

THE NEW MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH OF TAMPA, FL INC.

WHAT'S  GOT TO DO WITH IT?

New Mt. Zion M.B. Church  **EVERYTHING!**
Mark 12: 28 - 31

“We Are Changing The World Through The Love of Christ—
One Soul At A Time.”

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SOME GREAT EVENTS...



Contemporary Choir debuted on Sunday, September 29. They, also, gave leadership in songs at the Unity Service on Sunday, December 29.



The Inaugural Christmas Day Luncheon (December 25, 2019 (see article under Food Pantry).



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's. Parade January 20, 2020. (see article)



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FROM OUR PASTOR

“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom” – Psalm 90:12

By God's grace, here we stand in the dawn of a new decade! How blessed we are to be alive and to be heirs of salvation through Jesus Christ. Although we have been given the gift of life, we must not take for granted that we have many years ahead of us. According to scripture; we are told that our earthly lives

are brief and filled with trouble (Psalm 90:10). In that vein, we should live with a mindset of making an impact and leaving a legacy. I encourage you to pull over to a spiritual rest stop from the rush hour of life, and take time to reflect on God's goodness to you through the years. Then, make a conscious decision to celebrate every victory (large or small), that God has empowered you to realize recently. Finally, prayerfully seek wisdom from God to make the most of the time you have left. By consistently being aware of our mortality, with God's help, we should minimize unnecessary stress, while maximizing the peace that God has made available to us. May this month, this year, this decade and the rest of your life, be lived to its fullest potential to the glory of God!

Because HE Lives,
Pastor Roundtree



NEW MEMBERS

**Reported By
Director
Minister Willie
Kimbrough**

Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them. His work is honorable and glorious, and his righteousness endures forever. (Psalm 111:1-3, N.K.J.V). As we start out this New Year, we are thankful that we have an opportunity to sing praises to our God for his faithfulness to us; as He sent his only Begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. We, of the New Members' Orientation, would like to start out

this year by thanking God, our Pastor and First Lady, and each and every member connected to New Mt. Zion. Some of you had family members who came and united with us; some came who were strangers to us but that did not stop you from opening your arms and hearts to them and for that we are truly grateful and thankful. As we look back over last year, we can truly say that we have been blessed to be able to enjoy God's grace and mercy toward us. We have had our ups and downs, but through it all God has been right there with us. If nothing else, think about the fact that you laid down last night and you woke up this morning and that is a blessing. We continue in prayer for all of our families here at New Mt. Zion; but especially for our sick and shut-in. We would like to continue to support and lift

before the Lord Deaconess Sherryl Cusseaux, Assistant Director of New Members Orientation, and her husband Rev. Allen Cusseaux who is very ill at this time.

As always, we give thanks for the ministries here at New Mt. Zion as they continue to work with us in our ministry. If you think about it, we are connected to every ministry here at New Mt. Zion. When new members complete orientation, they go into a ministry here at New Mt. Zion. We have asked that all ministries take on the responsibility of becoming mentors for the new members. We would like to thank Pastor Roundtree and Sis. Roundtree for their continued support and encouragement. We extend thanks to all who work with us especially the W.I.A. Ministry (Women's Intermediate Auxiliary) and their undying faith

toward the ministry, and to the staff of the New Members' Orientation. I thank God for you all.

In 2019, 115 souls united with New Mt. Zion. Of that number, 81 went on to complete orientation and became functioning members of a ministry. "To God be the Glory." Let us continue to pray for the ones who did not complete orientation to come back and finish. Listed below is the last graduating class of 2019. Congratulations to them as they continue on their Christian journey through life. May they continue to enjoy all the blessings that God has in store for them.

MOST RECENT GRADUATES

- Waynenitra Anderson
- Acelin Walker
- Ethan Johnson
- Extavia Bloodsworth
- Janyia Daniel
- Jermaine Daniel
- Earvin Bailey
- Tanyia Bloodsworth

- Ashley Mobley
- Eamonee George
- Sincere George
- Jahsiah George
- Trinity Mobley
- Myla James

REMINDER: For your completion, New Members' Orientation is held on Sundays and Tuesdays.



“SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT” Submitted By Church Clerk—Sis. Marilyn Washington

Psalm 95

See if you identify with this scenario: You go to church and sing the songs, but you aren't really paying attention to the words or their meaning. The pastor stands up to pray, and your mind begins to wander. During the sermon, you become distracted and miss a large part of the message.

We've all been there, haven't we? It's a common experience and has been for a long time: Isaiah denounced the Israelites for honoring the Lord with their lips while their hearts

were far from Him ([Isa. 29:13](#)). As children of God, we must take this seriously and consider whether we are actually worshipping the Lord or just going through the motions.

To *truly* worship, we must do more than mouth words of praise and look attentive. Our minds should be set on the Lord, not lesser things. Like the psalmist, our entire inner being should be engaged in both exaltation of the Lord and humble submission to Him as our Maker and Shepherd.

Genuine worship also requires a heart of faith and a disposition of obedience to God. It would be difficult for unbelievers to worship the Lord, because they don't have the Holy Spirit and cannot understand spiritual things ([1 Cor. 2:14](#)).

Nor does God find worship acceptable from believers who cling unrepentantly to sin (Ps. 66:18). Drawing near to Him requires clean hands and a pure heart, which is possible only through Jesus Christ (Ps. 24:3-4).

The goal of worship is to glorify God, and it begins with our attitude. We must come into His presence with a repentant and humble heart, a mind focused on Him, and a life that demonstrates obedience. (InTouch Ministry October 2019)

CHURCH'S 117th ANNIVERSARY



Reported By Sis. Syntia King

Our epic 117th Church's Anniversary was spearheaded by our millennial/young adult ministry--Generation Real. This joyous observance was coined as 'The 117th Homecoming Celebration in recognition of our rich history and strong community. The fundraising goal was \$30,000 (which will be allocated towards the enhancement of our church's parking lots) and after expenses. We came in just shy of our goal. Nonetheless, we made great memories and strengthened our commUNITY while doing so. Blue was appropriately selected as this year's signature color as it represents unity, our central theme for 2019.

Four major events led us up to our culmination of Anniversary Worship service, 'Every Hue of Blue-The 117th Celebration', which were:

- Food, Fun & Family Field Day
- The Classic Gospel Concert - A Blackout Event
- Family & Friends' Day
- Jesus, Jazz & Jokes - An All White Affair



(1) Food, Fun & Family Field Day was an unforgettable day of community fun which featured a modern twist to our traditional, annual picnic. The main event was field day where the youth, men and women of NMZ competed against one another for bragging rights and the privilege of taking home the gold. Our youth were confident in their abilities to win it all and challenged every ministry within NMZ to step up and compete

against them during the field day event. Their strategy, confidence, and teamwork paid off in the end because they walked away as the first group of champions that day!



Our never intimidated and quite competitive Pastor, Rev. Larry L. Roundtree, II, ran a home run during the kickball competition which helped crown his team, the Ambitious Adults, as the champions of our Kickball Kickoff! The Zionnettes, our ladies' team for the day, received special recognition for their hype and Ethan Johnson was recognized for an extraordinary kick during the kickball competition. It was fun; a time for all! The festivities were held at Lowry Park - Pavilion 120 on Saturday, September 28, 2019 with a live DJ, bounce house, mobile video truck, board card games, and great vibes!



(2) The Classic Gospel Concert - A Blackout Event was hosted at NMZ on Saturday, October 12, 2019 and featured Tampa Bay Youth & Young Adult Mass Choir (led by our very own Minister of Worship & Arts, Larenz Johnson) plus The Florida A&M University Gospel Choir. #TCGC Experience was a praise party like no other! Attendees wore black to symbolize the death of any unrighteous traits that held us back from living our best life in Christ. We concluded the night in prayer and left renewed for the Kingdom journey ahead.



