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

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“PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”



(Sunday, October 16, 2022)

A CELEBRATION OF HOLDING ONTO GOD’S UNCHANGING HANDS
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Pictured are some of *New Mount Zion's Pastors over the 120 years* with our Pastor Roundtree continuing to guide us with the Word of God; also, is the *Reunion Choir on Saturday, October 15, 2022.*

FROM OUR PASTOR



"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9

This scripture serves as a timeless source of encouragement for believers who sometime become overwhelmed and despondent because of the rigors of ministry.

As we approach the curtain call for 2022, many of us may be fighting through weariness and fatigue. The challenges that we encountered throughout the year have attempted to drain our passion and suffocate our hope.

Nevertheless, we are not discouraged; rather, we are emboldened by God's power to sustain His children! We still have a charge to keep and a God to glorify. The harvest truly is plenteous; therefore, let us pray to the Lord of the harvest for more laborers to share in the work of sowing and reaping!

Because HE Lives,

Pastor Roundtree

IT'S NEWSEY



Bro. Claude Brooks presented his initial sermon in person and virtually on Wednesday, June 22 entitled, “God Can Use Even Me.” His scriptural reference was Romans 8:18-30. Minister Claude Brooks focus was on Paul’s encouraging the people that even in their struggles, they must continue to work for God. On Sunday, October 9, Pastor Roundtree presented Minister Brooks with his Certificate of Ordination.



On Sunday, June 26 (Baptism of 10), Pastor announced that Baptism would be taking place on the Sunday a new soul joins. Pastor stated, “If you believe today, you will be baptized today. The waiting time for Baptism is over.” Every Sunday will be a day of Baptism. Pictured below are the recipients of their Baptismal Certificates on Sunday, October 30.





SPECIAL FEATURE

Theme: “The Church: Remembering the Past, Reflecting on the Present, and Reaching for the Future.”
Psalm 48:11-14

Worship and Arts Minister Larenz Johnson asked the following members to report on various events comprising New Mount Zion’s 120th Anniversary.

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT=REPORTED BY YOUTH DIRECTOR SIS. SHAMIRA HAYES:

On October 10, 2022 at 6:00PM, the NMZ Youth Ministry Rising Generation kicked off New Mount Zion’s 120th Anniversary by hosting a game night. They played Black Card Revoked Church Edition. Delicious food was served and we congregated amongst one another with love and laughter. Now, some tried to cheat, but we all know cheaters never prosper. LOL!! However, it was nothing but love that filled the room. We had a great time, and we look forward to hosting it again.

THE GALA=REPORTED BY SIS. LINDA COOK: What a time we had! To God be the Glory! We came together on Friday night, October 14, to CELEBRATE 120 years with each other and our LORD & SAVIOR. The attendees had a wonderful time filled with singing, dancing, reading poems, praying, and praising our Lord for New Mount Zion being able to celebrate its 120th Anniversary. Last, but not least, the food was delicious. Thank you to everyone who was present and to the entire Anniversary Committee for a job well done. **GALA COMMITTEE=Linda Cook, Chairperson; Barbara Wright, Program Chairperson; Catherine Waddell, Mary Priestler, Yvonne Douglas, Bettye Grant, Dora Dixon, and Juanita Johnson.**

AN OVERVIEW REPORTED BY SIS. FABIANA NELSON: God surely moved in New Mt. Zion for the 120th Anniversary. It all started with the Family Game Night held on Monday, October 10. It was led by Shamira Hayes and the Youth Department. We had a lovely time as we all fellowshiped and ate some delicious, hot fish! It was an awesome night. On Wednesday, October 12, we followed that up with a historical event of the Baptist and COGIC fellowship uniting for a Revival Fire Experience. The infamous Tampa Mass Choir shut the house down! The one and only Bishop Anthony Gilyard brought a mighty word from on high that reached all generations from young to old. It was an awesome experience. When we thought the week couldn’t get any better, the Senior Women’s committee threw a classy celebratory Gala for the Anniversary on Friday, October 14. Everyone came dressed to impress and nothing less! On Saturday, October 15, God took us a little higher with our 120th Anniversary Reunion Concert. We had the USF Gospel Choir open up with Songs of Zion, and then the New Mt. Zion Reunion Choir came and sent us to glory with chords and melodies from Heaven! The choir was led by many New Mt. Zion greats such as: William (Billy) Wheeler, Windell Roberson, Carlton Brown, Gentle Hamilton, Devin Hagans, Minister L.A. Johnson, and last but not least, Milton Biggham.

As the final spark and flame, we had the Homecoming Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 16, which was preached by an awesome former Pastor, Rev. Zachary Hudson. He shared a powerful word from God.

Eyes have not seen nor have ears heard what God has in store for New Mt. Zion. We wish many more years to this Church that has been built on Christ the Solid Rock.



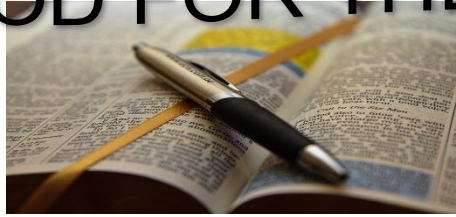
SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

“THE PANDEMIC BRINGS ABOUT AN EPIDEMIC OF GRATITUDE IN THE HEARTS OF GOD’S CHILDREN”

"An Epidemic of Brother and Sisterly Love Takes Over The Church"

