 5th
 Rev. Keturah Pittman
 John 19:38-20:1
"He's Not Dead – The Resurrection Story"

April 12th
 Rev. Keturah Pittman
 1 Timothy 1:12-17
"Lord, I Thank You!"

April 19th
 Rev. Kenneth Irby
 2 Corinthians 1:16-22
"Standing on the Promises of God"

April 26th
 Rev. Dr. Sherrisse Bryant
 2 Kings 20:5-6
"It's Turning Around for You"



PREACH THE WORD
It's Still All About
Jesus

From The Pastor's Desk



KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

A key is an interesting tool. It has the magical power to open doors which are unopened without it. Without this key it is impossible to enter the place which is locked.

The same is true in the spiritual life. There are many unopened doors in life, doors which are impossible to open without a key. Simply said, life is much more difficult without the right key. Physical keys are important but Spiritual Keys are much more important in the life of the believer.

Unlike the physical keys which can be stolen, lost or broken, Spiritual Keys have no such limitations. God has given believers spiritual keys, "I give you keys to the kingdom." Unlike physical keys, the possessor of spiritual keys is God. With these Spiritual Keys, God is granting us access to many wonderful and great blessings. What a generous God opening the doors to the kingdom for us.



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven"
Matthew 16:19

Thought For Today

Take time today to remember the Lord has given us the keys to
The kingdom, in it there is no poverty, or sorrow.

Thank you God!

Prayer

O God, may you continue to keep me mindful of my great possession as a believer.
I have access to the kingdom of God. Thank you God!

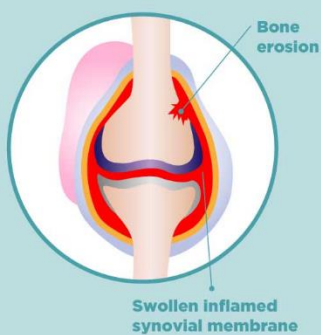
Rev. Clarence A.
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Wish all the **LADIES**
of Greater Mt. Zion A





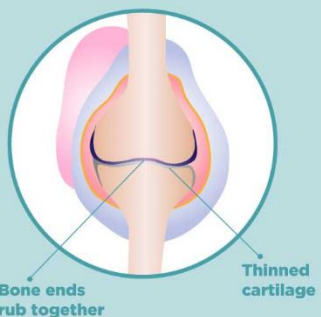
Osteoarthritis Versus Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Month

Rheumatoid Arthritis Pain vs. Osteoarthritis Pain



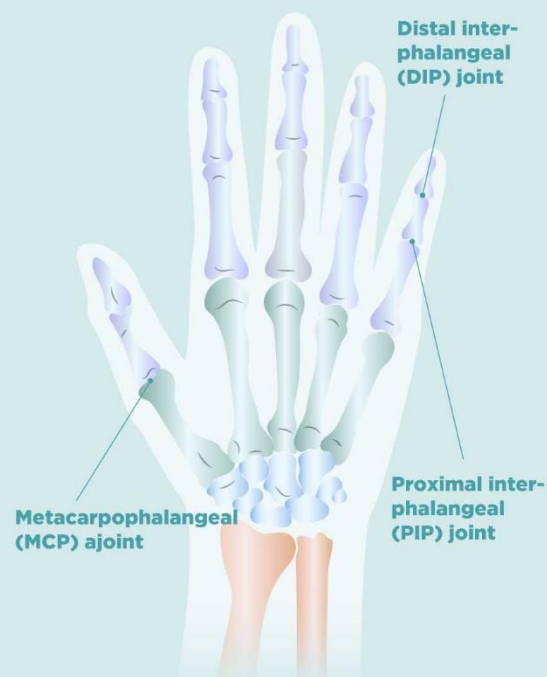
Rheumatoid Arthritis

- Usually affects MCP and PIP joints in the hands (rather than DIP)
- Often starts in small joints in hands and feet and can then spread to wrists, elbows, shoulders, neck, ankles, knees, hips
- Pain is in symmetric joints (same on both side of body)
- Morning pain and stiffness for more than 30 minutes



Osteoarthritis

- Can affect different joints: base of thumb; one knee; one hip; big toe; and DIP joints in the hands
- Tends to be one-sided rather than symmetrical
- Typically occurs later in life but can start earlier in joints already affected by RA
- Stiff less than 30 minutes in morning
- Joints feel bony but no soft swelling



Please see insert for more information.

