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

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FROM OUR PASTOR

To the Saints at New Mt. Zion; grace and peace be multiplied to each of you, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

We have entered another year together and for this, I am grateful. 2018 was fraught with its share of challenges and difficulties; yet God continued to prove Himself mighty and faithful. I pray that you were blessed through this study as well. All year, we feasted on God's Word on Sunday mornings, focused on the theme; "What's Love Got To Do With It? EVERYTHING!" What a privilege it was to preach about the love of God, the definition of love, our love for Him, our love for ourselves and our love for one another. Also, we concluded our study of the book of 1st John, which blessed me personally with a greater understanding of my faith and the obligation to love. This year, my prayer for New Mt. Zion is for a stronger sense of unity and commitment: in prayer, in worship, in service, in fellowship and in

giving. Please join me in praying for God to bind us closer together in love for Him and one another, so that we can build a stronger community of faith within our church; in order to transform our nearby communities for the exaltation of Jesus Christ!

Because HE Lives,
Pastor Roundtree



2019s PRAYER

- Greater love for and service to God (Mark 12:30)
- Greater love for one another (Unity) (John 13:34-35)
- Stronger commitment from members to the church (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- Renewed Passion/Zeal for God (Revelation 2:1-5)
- Our Youth (Proverbs 22:6)

- Our Emerging and Established Adults (Titus 2:1-8)
- Our Men (Proverbs 20:6)
- Our Women (Proverbs 31:10)
- The sick and suffering among us (I Corinthians 12:22-25)
- The ministries of New Mount Zion to align with the mission/vision of the church (Romans 12:4-10)
- The Pastor and Leaders of New Mount Zion and all churches (Hebrews 13:17-18)
- More effectiveness in evangelism (Luke 10:2)
- A brighter light to shine and a greater impact in the community (Matthew 5:14-16)
- More vibrant, God-honoring, Spirit-filled Worship with excellence (John 4:24)
- Leaders at all levels: (Global, National, State, Local, etc.) (I Timothy 2:1-4)
- The poor, oppressed, and neglected in our communities

(Psalm 82:3-4)

- Increased outreach to those in need in our communities (locally, and globally) (Matthew 25:31-40)
 - A growing, serving, loving, unified, stronger church (Ephesians 4:12-16)
 - God's Kingdom to be established, His will to be done, God's provision, God's pardon, God's protection (Matthew 6:9-13)



“Prayer is the key and faith unlocks the door. If you believe, it shall be done. He’ll hear every word you say, and while you are calling Him, He is on His way. Prayer will fix it every time.”





NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

**Reported By
Director
Minister Willie
Kimbrough**

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord He is God: It is He that has made us and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture."

Greetings to you my Brothers and Sisters in Christ. It is once again that we come before you with news from the New Members Orientation Department. As we look back to last year, we have this record: 109 individuals came to give their lives to Christ and united with New Mt. Zion; 83 completed Orientation and 17 were Baptized. As we started off this year, we are on track to exceed those

numbers as the Lord keeps adding to the flock. We would like to thank those members in New Mt. Zion who go out of their way to tell others about Christ. After all that's what we do because we are all Evangelists.

One thing we need to keep before us is our Mission Statement "Changing The World Through The Love Of Christ; One Soul At A Time." In order to do this, we must remember that we have an obligation to all of our members both old and new; and that is to let others see Christ in us, this is a good starting point.

As we look to our new members, we would like to thank them for considering New Mt. Zion and uniting with us. Also, we would like to remind our new members that we are working hard to insure that they get to know who their Deacon and their Mentor will be. As we explained to you

during classes, if you need help in any situation, you can always reach out to any member of the Orientation Staff; call the church office or use the card that I gave to you with my information on it. Members of New Mt. Zion, including New Members, will be expected- encouraged to be a part of a local community of Christians seeking to glorify God and edify one another. There are two groups in New Mt. Zion that you are encouraged to become a part. These include: Community "BE" Group or Community "DO" Group. You will automatically fall into the "BE" group depending upon your age and or demographics. This Community includes: Men's Community, Women's Community, Senior Saints Community, Youth and Children's Community, Young Adult Community, Couples Community, etc. The Community "DO"

Groups will focus on functions. Here you have a chance to utilize the gifts that the Lord has blessed you to possess. If you do not think you have any gifts, just think of what it is that you like to do. This group will focus on functions such as: Worship Arts Ministries (music, dance, mime, drama, etc.); Hospitality Ministries (ushers, greeters, culinary etc.); Helps Ministries (support groups, bereavement, benevolence etc.). As we bring this segment to a close, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support. Special thanks to our W.I.A. Ministry for their support and the baskets they provide for the new members. Thanks to our Pastor for his support and encouragement to us and the new members. We applaud our staff and the mentoring ministry for the job that is set before them. Here are the New Members who

have united with us since this publication was last published:

- JEREMIAH COBB**
- MIECHELLE GIVENS**
- TIFFANI WHITE**
- TONI WHITE**
- A'NIJA GIVENS**
- MALIEK WILDER**
- SONYA McGEE**
- MARK BROWN**
- SAMUEL SINGLETON**
- JEMEAL MATTHEWS**
- LINDA BAKER**
- TERESA JORDAN**
- JAISEN RANDOLPH II**
- QUADRIC FRAZIER**
- SHELIA MALONE**
- QUINTIN EVERETT IV**
- ZION CHARLES**
- PEYTON CHARLES**
- INDIA COLLINS**
- TIA DIXON**
- BROOKE DIXON**
- LONDON DIXON**
- ZACHARHYAH**
- CHAPPER**
- BOAZ RACKS**
- ARTHUR JONES**
- CASSANDRA THOMAS**
- ANNETTE GIBSON**
- DAVID GIBSON, JR.**
- LISA MIDDLETON**
- KIWANA GRAHAM**
- GARY GRAHAM**
- BEVERLY BRINSON**
- ALTONSA HILLS**
- JOHN PINKNEY**

REMEMBER: JOIN NMZ, COMPLETE NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION AT NMZ, AND THEN JOIN A NMZ MINISTRY.



“OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW YEAR”

The closing of the year 2018 and the opening of the year 2019 found New Mount Zion packed to the brim with worshippers eager to give praises to our Heavenly Father for bringing them into another year. The Culinary Ministry served fish, grits, French fries, wings, hush puppies, and drink before the Worship began. Under the Worship Leadership of Youth Minister Willie J. Haynes, the worship was filled with jubilation of preparing and entering into 2019. The Worship consisted of: 2018 Bereavement Ministry's Memorial Service, Praise

Team, Daughters of Zion, Total Praise Mimes, Voices of Praise, powerful testimonies from Sis. Catherine Waddell, Minister DeRon Graham, Sis. Alberta Jackson and Sis. Roundtree's self-composed monologue on depression.

As Pastor developed another soul-searching and spiritual Word, he asked the watchmen in each direction to indicate the count down to 2019. Pastor Roundtree then gave a prayer of praise thanking God for bringing us into 2019.



**LOVE FROM
WITHIN
MOVES**

Have you ever wondered who the professional and caring voices sharing our announcements are on our robocalls to our landlines and cellphones? Have you,

also, wondered who are the voices doing the announcements on Facebook and on the video monitors? Well!! They are the voices of—
Sis. Syntia King



and
Sis. Deon McCoy



These two young ladies bring their love by giving their time and talents in keeping us informed through technical media. We are blessed to have love flowing through the multimedia talents of Sis. Syntia King and Sis. Deon McCoy to us. Thank you, ladies, for your service.

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If you have not given your contact information to our church's office, please do so.



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

“A Testimony”

A testimony is one person's profession of faith in Jesus. The goal isn't to start a debate but to share the Gospel. If someone objects to what we say, we could become sidetracked with arguments. However, we each have one thing that no one else can refute: our personal testimony. This isn't an issue for debate but an opportunity to explain our own experience and the results of our decision to follow Christ.

Realize that every believer has a powerful weapon in his spiritual arsenal. When you share what Christ has done in your life, no one else can say, “That's not right,” or “That didn't really happen.” Our testimony of faith is our own credible, first-hand, eyewitness narrative of the power of God.

that **I would never walk again. They wanted to place me in a nursing home permanently.** My sisters and I along with my uncles and aunts decided that I should go home. They had to use a Hoyer Lift to get me in and out of bed. They had to bathe me, change me, cook for me, and clean my house. The Physical Therapist came in for six weeks. After that they had trained me only how to use a sliding board to get in and out of a bed and in and out of a car. It was my housekeeper, Tina, who worked with me and God Almighty taught me how to walk again with a walker. Can I praise God for that every day? Just when I thought that I was getting better, on August 27th 2018, I got ready to get out of bed and once again I could not walk. The Paramedics came and took me to the hospital. After having an MRI done, they discovered a tumor was growing on my spine.

They rushed me to Florida Hospital in Tampa. I was so afraid, but Pastor Roundtree came and prayed. I remembered that weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning. Then came peace. On September 7, 2018 around 8AM. I had surgery. I had my "BUT GOD" moment. The very next day after the surgery, they got me up to walk with the Walker. **Look at God.** When you see me at church, just remember where God has brought me. There is no secret what God can do; what He's done for me and others He can do it for you. Hopefully my testimony will inspire you to be encouraged and press on. (Read Deuteronomy 31:6)