(3) Family & Friends' Day was held on Sunday, October 13, 2019 with guest Pastor, Dr. T. Grant Malone of St. John MB Church in Houston, TX.

Worship during the 8:00 A.M. service was led by our Male Chorus, and The Florida A&M University Gospel Choir ministered to us through song during the 11:00 A.M. worship experience. Family, friends and congregants packed the pews as we worshipped our God in spirit and in truth. Photos and light refreshments were offered to all, immediately after both worship experiences, in the Family Life Center.



(4) Jesus, Jazz & Jokes - An All White Affair was a momentous celebration where our congregants and community gathered today in all white to pay homage to our God in an unprecedented manner! We decided to combine our musical, comedic, social and fashion gifts under one umbrella through an amazing evening of entertainment with Tyrell Pittman & The Tampa Boyz, Christian Comedian - Scott Simpkins & The Beat Down Band. The room was adorned beautifully in white with blue accent lighting.

Lite refreshments were served, clean line dancing took place and lasting memories were captured.



(5) Then, the grand finale occurred on Sunday, October 20, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. — 'Every Hue of Blue - The 117th Homecoming Celebration'.

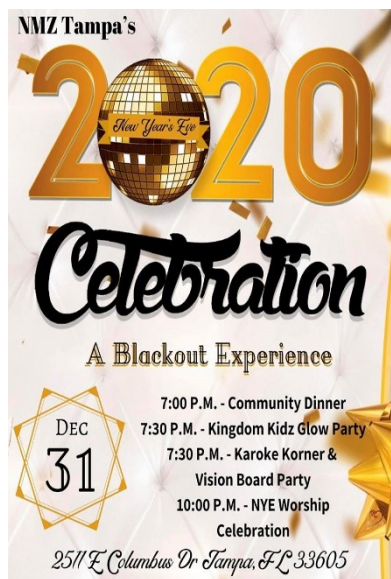
Worshippers gathered together in all shades of blue as a representation of our unity in Christ and we celebrated every moment that has enabled us to stand triumphantly for our 117 years of existence! To God be the glory! Our mass choir led us in worship followed by a powerful word of unity from our Shepherd, Rev. Larry L. Roundtree, II. We enjoyed the fellowship of our community in the Dr. Walter J. Williams Family Life Center over lunch and photos.

Happy Anniversary family! We look forward to creating many more incredible memories within the body of Christ, for years to come! Stay tuned!



Minister Kimbrough, Dea. Sutton Page, and Dea. Les Miller give Devotional Leadership at Watch Night 2019.

**We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord.
They will know we are
Christians by our LOVE.**



Watch Night 2019!!!

What a time! Hundreds flooded the Sanctuary of New Mt. Zion to embrace the coming of a new decade! Our newest addition to NMZ leadership, Minister Larenz Johnson, opened the night with praise, encouraging the parishioners to celebrate all that God has done in 2019! A special ensemble of singers led us in praise and worship reminding us that we have, "No Reason to Fear" and to be, "Grateful" for surely God has been good to us! Hallelujah! The mass choir filled the room with positive energy letting each individual know that, "the best is yet to come," "God is keeping us," and "we will make it all right!" This is our exodus! The Daughters of Zion and the Total Praise Mime ministries danced with poise and grace, magnifying our Savior! Pastor Roundtree, preached the congregation into a new decade from First Corinthians 15:58; reassuring us that our labor was not in vain! Watch Night 2019 was truly a night to remember; we're believing that 2020 will be one of the best years of our lives!

**Humbly Submitted By
Minister Larenz Johnson
Minister of Worship &
Arts**

**"GOD'S GRACE GIVES
US A NEW YEAR AND
A NEW DECADE"**

A Song of Gratitude for a New Year and a New Decade

LUTHER BARNES

God's Grace

How did I make it all
these years?

How did I make it this
far?

Through the valleys and
over the hills,
I know it had to be God.

How did I make it
through the storm?

How did I make it
through the rain?

If you want to know, just
how I got here, it's so
easy to explain.

It was God's grace
I made it this far.

By the grace of God
It was God's grace
His amazing grace.

I made it this far.
By the grace of God.

Lord, I thank you for
how you brought me,
How you brought me
through the night.

Lord, you kept me and
you never left me,
You stood by my side.

During this time of the year, many make New Year's Resolutions. A GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WOULD BE...

Mark 12:30 and 31
³⁰And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. ³¹And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."



**FACEBOOK
 TESTIMONIES
 From Sis.
 Gloria Hobbs
 Thomas
 "Surpasses All
 Understanding"**

Philippians 4: 6-7
⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God; ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 6-7--Okay here we go--"Be anxious for nothing", this is a big situation for a lot of us; we say I can't help but worry a little bit, and believe me I'm the first to say Okay God You are stepping on my toes. But this last year, I have grown so much, I now know that I cannot fix anyone or anything. I can only pray about it and turn it over to the Master. So the question is: Is it possible for a Christian not to be anxious? The answer is yes--through prayer and believing God's Word that He will take care of you and me in everything. There is nothing too hard for God to do, but we have to learn how to let go and let God. We say it all the time but self-experience is not always easy to do, especially for me. It was hard because of guilt and heartache. When I did become a Christian, I set out to fix everything, not let God through praying and supplication give my requests to Him. Gloria was the fixer; the more I tried to fix, the worse things got. About a year ago, the Holy Spirit allowed me to see my mistakes in trying to fix everything. I surrendered and asked God to forgive me, and I also forgave myself. Now it's like walking

on clouds. I come to God with everything now and no it's not easy because in my flesh, I'm still a fixer; but I know now that God, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, is the way. So when I am having a situation with myself in trying to fix someone or something, I go to my secret place in Jesus and turn it over to Him. We have to learn to be thankful in everything, nothing happens by accident. God knows all and He will take what the devil means for our bad and turn it around for our good, to be a testimony for His glory. When we find the peace of all understanding, it will give us strength when we go through trials and tragedies. We need this peace because we will go through things that we don't understand and to have God's peace we will be in a better place through our situations.

"Renew Your Mind"
 Romans 12: 1-2
¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be

transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Paul is begging us to surrender our lives to Jesus Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to work in us and through us that others may see the good work that God is doing in us. There should be evidence of a renewing of the mind in the way you carry yourself that will show signs of Christ. When you look back over your life, you should be able to say, “thank you Jesus I'm not still the same”. Example: I used to be a cursing little sailor and really thought that it made me look good and made people think I was bad. But one day, as I was being my old Gloria and cursing this person out, it was told to me by this person—“you know something, you got a pretty face but an ugly mouth.” As time went on and I started to think about what they said, it was true. The ugly words that came out of my mouth made the pretty face ugly along with the

mouth. The second example was that I smoked cigarettes and thought it made me look cool, especially when I was out to the bars drinking, lol. I would get a drink and light up, and again someone said, “A cigarette hanging out your mouth is not cute.” I cursed them out and kept smoking. Now as I look back over my life, it was an ugly habit that served no purpose but to make me look bad and feel bad. It's been over 20 years since I smoked and my lungs thank me. I look better and feel better. It's not an easy thing to renew the mind to do the right thing because our flesh is weak in some areas. That's why we have to allow the Holy Spirit to help us change. Don't allow the world around you to squeeze you into its mold, but allow the Holy Spirit to transform you into its image. Holy Spirit, please help anyone reading this to be renewed in their minds of what is good and perfect will of God.