Throughout life, church goers considered Sunday morning as a time to go into the Sanctuary and fellowship with other believers having faith in God. Before Covid, they had gone about their regular routine Sunday after Sunday of coming into the Sanctuary, worshipping, fellowshiping, and then leaving the Sanctuary. However, with the onset of the Pandemic, going into the Sanctuary was taken away. This emptiness brought about a void that has never taken place in our lifetimes. It was an emptiness of not being able to visibly fellowship with other believers. This brought about a time to focus on the importance of worshipping in the Sanctuary. Before the Pandemic, in person worship was taken for granted and a regular routine for many. With the reopening of in-person worship, there is a new attitude; the church "don't close" and the hearts of the worshippers are filled with gratitude. An overpowering gratitude that God has seen us through a time never experienced in our lifetimes. It was a time of isolation and separation. It was a time without personal greetings and warm smiles. A time missing Christian hugs and shaking hands. A time missing Christian gatherings filled with fellowship and love. A time to experience not being able to say, I am glad to be in the House of Lord. Now, the church goers value and appreciate the assembling together as one body in Christ in a different way than they did before Covid. They look around and give thanks for being alive and able to return to in-person worship. The song, "I am glad to be in the number one more time" echoes a more profound meaning of gratitude. They think about the earthly departure of many loved ones, friends, church members, and others who have made their earthly departures and can no longer fellowship with them. They give more thanks for being in the number one more time. They understand the necessity of spreading Christian love more and more. There is more of an entering into the church with thanksgiving and into God's house to give praise by being thankful to God and blessing His name. The atmosphere is filled with a genuine love of God with God's light shining through the hearts of God's people through prayer and praise. The Sanctuary is filled with much joy knowing the God of a second chance has given His children another opportunity to let His light shine through them in what they say and what they do. While being separated from in-person worship, they have effectively and honestly looked at themselves in the mirror and asked God to remove that which is not pleasing and acceptable to Him. They have not re-entered the Sanctuary the same way they left it in March 2020. A change has come over them to love each other with the love God desires His children to give. The evil deeds that the devil has commissioned have been displaced with the commission God has told His children to always display; that being to love him with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength. A reminder to this is if you love God, you will genuinely love others as God wants us. The children of God practice and demonstrate the church is definitely a place of healing; it is not a place where people are hurt with the actions of those who say they "love the Lord." A great maturity has taken place over these years of being away. This maturity has led to a spiritual growth in demonstrating the Word of God as we interact with others. Our hearts are filled with a desire to help and not hurt. The Covid 19 Pandemic has been replaced with an Epidemic of Godly Love. (cw)

FOOD FOR THE SOUL



Submitted By Sis. Marilyn Washington

“GOD BLESSES YOU SO YOU CAN BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS”

“All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.”

Acts 2:44-45 (NIV)

No one sacrificed like the early church. The Bible says in Acts 2:44-45, *“All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need”* (NIV). These early Christians didn't give just their money. They were generous with everything they had. They were *radically* generous.

God doesn't just give you resources for your own enjoyment but to make a difference in the world around you. God never blesses you just so you can sit on what you have. He blesses you so you can bless others.

Here are four things you need to remember as you use your blessings as God intended.

Your blessings should flow to others.

“Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand” (Philippians 2:4 The Message). This is the first law of blessing: It must flow outwardly.

How do you bless others? By meeting a need, whether it is for physical or emotional support, financial help, or practical advice.

When you bless others, God takes care of your needs.

Luke 18:29-30 says, *“I can guarantee this truth: Anyone who gave up his home, wife, brothers, parents, or children because of God's kingdom will certainly receive many times as much in this life and will receive eternal life in the world to come”* (GW).

When you focus on helping other people, God assumes responsibility for your problems. And that's a real blessing, because he's much better at handling your difficulties than you are.

Your blessings to others will come back to you.

The more you bless and help others, the more God blesses your life. Luke 6:38 says, *“Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing”* (The Message).

You cannot out-give God. I sometimes imagine God saying: “We'll play a little game here. Let's see who can give the most. But I'm always going to win! Because the more you bless others, the more I'm going to bless you in return.”

The more you're blessed by God, the more he expects you to help others.

Jesus said it this way in Luke 12:48: *“Much is required from the person to whom much is given; much more is required from the person to whom much more is given”* (GNT).

You are blessed to be a blessing. That's a hopeful, encouraging truth to remember. In a world that urges you to just look out for yourself, find ways to be radically generous to the people God has placed in your life. (SOURCE: Rick Warren 10/22)



**Reported By Sis. Alfredia Mulkey
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**

Operations Highlights

This year has been very exciting as we re-opened our church facilities for other activities in addition to our Sunday worship services. We re-established our normal onsite activities such as Bible Study, Sunday School, Ministry Meetings, Funerals, and Community Events. The initial re-opening of the facilities was slow, but as the year progressed, we added more events on the church calendar. Some of our most notable events were two events of “Meet and Greet Your Deacon”. These events provided an opportunity for members to personally meet their Deacon, as well as update information in our membership database. The feedback from this first-time event was positive and will allow Deacons to effectively provide congregational care for members. On July 31st we had “Rev. Walter Williams Day,” which was a celebration with his wife and family. This event was hosted by the Pastor’s Aide Ministry and a blessing to his family and all who loved him.

Some of our community events were on August 23rd, we hosted the Primary Elections in our Life Center. The voting precinct was efficiently operated with no reported incidents. Through our partnership with Curative, we conducted approximately 1,500 COVID tests in the community this year. Also, our partnership with East Tampa Business and Civic Association ended on Sept 30th with the tremendous success of feeding 500 families per week for 2 ½ years during the pandemic. We are in the process of re-launching our NMZ Food Pantry under the leadership of Bro. Jerry Chatman and Bro. Percy Weatherly. The Food Pantry Ministry is soliciting volunteers to help support the efforts to feed our community, and if interested, please contact the Church Office. We also launched a new Social Services ministry under the leadership of Sis. Miriam Mitchell, to help connect members with services available in our community. The Social Services ministry is also soliciting volunteers to help support the success of this ministry. Our biggest event was the celebration of our 120th Church Anniversary in October with a week of activities, commemorative T-Shirts, and an early kick-off in September with Family and Friends Day. The highlights of the Anniversary week events were:

- Monday – Oct. 10th Family Game night
- Wednesday – Oct. 12th Revival with Bishop Anthony Gilyard of Brown Memorial COGIC
- Friday – Oct. 14th Gala at LeVenue in Brandon
- Saturday – Oct. 15th Reunion Choir concert featuring Milton Biggham
- Sunday – Oct 16th with guest Pastor Zachary Hudson of Rebirth MB Church.

Our Human Resources highlights include adding two new staff members to our team. We are happy to announce that Sis. Cherrie Parrish is our new Treasurer, and she brings financial expertise from her military background and she is an asset to the Finance Ministry. Also, we are excited to welcome Minister Paul Robinson as our new Audio-Visual Production Manager. He has been working with us during the Pandemic, and we are excited for him to join the staff with his wealth of knowledge in production and audio-visual media.

