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

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THE NEW MOUNT ZION FAMILY CELEBRATES NINE YEARS OF LOVE
FROM PASTOR, SIS. ROUNDTREE, AND FAMILY



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GOD wants us to bless others by making ourselves available to share His love through our acts of love. God gave us our hands to reach out to others, to show them our love and His perfect plan.

FROM OUR PASTOR



"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword." - Matthew 10:34

These are difficult words for Christians to understand, coming from the lips of our Lord and Savior, aka, "The Prince of Peace"!

However, Jesus is clear in explaining that His first coming would bring division, hatred, and violence. This is because He knew that for as many who would receive His message of good news with joy; more would viciously reject and oppose His claim to be The Son of God.

We must seek to know the real Jesus of Nazareth, not the watered-down, politically-correct, socially-acceptable version that some who prefer we adopt.

The reality is, Jesus was considered to be a Menace to Society by those in power religiously and politically. This carpenter's son from Galilee upset the societal structure by visiting with notorious sinners, valuing women, and validating children.

As such, we are to follow Christ's example by doing what pleases God, even if it displeases people. Jesus did not intentionally seek to cause trouble; but He also did not back away from it when there was a greater purpose.

Family, let us first seek to be a blessing in our communities; however, when we witness injustice and evil in society, let us not be afraid to speak up and be menaces to a sinful society!

Because HE Lives,

Larry Roundtree II



As a means of communicating with our membership and non-members, Mount Zion is blessed to have the following platforms:

CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU? If your answer is yes, then come by New Mount Zion for **Drive Thru Prayer** on Wednesdays from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

Our **VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY (on Wednesdays at 7PM) and SUNDAY WORSHIP (10AM)** is led by our God-sent Pastor. The Word of God is presented to give us hope and encouragement during these perilous times.

HOW CAN YOU WATCH?

[Website homepage](#)

[Facebook Live](#)

[YouTube](#)

OR YOU CAN LISTEN by dialing [\(805\) 706-4089](tel:8057064089) (*no access code needed*)

Join the **COMMUNITY PRAYER CALL** on **FRIDAYS BY PHONE** [\(805\) 706-4089](tel:8057064089) (*no access code needed*)
6:00 AM/12:00 Noon/6:00 PM

IN-PERSON WORSHIP TAKES PLACE IN OUR SANCTUARY EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM. Covid restrictions continue to be followed.

PASTOR'S PLAYBOOK...

Premiered with its first Game Kickoff for Week 1, Game 1 on Tuesday, October 5. Tune in to this new segment — Pastor's Playbook — brought to you by Pastor Roundtree. It highlights the Week's Sermon, Bible Study, and other CommUNITY News.

ZION ZONE is part of this Game Plan. It is planned for the membership to share milestones, such as: birthdays, anniversaries, special recognitions, surgical procedures, etc. This information can be sent to community@nmztampa.com.



to everyone who makes it possible for us to worship in person and virtually. Our church family is blessed to have you as part of our congregation.

SPECIAL FEATURE

Welcome New Deacons and Deaconesses

It was a Sunday filled with love and anticipation by five men and their wives. Not since October 2015 (113th Church Anniversary Sunday) had such an ordination ceremony taken place at New Mount Zion. On January 23, the following men received the title of Deacon and their wives the title of Deaconess:



**Deacons Ed Narain, Henry Humbert, Aaron Berry, Eric Hayes, Leroy Canty
(Deaconesses Monica Narain, Mechelle Humbert, Tiffany Berry, LaTanya Hayes, Tracey Canty)**



Pastor gives the charge to new Deacons and their wives (Deaconesses).



Prayer with the laying of hands.



Deacons fellowship with new Deacons and new Deaconesses.



Deaconesses fellowship with new Deacons and new Deaconesses.



New Deacons being surrounded in prayer by their mentors and family members.



AFTER THE INSTALLATION, THIS PHOTO OF PASTOR, DEACONS, AND DEACONESSES WAS TAKEN.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

Submitted By Sis. Marilyn Washington

“Let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of one another’s character.”



How to Work for Unity in Your Church (Romans 14:19)

Do you want to become an agent of harmony and unity in your church? If so, the first step is this: Focus on what you have in common with other Christians, rather than your differences. The Bible says, *“Let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of one another’s character”* (Romans 14:19).

When you concentrate, you focus and give something your full attention. You don’t casually concentrate; it’s intentional. As a Christian, you can choose to concentrate on commonalities—the things that create harmony and unity in the body of Christ.

What are the commonalities that you share with your brothers and sisters in God’s family? Ephesians 4:4-6 says that Christians share seven big things in common: *“There is one body*

and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all” (NIV).

We’re one body. Jesus doesn’t have multiple bodies. He just has the church!

We have one Spirit. We all have been given the same Holy Spirit at salvation.

We share one hope. We share the hope of the second coming of Jesus. He didn’t stay dead. He was resurrected, went back to heaven, and promised to return.

We have one Lord. We don’t worship multiple gods.

We have one faith. Our faith is contained in one book, the Bible.

We have one baptism. We don’t have to be re-baptized every time we sin.

We have one God. He knows all things, sees all things, and is with us at all times.

As members of God’s family, we also share the same salvation, the same forgiveness, the same grace, the same mercy, and the same future. These factors are far more important than your gender or race, your shape or size, your economic status, your background, your sins, or anything else.

Even while you focus on those seven big things in Ephesians, don’t forget that God didn’t just give you things in common with the other people in your church. He also made your differences.

God chose to give people different personalities and equipped each person with different gifts. You can unite around the foundation of the Gospel, while you also value and learn from all the ways God made you unique.

Don’t just get along with the people in your church; but work toward true harmony and unity as you remember the hope you share.



“WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT”

(song)

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

"You Belong to the Family of God"

"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12 (NLT)

Baptism and communion are the visible signs of unity in the church. They're symbols of your incorporation into the body of Christ. Both of them illustrate that you belong to Christ, and that you also belong to everybody else in the family of God.

The Bible talks about the importance of communion in 1 Corinthians 10:16-17: *"When we break the bread, aren't we sharing in the body of Christ? And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body"* (NLT).