The story of Black History Month begins in Chicago during the summer of 1915. An alumnus of the University of Chicago with many friends in the city,



Carter G. Woodson traveled from Washington, D.C. to participate in a national celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of emancipation sponsored by the state of Illinois. Thousands of African Americans travelled from across the country to see exhibits highlighting the progress their people had made since the destruction of slavery. Awarded a doctorate in Harvard three years earlier, Woodson joined the other exhibitors with a black history display. Despite being held at the Coliseum, the site of the

1912 Republican convention, an overflow crowd of six to twelve thousand waited outside for their turn to view the exhibits. Inspired by the three-week celebration, Woodson decided to form an organization to promote the scientific study of black life and history before leaving town. On September 9th, Woodson met at the Wabash YMCA with A. L. Jackson and three others and formed the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH).

He hoped that others would popularize the findings that he and other black intellectuals would publish in *The Journal of Negro History*, which he established in 1916. As early as 1920, Woodson urged black civic organizations to promote the achievements that researchers were uncovering. A graduate member of Omega Psi Phi, he urged his fraternity brothers to take up the work. In 1924, they responded with the creation of Negro History and Literature Week, which they renamed Negro Achievement Week. Their

outreach was significant, but Woodson desired greater impact. As he told an audience of Hampton Institute students, "We are going back to that beautiful history and it is going to inspire us to greater achievements." In 1925, he decided that the Association had to shoulder the responsibility. Going forward, it would both create and popularize knowledge about the black past. He sent out a press release announcing Negro History Week in February, 1926.

Woodson chose February for reasons of tradition and reform. It is commonly said that Woodson selected February to encompass the birthdays of two great Americans who played a prominent role in shaping black history, namely Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, whose birthdays are the 12th and the 14th, respectively. More importantly, he chose them for reasons of tradition. Since Lincoln's assassination in 1865, the black community, along with other Republicans, had been celebrating the fallen President's birthday. And since the late 1890s, black

communities across the country had been celebrating Douglass'. Well aware of the pre-existing celebrations, Woodson built Negro History Week around traditional days of commemorating the black past. He was asking the public to extend their study of black history, not to create a new tradition. In doing so, he increased his chances for success.

Yet Woodson was up to something more than building on tradition. Without saying so, he aimed to reform it from the study of two great men to a great race. Though he admired both men, Woodson had never been fond of the celebrations held in their honor. He railed against the "ignorant spellbinders" who addressed large, convivial gatherings and displayed their lack of knowledge about the men and their contributions to history. More importantly, Woodson believed that history was made by the people, not simply or primarily by great men. He envisioned the study and celebration of the Negro as a race, not simply as the producers of a great man. Lincoln, however

great, had not freed the slaves—the Union Army, including hundreds of thousands of black soldiers and sailors, had done that. Rather than focusing on two men, the black community, he believed, should focus on the countless black men and women who had contributed to the advance of human civilization.

From the beginning, Woodson was overwhelmed by the response to his call. Negro History Week appeared across the country in schools and before the public. The 1920s was the decade of the New Negro, a name given to the Post-War I generation because of its rising racial pride and consciousness.

Urbanization and industrialization had brought over a million African Americans from the rural South into big cities of the nation. The expanding black middle class became participants in and consumers of black literature and culture. Black history clubs sprang up, teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils, and progressive

whites stepped and endorsed the efforts.

Woodson and the Association scrambled to meet the demand. They set a theme for the annual celebration, and provided study materials—pictures, lessons for teachers, plays for historical performances, and posters of important dates and people. Provisioned with a steady flow of knowledge, high schools in progressive communities formed Negro History Clubs. To serve the desire of history buffs to participate in the re-education of black folks and the nation, ASNLH formed branches that stretched from coast to coast. In 1937, at the urging of Mary McLeod Bethune, Woodson established the Negro History Bulletin, which focused on the annual theme. As black populations grew, mayors issued Negro History Week proclamations, and in cities like Syracuse, progressive whites joined Negro History Week with National Brotherhood Week.

Like most ideas that resonate with the spirit of the times, Negro History Week proved to be more dynamic than Woodson or

the Association could control. By the 1930s, Woodson complained about the intellectual charlatans, black and white, popping up everywhere seeking to take advantage of the public interest in black history. He warned teachers not to invite speakers who had less knowledge than the students themselves. Increasingly publishing houses that had previously ignored black topics and authors rushed to put books on the market and in the schools. Instant experts appeared everywhere, and non-scholarly works appeared from “mushroom presses.” In America, nothing popular escapes either commercialization or eventual trivialization, and so Woodson, the constant reformer, had his hands full in promoting celebrations worthy of the people who had made the history.

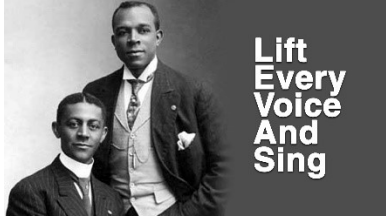
Well before his death in 1950, Woodson believed that the weekly celebrations—not the study or celebration of black history—would eventually come to an end. In fact, Woodson never viewed black history as a one-week affair. He pressed for

schools to use Negro History Week to demonstrate what students learned all year. In the same vein, he established a black studies extension program to reach adults throughout the year. It was in this sense that blacks would learn of their past on a daily basis that he looked forward to the time when an annual celebration would no longer be necessary. Generations before Morgan Freeman and other advocates of all-year commemorations, Woodson believed that black history was too important to America and the world to be crammed into a limited time frame. He spoke of a shift from Negro History Week to Negro History Year. In the 1940s, efforts began slowly within the black community to expand the study of black history in the schools and black history celebrations before the public. In the South, black teachers often taught Negro History as a supplement to United States history. One early beneficiary of the movement reported that his teacher would hide Woodson's textbook

beneath his desk to avoid drawing the wrath of the principal. During the Civil Rights Movement in the South, the Freedom Schools incorporated black history into the curriculum to advance social change. The Negro History movement was an intellectual insurgency that was part of every larger effort to transform race relations. The 1960s had a dramatic effect on the study and celebration of black history. Before the decade was over, Negro History Week would be well on its way to becoming Black History Month. The shift to a month-long celebration began even before Dr. Woodson's death. As early as the 1940s, blacks in West Virginia, a state where Woodson often spoke, began to celebrate February as Negro History Month. In Chicago, a now forgotten cultural activist, Fredrick H. Hammaurabi, started celebrating Negro History Month in the mid-1960s. Having taken an African name in the 1930s, Hammaurabi used his cultural center, the House of Knowledge, to fuse African consciousness with

the study of the black past. By the late 1960s, as young blacks on college campuses became increasingly conscious of links with Africa, Black History Month replaced Negro History Week at a quickening pace. Within the Association, younger intellectuals, part of the awakening, prodded Woodson's organization to change with the times. They succeeded. In 1976, fifty years after the first celebration, the Association used its influence to institutionalize the shifts from a week to a month and from Negro history to black history. Since the mid-1970s, every American president, Democrat and Republican, has issued proclamations endorsing the Association's annual theme. What Carter G. Woodson would say about the continued celebrations is unknown, but he would smile on all honest efforts to make black history a field of serious study and provide the public with thoughtful celebrations.

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Many people are surprised to learn that "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was first written as a poem. Created by James Weldon Johnson, it was performed for the first time by 500 school children in celebration of President Lincoln's Birthday on February 12, 1900 in Jacksonville, FL. The poem was set to music by Johnson's brother, John Rosamond Johnson, and soon adopted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as its official song. Today "Lift Every Voice and Sing" is one of the most cherished songs of the African American Civil Rights Movement and is often referred to as the Black National Anthem.