Thank you
The Health & Wellness Ministry
Dr. Donna Pringle

Time to PLAY!



MOTHER'S DAY

Word Search



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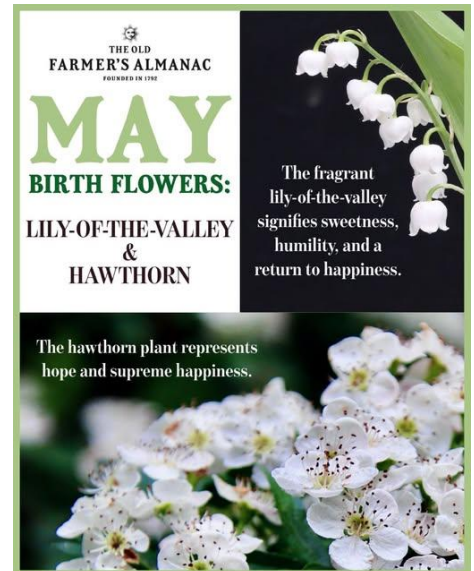


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Did you know?

May's birthstone is the **emerald**. Emeralds are a symbol of rebirth, and are believed to grant their owner **foresight, good fortune, and youth**. Emerald is derived from the word *smaragdus*, meaning **green** in Greek.



May Born

You are always motivated and you are social if you are born in May. You can easily strike a conversation at a party or make new friends. You never look life with a negative approach and that's your plus point. Your dreams are big and you do your best to achieve those dreams. You have a very attractive personality.



with Deepest
Sympathies



To Ruth Davis, Rodney and Krysta Davis - Kelly and all other Family Members on the loss of your Sister / Aunt:

**Mrs. Virginia Dortch-Hamilton
Monroeville, Alabama**



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Sister Daisy Powell	2350 9 th Avenue South, Apt. 102
Sister Edna Stevens	2400 23 rd Street South
Sister Jasmine Walker	1955 29 th Street South
Rev. Ira Whitson	1660 31 st Street South

Nursing Homes and Rehabilitation Centers

Ms. Valerie Griffin	Laurellwood Care Center, 3127 57 th Avenue North, #10
Mr. Eugene "Geno" Harrell	Angel Care Rehab Center, 4300 31 st Street South, Room 22
Brother Herbert Keys	Menorah Life, 255 59 th Street North
Brother Quentin Keys	Shores Acres Rehabilitation, 4500 Indianapolis St. NE
Sister Annie Wright	Pinellas Point Rehab, 5601 31 st Street South



Ms. Stephanie Cummings

BIBLE DISCOVERY

EDUCATING | EDIFYING | ENCOURAGING

Every Sunday - 8:30 - 9:30 am

Senior Women's Class - Rhonda Ryan

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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: 848-220-3100

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Youth Class – Rev. Dr. Sherrisse Bryant

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Please Join Us!



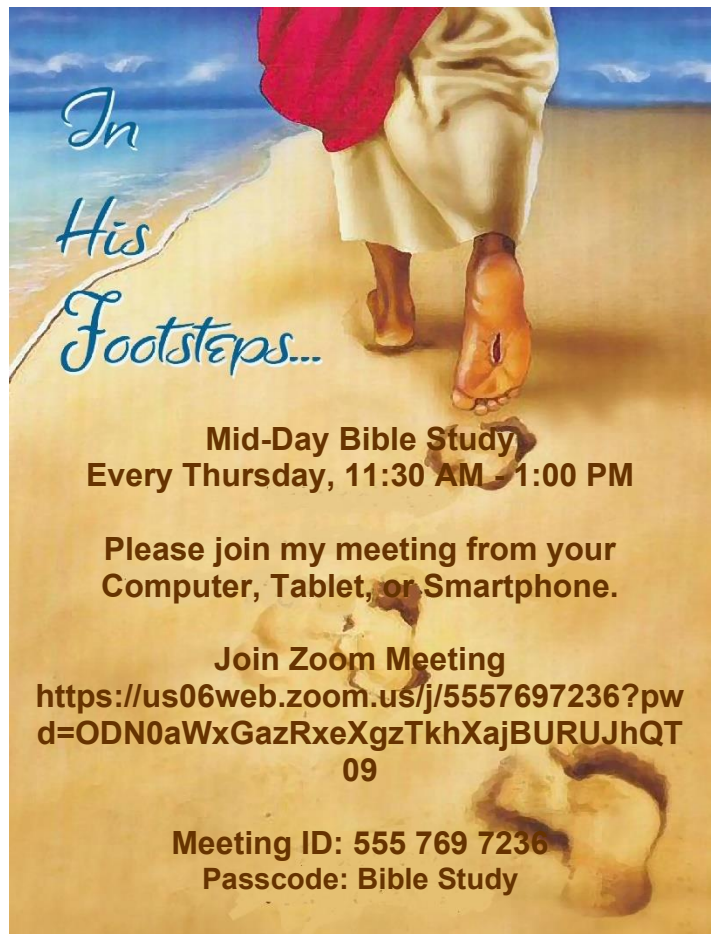
Women's Prayer Line
Monday - Wednesday - Friday
at 7:00 AM