Baptism is also a sign that you intend to protect the unity of the church family that you belong to: *"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So, it is with the body of Christ"* (1 Corinthians 12:12 NLT).

Your physical body is made up of many parts, but they all are meant to work together in unity. It's the same way in the church. Just take a quick look around any church, and it's obvious that everyone is different. But the church forms one body that is meant to work in unity toward God's purposes on earth.

Whatever differences you have in cultural, racial, religious, or national background, it doesn't matter. Every believer has been baptized into Christ's body by the same Spirit, and that makes it possible for the church to have unity.

You are unified with every other Christian, regardless of your differences. That means you have more in common with someone who looks nothing like you but is a believer in Christ, than you do with someone in your own family who does not follow Jesus. You may have physical or cultural commonalities with the people around you, but the most important commonality is with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Have you tried to look past the differences that don't really matter in the church and to focus instead on what you have in common in Christ? God can do an awesome work through you and a unified church that's focused on the Gospel. (Source: Rick Warren 02/13 and 02/14 of 2022)



"JESUS IS THE LIGHT THAT SHINETH IN ME"

(song)

Jesus is the light

That shineth in me, that shineth in me.

He'll show up in me.

**If I walk the way He wants me to walk,
(He'll show up in me, He'll show up in me).**

**If I talk the way God wants me to talk,
(He'll show up in me, He'll show up in me).**



If I live the way God wants me to live,
(He'll show up in me, He'll show up in me).
If I do what He wants me to do,
(He'll show up in me, He'll show up in me).



Reported By Sis. Alfredia Mulkey
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The Christmas holiday is one of our favorite times of the year. It is a time that we lift individuals and families in need through the giving spirit of our NMZ members. While, in some ways life seemed to shift into slow motion due to the Pandemic, the reality remained that human suffering and the struggles people face (even in our community) never waned, but actually grew. This year, we continued with our annual Angel Tree event. We blessed 10 families with gift cards and cash donations to purchase Christmas gifts and clothing for children in our community. The participating families were appreciative of the love and support as shown with the smiles on the children's faces. We, also, partnered with East Tampa Business and Civic Association for their annual Toy Drive and Food Give-away. The event was a success and well attended with cars lined up for several blocks around the church. There was local media coverage. We provided 300 families with a box of toys and a box of groceries for Christmas. We, also, continued our giving practices by recognizing our NMZ staff and volunteers with an Appreciation Luncheon. This event was held at Brio's Restaurant and was an opportunity to fellowship. We wanted to personally thank the NMZ staff and volunteers for their unwavering commitment and support of the church during the last two years of the Pandemic.

This spring we moved to the second phase of our re-gathering with our COVID screening, temperature checks, and mask when entering the building. We are continuing to help with the fight against COVID by partnering with Curative to provide onsite COVID testing. The testing site is a kiosk that is located in the parking lot west of the Life Center. The site provides appointment and walk-up testing services Monday – Friday from 9am – 5pm. As of April 31, we have provided the community with over 700 COVID tests and we will continue to operate until November 2022.

On April 18, we were officially the first participants in a local Air Pollution pilot study. This study is being conducted by the Hillsborough County Transportation Planning Organization, USF, Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, and Federal Highway Administration. This pilot program will study air quality in communities disproportionately impacted by transportation related air pollution. It will, also, help to develop future planning approaches to improve air quality in communities near major roadways and improve the outcomes of transportation decision making. The pilot study

team installed the monitor onsite and will monitor the air pollution in our community. The team also has plans to come out and meet with our neighbors in the community to share more about the program and how this study will benefit us in the future.

Exciting news concerning our NMZ staff is Sis. Sharae Smith accepted the position as our new Vice-Chair of Finance. Sis. Smith was previously our Comptroller and has returned to support our Finance Ministry with her wealth of knowledge. Also, during this time, we are mourning the passing of our beloved Treasurer, Sis. Yvonne Wilson. She served in this position for many years, and we miss her presence in the Finance Ministry. Our new Treasurer is Sis. Cherrie Parrish. She is retired military and has been a NMZ member since 2018. We welcome Sis. Smith and Sis. Parrish, and we will continue to build a stronger team to support our NMZ community!

MINISTRIES & OTHERS SHARE...

Our Savior came to give us life eternally with His unconditional love. We are to share His free gift of love abundantly in words and in deeds.

THANK YOU to the following ministries and all contributing writers for sharing their love through their works.



THE DEACONS

Reported By Dea. Darrious Bryant, Chairman

Psalm 24:1-10 tells us... "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah."

First giving honor to God, the author and finisher of our faith; and to Pastor Larry Roundtree II, our Preacher and Teacher of the Holy Bible, I would like to thank New

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church for trusting in the Deacons electing me as Chairman and Dea. Patrick Andrews as Vice Chairman of the Deacons' Board. We have been busy on the grounds and behind the scenes doing the work that God has assigned us to do, such as: Parking Lot Worship; Drive-Thru Prayer led by Dea. Bobby Priester on Wednesdays from 3PM to 5PM; Prayer Line on Fridays at 6AM, 12 Noon, and 6PM led by Dea. Tommy Robinson and Dea. Richard Banks; working with the addition the five Heartbeats (our five new Deacons):



Dea. Patrick Andrews (Vice Chairman of the Deacons' Ministry) greets and presents Certificates of Ordination to the five new Deacons ("the five Heartbeats").



After receiving their Certificates of Ordination, Dea. Darrious Bryant (Chairman of the Ministry) welcomes the new Deacons to the Ministry.



Deacons Edwin Narain, Leroy Canty, Eric Hayes, Henry Humbert, and Aaron Berry have been chosen by God for God to serve God's people. I know we are better for their addition.

As Chairman, I would like to recognize those who we have made Emeritus: Deacons Tommy Jones, Oscar Douglas, and Lawrence Dixon for their timeless service in doing God's work.

Pastor Roundtree presents Dea. Lawrence Dixon his Deacon Emeritus Plaque as Dea. Patrick Andrews (Vice Chairman) and Dea. Darrious Bryant (Chairman) observe.