LYRICS
**"Lift Every Voice
and Sing"**

By James Weldon
Johnson

**¹Lift every voice and
sing
Till earth and heaven
ring,
Ring with the
harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening
skies,
Let it resound loud as
the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the
faith that the dark past
has taught us,
Sing a song full of the
hope that the present
has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of
our new day begun
Let us march on till
victory is won.
²Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening
rod,
Felt in the days when
hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for
which our fathers
sighed?
We have come over a
way that with tears has
been watered,
We have come, treading
our path through the
blood of the**

**slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy
past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam
of our bright star is cast.
³God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought
us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy
might Led us into the
light,
Keep us forever in the
path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from
the places, our God,
where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk
with the wine of the
world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy
hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.**

**THANK YOU FOR
OUR HISTORY.**

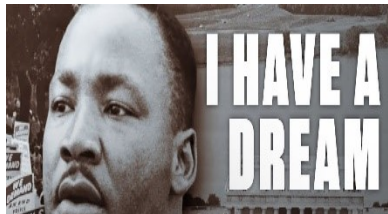
We are a blessed church comprised of many members who have been instrumental in the Civil Rights' Movement. Some of these members have been publicized and others have not. However, all involved played first and key

roles in such a powerful movement. History is being made every day through all generations. Let us keep God's love flowing in and out of us in sharing His love as we stand and remain true to Him in word and deed.



LOVE FROM WITHIN MOVES

For several years the task of NMZs visibility in the historic



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade has been received with excitement. During this time, our members eagerly showcased our church's love through fellowship marching, walking, and riding the community's parade route. Our church's love is shown with big smiles, laughter, singing, waving, throwing beads, and having an awesome fellowship. A very special thank you is given to **Sis. Valencia Simpson**

Holmes for her commitment and dedication in spearheading NMZs participation. We are truly a blessed church with so many loving workers and participants.



If you are part of the body of Christ, you must be filled with the Holy Spirit. You have to have God's Spirit to understand His Spirit. His Spirit is positive not negative.



Reported By
Sis. Alfredia Mulkey
“Administrative
Operational Highlights”

PLEASE REMEMBER:

NO FOOD NOR DRINKS are allowed in the Sanctuary, except water.

BULLETINS are available upon request from an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENT BOOKLETS are in the foyer.

EACH SUNDAY BULLETIN AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE, ALSO, POSTED TO THE NMZ COMMUNITY APP.

DON'T FORGET to call the church office to update any changes to your contact information.

Maintenance:

If you notice hazards or items needing repair or correcting, such as: lights out, bathrooms not working, electrical cords in walkways, parking lot, etc., please complete

Maintenance Form:
This form is located next to the mailboxes for the Church's and Pastor's offices. Please put your completed requests in the Church Administrator's mailbox.

Ministry Meetings & Choir Rehearsals:
Please contact our Church Secretary, Sis. Jackie Jones, for reserving meeting space or usage of the Sanctuary. **For security and safety reasons, children must be supervised during meetings and Choir rehearsals, etc.**

**OUR
MINISTRIES**

**2020's MINISTRIES
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Benevolent Edgar Jones
Bereavement Jean Collins
Brotherhood Bobby Priester
Transportation Ricky Wade

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Church Clerk Marilyn Washington
Couples Leroy Lane
Clothes Closet Yvonne Douglas
Deaconess and Ministers' Wives Mary Priester
Educational Kenya Jones
Evangelism Ronald Graham
Church's Finance Committee Sutton Page
Financial Consultants Arthur and Brenda Holley
Food Pantry Archie Williams
Golden Gems Casandra Howard
Health Awareness Wilma Garvin
Hospitality Monica Narain
Male Ushers Osborne Odom
Male Chorus Ricky Wade
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WIA Annette James
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Prison Ministry Ronald Thomas
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Minister of Worship and Arts Larenz Johnson
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Daughters of Zion Kandace Johnson
Total Praise Mime Valencia Holmes
Young Adults DeRon Graham
Youth Department Shamira Hayes Pat Williams

<p>Youth Ushers Yama Gooding Timothy Jones</p>
<p>Youth Choir Yazmin Harrell</p>



to these ministries and their reporters for the following articles:



Pastor's Aide
Ministry

Reported By
Sis. Gwen Hayes
"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."
Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

"What's Love Got To Do With It? EVERYTHING!!"
Mark 12: 28-31

Happy New Year, Zionites Family, Friends and Visitors!!

We thank God for allowing us to see the dawning of a new year, a new decade.

Like most ministries at New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa, FL, Inc., the **Pastor's Aide Ministry (PAM)** has been very, very busy. We enjoy sharing the Love of Christ with our Pastor, **Rev. Larry L. Roundtree, II, his wife, Lady Sameya** and their family.

At the release of the previous *Progressor*, we talked about the pastor's 6th Anniversary Celebration, and at the time, his approaching birthday.

Guess what?!! We're getting ready to celebrate his 7th Anniversary. Can you believe we've had

the Roundtree Family for 7 years?!! March 1, 2013, he delivered his first message as our pastor.

Fresh off the press from **Pastor and Lady Roundtree:** The 7th Anniversary Celebration kicks off on Wednesday, April 15th, with Family Night. The Community Picnic is Saturday, April 18th and the anniversary service culmination is on Sunday, April 19th. We'll have 2 services – Unity Service at 10 a. m., and 3 p. m. to close out with **Rev. Dr. N. S. Sanders.**

Ladies and gentlemen, start looking for your anniversary outfits. **Lady Roundtree** has selected "Pantone," a powder blue, for the anniversary color. Start shopping!

Also, mark your calendars for the "**Rev. Walter J. Williams Day**" – on Father's Day, June 21, 2020.

More info on these events will be

forthcoming as we complete details.

Let's back up and talk about what PAM has been doing the past few months.

In Sept., PAM invited the congregation and visitors to join **Pastor Roundtree** and his family to enjoy punch and cupcakes, take photos with him, sing Happy Birthday to him and just celebrate him.

Two months later, we followed that same procedure to celebrate **Lady Sameya**. It, too, was a joyous event.

In addition to supporting the ministries of New Mt. Zion, PAM has stepped outside these walls to assist others.

The Pastor's Aide Ministry wholeheartedly contributed to: the backpack "Back-To-School" project, Hurricane Relief, Sweater and Coat project at James Elementary, Ministry Fair, Harvest Festival,

and "Pampering For Moms To Be" sponsored by Caregivers Helping Hand, donated to Kingdom Women.

Our holiday social was held at J. Alexander's with **Pastor and Lady Roundtree**. It was a grand occasion. We also exchanged gifts.

PAM's members visited several of our members at their homes and some confined elsewhere. They sang and prayed to and with them, shared gifts, and also visited residents at Palm Garden Of Tampa.

PAM's members visited **Delores Wheeler, James and Eartha Daniels, Essie Griffith, Linda Hart, Catherine Johnson and Maybell Jackson**. All were grateful for the visits and gifts.



Sis. Catherine Johnson



Sis. Maybell Jackson



Sis. Eartha Daniels



Well, it's now 2020. With the Lord leading, we'll continue to service our Pastor and his family as we **serve** the Lord, giving service to His family.

PAM's members re-elected **Brenda**

Holley to continue leading our ministry. Other officers elected were: **Bobbi Chatman**, Vice President; **Debra Weatherly**, Secretary; **Gwen Hayes**, Treasurer; and **Gloria Sylvester**, Chaplain. **Deacon Kelvin DeCoursey** conducted our election.