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Access Code: 375083#

Prayer Time



Men's Prayer Line
Monday thru Friday
6 AM
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104516#



Mid-Day Bible Study
Every Thursday, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Please join my meeting from your
Computer, Tablet, or Smartphone.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Church News

LATEST UPDATES

St. Petersburg District

Spring Revival

May 4-5, 2026

Mt. Olive AMEC – Clearwater

Church School Convention

June 18-20, 2026

Third Quarterly Conference

June 16, 2026 – 7:30 pm

Fourth Quarterly Conference

September 15, 2026 – 7:30 pm

Trustees on Duty for the Month of May 2026

Michael Ferguson
Stanley Wright

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, Pro-Tem of the Trustee Board. My phone number is listed on Page 15.

Thank you,
Mr. Frederick Robinson

Steward and Trustee Board Meetings

To be Determined

All Officers MUST be in attendance.

Thank you,
Rev. Clarence A. Williams

Upcoming Meetings

Please see the May
Calendar for all meetings
and rehearsals dates

Thank you

Bible Discovery



- 05/01 Our Citizenship Is in Heaven
Philippians 3:17-21
- 05/02 A Season of National Repentance
Jonah 3:1-5
- 05/03 God's Compassion for All
Jonah 4:6-11
- 05/04 God Ordains Productive Work
Genesis 2:4a-10, 15
- 05/05 Commit Your Work to the Lord
Proverbs 16:1-3, 8-9
- 05/06 Caring for the Work of God's Hands
Psalm 8
- 05/07 The Sabbath Is a Perpetual Covenant
Exodus 31:12-17
- 05/08 Working and Healing on the Sabbath
John 5:8-11, 16-17
- 05/09 Supporting Oneself and Others
Acts 20:31-35
- 05/10 Work Quietly and Diligently
2 Thessalonians 3:6-12
- 05/11 Work Diligently Before God
Proverbs 10:1-5, 15-16
- 05/12 The Workers and Their Wages
Mathew 20:1-16
- 05/13 God Demands Justice for All
Amos 5:6-15
- 05/14 Wait Patiently for God's Justice
James 5:1-11
- 05/15 Rendering Service With Enthusiasm
Colossians 3:12-17
- 05/16 Justice for the Common Worker
Deuteronomy 24:14-21
- 05/17 Contentment, Humility, and Generosity
1 Timothy 6:6-8, 17-19
- 05/18 A Feast of Finest Wine
John 2:1-11
- 05/19 Celebrate God's Blessings
Genesis 21:1-8
- 05/20 Playing Children Signal God's Grace
Zechariah 8:1-5

- 05/21 All Religious Work and No Play
Colossians 2:16-23
- 05/22 A Time for Feasting and Joy
Matthew 11:7-11, 16-19
- 05/23 Rejoice and Be Glad
Jeremiah 31:10-14
- 05/24 The Lord of the Sabbath
Mark 2:18-28
- 05/25 Let Us Sing to the Lord
Psalm 95
- 05/26 Gladness in the House of the Lord
Psalm 122
- 05/27 Members of the Body of Christ
Romans 12:1-8
- 05/28 A Holy Day of Rejoicing
Nehemiah 8:9-12
- 05/29 Restoring Healthy Relationships
Matthew 18:15-20
- 05/30 Fellowship Through Common Property
Acts 4:32-37
- 05/31 Inspiring Love and Good Deeds
Hebrews 10:19-25
- 06/01 A Leader Who Sets an Example
1 Timothy 3:1-7
- 06/02 A Leader Who Cares
Acts 9:36-42
- 06/03 Leaders Who Build Other Leaders
Acts 18:24-28
- 06/04 A Leader Who Listens
Nehemiah 2:1-8
- 06/05 A Leader Who Intercedes
Nehemiah 4:1-6
- 06/06 Jesus, the Pattern for Leaders
John 13:3-17
- 06/07 A Leader Who Inspires
Judges 4:4-10, 14, 21-22