In closing, as I continue to pray for you and your family, I ask that you continue to pray for me and my family. Remember, "We Are Changing The World Through The Love Of Christ One Soul At A Time."



THE DEACONESSES AND MINISTERS WIVES

Reported By Sister Mary Priester, President

Our Ministry continues to hold our monthly meetings via conference calls as we seek to ensure the safety of everyone. We are very aware of the toll that COVID has taken on many. It is our intent to keep everyone safe. We pray for the bereaved and sick members and reach out to encourage them and assist when we can. Some of our members join the weekly church prayer call on Fridays. Some members attended the January session of Congress #4 and met with our Congress sisters and brothers on May 27th at New St. Matthew Baptist Church in Tampa. Our members were, also, in attendance at the Virtual Progressive M&E State Convention in March. Our ministry was represented as we gave support and encouragement to State President Gerri McCallister during her President's Hour.

We continue to serve the church by preparing communion in a safe manner for distribution on the first Sundays. It was an exciting occasion as we prepared the candidates for Baptism. God is still adding members to New Mt. Zion. We count it an honor and privilege to serve our church. As a Ministry, we continue to pray for our Pastor and the New Mt. Zion Church Family. We know that prayer is essential because the Word instructs us to pray without ceasing.

It was a glorious time as we celebrated the addition of new workers for the vineyard when New Mt. Zion ordained five Deacons. We welcomed their wives into the Deaconess Ministry with open arms. Our new members are: Deaconess Tracey Canty, Deaconess Tiffany Green-Berry, Deaconess LaTanya Hayes, Deaconess Mechelle Humbert, and Deaconess Monica Narain. We thank God for adding new laborers for the vineyard. *(Please see the below pictures.)*

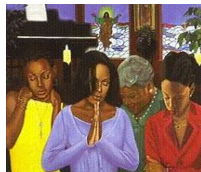
We joined the other ministries to celebrate our Pastor's Anniversary. It was an exciting occasion being part of the parade and showering love upon our Pastor and his Family. We are thankful to be of service to the New Mt. Zion Church Family.



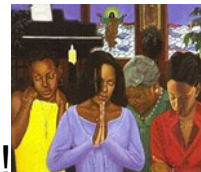
The new Deaconesses stand beside their husbands as Pastor gives them their charge.



Pastor Roundtree presents Deaconess Essie Merritt her Deaconess Emeritus Plaque as Deaconesses Barbara Jones (Vice Chairman) and Mary Priester (Chairman) observe.



PRAYER IS THE KEY!!!



By Sis. Gloria Thomas

“Wait On The Lord “ - Isaiah 40:31

“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.” (NKJV)

“This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24) These two verses can go hand in hand. Because in Isaiah, we are told to wait on the Lord; and in Psalm, we are told to rejoice daily. No matter what our circumstances, we need to rejoice every day that God wakes us up. By chance, if you are praying and waiting for your miracle, don't lose hope but wait on the Lord. Because in our waiting, God is continuing to work things out for us. I know for myself about praying and waiting. It's not the easiest thing to do, but it is a must when it comes to God. It's not our timing that we pray and say, God, do it right now. It's totally in God's hand that He works. Not saying that you can't ask Him to do it right now, but if He doesn't, don't start complaining and not trusting. He is working on your behalf. Philippians 1:6 tells us, “Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” So, if you are praying for

something or someone, don't stop praying and don't give up because we never know what God is doing behind the scenes.

DO YOU KNOW US?

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| Barbara Jones | Mary Priestler |
| Darrious Bryant | Mechelle Humbert |
| Edwin Narain | Monica Narain |
| Eric Hayes | Pastor Larry Roundtree |
| First Lady Sameya Roundtree | Patrick Andrews |
| Henry Humbert | Tiffany Greene Barry |
| LaTanya Hayes | Tracey Canty |

Pastor Roundtree often had the Youth Choir to accompany him out on engagements. One of his favorite songs for them to sing was, “*Oh Lord How Excellent Is Thy Name.*” They did an excellent rendition WITHOUT REHEARSAL.

The moment all had been waiting for: **Minister Kimbrough** introduced the guest speaker, **Rev. Dr. Samuel Maxwell, Sr.**, Pastor/Teacher of First Baptist Church of Progress Village. Using *2 Timothy 2:1-7*, **Dr. Maxwell** chose, “Male Call For Biblical Leadership,” as his subject. His timely message was about the relationship between pastors and men. He used a scenario to show how God chose Jesus, who chose 12 faithful men, who went on to choose 70 more “to get what God wants accomplished.” The pastor and deacons should not be concerned about the attacks on each other, he said.

Lady Roundtree had the congregation on its feet as she spoke so eloquently from the heart about the gratitude she has to God for keeping her Family and the New Mt. Zion Family FOCUSED during these unprecedented times.

In his comments, **Pastor Roundtree** thanked the congregation for their prayers. Satan tried to attack him and his Family, but God was right there; so Satan could not win. PAM and the NMZ Church Family presented fruit baskets to the guest minister and his wife, and members of the **Roundtree/Porter/Scott** families. **Lady Roundtree** received a plaque that said, “*Thank you for being the wind beneath our Pastor’s wings.*” The plaque presented to **Pastor** had all of the words and the scripture from the anniversary theme. Thanks to **Deacon Keith** and **Deaconess Wanda Powe** for stabilizing the words on the plaque. PAM also presented a money tree to **Pastor** and **Lady Roundtree**. The first-class anniversary program, with **Pastor** and **Lady Sameya** gracing the front cover, was printed in the anniversary colors. We thank **Sister Jackie Jones** for such an elegant program.

In his remarks, **Deacon Darrious Bryant**, Chairman of the Deacons’ Board said, “Don’t Take 9 Lightly.” He gave several important events on the number ‘9,’ from Job 9, 9 is the last number in the decimal system, Adam was 99 when he died, there are 9 fruit of the Spirit, the Divine 9, Jesus hung there from the 6th to the 9th hour before he died, Pastor’s mother carried him for 9 months and he was born in the 9th month – ‘Don’t Take the Number 9 Lightly.’ **Deacon Bryant** asked the congregation to stand and give Pastor 9 seconds of Praise. Of course, it went much longer!