MINISTRIES & MORE



THE DEACONS

Reported By Dea. Darrious Bryant, Chairman

PSALMS 136

Thanks to God for His Enduring Mercy

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.
Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.
Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever:
To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;
To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever;
To Him who laid out the earth above the waters, For His mercy endures forever;
To Him who made great lights, For His mercy endures forever—
The sun to rule by day, For His mercy endures forever;
The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy endures forever.
To Him who struck Egypt in their firstborn, For His mercy endures forever;
And brought out Israel from among them, For His mercy endures forever;
With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, For His mercy endures forever;
To Him who divided the Red Sea in two, For His mercy endures forever;
And made Israel pass through the midst of it, For His mercy endures forever;
But overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, For His mercy endures forever;
To Him who led His people through the wilderness, For His mercy endures forever;
To Him who struck down great kings, For His mercy endures forever;
And slew famous kings, For His mercy endures forever—
Sihon king of the Amorites, For His mercy endures forever;
And Og king of Bashan, For His mercy endures forever—
And gave their land as a heritage, For His mercy endures forever;

A heritage to Israel His servant, For His mercy endures forever.
Who remembered us in our lowly state, For His mercy endures forever;
And rescued us from our enemies, For His mercy endures forever;
Who gives food to all flesh, For His mercy endures forever.
Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.

First, giving honor to God, the author and finisher of our faith; 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 by re-electing me as Chairman and Deacon Patrick Andrews as Vice Chairman; Deacon Richard Banks as Secretary, Deacon Leroy Lane Treasurer, and Deacon Archie Williams Chaplain. We continue to be busy on the grounds and behind the scenes doing the work that God has assigned us to do; such as Drive-Thru Prayer on Wednesdays from 3pm to 5pm. We are continuing the Prayer Line on Fridays 6:00 AM, 12:00 o'clock Noon time, and 6:00 PM led by Deacon Tommy Robinson and Deacon Richard Banks. We've revamped our Security Ministry, with female members assisting, which is led by Bro. Ronald Washington. The Deacons have refreshed their skills in Baptism, Communion, as well as working with the new memberships. The Deacons are currently being crossed trained in different areas of the church such as: audio-visual and Sunday School. The Deacons give support to Pastor Roundtree during the church outings, disaster relief, and many other needed areas.

In closing, as I continue to pray for you and your family, I ask that you continue to pray for my family and our church family. Remember, we're changing the world through the love of Christ one soul at a time.



Deacons and Ministers consecrate in prayer with Pastor before Worship.



THE DEACONESSES AND MINISTERS WIVES **Reported By Sis. Mary Priester, President**

The Deaconess and Ministers' Wives continue to serve the Lord and New Mount Zion. We have adopted the slogan "Deaconess on Duty." It is our intention to be of service to the church in whatever capacity that we can help. We are rejoicing with the church as candidates are regularly being baptized.

Our members joined the celebration of our church's **120th Anniversary**. We assisted with the **Anniversary Gala** celebration, and we had many members in attendance. Thank God for blessing New Mount Zion for over a century.

Our ministry joined our own Sister Estrellita "Lo" Berry and other New Mt. Zion family members for the celebration of life for her mother, Sister Bertha Washington. Members were on hand to assist in preparing the life center for their family and guests.

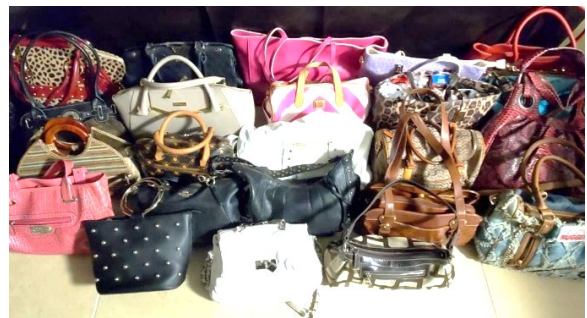
The Deaconess and Ministers' Wives, along with the Senior Women Ministry, led the effort to collect **Walmart gift cards** for education. We collected 232 gift cards for education for a total dollar value of \$2,320. Thank you, New Mount Zion for your generous donations. The entire First South Florida District Association collected more than \$12,000 in gift cards. Four schools in Polk County received \$3000 each in gift cards.

Sister Sherryl Cusseaux led the effort to "**Bag a Handbag**" for the Ministers' Wives outreach project for First South Florida District Association. Thanks to the overwhelming support of New Mt. Zion, more than 25 handbags filled with toiletries were collected for distribution to Women's Centers. New Mount Zion continues to be a blessing to others.

We look forward to doing even greater work for the Lord during the upcoming year. We are "**Deaconess on Duty**." Please let us know how we can assist you.



Enjoying Church Anniversary



Bag a Handbag Outreach Project

Deaconess Motto: LORD, help me to be: A mind through which Christ thinks, A voice through which Christ speaks, A heart through which Christ loves, A hand through which Christ helps.



PASTOR'S AIDE MINISTREE **Reported By Sis. Gwen Hayes**

Scripture: *“And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.”* Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

The Pastor's Aide Ministry (PAM) has been very busy since the last edition of the ***Progressor***. We have not met in person, but we've been able to get a lot accomplished, thanks to God and the leadership of our ministry, **Sis. Brenda Holley** and a host of willing workers.

I believe our last *Progressor* was in June and our ministry has been planning an event for each month since then.

In July, PAM gave leadership to the service honoring our longtime pastor, **Rev. Dr. Walter J. Williams**. The service was held July 31st, just a few days after his first-year anniversary in Heaven.

Pastor Roundtree, PAM and the church family were all glad to have his widow, **Sis. Lena Williams** and her family in attendance. **Sis. Williams** shared some kind words of appreciation and love for the NMZ family.



Among the gifts shared with her were tokens of love presented to her by **Sisters Bobbie Chatman and Gloria Sylvester**, sumptuous dinner for the family and for her personally, a plaque displaying her favorite flower – *Sunflower*.

In August, we started planning Pastor’s birthday celebration, which was on September 24th. The Pastor’s Aide Ministry gave leadership to planning the celebration, but the NMZ family had a part in celebrating him with sheet cake, cupcakes and that tasty tea that’s always requested, prepared by **Sister Barbara Jones**.

After his birthday, it was time to celebrate Pastor again in October for “Clergy Appreciation Month” (Pastor’s Appreciation Sunday was October 9th). **Sister Gloria Sylvester** presented tokens of love to Pastor on behalf of PAM and NMZ, on Sunday, October 23rd.