THE BROTHERHOOD



Reported By
Dea. Bobby Priester
President

The Brotherhood Ministry was organized last year and is continuing the work of uplifting

Jesus Christ. Our officers for 2020 are:

- Dea. Bobby Priester, President
- Bro. James Williams, Vice President
- Bro. Hank Humbert, Secretary
- Bro. Eric Hayes, Treasurer
- Rev. Dr. George Berry, Chaplain

We closed out last year actively representing New Mt. Zion at various Brotherhood meetings:

First South Florida Memorial Service in Bartow, FL

Congress #4 Brotherhood Planning Meeting at First Baptist Church of West Tampa

Congress #4 in Clearwater, FL

First South Florida Association in Eatonville, FL

We thank God for the heart of the Brothers. Our Ministry gave gift cards at Christmas to assist three families. We are excited about new opportunities to support the work of New Mt. Zion. The Brotherhood is currently planning a golf tournament to provide

scholarships to our graduating seniors.

New Mt. Zion M.B. Church



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Reverend Larry L. Roundtree II, Pastor

BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY

Deacon Bobby Priester
President

Presents

NMZ Golf Tournament



Saturday, April 11, 2020
@ 8 AM

The Claw at USF
13801 North 46th Street,
Tampa, FL 33612

Registration

4 Person Scramble - \$75
Each

Benefiting – Scholarships
for

Graduating Students
Contact: Ed Narain, Ray Lewis, Henry Humbert, or Bobby Priester

The Brotherhood Ministry invites all men of New Mt. Zion to join us in the work. There is something for everyone to do.

**BROTHERHOOD
MOTTO**

“Teach the Word in the Home,
With a Consecrated Heart,
Following the footsteps of the Savior
Leading All Men to God!”



Deaconess and Ministers' Wives

**Reported By
President**

Sis. Mary Priester

We are praising God for a new year of new opportunities to serve. We want all members of New Mt. Zion to know that our Ministry is available to assist you and pray with you when there is a need. We are servants in the church and are willing to work for the Master.

The truth of Proverbs 3:5-6 is dear to our hearts, *“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”*

We invite you to attend the teaching sessions of Bible Study and Sunday School. The Bible encourages us to study God’s word so that we may be able to rightly divide the word of truth. As we witness to others, we must be assured of what we believe and who we believe.

Our Ministry represented New Mt. Zion at the Congress #4 Session and the First South Florida Baptist District Association. Our Ministry provided lap blankets for the Association outreach project. It is important to fellowship with other believers. We look forward to supporting our Senior Women Ministry as they assist with hosting the National Baptist State Convention Winter Board meeting in February.

Please mark your calendars and plan to share with us as we host a **Hawaiian Tea** on Saturday, **March 28 at 3 PM**. You do not want to miss this joyous fellowship. Come out and enjoy a spiritual, emotional, and physical uplifting afternoon.

There are many members that are ill and have suffered loss of loved ones. Join us in praying for them and the entire New Mt. Zion Church family. God’s Word encourages us to pray without ceasing. Even though we may not currently have trials, many others need our prayers. Remember that the family that prays together, stays together. The goal of our ministry is to be identified by our love for others.



FOOD

PANTRY

Reported By

Sis. Pat Williams

“O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for his mercy endureth forever.”

(1 Chronicles 16:34)

New Mt. Zion family, we had a wonderful year of outreach in 2019. Thanks to your food and monetary donations, we were able to provide food bags to over 1,100 families. We, also, provided hot meals at our Community Luncheons.

In November, we held our Veteran's Day Lunch to say thank you to all who have served in any of our Armed Forces. We, also, thank you for your donations to our Angel Tree (Community Love Tree) outreach. Everyone was grateful for the gifts that they received. We also held our first annual *Christmas Day Luncheon*.



Fruit Bags with candy canes were given as love gifts with a postcard containing our church's contact information.



Pastor Roundtree and a group of volunteers

delivered dinners to the homeless, while others served the guests that came to the church.



We are hoping to make it bigger and better next year. It was a great way to end the year on a high note. We are a blessed church because we are always willing to be a blessing to others. We are grateful to be a part of such a loving church family. Not only is our God awesome, so are you. We know that it's all about love. We ask for your continued donations of non-perishable food items as well as your financial support. We have our distributions on Monday after the 2nd and 4th Sundays, from 10 am – noon and 5 pm–7 pm. The Food Pantry Ministry is “Changing the World, Through the L.O.V.E. of Christ, One Soul at a Time.” Thank you to all of our volunteers. We greatly

appreciate you and all that you do. Parents, please remember that your youth can receive volunteer hours for working in the Food Pantry. Our mission statement comes from Matthew 25:35, “For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water...” What's LOVE got to do with it? ❤️ Everything! To God Be the Glory.

CLYM'S CLOTHES CLOSET



**Reported By
Coordinator
Sis. Yvonne
Douglas**

The blessings just keep on coming. Thanks to our donors. All items in Clym's Clothes Closet are FREE. The Clothes Closet works parallel with the Food Pantry Ministry. We are open twice per month. The hours and

dates are on the marquee. In between those dates the volunteers are working very hard sorting and getting things ready for the next opening. If there is an urgent need prior to our regular hours, please call the church office at 813 248-8101. We encourage the church and community to come and shop when we are open. We have a great selection of clothes and shoes and everyday apparel. Our volunteers usually stay an hour or so after closing to get things ready for the 5 p.m. patrons. Monetary donations can be made payable to New Mt Zion and put "clothes closet" in the memo line. Receipts are available upon request. We use the monetary donations to replenish toiletries, etc. as needed. New volunteers are always welcome. Men can volunteer too. We work as a team in the areas we feel most comfortable and it works out very well. Deacon Jones has volunteered to take the items from the family life center and carry them over to the clothes closet. We really

appreciate his help. Sister Wardlow sees to it that we have forms and bible tracts.

RECEIVING DAYS - WEDNESDAYS only from 11 A.M. TILL 8 P.M in the WJW Family Life Center. Even though we are in a house, storage space is limited. So PLEASE do not donate furniture or anything that contain pests. Do not leave your donations on the porch or outside. We accept clean clothes, socks, towels, jewelry and linens.

Our patrons had a special treat in December. They were able to select an item from the family room and take it home as a Christmas gift. They waited a whole year for this and it was worth the wait.

We change out things in the main family room periodically and take them over to the other rooms. Then those items will be available for our patrons. Soap, toothpaste, men and women deodorant, shampoo and body wash are always needed. Please give it to one of our volunteers.

They always have specials on these items at the dollar store. Please put shoes in a separate bag. Be sure they are in good condition and we have both shoes. Our team members volunteer during their free time. Most of the sorting is done on Thursdays. Sister Cook has a group that comes in the morning and Sister Douglas has a group that comes in the afternoon. Call us if you want to join us for some fun sorting clothes. We also sort on distribution day if we have enough volunteers. We are happy to serve our church and our community. Even though we put a limit on some things, patrons can get as many items as they need. The patrons are very grateful. They know we must have enough to go around to everybody. Last December our volunteers had a Christmas Chat and Chew in our clothes closet kitchen. We had mini Cubans, eggrolls, chicken salad sandwiches and other munchies to celebrate the season. Then on Christmas

morning, we were in the family life center with the Food Pantry Ministry and we gave the luncheon guest toiletries.



Christmas Day Luncheon

They were delighted to go and get a delicious hot Christmas lunch and on the way out there was a beautiful toiletry display. They received a ticket upon entering and upon leaving they just picked up something from the toiletry table. We have been averaging about 5 new patrons per month. The clothes closet is such a wonderful ministry. God is blessing us and we want to be a blessing to others. Thank you Rev. Roundtree for your support. Thank you volunteers and thank you donors. What's love got to do with it?.....everything.

Don't let your Christian walk be a contradiction of your conduct. Your actions reflect if you are listening to God or to the devil.