Pastor was so excited after this congratulatory remark, he could not contain himself and took to the podium to give remarks. It was a blessed, glorious, grateful Anniversary Celebration for the **Roundtree** Family and New Mt. Zion.

The Motorcade of Cars and to-go dinners followed the service.

(Please see the next page for pictures of this great celebration.)

UPCOMING EVENT:

New Mount Zion Family, we’re now getting ready to honor the legacy of the late **Rev. Walter J. Williams** and bless his family. **Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 24, 2022 for this service.** The Pastor’s Aide Ministry will be giving leadership to this service.

SCENES FROM PASTOR'S 9TH ANNIVERSARY



President Brenda Holley and Vice President Bobbie Chatman present tokens of love to Pastor and Sis. Roundtree.



The Pastor's Family



Sis. "Lo" Berry is seated next to Tampa's Mayor Jane Castor.



Sis. Shirley James displays a memory bookmarker and a fan from Pastor's 1st Anniversary.



Parking and Security Ministry, Bro. Ron Washington, directs Pastor's 9th Anniversary Celebration Parade.



Sis Mary Hardy is so excited to be part of in-person worship as she stops to talk with Pastor.



NEW MEMBERS

Reported By Minister Willie Kimbrough, Director

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, even our faith." (1 John 5:4)

Several years ago, Christian pop artist Mandisa made famous the song called "Overcomer." It soon became the anthem of every Christian who needed reminding that God has given them the power to overcome their circumstances. There are many times when we don't feel powerful and we need to be reminded that because we have God on our side, we can do anything. He has fought the battles we don't have to fight. He is holy and mighty. He is the Lord of all creation. He has chosen us, and because he has chosen us, we have overcome every obstacle that faces us. Isn't it good to know that as believers we are "born into God" as His children, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, then we can overcome any obstacle.

So my brothers and sisters as we look around this old world today and see the reality of the situation, we can say that we are truly blessed to even be alive today. "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angel, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:35-39).

We, here in the New Members Ministry, would like to thank all those who have supported us and worked with us as we seek to get back to some sense of normalcy. We welcome all our New Members and truly thank God for all of you. Please be on the lookout for information regarding New Members classes. We may be able to go back to classroom instructions, if not, we will do Zoom classes and a schedule will be posted. Thank you, Pastor Roundtree, for your continuing support and encouragement.

To all those who have agreed to work with us, we thank you and really do appreciate the help. Our first graduating class of this year was held in April 2022, we thank God for them and pray his blessing upon them. Their names are listed below. Thank you, Mt. Zion, we love you and a special thanks to Deaconess Clara Wardlow for her untiring work with The Progressor.

NEW MEMBERS GRADUATING CLASS

Patricia Jackson, Sheavonne Johnson, Janice Whitfield, Roderic Miller, Jade Clark,
Leandra Diggs, Alton Jacobs, Shelton Jones, Shelton Jaiden Jones,
London Gabrielle Jones, Xavier Cofer, Audrey Johnson, Noah Vincent, Enoc A. Vincent,
Rebecka Vincent, Lidya Vincent, Andre Vincent, and Theresa Vincent

Jesus Is The Answer For The World Today
Above Him There's No Other Jesus Is The Way
Jesus Is The Answer For The World Today
Above Him There's No Other Jesus Is The Way

(song)



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Reported By President Sis. Monica Narain

The Hospitality Ministry truly enjoys the opportunity to connect with our first-time visitors via phone calls, emails, or text messages. NMZs online presence has allowed us to expand our reach and truly show the LOVE OF CHRIST.

Hebrews 13:16 tells us, "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

"Sometimes when you're in a dark place, you think you've been buried but actually you've been planted."—Christine Caine



EVANGELISM MINISTRY

Reported By President Dea. Ron Graham

To God be the glory for all he has done, and all that he has set in his perfect plans to do according to his will. We have been blessed with success through what God has called his church to do that by sharing the Gospel to the lost. Whether in the street ministry, the nursing home ministry, the harvest festival, and our own personal witnessing, we have seen the power of God's work at hand.

As we prepare for a new season, we want to encourage all to be what God has called us to be as a church.

OUR MISSION'S PRAYER AND PURPOSE:

I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. (Ezekiel 34:16). Our eternal father is strong to save; for thus saith the Lord God. Behold I, even I, will search my sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day among those who are scattered, so I will seek out my sheep and will deliver them out from the people. I will gather them from the countries and will bring them to their own land and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be there; they shall lie in good fold in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my flock and will cause them to lie down saith the Lord God.

When someone is dying or leaving us, his or her last words are very important. "He said to them, go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:15)

The power that brought Jesus back to life is now available to us. That same power will bring our spiritually dead selves back to life. The Resurrection is the basis for the church’s witness to the world. Jesus is more than just a human leader; He is the Son of God. God gave Jesus authority over Heaven and earth. Based on that authority, Jesus told his disciples to make disciples as they preach, baptize, and taught. With that authority, Jesus commanded us to tell others about the Gospel and to make them disciples for the Kingdom. Even during this Pandemic, we are witnessing.



WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Under the leadership of First Lady Sameya Roundtree, our Women’s Ministry was launched on May 13 at 7PM. Pictured above are Sisters Beverly Brinson, Valencia Holmes, LaTonya Riley, Marva Jackson, and Patricia Campbell giving leadership to a powerful devotion and song service. The atmosphere was one of love and commitment to God. The focal scripture for this ministry is 2 Corinthians 12:8-10, “⁸For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. ⁹And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.” When we are weak, God loves us so much that He will make us strong. As we grow daily to be more of who God wants us to be, let us focus on some of His promises in the following scriptures: Psalms 139:13, John 16:13, Psalm 37:33, Isaiah 43:2. We must be better women.

For more information, please contact First Lady and Facilitator Sis. Sameya Roundtree.

SCENES FROM THE LAUNCH



With support and love from Facilitator First Lady Roundtree, Youth Davani Beck shared the impact of Covid 19 on her life.