In November, the birthday of **Lady Sameya Roundtree** was celebrated. Her date this year was on Thanksgiving Day, when everyone is thinking about turkey and stuffing and all the trimmings. PAM members try to make it extra special for her anyway. “We celebrate you **Lady Roundtree!**” Her celebration at NMZ was on Sunday, November 20th.

Welcome to all new joiners! If you’re looking for an interesting, active, spirit-filled group to connect with at New Mt. Zion, come join the Pastor’s Aide Ministry. Leave your contact info in the PAM Mailbox. We’ll gladly reach out to you.

PAM Purpose:

To lift the Pastor and his family up in prayer; to promote the mission and vision of the church and meet the needs of the Pastor, Pastor’s wife and their children by providing moral, spiritual and financial support whenever possible as we strive to “Change the World Through the L. O. V. E. of Christ One Soul at a Time!”

Let’s start getting ready for Pastor and his family’s 10th Anniversary Celebration in April. Members and Ministry Leaders, be on the lookout for lots of forthcoming information.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!

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Pictured from left to right: Deacon Darrious (Chairman of Deacons) and Sis. Sharon Bryant; Pastor Larry and Sis. Sameya Roundtree; Sis. Mary (Chairlady of Deaconesses and Ministers Wives) and Deacon Bobbie Priester.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Reported By Minister Willie Kimbrough, Director



New Members Graduates on Sunday, October 30.

As Christians we can be totally confident, no matter what we face, we know all things will work out as a result of us being in Christ. For as long as we stick to his guidance, all will be well with us.

We know all things will work out for the good of those who love the Lord. Here, in New Members Orientation, we are still committed to the effort of seeing the graduation of all of our NEW MEMBERS. Thanks to Deaconess Sherryl Cusseaux and Deaconess Mary Priester, Orientation is still ongoing. We have zoom classes through Minister Kimbrough and in house through Sister Cusseaux. **Remember, you are not a member and your name is not on the roll until you complete Orientation and graduate.** As a member, you want everything you are entitled to as a member of New Mount Zion.

Thanks to Pastor Roundtree, Sis. Jones, the Deaconesses, the Deacons and all of you who assist us in these efforts. I would, also, like to personally thank all of you for your well wishes, cards, prayers and calls during my time of need. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ, we know we will make it. The names of our recent graduates are listed as follows:

Matthew Gregory, Ebony Phillips, CeCe Maxwell, Sedecia Everett, Barbara Fountain Brown, Twanda Washington, Carla Ivey, Shantwan (Buffy) Allen, Claude Brooks, Brittney Davis, Melvonia Johns, Ale'yah Daniels, Ariana Gary, Mahoni Johnson, Basha Johnson, Jacob M. McCullough, Joshua McCullough, Bishop Benton Cook III, Audrey A. Johnson, Kristin Johnston, Evelyn McBride, Rubenia McClendon, Charles McGrew, Lauren Reed, John Reed Jr., Angela Reese, Ivan Reese, Neielle Saint-Cyr, Doretha Snipes, Sabrina Winters, Keith Winters, Maddie Woodard

“God doesn’t call the qualified, He qualifies the ones He called.”



**REPORTED BY SIS. SHEILA WAYNE
DIRECTOR**

Our Sunday Church Nursery will be back in 2023!! We are in the process of getting the staff together and new toys for the little ones. We look forward to caring for your little ones in the new year. If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to Sheila Wayne @ 813-789-7217!

AN EDUCATOR SPEAKS



**BY SIS. LATANYA HAYES
“A Call to Action”**

I was born in 1972 and educated in the 70s and 80s. I recall my parents being very involved in my education. I remember my dad teaching me to spell my name. I remember my mom making my dress for kindergarten graduation. I also remember my entire family coming to the awards night as I transitioned to third grade. I have so many memories around school activities and having my family there to support me or being involved in some capacity.

Unfortunately, today with many families, this is no longer the case. Education for the most part used to be valued in the African American Community as a whole. When did it change? As an educator, it grieves my heart to see so many of our children falling through the cracks. Where are the parents? Where is the community? Some of our children go years and years without their parents being involved in their educational process. It is imperative that we attend Open House, volunteer to be on the PTSA and show up for our children. It doesn't matter if it is an awards banquet, sporting event or Open House. We, as a culture and community, need to make our presence known. Our children need our support. Teachers need to see a face or make a connection for each child. Teachers need to know that there is a family who is concerned about each child that sits in their classroom that will hold them accountable for doing right by that student.

I know times have changed and the working mother is stretched to the limit trying to make ends meet, but at what cost? We work endless hours on these jobs, but when we die, they will replace

us and eventually forget us. However, our children who we work so hard to provide for but spend little time guiding them through the educational process, will remember us forever. Sadly, some children are fending for themselves.

It is time for us to start acting like a village again to raise and support our children. If you see a neighbor or friend struggling to show up for their child or children, offer to lend them a hand. Offer to stand in proxy for them or encourage them to attend some games, go to Open House or an awards ceremony. Students love to look out and see smiling faces that show up just for them. Those memories are priceless. Remember while we are living our busy lives, our children are growing up and moving on. Don't allow the influence of their friends to be bigger than the influence of their parents or guardians. Our children are counting on us, so make sure we show up for them. The future of our community depends on us.



**PASTOR PRAYS FOR OUR YOUTH AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES BEFORE THE
OPENING OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.**



CHILDREN
are a gift
from the
LORD
PSALM 127:3



NMZ Worship & Arts Ministry Reported By Minister Larenz Johnson

The New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church 120th Anniversary celebration has been one of the most grandiose events in modern NMZ history. The anniversary committee: Minister Larenz Johnson, Deacon Aaron Berry, Deaconess Linda Cook, Minister Paul Robinson, Bro. Carlton Brown, Sis. Syntia King, Sis. Fabiana Nelson and Sis. Deon McCoy worked tirelessly to ensure that this would be one of the most memorable anniversaries to date. The Anniversary commenced with our Family & Friends Day celebration on September 11, which drew over 700 parishioners to NMZ. The Family & Friends Day service was spirit filled and power-packed with 8 new members joining our church.