*BEREAVEMENT
MINISTRY*



**Reported By
President**

Sis. Jean Collins

Remember the wonders he has done.”—Psalm 105:5
Aaah, the New Year.

Here we are at the beginning of a New Year, Zionites. Usually most folks look forward to the New Year since it can represent a new beginning and/or a chance to “do better” than in the previous twelve months. New Year’s Eve parties are planned, Watch Night Services are planned and large community gatherings are organized. The agenda is to celebrate with friends, food, candlelight, confetti, noisemakers and resolutions. But you, as grievers, hope and pray that you successfully

make it through the New Year.

Family, consider the emotional ups and downs over the last twelve months that are a natural part of the grief process. You may have had a few experiences of happiness. Perhaps you had a moment when you looked forward to feeling better in the New Year. Maybe you saw and felt another person’s joy about their possibilities in the New Year and truly felt glad for them. We know that the approach of a New Year means different things for different mourners. You see whether our bereaved members respond to our Ministry when we reached out or not it still depends on where they are in the grief process; for example some of our members want to receive food and visitors at their homes and then we had others preferring visitors at the wake/visitation or repast. You see the question is not whether, but how grief will show up, and how our Bereavement Ministry works with it. Zionites! I don’t know about you but we always seem to have mixed feelings about the year to come--especially when we lose a loved one.

I think because it is the UNKNOWN!

We wonder and think about--What will this New Year bring? What joys? What sorrows? What losses? What gains? How strong will our faith be in 2020. We all question ourselves. What resolutions will we keep and what ones will cause you to fall flat on your face?

However, on one hand it's exciting to look at a fresh clean year and wonder what it will bring. On the other hand, it's scary to think about what might happen and how all of our worlds could change.

Zionites, you know that the passage of time will always bring about a New Year adjustment. As a griever, you do face a New Year without your loved one but you can try to approach it positively by taking gifts from your loved one with you. Your loved one taught you many things, gave you treasured items, instilled within you important morals and ethics, hereditarily provided you with physical attributes, help to open your mind to new and broad ideas and loved you for you. Zionites, the Bereavement Ministry wants to express gratitude for the gifts left to us by our loved ones. Since under the leadership of our

Pastor Rev. Roundtree, each year at our Annual Watch Night Service, the Bereavement Ministry takes the lead with a Celebration of Life Candlelight Ceremony to pause for a moment and recognize their value. We recognize that your relationship with your loved ones was unique and important because they influenced you physically, emotionally and spiritually. These were their permanent gifts for you. As we close the door of 2019 with the lighting of a candle in memory and love,

"We Remember Them"

Sister Deloris Taylor
Brother Chris Dubois
Graves

Brother Quincy Crank
Sister Evelyn Amanda
Reeves

Brother Jerod Lee Kimble
Deacon Lawrence Cannon,
Sr.

Sister Kheilani T. Parker
Deacon Earnest Pinder II
Brother C. Duane Burning
Sister Linda Watson
Sister Lula Mae Hunter
Sister Geneva W.
Stephenson

Zionites, start your New Year with God. He makes all things new as you courageously work through your grief over time. You eventually will find the strength to look to the New Year with interest and

wonder about what it might hold. Maybe you'll feel eager to welcome change now that your grief has started to ease. Start the New Year by finding comfort and joy in knowing that you did all that you could. Your NMZ Church Family loves you.



***LOST LOVE
MINISTRY***

**Reported By
Minister Ron
Thomas**

Because of the need, this ministry is in the process of scheduling a time and a meeting location to meet the **on-going needs** of those who have lost loved ones. Please check our church's announcements. If you have questions, please contact me at 813-900-4122.



**MUSIC AND ARTS
REPORTED BY
BRO. AARON
ADDERLEY,
MINISTER OF
MUSIC**

Greetings to every reader. Grace and peace be unto you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We report in this issue of The Progressor that the Music and Arts Ministry is doing well. We continue to support the New Mount Zion Baptist Church. During our summer schedule, choirs served at our hour mid-week services on Wednesday evenings. We acknowledge and celebrate and commend the works and services of Kandace Nunn Johnson, who oversees the Daughters of Zion; Valencia Holmes, who oversees Total Praise Mime; Carlton Brown, who directs the Voices of Praise and the Male Chorus, and Larenz Johnson, who directs the Youth Choir. Not to be forgotten are Gary Cassell, our Organist,

Javaris Butts, our Saxophonist and Trennell Reid, our Drummer. Your prayers are requested for this ministry as we look forward to 2020.

HOSPITALITY



**Reported By
President**

Sis. Monica Narain

It's been over a year since the Hospitality Ministry was launched under the vision of Pastor Roundtree; since our inception we have:

- Welcomed hundreds of first time visitors.
- Converted over forty first-time visitors to new members during the personal meet and greet after service.
- Revamped our visitors' packets, which now include a "Come Visit Again" postcard that gets mailed to each visitor.

Our ministry takes great pride in being on the front lines welcoming visitors each Sunday.

I am so grateful to the dedicated members of the Hospitality Ministry as we all take great pleasure in showing Christian love with all we come in contact.



USHER BOARD #1

**Reported By
President**

Sis. Janice Sturks

"God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end."

Psalm 48:14.

Happy New Year to each of you.

We thank the Lord for a most gracious year of spiritual growth and wisdom.

Usher Board #1 would like to welcome our newest member, Bro. Ernest Higginbotham. We had a total of three new members to join us in 2019.

Compassion is the fuel that moves to Christ. We are to live as Christ wants us to live with love and compassion for all.



Our year-in fellowship was awesome, as we fellowshiped with the Male Ushers, at Olive Garden on December 6, 2019. Deacon Willie Grant blessed the food, and we had a wonderful time fellowshiping with one another.

Mission Statement:
Through the glory of God and through our dedication to fellowship within the church, we are committed to mutual edification in prayer, praise, and prophesy. We are devoted to allowing all directions from the Holy Spirit in recognizing the full potential of our gifts--all in the name of serving the Lord.

Our Goal: To reach out to the sick and shut-in as we visit their homes and the nursing homes, assisting where needed.

Our Officers for 2020 are:

- Sister Janice Sturks-
President
- Sister Barbara Bell- Vice
President

- Captain- Sister Robyn
Andrews
- Secretary- Sister Shirley
James
- Finance Secretary-Brother
Michael Collins
- Correspondence Secretary-
Sister Retta Page
- Chaplains Deacon Willie
Grant and Sister Carrie
Terrell
- Director –Deacon Patrick
Andrews



HEALTH AWARENESS

**MINISTRY
Reported By
President**

Wilma Garvin

On Saturday September 21, 2019 we had our 5th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. It was held in New Mt. Zion Church neighborhood. We walked down 26th Street to East Ybor Park at 11th Avenue. We circled the block and came back to the Church for a one half mile walk. You could walk as many times as you liked. The weather was great on that day. We had refreshments and door

prizes as well. We had literature from American Cancer Society on Breast Cancer Awareness also. Great fun and fellowship was had by all in attendance.

On the 5th Sunday in September, the Ministry Fair brought 2 new members to the Team. WELCOME

On Saturday December 14, 2019 we had a great Christmas Fellowship at Yummy House China Bistro on Hillsborough Avenue.



SENIOR WOMEN

**Reported By
President**

Sis. Linda Cook

The Senior Women's Mission had a blessed year during the last five months of 2019, We've come this far by Faith leaning on the Lord – Trusting in his HOLY WORDS – He has never failed us yet. Therefore, we can't turn around.

God has truly guided our steps. Our intentions are

to continue serving as he continues directing us.