Sis. LaTanya Hayes shared the impact of Covid 19 on her life.



NMZ Worship & Arts Ministry Reported By Minister Larenz Johnson

Two years ago, not many would have believed we would be where we are now, “Reunited and it feels so good.” Our Worship and Arts Ministry continues to grow with choir membership nearly doubling last quarters’ attendance; Daughters of Zion gaining three new members and Total Praise Mime gaining several new members and a guest appearance by our Mighty Male Chorus. We have seen consistent power-packed services focused on pure praise and authentic worship!!

All auxiliaries of Worship & Arts were able to minister to our congregation during our Easter service that was filled with the glory of God! We were, also, blessed to host the USF Gospel Choir in its annual Spring Concert. The concert was a huge success!! The USF Gospel Choir is currently being led by our very own Devin Hagans, who also serves as one of the assistant directors for our mass choir!

We would like to acknowledge and thank all of our current leaders in the Worship & Arts Ministry:

Minister Larenz Johnson - Minister of Worship & Arts
Bro. Carlton Brown - Choir Director
Sis. Valencia Simpson-Holmes - Director of Total Praise Mime
Sis. Zyreia Larry - Director of Daughters of Zion Liturgical Dance Ministry
Sis. Joan Frazier - Director of Drama
Bro. Torrey Thomas - Lead Musician
Bro. Gary Caselle - Organist
Bro. Trenell Reid - Drummer
Bro. Jarvis Gooding- Butts - Saxophonist

As we continue to grow and establish the foundation of our new Worship & Arts Ministry, we pray that God will continue to shower his blessings upon us! We believe the best is truly yet to come!

PSALM 100:1 & 2

(1) Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

**(2) Serve the LORD with gladness:
come before his presence with singing.**



USHER BOARD #1

Reported By President Sis. Janice Sturks

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God, not a result of works so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Usher Board #1 would like to thank the Lord for bringing us from 2021 to 2022; it has been challenging. These last two years have brought trials and tribulations. But by the Grace of God, we made it. We are praying that he continues to bless us through 2022 and many more years to come. We are, also, praying that he continues to strengthen and guide us with his grace as we go through each day. We continue to pray and uplift our sick and shut ins. A special prayer continues for Sis. Francis Everette, who has been sick for last two years. She is still having some challenging times, but she is still strong. We will continue to lift Sis. Carrie Terrell, Sis. Toynetta Williams, Sis. Annie Preston, Sis. Retta Page, Dea. Willie Grant, and Bro. Dan Mitchell, as well as all of our members.

Happy Birthday wishes are extended to our members for the months of January to June 2022. Here is a birthday blessing for you:

“A BIRTHDAY BLESSING”

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you;
And give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: Sis. Barbara Bell, Sis. Cathy Morris , Sis. Retta Page,
Sis. Monica Narain, Sis. Sharon Bryant , Sis. Shirley James, Dea. Wesley Collins.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Bro. Dan Mitchell, Sis. Francis Everette

MAY BIRTHDAY: Sis. Robyn Andrews.

JUNE BIRTHDAY: Sis. Toynetta Williams

PASTOR’S 9TH ANNIVERSARY

Usher Board #1 would like to congratulate Pastor Roundtree on the celebration of his 9th Pastoral Anniversary. Pastor, we thank you for being so strong and compassionate during these last two years of unprecedented times.

P-Is for the-PREACHER=God called you to be.

A-Is for the ANOINTING=God gifted to you to minister with His leading.

S-Is for SHEPHERD=God appointed you to lead with His Word.

T-Is for TEACHER=God stresses the point to study and share His Word.

O-Is for OBEDIENCE=You hear and give submission to God.

R-Is for RIGHTEOUSNESS=You live and are blessed to stay on His path.

My Brothers and Sisters, as we prepare to gather as one, we must be on guard to stand firm in the faith by being courageous, strong, and doing everything in love.



AN EDUCATOR SPEAKS

“My Life As An Educator During COVID and Now”

By Sis. LaTanya Hayes

The school year of 2019-2020 started off as ordinary as any other year. The school year was almost done, and we all were looking forward to our much needed break...Spring Break. It is the time that both teachers and students use to rejuvenate and refresh themselves. Two days prior to the break, rumblings and rumors started to flow throughout the school about COVID 19. An NBA game had been cancelled on live television due to a positive COVID 19 diagnosis. So, rumors were starting to circulate that we may get two weeks off. I personally had not heard the rumors, but it was circulating amongst students because they were inquiring. At the close of the school day, we went home as normal.

During Spring Break, we got the news. We were getting an additional week of Spring Break due to COVID 19. During the second week, Governor DeSantis held a press conference closing schools for the remainder of the year. I remember watching the press conference and being totally confused. Across the bottom of the screen a banner was flashing stating that school was cancelled for the remainder of the year. Cancelled? What does that mean? What does that look like? Does that mean that my husband and I have no jobs? Then the statement was corrected to state that the buildings would remain closed, but learning was still going to happen. eLearning, to be more specific, would take the place of the traditional classroom. Students were going to attend school remotely with all assignments and grades being done electronically. That was the initial plan until it became very evident that a lot of students lacked the resources for eLearning. Economic inequality became evident within our schools and families. Some schools did not have enough laptops while others were in abundance. Families did not have internet and the bigger question was how are some of our students going to eat? To help remedy this, paper packets were printed and delivered or mailed to some students. Thankfully, assistance came quickly for other unforeseen problems, such as: unemployment funds, housing assistance, food programs, free WiFi and many other resources were put into place to help families.

From a teacher's perspective, I felt a little overwhelmed at first because I was given 40 minutes to come into my classroom to retrieve any resources needed to teach from home. Devising a plan was challenging at first. Once I created a plan, things were up and running. Unfortunately, during this time I lost contact with many of my students. Families were relocating because they had lost jobs and various other reasons. Students who had no WiFi or computers had to be given packets. Sometimes I had to make copies and drive them to the homes of students and place them in their mailboxes or arrange to meet parents somewhere to pick up work. It was truly a challenging time for everyone. We worked hard to make it through the quarter to finish the year. Sacrifices were made all around to assist us in finishing the 2019-2020 school year, but we made it.