HIS GRACE IS

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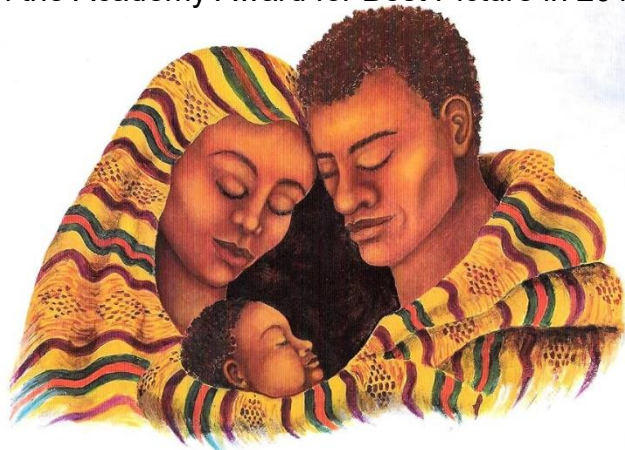
BLACK HISTORY

Trivia Questions for the Month

Black History Trivia Answers

1. James Meredith
 2. Shirley Chisholm
 3. Jimi Hendrix
 4. Marvin Gaye
 5. Swing and Jazz
 6. Fugitive Slave Act of 1850
 7. Abolitionism
 8. The National Anti-Slavery Standard
 9. Henry Highland Garnet
 10. Root
1. What was the goal of the Freedom Riders during the Civil Rights Movement?
 2. What was the primary aim of the Black Panther Party, founded in 1966?
 3. Who was the Black American Civil Rights Activist who organized the Little Rock Nine, a group of Black students who integrated Little Rock Central High School in 1957?
 4. Who was the “High Priestess of Soul” and is famous for her unique blend of jazz, blues and gospel music?
 5. Which African American woman is celebrated as a pioneering electric blue guitarist and singer, known for her powerful voice and emotive guitar playing?
 6. What influential rap group, known for their politically charged lyrics and activism, released the album “It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back” in 1988?
 7. How did enslaved people often communicate to help each other escape along the Underground Railroad?
 8. Which African American actress starred in the popular 1970s television series “The Jeffersons” and became the first African American woman to win an Emmy Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series?
 9. What influential filmmaker directed the 2-16 documentary “13th”, which explores the impact of the 13th Amendment on mass incarceration in the United States?
 10. Who directed the critically acclaimed film “Moonlight,” which won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2017?

KNOW YOUR HISTORY



Inspirational Moment

You're More Valuable Than You Could Know

Most of us know ourselves by the list of things we are not, or by what you don't have.

Let's change that perspective.

There is only one **YOU**.

There will only ever be one **YOU**.

Instead of comparison to others, lets celebrate each other. Let that celebration begin with you.

You are valuable.

Say it out loud – **"I AM VALUABLE."**

Say it again.

When we begin walking in the truth that we are valuable – we are wonderfully made – then we open the door to achieve things that we only dared to dream before.

When we start seeing our value and we begin walking in who we were created to be, those around us can also begin to see their value too.

You want the world to be a better place? **START WITH YOU.**

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Your value doesn't  
decrease based on  
someone's inability  
to see your worth.  
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STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Saving Money God's Way

As recently as the mid-1980s, Americans were saving money at a ten (10) percent rate. That is, for every one hundred dollars (\$100) they grossed, they would save ten dollars. Do you know what the savings rate is these days? It's around zero (0) percent. Yep, you heard me – zero (0) percent. That sounds to me like the behavior of people who either think they have no future, think only about NOW, or who are simply assuming that someone else will take care of them when they are old.