Family Game Night: (Reported earlier by Sis. Shamira Hayes)

Anniversary Gala: (Reported earlier by Deaconess Linda Cook)

Overview: (Reported earlier by Sis. Fabiana Nelson)

Reunion Choir Concert: Our Reunion Choir service was a night of pure and authentic worship, with over 75 choir members. Former Ministers of Music, Musicians, and Choir Directors, Choir Members came home to celebrate the powerful legacy of our Music Ministry; including Evangelist Janice Nunn Nelson, Milton Biggham, Windell Roberson, William (Billy) Wheeler, Gentle Hamilton just to name a few. The choir brought back fond memories of yesteryear with songs like: *Dwell in Me*, *Jesus That's my King*, *Enter His Gates*, *Rise Up and Walk*, and many more. The Concert song leaders included: Patricia Brooks-Campbell, Davani Beck, Khadijah Jenkins, Gentle Hamilton, Trinika Lewis, Janice Nunn Nelson, Milton Biggham, Windell Roberson and Larenz Johnson. All in all, our congregation was uplifted and encouraged with the melodious sounds of Zion. To God be the Glory.

Anniversary service: Our 120th anniversary service was wonderful. Our Reunion Choir ministered powerfully out of their souls. Our Total Praise Mime Ministry, under the direction of Sis. Valencia Simpson Holmes, did an excellent job ministering to the congregation. We were reminded that God restores by our guest preacher and former Pastor Rev. Zachery Hudson. Our sanctuary, life center, and foyers were all beautifully decorated by Sis. Deon McCoy and Sis. Syntia King, helping to raise the excitement. After service, members were able to take pictures on a 360 camera machine, eat an amazing meal prepared by Sis. Barbara Jones and the Culinary Ministry, and fellowship with their family and friends.

In closing, the 120th Anniversary Celebration was one for the books! As Chairman, I am truly blessed to have served my church in this capacity. It is my prayer that we will continue to celebrate all of the wonderful things that God has done, is doing, and will do for the New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



Our Total Praise Mime Ministry on Anniversary Sunday, October 16



USHER BOARD #1 Reported By President Sis. Janice Sturks

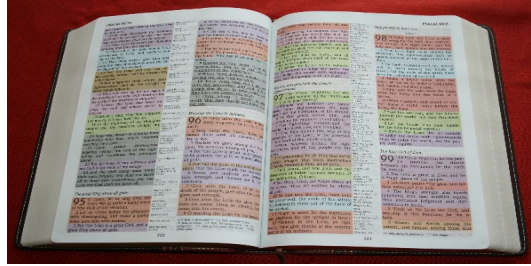
“My Sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and thy follow me—And I give unto them eternal Life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” John 10:27-28

The Lord has blessed us to come together again. Our ministry returned to ushering on the First Sunday in August 2022. It has been a joy to see everyone each month. We have begun to see more and more of our members returning to service. As we progress in serving to our God, there is a need for more smiling faces and willing workers to be doorkeepers in the House of the Lord.

I would like to share a little information in reference to our Ministry. Our ministry serves on the First Sunday of every month and will restart our monthly meetings in January 2023. The members are very caring, loving, and understanding; love the Lord; enjoy being doorkeepers for the Lord; love reaching out to one another and helping each other where needed.

Usher Board #1 would like to **welcome Sister Janice Whitfield** as a new member of this ministry. She began serving in November.

“For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.” PSALMS 84:10



NMZs SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY
REPORTED BY SIS. PATRICIA STROWBRIDGE
Facilitator: Deaconess Mary L Priester

General Motto: *“But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”*

The members of the **Thursday morning small group bible study** have greatly benefitted from Rev. Roundtree’s suggestion that members of NMZ establish several small group bible study teams. Our group’s structure is such that Sis. Mary Priester provides the initial verse by verse summary information, then Sis. Priester opens up the discussion to any member that has something productive to state on the given scriptures. Members of the group have learned that it is safe to make statements or ask questions on the given scripture. We all gain from asking questions on specific scriptures that we have never understood in over 10 or more years. We are gaining a fuller understanding of God’s biblical truth. Group members start our day with our minds on Jesus; we encourage each other; pray, and still have a full day to do anything in our personal schedules. We have connected to members of the bible study group in several states and various time zones. We enjoy our bible study time; and our desire is to grow closer to God through his Word.

[New Mt. Zioniters, please consider starting a small group with some people that you already share some common interest.]

According to my quick count, our group has studied 14 books of the Bible in the New Testament and we are currently studying First Corinthians.

I would like to give a few random statements that stood out to me as we covered the recent scriptures from Romans, James, and First Corinthians.

I remember scriptures that I paraphrase as such: That we all start out as Babes in Christ on Spiritual Milk-light doses of spiritual instructions; however, we should strive to grow in Grace and Knowledge of our Lord by becoming mature spiritually and placing Jesus as our ultimate role model. We were taught that we all, in times past, had the lust of the flesh, lust of following after Satan. Even when we were in our sin, God’s righteousness and justification were given freely to us. God’s Grace is the only way for our redemption. We are strengthened by the indwelling Holy Spirit if we are obedient. We went over so much good material that it just can’t be summarized in this article. I wish you would have been there. We are striving to live our motto of being doers of God’s Word to God’s Glory. A few events that members of the small group bible study participate in are: Clym’s Clothes Closet organization and clothes distribution; giving gift cards to support our public schools; giving materials toward hurricane relief; working at distribution on mission work in Arcadia; giving to mission project to assist Domestic Abuse Women; packing a purse for the First South Florida District Association; visit, transport, encourage, assist our small group members that have become homebound, and of course high stepping at the Church Anniversary GALA. Just to name a few.

We try to be followers of Christ; therefore, we must study the scriptures to know God's instructions and our power source. We work because we are SAVED. To **GOD be all the GLORY. Amen Amen**

This article is submitted by a sinner that was SAVED by God's Grace and who is willing, at any given opportunity, to share God's free and simple Plan of Salvation. **Glory to God.**



HEALTH AWARENESS TEAM

Reported By Sis. Wilma Garvin, President



Although many others are not wearing masks outside of church, **thank you NMZ Family** for helping us follow CDC guidelines. We greatly appreciate that most of you are still wearing the mask at Church. Covid 19 is still here; yes, people are still dying! Please keep up the good work. God Bless you all.