Then, the uncertainty of the next school year was looming. School Board meetings were intense. The Governor mandated that every district submit a plan for 2020-2021. Many teachers retired or

resigned. They had met the challenge to finish out 2019-2020, but they were not willing to come back with COVID 19 still lurking. My husband and I chose to return to brick and mortar classes for 2020-2021. Oh, what a roller coaster ride! eLearning, brick and mortar, simultaneous classes, teaching with mask and or face coverings and quarantines. It all seemed like a nightmare magnified from the previous school year. Teachers who had committed to coming back were leaving in a mass exodus. The whole ordeal was proving to be exhausting and overwhelming. However, I stayed on course. It was truly the hardest year for me as an educator; but, Praise God, I made it through. Year 2021-2022 started with optional masks, then mandatory, then optional again. Now, we are starting to feel "normal" again. Social distancing has gone away, and students are beginning to enjoy school again. Field trips are back and so are large gatherings like pep rallies, sporting events with fans, dances and graduations. We can see the light ahead at the end of the tunnel. COVID 19 appears to be in our rear view. I thank God that I have survived educating during the Pandemic. I praise him for keeping me and my family. I don't know how many more years I will continue to teach, but I thank Him for all the years that he has kept His arms of protection around me as I strived to make a lasting impact on the lives of our children.

NOTE: Sis. LaTanya Hayes is a middle school math teacher and one of our newest Deaconesses as the wife of new Deacon Eric Hayes.



HEALTH AWARENESS TEAM

Sis. Wilma Garvin, President



Covid is still here. At the writing of this article, we are acknowledging that one million have died from Covid in the United States, and there is more of the variant to come. Many people are dying daily from Covid. It is not front and center like it was two years ago on the news. However, it is still important to wear a mask, stay your distance, wash your hands frequently. Thank you for caring about one another.



God uses our pain to help others. Here are some things we need to focus on with mental illness.

Biblically, Jesus ministered to people in a variety of different ways—including caring about their mental health. Jesus doesn't just care about our souls going to heaven and our minds learning the truth. He cares about our bodies, too. Jesus' ministry clearly cared for people who struggled with mental illness.

Historically, the church has a 2000-year track record of caring for the sick, including the mentally ill. It wasn't the government or healthcare agencies that invented the hospital. It was the church. It's no accident that the first hospital in almost every country in the world was started by Christian missionaries.

Practically, people typically contact their church when they're in pain. Before a person in pain calls anyone else for help, they often call their priest, pastor, or spiritual leader first. People need help with mental health challenges at all times of the day or night. The church can be equipped to be there during those times.

Remove the stigma.

The real reason people are hesitant to talk about mental illness is fear. There's no stigma attached to repairing a broken bone. It shouldn't be any different for mental illness.

Removing the stigma of mental illness starts with the church recognizing this truth: We are all broken. Every person we see throughout the day is broken—no matter how healthy they appear on the outside. We need to constantly talk about this. We must admit when we struggle with mental illnesses, such as: depression, anxiety, grief, and anything else so people won't feel alone in their own struggles. They know you have been where they are now and/or coming out; they should never feel they are alone.

Pastors aren't the only ones who need to understand and be ready to help people with mental illness. For the church to be on the frontlines of this ministry, everyone needs to be ready. Often, it's the receptionist answering the phone or the small group leader who is called upon to meet these important ministry needs. Pastors can't do this on their own. They need the support of other trained leaders.

Support people living with mental illness.

Let's show people that we care about their pain. God has a purpose and plan for every person—regardless of the struggles they face.

Every person's life is worth the living because our Savior lives. The church is to be a place of healing and hope in your community. It should not be a place of hurting.

(Basic Source: Revised Internet article of [Rick Warren](#)).



FINANCIAL PLANNING MINISTRY

Reported By Consultants Bro. Arthur and Sis. Brenda Holley

“Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.” (James 1:2-3)

We know life will be complicated and many times we don't know what to do or what the future holds. Perhaps these four financial principles can help.

Stay Focused on Your Goals:

If you're feeling nervous about your investment choices, remember that historically, clients who invest consistently, whether the market is bullish or bearish, reach their long-term goals. The best way to ride out the ups and downs of the stock market is to maximize the power of dollar-cost averaging - investing a certain fixed amount consistently regardless of market fluctuations. While dollar-cost averaging does not ensure a profit or protect against loss, history shows that you'll tend to make up a substantial amount of your bear market losses within the first year of the recovery. You should consider your ability to continue investing in a declining market.

Slash and burn bills where you can.

An easy place to start: auto and homeowner's insurance. If you feel disloyal about shopping around, “some insurers give long-time customers up to a 10% discount. The best savings tend to be from switching insurers. At least once every two years, get a quote from another insurer.”

Keep good credit.

To keep your important credit score attractive, pay your bills on time; limit the number of credit cards you have; and avoid financing big-ticket items at once. If you can't keep up with your credit card bills, consider consolidating your high interest-interest revolving debt into a single, fixed-rate loan. You will likely lower your monthly payment and set a date to be debt free.

Increase your income.

Adding on a second or third job is a great way to get through a crunch. Or start your own business on the side—as long as it has low start-up costs.

In these uncertain times, it is important that we check in with ourselves. What are we feeling? Is it anger, sadness, excitement? All of these emotions have been connected to impulse spending. Focus instead on 10 things for which we are grateful. Remember, God is in control.

If we can be of assistance with any of the financial principles mentioned, please do not hesitate to give your Financial Planning Ministry a call at (813) 417-3440 or (813) 915-0611. If there are any financial seminars that you would like us to host, we will gladly do that as well.



Reported By Superintendent Deacon Keith Powe

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Sunday School classes are in session. We have been blessed to share in the study of the word of God. The online virtual classes are doing well, with Rev. George Berry and me facilitating the lessons on a weekly basis. The classes have been viewed and supported by our church family and visitors. The online zoom classes for our children are also doing well. The student enrollment is increasing as Sis. Joan Frasier, Sis. Mary Priester and Sis. Toni Collins are training our children in the Lord.