The Bible does indeed warn us of the dangers of materialism. Money can easily become a god that people adore and trust. Loving money is indeed a root of all kinds of evil. That doesn't mean, however, that poverty should be a *life goal* for Christians. God vigorously approves of the concept of building wealth for you and your family.

A few fortunate people build their retirement funds through a large inheritance or gift. The rest of us need to grow it bit by bit. It is a wonderful discipline to spend less than you make and save the difference. Here is Solomon's advice: **"He who gathers money little by little makes it grow"** (Proverbs 13:11). Financial security means not only being able to pay your obligations and not be a burden on others. It also means that you can be generous to Ministries and projects that you care about.

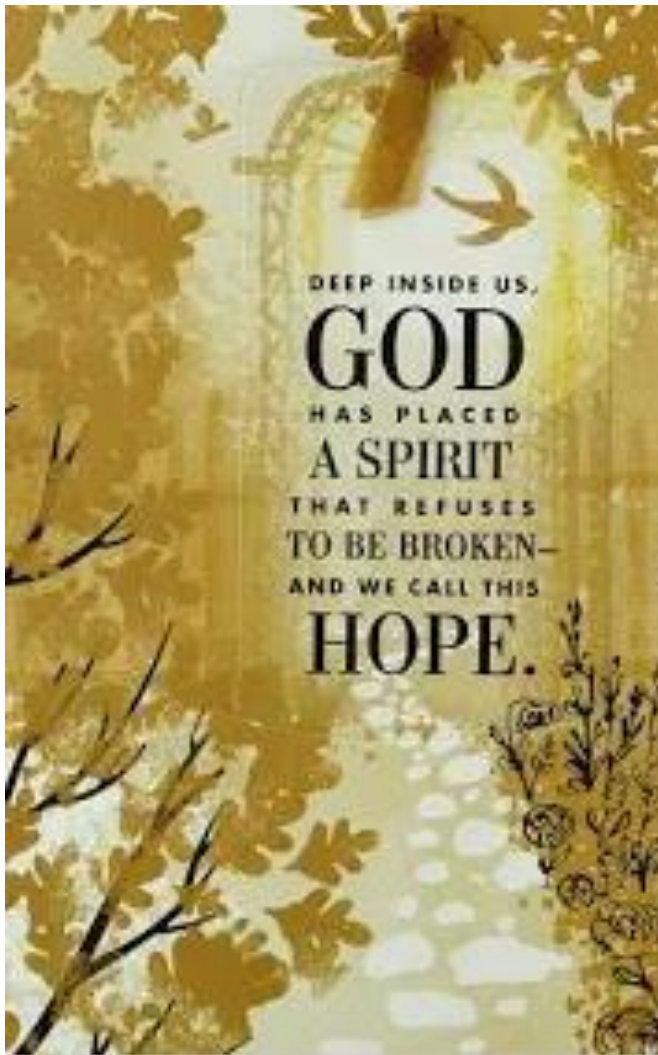
Start young. Time and compounding are your friends.

Wealth gotten by vanity
shall be diminished:
but he that gathereth by labour
shall increase.

Proverbs 13:11



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Do You Own a Business?

Beginning January 2026, we will highlight your business in The Zion Trumpet to get your information out to the Community and Members. Please turn in your information by the 15th of each month.

Thank you, and we are looking forward to patronizing all the “Businesses” that will be advertising with us.

The Office Staff

Our new page will be highlighting both children and adults. If there is an accomplishment, recognition, award or business you would like to have highlighted, please submit it to the Church Office on or before the 15th of every month.

Thank you

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**Update
your
info!**

All Members:

Please contact the Church Office to update or check that your contact information is correct with the Church listing.

Your attention in this important matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
The Office Staff



Happy Anniversary

May your Marriage be blessed with

Love, Joy and Happiness !!!

Charles and Marjorie Buckner

Olester and Letha Clemons

Kelvin and Rosa Davis

Quanton and Nicole Hope

Marcus and Katrina Jenkins

Justin and Alicia Miller

Malory and Dorothy Williams



**Mark your Calendar
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Fish Fry
SATURDAY

May 16, 2026 June 20, 2026
July 18, 2026 August 15, 2026



For My Soul Rejoices in God's Everlasting Love

ALL POWERFUL

EXUBERANT

MIGHTY

EXALTED