PASTOR ROUNDTREE'S RECIPE FOR FAITH/GRACE-FULL LIVING

INGREDIENTS:

- A Heaping helping of grace from God (James 4:6a)
- A Mustard seed of faith (Matthew 17:20)
- The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- A dash of salt (Colossians 4:6)

DIRECTIONS:

Start with asking God for more grace; then, add a mustard seed of faith in God's power to provide; next, mix the Fruit of the Spirit into your character; finally, season with the salt of Christian living.

THE FINAL PRODUCT WILL BE A LIFE OF FAITHFULNESS (Matthew 25:14-30)



Minding Your Mental Health This Holiday Season

Feeling stressed, lonely, or sad around the holidays? A few changes can help.
(*Internet Source: Posted November 21, 2022*)

During the holiday season, many look forward to festivities with friends and family. But for others, this time can bring on or worsen stress, anxiety, and depression. There are a variety of **factors** that can bring on holiday anxiety and depression. Some people experience increased financial burden due to travel, gift and/or hosting costs. Others may feel overwhelmed as the holiday season often includes a packed calendar of parties, performances, and traveling that can be difficult to balance with everyday responsibilities and self-care. Not to mention: High expectations to give perfect gifts and plan perfect events, as well as loneliness for those who aren't with loved ones.

Practice self-compassion this holiday season.

For many, the holidays can bring about feelings of depression, anxiety, envy, and even dread and despair, rather than joy and merriment. These holiday blues can stem from a variety of factors such as preexisting mental health issues, seasonal affective disorder, a recent loss, the anniversary of the loss of a loved one, jam-packed social commitments, emotional and financial pressures from family and friends, and family strife.

A survey conducted by the American Psychological Association found that over 38 percent of those surveyed felt increased levels of stress, depression, and anxiety and reported more substance abuse during the holiday season. Another study conducted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness found that people living with mental health disorders felt that their symptoms and conditions worsened around the holidays.

Social media can also be a major contributor to holiday-related stress. For those already feeling more isolated, lonely, or sad during the holiday season, social media interactions may intensify these negative feelings. Time spent scrolling through social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok viewing posts, pictures, and videos of virtual friends or social influencers showcasing their holiday festivities can stir up feelings of envy, shame, loss, and upward comparisons. Upward comparisons are made when we compare ourselves to people we believe are better or superior to us. Not surprisingly, upward comparisons tend to erode self-esteem and emotional well-being.

The good news is there are ways in which you can plan for and protect your mental health during the holiday season. Below are some suggestions:

1. Identify your holiday triggers. Triggers are people, places, and things that remind us of a past trauma or upsetting event. Some examples of holiday triggers might be stressful or traumatic memories, stressful family relationships, or the anniversary of the loss of a loved one. Knowing your own unique holiday triggers helps to curb emotional reactivity and for putting plans in place to reduce holiday-related stress. An example of a plan could be engaging in self-soothing practices like taking warm baths, going for walks, or watching silly TV shows.

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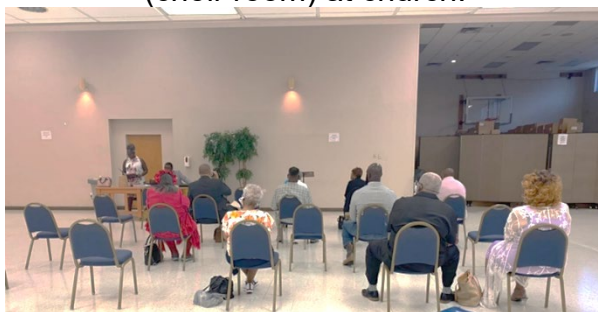


Reported By Superintendent Deacon Keith Powe

[Greetings Church Family, Sunday School is in session.](#) The Early Elementary and Upper Elementary "Zoom" classes are conducted each week and the classes are doing well. The lessons serve to train our children in the way of the Lord. Our youth teachers are faithful in their service to God and to the children of New Mount Zion.

The virtual online classes serve to reach our church family and visitors with the Word of God. The online viewers have been responding well to the presentations. Anyone who may not be able to attend the in-person class is invited to join us on our NMZ YouTube channel.

A Combined Adult Class is being held each Sunday at 8:30am in the Life Center (choir room) at church.



The NMZ Ministers along with the Men's Class teachers have been faithful in teaching our lessons and we look forward to hearing from them. We thank God for everyone who attends each week sharing insights, testimonies and fellowship. Proverbs 27:17 proclaims "as iron sharpens iron." This verse is evident as we assemble weekly as the family of God. For the months of December 2022 through February 2023, the quarterly theme is "The Lord Our Provider." The study is titled "From Darkness to Light," from Second Chronicles, Isaiah, Joel, Luke, First Corinthians, Second Timothy, James, and First Peter. Plans to resume all of our individual classes will be announced soon.

As we look forward to what God will reveal to us next quarter, we look forward to your presence, support, and prayers for the Sunday School Ministry of New Mount Zion.

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



COUPLES MINISTRY

Reported By Sis. Nell Kimbrough

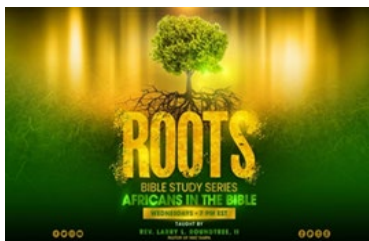
“Show me your ways, O Lord; Teach me your paths; Lead me in your truth and teach me; For you are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.” Psalms 25:4-5

The Couples Ministry wishes well wishes to everyone in 2022 moving forward into 2023. Our Couples Ministry theme: “Saving One Marriage At A Time. “

The purpose of our Ministry is to aim high with a focus on love and strengthening ALL marriages through Christ. We are Christian-centered marriages that bring glory to God through the way we love and live. Our Fall outing was on October 8 as a 1:00PM Fish Fry outing at Rowlett Park. The weather was good and the scene made a great place where fun ruled the evening. We were entertained by games, music, and good food. This outing made our couples feel like they were really out on the town. The mood was so refreshing and an enjoyable gathering. Our picnic outing will become part of our regular yearly event. This ministry’s next event will be in February as a Valentine’s gathering. Deacon Lane is our President.

Our Couples Ministry wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SOME OF PASTOR’S STUDY SERIES





CLYM'S CLOTHES CLOSET

Reported By Coordinator Sis. Yvonne Douglas

"When I was naked, you clothed me."