In the months of March through May, our quarterly theme has been "Our God's Love Heals." "God Frees and Redeems" is the subject of our studies in the books of Ezra, Deuteronomy, Matthew, John, Romans and Galatians.

It's been two years since we last convened at the church for Sunday School. We are thankful to God for the opportunity to reconvene a combined adult Sunday School class in the Life Center, from 8:30am until 9:30am. You are invited to join us.

The online virtual class will remain and the zoom classes will continue until further notice. Our individual classes are expected to resume in the near future.

In June through August, "Partners in a New Creation" will be the subject of our studies in Isaiah, John and Revelation. The quarterly theme will be "We are God's People."

We look forward to seeing you in class, as we learn of the goodness of God and fellowship one with another.

"But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)



COUPLES MINISTRY

Reported By Sis. Nell Kimbrough

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: For the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also has become my salvation. Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." ISAIAH 12:2-3

Storms will come in our lives with darkness, pain, and sorrows spiraling out of our control. Many times, storms alter not only our perspectives and confidences, but other times storms can change the direction of our lives for our own good. Just lean on Jesus.

On behalf of the Couples Ministry, we welcome everyone back to our worship service. We realize how great and blessed we are to be back together again in a full service. There have been so many times, days, and ways the scientists are measuring these viruses around the world. But we can't escape the fast-paced, right now, of these daily viruses. These viruses are living in an eerie time. But we are slowly walking forward into the bright light.

COUPLES MINISTRY CONTINUES GOD'S WORK.

We are glad to let you know that this year's 2022 workshop is being planned. Because of the Covid viruses, the Couples Ministry workshop clearly will follow the CDC and NMZ guidelines. Therefore, we are planning a one-day workshop for August 2022. We will reveal the date and time for the workshop later. In September, we will start again our sick and shut-in gift baskets.

If you would like more information on this ministry, please contact our President Deacon Leroy Lane.



CLYM'S CLOTHES CLOSET

Reported By Coordinator Sis. Yvonne Douglas

"When I was naked, you clothed me."

Clym's Clothes Closet is here for our church family and community. Our location on Columbus Drive is free for everybody. We are open bi-monthly right now during the Covid 19 season. Prayerfully we will be able to resume to our regular monthly schedule soon. If there is a specific need between the give aways, you can call the church office at 813 248-8101 and the coordinators will be contacted. We are pleased to receive your donations of clean clothes and shoes. Please do not leave your donations at the church or on the porches. We will be happy to meet you at the clothes closet for an easy transfer from your car to the clothes closet. On our Distribution Days, we also have our Grab and Go tables on the porch and a misc. table. Our receptionist greets the patrons as they sign in before shopping. Social distancing is practiced, and we have masks available for those who do not have them. All items in the clothes closet are free; so, there should be no one in Hillsborough County without clothes or food. New Mt. Zion has got you covered.

There is a volunteer in each room to assist the patrons with their shopping. Sister Johnnie Mae Harris prepares breakfast for the volunteers on Distribution Days and Sister Gloria Sylvester, our Chaplain, gives us a prayer before we receive our patrons at 10 a.m. We

always have a few new patrons, and we never know who we will meet or how they will act. Each patron leaves with a beautiful bible marker and a verbal invitation to visit our church. We usually have about 40 patrons during the three hours we are open. The left-over items on the Grab N' Go tables are taken to Metropolitan Ministries after we close. We have a great team. Everybody knows what needs to be done and gets it done. We have several ways of advertising. Flyers, signs, Florida Sentinel ad, Sister Cusseaux puts a flyer on her business page; Sister Jones puts a notice in the Church Announcements and on the marquee. We, also, use the sign-in sheet to call the patrons one week prior to Distribution Day. New volunteers are welcome to join us when we are sorting or when we are open for distribution. We usually sort on Wednesdays, and we have a team that sorts during distribution. Thank you, donors, and thank you volunteers.



SENIOR MISSION

Reported By President Sis. Linda Cook

"Ye are my servants" "God's servants with Instructions"

We, the New Mt. Zion Senior Women's Mission, are fully serving God through:

(1) **Worship** with our church as well as other churches. (2) **Studying** the word with our monthly Bible Study taught by Sis. Catherine Waddell. (3) **Helping** the sick, shut-in, and homeless. (4) We also **donate** to the congress, state and national conventions. (5) Our most joyous time of **work** and **fellowship** is serving in the Clym's Clothes Closet. When, we start feeling faint, we gather together at our annual retreat to renew our strength.

We would like to give a special thanks to Minister Wade and Sis. Mulkey for the use of the van for our travels. God is with us New Mt. Zion. We are a **church** that continues to do the will of God as one body with many ministries.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" 2 Timothy 2:15

THE BROTHERHOOD



Reported By Dea. Bobby Priester, President

The Brotherhood continues to keep in contact with members via text and phone. Our members are beginning to return to in-person services. Some are still tuning in virtually to the Sunday Services and Bible Study at New Mt. Zion in order to remain spiritually uplifted during these challenging times. Some members continue to faithfully serve during Wednesday Drive-through Prayer. We were represented at the January session of Congress #4 and were in attendance at the session on May 27th at New St. Matthew in Tampa. The Brotherhood was represented during the virtual session of the Progressive M&E State Convention in March. President Bobby Priester received the Walter J. Randall Sr. Distinguished Service Award from the Progressive M&E State Brotherhood Ministry.

All brothers are encouraged to strive to uphold our Brotherhood Motto.

“Teach the Word in the Home, With a consecrated Heart,
Following the footsteps of the Saviour, Leading all men unto God!”



“TRAVELING ON MY KNEES” (Author Unknown)



Last night I took a journey to a land across the seas. I didn't go by ship or plane. I traveled on my knees. I saw so many people there in bondage to their sin. Jesus told me I should go because there were souls to win. But I said, Jesus, I can't go to lands across the seas. He answered quickly, Yes, you can by traveling on your knees. He said, You pray, I'll meet the need. You call, and I will hear you. It's up to you to be concerned for lost souls far and near. So I did, I knelt in prayer and gave some quiet time to Jesus. With the Savior by my side, I traveled on my knees. As I prayed, I saw souls saved and others healed. I saw God's workers strength being renewed while laboring in the field. I said, Yes, Lord, I'll take the job because it is your heart that I want to please. Therefore, I'll follow your call and swiftly go by traveling on my knees.”