Our focus goals are:

- EVANGELISM
- EDUCATION
- MISSIONARY
- OUTREACH
- WORSHIP and
- FELLOWSHIP

We are learning the importance of (Unity) in all phases of our focus goals. We are one part of God's whole family. We are his elder children and his servant.

Listed are some events shared in worship, prayer, service and fellowship.

- Truck a Treat
- FSF Association
- Donation Day



Fifth Sunday (District 4) services and our fellowships among our members; the last one being CHRISTMAS. It was held at Sister Leola Borders' home.



What a wonderful time we had visiting the sick-- our members, as well as others.

I give personal thanks to all our Senior Women for being so supportive and involved. It's because of you much was accomplished in 2019.

In our meetings, the First Monday of each month from 6pm to 7:30pm, we come together in song, prayer and Bible lessons to help us understand God's Words. In 2020, let us increase our services for God, through service, prayer, study and love.

“MATTHEW 28: 19,20

Love you “JESUS CHRIST”

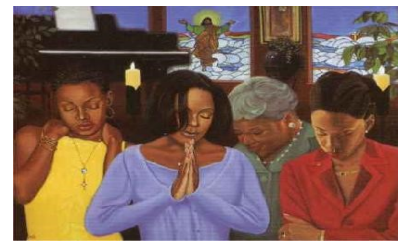
Love you “PASTOR ROUNDTREE & “FIRST LADY”

Love you “Church Family”

“WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?”
“EVERYTHING”

- President
Linda Cook
- Vice President
Yvonne Douglas
- Sec/Finance
Johnnie Mae Harris

WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE



AUXILIARY (WIA)

Reported By

Sis. Sheila Wayne

Hello NMZ Family, WIA (Women's Intermediate Auxiliary) had a great 2019. We wrapped the year up with our annual visit to see the sick and shut in. We also had our end of the year celebration at Noble Crust.





In 2020 the WIA, AKA, (The Ladies in Navy Blue) are on the move! We have our new President Annette James and Vice-President LaTanya Hayes. We are taking our mission to the next level with all of the different fellowship functions we are doing throughout the year. Our first quarter is as follow:

- January 4th, we had our kick off meeting
- February 8th, we invited all ladies ages 18 and up to come fellowship with us. We will be combining YWA and WIA. Meeting starts at 9:00 AM. We will have a continental breakfast as well.
- March 7th, come out for prayer and worship at the WIA's annual Prayer Breakfast.

- In April, WIA is doing a baby sock drive. There will be boxes in the Life Center to collect new baby socks. More information to come.

Our Ministry meets every First Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM in the conference room upstairs in the Life Center. This year we are calling all ladies ages 18 to 60! We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!



You are invited to
**WIAs PRAYER
 BREAKFAST**
 “COME ONE COME
 ALL”

THEME: The Power
 of Prayer

DATE: March 7,
 2020

TIME: 9 AM

LOCATION: 2511
 E. Columbus Dr.
 Tampa, Florida 33605
 (NMZ Family Life
 Center)



Pearls for Christ

**Sis. Patricia
 Strowbridge,
 Facilitator**

The Pearls for Christ is a small group (10 - 15 members) of community based Bible study. The launching session was October 19, 2019. The idea of the small group community study is based upon Acts 2: 42- 47 where new Christians went from house to house sharing hospitality and God's word with others. Our group is based on the framework from LEADING SMALL GROUP by Christ Surratt 2019. The four major components of this group are: 1. Happy greetings and breaking of bread (hospitality -- Peter 4:9; Acts 2:42- 47)- to deepen interpersonal relationships. 2. Studying the scriptures- (1 Cor 2: 1-2) to improve Spiritual growth 3. Social outing- to have FUN

enjoying God's wonderful world and local events 4. Community outreach-(Matt 25:35 Heb 13:2 Phil 2:3-5) willingly helping the needy as opportunities present themselves. The Pearls for Christ has recently studied a 7 weeks' session on Prayer. We have a few essential scriptures and are role playing the needed skills to Evangelize before going out into the community (Matt 28:19-20). The Pearls follow structured study curriculum with input from NMZ. The common interest of this specific bible study group is MOVEMENT to gradually improve our health so that we might offer ourselves for God's service (1 Cor 3:16-17).

All of the members of the Pearls for Christ share their Gospel knowledge in a FUN and practical way. The duties required for the function of the group are shared by all members; no funds are collected; community members have attended a few sessions. The Pearls for Christ meets once a week on Thursday at Andrews Public Library from 10:30 to 12:30. Like minded members are invited to join us. Members of the Pearls for Christ are connecting to our community by the following

activities (John 17:21: Matt 5:14-16 Gal 6:2) working in the Food Pantry and Clym's Clothes Closet, Evangelizing at Whispering Oak Nursing Home; aiding the sick and shut-in, classroom Grandma at James Elementary, formal Senior Mission projects, substitute Sunday school teacher, church usher, teaching wood working skills, community clean up projects, and any other service projects our souls are lead to participate. Salvation through Faith in Jesus' work and active love of ourselves and our fellow men and women are our focus.

Come join us or maybe establish a Small Group Bible Study near your home.

1 Cor 2:3-5 ³And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴And my speech and preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power. ⁵That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

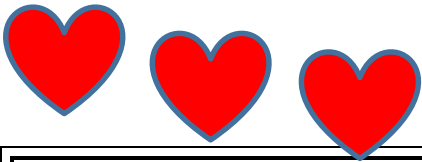
We are "Pearls for Christ" limited but willing.



COUPLES MINISTRY

**Reported By
Sis. Nell Kimbrough
"Something to
Think About--WHY
WORRY?"**

Did you know with worrying? 40% will never happen, for anxiety is the result of a tired mind; 30% concerns old decisions which cannot be altered; 12% centers on criticisms, mostly untruths, made by people who feel inferior; 10% is related to health, which worsens while I worry; and only 8% is "legitimate," showing that life does have real problems which may be met head-on when I have eliminated senseless worries. (Author Unknown)



OUR ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY SOCIAL WAS HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 IN OUR FAMILY LIFE CENTER. AS ALWAYS, it was FILLED WITH LOVE, LOVE, LOVE. There was plenty of fun playing games, great entertainment, and a delicious dinner.

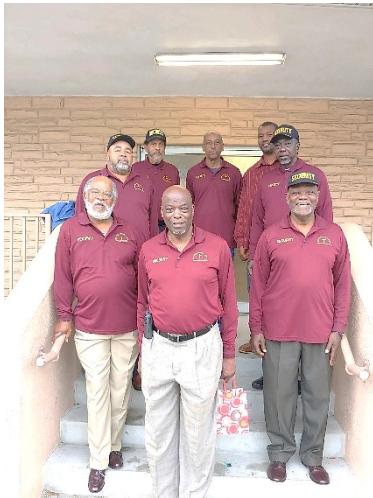
Our ministry would like to say



to everyone.

Thank you for supporting our Church's Album through Life Touch Pictures by way of this Ministry. Dea. Leroy Lane is our president.

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**SECURITY
MINISTRY**
**Reported By Dea.
Archie Williams**

The Security Ministry is looking for new members. Our duties include:

- Greeting members and guests as they enter the sanctuary.
- Provide rides from the parking lots to the sanctuary.
- Help members to cross the street.
- Watch what goes on around the church to ensure the safety of the members and guests.
- Take precautions to guard against accidents, theft, crimes and attacks from those who would do us harm.

Church family, please report any suspicious activities to a member of the Security team. We need all of you to be our eyes and ears around the church. If you would like to become a part of this ministry, please contact Deacon Archie Williams or Brother Tony Valdez. Our Mission Statement comes from 2 Kings 11:6b, "So shall you keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down."