Clym's Clothes Closet at New Mt. Zion Church on Columbus Drive is here for our church family and community. We are open monthly. Usually, it is the Monday after the 4th Sunday for three hours. If there is a specific need before our next distribution day, you can call the church office at 813 248-8101 and the coordinators will be contacted. Please do not leave your donations in the WJW Family Life Center or on the porches. We are now in the middle of year-end cleaning. As soon as we have completed a thorough cleaning, we will begin to accept your donations again. We will be happy to meet you at the clothes closet for an easy transfer from your vehicle to the clothes closet after the end of year cleaning is complete. We have a lot of men's white tuxedo shirts and black tuxedo pants, men's suits and ties and an abundance of adult diapers and bed pads. Actually, we have everything that is found in a clothing store or boutique. Sister Sherryl Cusseaux has a colleague who gifted us with new top-of-the-line clothing racks on wheels. So, we will be changing out our old racks as we go through the year-end cleaning process. We have a surplus of hangers, so we do not need any more hangers. Toiletry donations are always welcome at any time. Even though the dollar store is now \$1.25, we still want to have toiletries on hand for our patrons. The patrons get so excited when they come inside because they know that are going to see nice, quality clothes. On our distribution day, we also have several Grab N' Go tables on the porch and a miscellaneous table. Crowd control is handled by Sister Patricia Strowbridge or Brother Jerrod Douglas. The patrons are given numbers as they arrive. Our receptionist will greet the patrons as they sign in before shopping. Social distancing is practiced, and we have masks available for those who do not have one. All items in the clothes closet are free; there should be no one in Hillsborough County without clothes. There is a volunteer in each room to assist the patrons with their shopping. We start out with a prayer and a hot breakfast. The patrons can shop at the Grab N' Go tables on the porch beginning at 9:30 a.m. while we finish breakfast, and we will be ready to open at 10 a.m. We always have at least five new patrons each month. They are so grateful. Each patron leaves with a beautiful bible marker and an 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. New volunteers are welcome to join us when we are sorting or when we are open for distribution. It's very rewarding. There is always something to do in Clym's Clothes Closet. God is blessing us, and we want to be a blessing to others.

Thank you donors and thank you volunteers.



SENIOR MISSION

Reported By President Sis. Linda Cook

“We are marching in the Army of the LORD”

Hats off to our Senior Women’s Ministry as we march toward service, worship, prayer in and for God’s Army! We have accomplished a lot since the last publication of this magazine:

1. We have grown in numbers.
2. We have enjoyed fellowshiping with one another.

As a matter of fact, our first gathering was held at my home. We had a wonderful time getting to know one another as we ate all that delicious FOOD!

Now for the most important highlights of our ministry, serving, and worshiping with fellow Christian Sisters at the following services:

1. Executive Planning Meeting {Galilee, FL}
2. State 1000 Women in White {Panama City, FL.}

Praise God 16 women attended from our Senior ‘s Ministry. Won’t God do it!

There is room for more women, and we invite you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. We meet the first Monday after the First Sunday from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

“WHAT’S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT----EVERYTHING!

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

THOUGHT:

God gave us the greatest gift of all through His Son Jesus. All He wants us to do is to share His gift by demonstrating His love to each other.

THE BROTHERHOOD



Reported By Dea. Bobby Priester, President

The Brotherhood Ministry is on the battlefield for the Lord. We are still looking for men to join with us to pray and praise God. Some Brotherhood members continue to come to the church on Wednesday afternoons for Drive-Thru Prayer. They are a blessing to our church and the community members that stop and ask for prayer.

Additional members of the New Mt. Zion Brotherhood have ordered shirts for our Ministry. The Brotherhood of New Mt. Zion was represented at the Congress Number 4 sessions.



Six of our members traveled to First Providence in Bartow for the annual prayer breakfast on August 6th. New Mt. Zion was recognized for having the most members in attendance. The National Brotherhood President, Deacon Wayne Herring, was the speaker for this occasion. I represented the Brotherhood at the Elevation Gala in Marianna celebrating Deacon Wayne Herring as he was elevated to the leadership as President of the National Brotherhood Ministry. I, Deacon Bobby Priester, have passed the torch of New Mount Zion's Brotherhood to Deacon Kelvin DeCoursey; he has assumed leadership as President of NMZ's Brotherhood Ministry.

Brotherhood Motto

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

Philippians 4:8 King James Version. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Reported By President Sis. Jean Collins

“Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

Greetings to my NMZ Church Family,

As we look back over this year serving others since our June Edition of The Progressor. We see how the Lord has shown up at every stage in our Ministry; our souls rejoice! Even with the strength not our own, we remembered what God has already done for those grieving NMZ members. You see God is faithful! He mends the broken hearted, and He gives peace to all those who believe. He’s done it over and over again! His ways are always unbelievably good! He’s with us in every season of life.

Since every person copes with grief differently, our Ministry has learned how to assist NMZ Church family members individually as needed. As a result, we have found it best to continue sending gift cards as alterative until the New Year; continue mailing sympathy cards; calling members and if requested dropping off food. In spite of COVID-19 lingering, there are passionate members in this Ministry who serve actively at repass or flower bearing upon request. I’m so thankful to the dedicated members of the Bereavement Ministry as we all serve. We all know that God is with us in every circumstance.

Regrettably, death is a part of life and a part of life in our NMZ church family. We know that it is important to show sensitivity and love to surviving family members and honor the deceased when keeping their memories alive.

“In Loving Memory of our 2022 Saints”

Brother Willie Lee Norwood
Sister Yvonne F. Wilson
Sister Gloria Battiese White
Brother Jamaal Simmons
Brother Christopher Ramsey
Sister LaRaine R. Miller
Rev. Willie L. Jackson
Sister Mildred Richardson
Rev. William Gillison, Jr.
Sister Gloria Walthour
Brother Carey Vernard Daniels
Sister Mildred Warren Curtis
Deacon Freddie Winters, Sr.
Sister Geraldine “Mother Nunn” Nunn

Brother James E. Daniels, Sr.
Sister “Sis” Bertha Washington
Bro. Vernon Gregory Gantt
Sis. Betty Walker

“We honor their memories and contributions to the Church”

Now as our Ministry moves forward toward the Holiday Season 2022, we want you to continue your Holiday traditions. For God’s word tells us that season will happen in our lives for a reason. So, we want our NMZ family to join us in prayer as we cherish fond memories over the years of loved ones by: hugs, shopping, reminisce over old photos, leave an empty chair at the table, journal, have your family gathering, eat good food, watch the parade, watch football in sweats or whatever your traditions during the Holiday may be. Hold your traditions close.