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Reported By President Sis. Jean Collins

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need”. _Hebrews 4:16

With the COVID-19 restrictions in place around the world, including churches and still are, the Bereavement Ministry never stopped serving Zionites. God's work goes on. Your safety and well being were always our utmost concern but death still came to those

around us. We had to react. We had to be flexible. As our Ministry moved gently and cautiously following the guidance of COVID-19 restrictions, we did not want to spread the Pandemic to our members. Even when someone in our Church or community died, the Ministry tried to reach out in a timely manner to show we were here. We prayed, called the bereaved to listen with love, sent sympathy cards and notes of encouragement. We tried carefully to monitor their needs when asked. We hoped by our Christian Ministry of love, we showed and reminded the bereaved of God's love for them by using us.

Since the Pandemic crisis, our church Ministry had a chance to reset from our regular pattern and look again to the future of ways to support the bereaved, grieving, and brokenhearted. We have had many challenges and feelings of hopelessness. But God!-- through our prayers, in the midst of the struggle, lifted us and heard our cry. You see, Church Family, we had to acknowledge that heartache was more stressful these last years for our members. Staying connected to them was very important to us because some NMZ members had been socially isolated and had no contact with anyone. We knew we had to be a support system.

Church Family, we reached out even more with comforting phone calls, even masked up to drop-off food when needed. We partnered with other ministries in the church in a joint effort. Some of us even masked up to attend funeral services. Yet even during the holiday season, the loss of a loved one, whether it is recent or decades ago, the pain felt was more severe. Still, in an effort to connect with the grieving, broken hearted, the Bereavement Ministry continued in prayer with Pastor Roundtree to ensure we had our traditional New Year's Eve Watch Night Service. This service allowed us to honor and remember those who had crossed over 2021 with our Candlelight Memorial slideshow. We wanted our ministry mission to be a soften beacon light in the midst of the lock down circumstances. We knew God wanted us to mobilize and continue our ministry missions of helping and supporting families in any way we could safely.

Zionites, we all have come to realize that there is a strong struggle with loss through all the seasons of life. Our heavenly Father set the seasons in to motion and He saw each one unfold in its time. He sees the seasons of our lives and watches them unfold with us. He knows the spring, summer, fall and winter months of all our lives.

You see, He is right there with us through all the changes. He doesn't want to be a passive bystander. He wants to be involved and included in our grief. His purposes are found in each season of our lives and our children's lives. Zionites, ask Him to give you His eyes to see all that He's doing in our Church and in our families.

As a final point, in Remembrance of our Deceased 2022 New Mt. Zion Members, we honor the families of the following members:

Sister Yvonne F. Wilson, Sister Gloria White, and Brother Christopher Ramsey

To everything there is a season, our lives are entwined; we will always be a part of each other. But the love and memory of you, shall never pass away!

 **UNITY** IN THE **COMMUNITY** 

When you find yourself in the position to help someone, be happy and feel blessed, because God is answering that person's prayer through you. Remember, our purpose on

earth is not to get lost in the darkness, but to be a light to others so they may find their way to the truth and light shining through us from Jesus.



DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY

The East Tampa Business and Civic Association (ETBCA) provides a Drive-Thru Food Pantry at New Mount Zion on Mondays through Thursdays from 10AM-1PM.



COVID TESTING takes place in the kiosk in the 25th Street Parking Lot weekdays 9 to 5.



CLYM'S CLOTHES CLOSET

Please check our church's marquee and emailed flyers indicating the next distribution date.



Our individual members families and New Mount **Walmart, Target etc.**

purchase goods and services for both Christmas dinner and gifts for their children. **For Christmas 2021, we were able to bless 10 families with gift cards of over \$120 each.**

and church ministries supported Angel Tree Zion families by **providing gift cards** from These cards allowed the recipients to

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Thank you, Sis. Valencia Holmes, for coordinating NMZs participation.

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Jeans & Jerseys were worn on **SuperBowl Sunday, February 13, 2022!** Immediately following worship, we met for our Community Super Bowl Tailgate.



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**SCENES FROM RESURRECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 17
6:30AM SOMRISE SERVICE**



WORDS FROM SERMONS

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“Christian is More Than Just a Title”

But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. - (Acts 19:9)

In the Bible, when people came to Jesus Christ and were serious about following Him, they became people of the kingdom. There was no question about who they were.

Those early disciples became known even among unbelievers as people of “the Way” (**Acts 19:9**), because they had chosen to walk a different path in life. They had identified themselves totally with Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God. They lived for the kingdom. Their identity was tied to the kingdom. The great tragedy today is that we don’t have enough **Christians** who know who they are. They may be genuine believers, but their **faith** is just another addition to their portfolio. When it comes to the bottom line, they define themselves in terms of their name, their job, their possessions, or the people they know.

If somebody asked you who you are and nowhere in the conversation did the name of Jesus or the kingdom of God come up, you are a confused Christian. As a member of the kingdom, your identity should be tied to Christ. There should be no way to talk about you and not talk about Him. In other words, the term *Christian* should not just be a title. It is to be your identification, just like your name. Being a follower of Christ is the essence of who you are. That’s why you need to understand and cultivate a kingdom mentality in all that you do. The process by which this is achieved is called spiritual growth. Often, our spiritual growth takes place through another process called discipleship—an aim Jesus commissioned all of us to do while on earth. As you grow and mature spiritually, you become more and more like Jesus.

Reflection: If you were asked to identify yourself, what adjectives would you use? What does it mean to grow spiritually? In what areas of life do you not really have a kingdom mentality? How can you put this area under Christ? (Source: Tony Evans, Kingdom Living, 02/16/2022)

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

“When I think about the hour, then I know what I must do; When I think about what God has done for me; then I will open up my heart to everyone I see, and say Jesus Christ is the way!” (song by Walter Hawkins)