GOLDEN GEMS

**Reported By
President**

Sis. Casandra Leeks-Howard

Happy 2020 from The Golden Gems Ministry of New Mt. Zion M.B. Church. It's once again a NEW YEAR, and the Gems returned after a two-month break in September. It was an honor to return and greet one another. Before we left in June, the Gems concluded 1st and 2nd Samuel chapters, while waiting patiently to return in September to start a new chapter, 1st King. Sister Jones returned with heart felt teaching from the book of Kings in October. Gems elected officers for the 2019-2020 year, and they are as follows:

President---Sister Casandra Leeks Howard; Vice-President---Sister ToyNETTA Williams; Secretary---Sister

Dora Dixon; Assistant Secretary---Sister Luvator Henry Nelson; Financial Secretary---Sister Sandra Butler; Chaplin/Scripture Reader---Sister Carrie Terrell; Gems Teacher---Sister Caroline Williams Jones; Assistant Teacher---Deacon Clarence Fort. The Holiday season allowed the Gems members on Tuesday (of the Thanksgiving week) to spend time with their families. The Gems returned on December 3, 2019 following up on 1st Kings, finishing Chapter 4 and starting Chapter 5. Lesson was phenomenal knowledge for us all, along with teaching, questions asked and answered by our own, Sister Jones. Sister Jones continues to do a marvelous job, and we appreciate her knowledge of the Bible. In November, we completed our 2019 goal of adopting two schools. The two schools provided with supplies were Clemmie Ross James Elementary and Lockhart Magnet Elementary Creative Science Center. The two schools were provided with various school supplies needed. At the end of the 2019 year, the Gems concluded with the pulling SECRET SANTA NAMES, completing 1st Kings Chapter 6 and

making decisions for our Christmas fellowship celebrations. The Gems time spent was very outstanding, the pictures will explain, what a GLORIOUS GOOD TIME, we had. Our guests were: Bro. Carlton Brown, Sister Carolann Cannon, Dea. Archie Williams, and Bro. Osborne Odom. They were welcomed with opened arms; DELICIOUS FOOD AND PLENTY OF DESSERTS were served. Exchanging of gifts brought smiles to each members; thanks to Sister Betty Williams. This was an EXCELLENT way for Gems to begin our "REASON FOR THE SEASON CHRISTMAS BREAK". OUR PICTURES SHOW THAT, "LOVE HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH IT". Gems returned in January with the joining of a new member, Sister Carolann Cannon; she was accepted with opened arms. Each Tuesday at 11:00AM, we are looking for visitors/joiners.

We should look at the Church as a lifestyle in and outside the walls. It should be who we are wherever we go.



SUNDAY SCHOOL



Reported By Superintendent Dea. Keith Powe

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

2 Timothy 3:16

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

In the month of August 2019, members of the Sunday School and Evangelism Ministry joined Sis. Tonya Lewis at her (Children With a Vision) Back to School Giveaway Health Fair and Community Fun Day.

This event was a great opportunity to meet the residents of our community and invite them to join us as “We are Changing The World Through The Love of Christ- One Soul At A Time”. We provided printed church information forms to hand out. As we met all of the family members that visited our station, they were greeted with a smile

as we invited them to join us as guests of New Mt. Zion.



While talking with the parents, the children made use of a poster board we supplied by coloring in the name J – E – S – U – S. It is worth mentioning that there was an encouraging number of young fathers in attendance with their children. We, also, mingled with and invited others that were in the general area. Since we were outside, we provided free ice cold bottled water to anyone who came by our station. As we approached the end of the event, we were blessed to meet and invite 200 residents of the Tampa community. We thank God for the opportunity.

Plans were made to have a fellowship dinner by the end of 2019. The idea was well received and agreed upon by the Sunday School Teachers to dine at a local steakhouse. We enjoyed an evening of feasting and fellowship in the name of

Jesus and we look forward to our next outing.



God has blessed the New Mount Zion Church family with a dedicated staff of Sunday School Teachers and members that attend from week to week. We look forward with great anticipation for the plans God has for the New Mt. Zion Church family in 2020. “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18

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The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit,	Blessed are they who mourn,
Blessed are the meek,	Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
Blessed are the merciful,	Blessed are the clean of heart,
Blessed are the peacemakers,	Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,



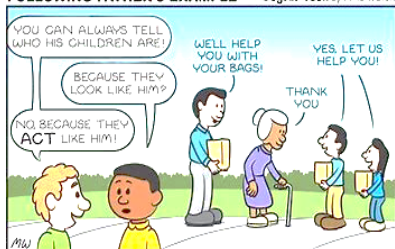
SUNDAY'S NURSERY

Reported By
Sis. Sheila Wayne,
Director

Hello NMZ Family,
We are still here in 2020 to watch your little ones! We are currently staffed and open at 8 A.M. and 11 A.M. services. Donations of snacks are always welcome. We also can never have too many helpers. If you are interested in serving, please let me or one of the other nursery staff know. We welcome you to use our services. Have your child come play, while you enjoy a peaceful worship service. We look forward to seeing you and your children! You can contact me at 813-789-7217; sheila95@msn.com

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FOLLOWING FATHER'S EXAMPLE A Joyful Toon by Mike Waters



Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:1-2 NIV



AN EDUCATOR'S VIEWPOINT

Reported By
Sis. Kenya Jones,
President of
Educational Ministry

“Why a Parent’s Role is Important to Student’s Success”

It is important for parents to be involved in their child’s education from the very beginning, because parental involvement is extremely important for a child to do well in school. The importance of parental involvement has been well documented for some time, and studies continue to indicate that a parent’s role in children’s learning is critical to their academic achievement. As students get older, parents should continue to be involved in their

children’s academic career and ensure that they are engaged in their education. There are many benefits that come from early parental involvement, which can include the following:

- Parents and children can enjoy a deeper interaction with connection.
- Parents and children can learn together.
- Children show improved self-esteem and self-worth, improved confidence and better behavior.
- Children complete homework more easily and consistently.
- Children receive better grades on tests and have better attendance.
- Parents are more aware of what their children are learning and can pinpoint key areas or subjects that the children may

go, even when he is old he will not depart from it. - (Proverbs 22:6)

If you have a family, you are responsible to make sure that the truth you are learning is transmitted to your children. If you don't teach God's Word to your family, there is someone else out there who has another word he would be glad to teach to your kids.

Satan has his own message, his own kingdom, and his own teachers. They would be glad to teach your children for you. Some of these teachers are on the streets, some are in the school system, and some may even be in the church. Your child could be sitting next to another kid whose lack of regard for God is going to rub off on your kid.

So we have to teach our children "diligently," not occasionally. That may mean turning off the television and using the time for teaching. Whatever it may involve, you have to carve out time with your family to teach the Word.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

***Reported By
Sis. Shamira Hayes,
Director***

What's going on in the New Mt. Zion Youth Ministry? Let me tell you, in December the Youth Ministry workers took the youth to a couple of our local nursing homes to spread some holiday cheer. We did some caroling and passed out gifts to the residents.



We have so much more in store for our youth in 2020. GET READY, we are on the rise.



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YOURS***

**REPORTED BY
SIS. TRELIS
COOPER**

"The Year of Clarity"

The start of a new year is the perfect time to regain your focus and claim your expectations for the year. As 20/20 relates to clear vision, the year Twenty-Twenty will represent clarity. We must clearly see what we envision. If you did not reach your goals last year, don't give up on them. It's time to wipe your slate clean, make a plan, and follow through. The beauty of God's grace is that He is forgiving and never holds a grudge. Journaling is a great way to make your desires and dreams known, and can be very beneficial. Writing things down makes you accountable and mindful of what you want to achieve. It can also boost your self-confidence and strengthen your self-discipline. Journaling can also provide healing when