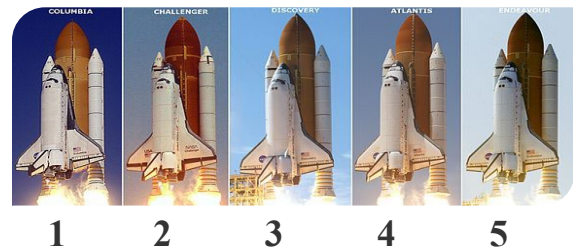
Family, as we embrace the seasons in our life, just as nature experiences winter, spring, summer, and autumn, we too will experience them. Whether it is the season of life or season of death.

Seasons of new beginnings or seasons of endings; seasons of growth and of stagnation they will all serve a purpose in our lives. Remember, “Flower bulbs need to go through the death of fall and winter in order for them to bloom in the spring and summer.”

Thank you, Rev. Roundtree, for your continuous prayers, compassion, and support.

May the closeness of your loved ones, family, and friends fill your hearts with peace through the rest of this 2022-Year!

MORE MINISTRIES RELAUNCH



A special thank you is extended to the choir members who kept our music ministry vibrant during and throughout the Pandemic. At this point, the various choirs have resumed and relaunched as follows: 1st Sunday (Unity Choir); 2nd Sunday (Contemporary Choir); 3rd Sunday (Voices of Praise debut in their new robes on October 24); 4th Sunday (Male Chorus).



Through the committed and faithful service during our Parking-Lot Worship and return to the Sanctuary Worship, Bro. Ron Washington has become Coordinator of this ministry. If you have any questions or would like to become part of this ministry, please contact him.



LOST LOVED ONES MINISTRY

Reported By Minister Ron and Sis. Gloria Thomas

This ministry serves as a gathering of members and none members to meet and share their griefs. We meet on every other Thursday at 7PM here at New Mount Zion. We can be contacted at 813-621-7175. Our ministry's scripture is "Surely He hath borne our grief, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted."



FOOD PANTRY

Our church's Food Pantry is being relaunched with Bro. Jerry Chatman as Coordinator and Bro. Percy Weatherly as Assistant Coordinator. Letters are being sent to local food stores to assist in building our food supply, **but we need everyone's help to get this done.** The ministry is asking the congregation to donate the following items: **cereals, grits, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, rice, canned meats, canned vegetables, and other non-perishables.** **Donations can be dropped off on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9AM to 5PM at our church's office OR on Sundays in the Life Center.** More information on the relaunching of our church's Food Pantry will be shared soon.



Social Services Ministry

Reported By Sis Miriam Mitchell, Coordinator

Hello Zionites!

We are so excited at what the Creator is doing at our church!

The Social Services Ministry officially launched October 1, 2022

This Ministry will:

*Provide members with referrals to low-cost/reduced housing as availability arise in the community.

*Help members keep a positive spirit of readiness.

*Help members develop resolutions to remove barriers obtaining affordable housing.

*Provide referrals to other ministries in the church as needed.

To express our faith as Christians, the modern word “neighbor” derives from two Old English words for “near” and “inhabitant.” It describes a person living near or next door. But we tend to think in more limited terms: a person living next door or that you know personally.

Jesus’ definition of **neighbor** was different: Your **neighbor** is anyone with a need that you are able to meet. Look for a **neighbor** whose need you might meet. We are all here to help our **neighbors**, who are actually our **members**.

Service requests should be directed to the church secretary and leave a message or email at: info@nmztampa.com. Responses will be provided within 72 hours.

Members of the Ministry include: Sis. Patti Bonner, Sis. Claudia Terrell, and Sis. Sharae Smith. Sis. Miriam Mitchell is the lead person for this Ministry.

**"The greatness of
a community is most
accurately measured
by the compassionate
actions of its
members."**

– Coretta Scott King.

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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.

Hurricane Ian Relief Trip
Items that are needed

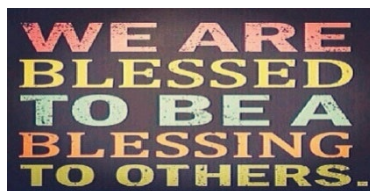
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Batteries	Outdoor cooking apparatuses (grills, propane fueled burners, etc)
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Styrofoam	
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Lighters	
Canned Goods	
Meat (Bring Saturday morning, No place to store at church)	

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October 8, 2022 to Arcadia



A Blessing for Sister Annie Simmons REPORTED BY SIS. MARY PRIESTER

The "Sons of the East" and "Queen of Sheba" painted the home of our own **Sister Annie Simmons** on November 19th. Sister Simmons celebrated her 100th birthday this year. Her name was selected and she was very excited to be considered. This group visited New Mount Zion on the second Sunday in November and were pleased to meet with Pastor Roundtree. They pressure washed Sister Simmons' home, painted, pressure washed the driveway, and manicured the landscape.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FUN

Christmas
Word Scramble

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SOLUTIONS ARE NOT LISTED IN SEQUENCE: AWAY IN A MANGER, SILENT NIGHT,
OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL, THE FIRST NOEL, DECK THE HALLS,
JOY TO THE WORLD, HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING, OH HOLY NIGHT.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

Find the words in the grid. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

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 Joseph
 King Herod
 Luke
 Manger
 Mary
 Matthew
 Merry Christmas to all

Myrrh
 Pastor Roundtree and Family
 Shepherds
 Star in the East
 Swaddling clothes
 The Everlasting Father
 The Mighty God
 The Prince of Peace
 Wisemen
 Wonderful

PHOTO PAGE
MEET YOUR DEACON AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
was held on June 12 and June 19 of 2022.



**Members update their contact information;
Deaconesses ready to direct members to assigned Deacons.**



The Deacons are available for the membership to visit with them.



It is my prayer that you enjoyed this edition of our church's news magazine.



Clara Wardlow

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!