Facebook Posting
By Sis. Kenya Jones
October 15 at 9:36 PM

I've been sitting here all day trying to figure out whether to post this or not. When I tell you that my God is real, please believe me when I say

that! Today was not the day of Satan because God is not through with me yet! Zoie and I are home safe and doing well. If you heard about a car catching on fire and blowing up on 34th St. and Hillsborough Avenue, that was me. This morning at 6:20AM, as I was driving to take my daughter Zoie to school, Zoie said that there was a fire in the car. I doubted her at first until she yelled it again. This time, I saw the flames in my rear view mirror. The speaker directly behind her head in the backseat had caught on fire and was in flames. We were able to escape with our lives, but my car and all of its contents were gone. Like I told Zoie, material things can be replaced but our lives cannot. Within 4-5 minutes after we got out of the car, my entire car was engulfed in flames and then it blew up. To God be the glory! Please keep my family uplifted in prayer as we go through this

difficult time. A bystander helped out and tried to keep us calm until the fire trucks and my husband arrived. Thanking God for my husband who arrived just in the "nick of time," along with my mother, Yvonne Gadson Douglas, the firefighters, and the Police Department. I was even fortunate enough to see a good friend of mine, Henry Ballard; he works for the Fire Department. Everyone was very nice and they took really good care of us. I am very thankful for that. Once again, I give all the praise, all the glory, and all the honor to God for sparing our lives today.
#NotTodaySatan!!!!!!

**Facebook Posting By
Sis. Barbara Wright
December 20, 2018**

I thank God for this day, my 76th Birthday! One year and fifteen days ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Today I celebrate the cancer being in remission. I've seen

some dark days and have had some sleepless nights. He brought me from a mastectomy, chemotherapy to radiation therapy and other infusions; but HE brought me. I will have an infusion on this morning. I can testify that anything He brings you to, He can bring you through, if it's HIS WILL. This journey has been one of FAITH, not fact nor fear. It's been a performance test to see what I've learned. I've learned to stand on HIS promises and to trust HIM and never doubt. I've learned that the Lord orders our steps as well as our stops. I've learned that Psalm 23:4 and Psalm 42:11 were good places for me to dwell upon. I've learned that HE is a healer and a deliverer. I've learned that this battle is not mine, it's the Lord's. I wish to thank my beloved daughter, Clee; other family members, a host of friends, State and Nat'l Senior Women, my Pastor and Church

Family, other Church families, Congress 4, First South FL Association, State and National Baptist Conventions, Pastors from Key West to California, Middleton High School Class of 1960 and many others for your prayers, encouragement, love, concern, daily words of inspiration, financial support, food, telephone calls and each and every act of kindness. Still standing on the promises of God! I'm not concerned about the little "c" cancer, I'm trusting in the big "C" CHRIST, the Solid Rock, my Anchor of HOPE!

**Facebook Posting By
*Minister
DeRon Graham*
December 31, 2018**

(Minister Graham made this post after an dynamic and emotional testimony during Watch Night Service.) Well, it's 3:30AM on January 1, 2019 and I'm wide awake. (No I wasn't out turning up). I am,

however, feeling renewed and rejuvenated after the service we had last night/this morning. I was asked to give my testimony. While it was hard being so open and transparent like that in front of what seemed like a thousand people, it took a much needed weight off of my shoulders. Too many times I get stuck in worrying about what people think and I bottle things inside. Tonight, I knew what I wanted to say, "But God" had other plans. What He wanted me to say, was said. I prayed that He would guide me, and that someone would be able to see that just because I'm a preacher, I'm flawed and need guidance too. I'm learning to be obedient and fully submissive to the Holy Spirit and to let Him have His way. I'm not saying this to boast or brag about me, but to just share how great and mighty the God I serve

truly is. Happy New Year, God Bless.



116th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY EVENT
"THE GATHERING"— (A VARIETY SHOW)
Reported By
Sis. Kandace Johnson
Chairperson

On September 15th, New Mt. Zion M.B. Church, Tampa hosted "The Gathering" Many Gifts...One Spirit, which was a Variety Show and pre-celebration of the church's 116th Church Anniversary.



The evening began with the enthusiastic and talented Pastor Antonio Hawkins and First Lady April Hawkins of Exciting Faith, as hosts who lead the audience through worship.

Sweetie Keddy was the first act and made us all sigh over her sweet melodic voice singing an original song "LAVA". A young lady by the name of Pailynne graced the stage with an emotional praise dance performance. The Nunn Sisters (Janice Nunn-Nelson, Valerie Nunn, and Angela Nunn Green) sang a well-known gospel tune that took us all down memory lane. Their soulful performance was followed by Poet Asha Coleman. The pureness of her voice, pain, and cry out for understanding for her brother's death filled the auditorium with stillness. Brothers Earl Hearty and Raleigh Harris gave the audience comedy relief and poetry by profoundly speaking of the love God has for us. Officer Lawrence White, "The Rapping Officer", a well-known community activist, got the young people to sing, clap, and encourage each other to use their voices in the

community when a witness is needed. One of the highlights was "The Zionettes" (Lead Vocalist Carolann Davis-Cannon, Kandace Johnson, and Staci Haynes), who excited the crowd with their excellent lip-syncing abilities all within a stellar performance of "You Love Me" by Anita Wilson. Brother Warren Davis impressed the audience with his pure-toned voice and original song "All Ready Getting Better;" then 13:46 entered the stage to minister a dance to "Lord You Are Good" by Todd Galberth and it was executed with such an anointing. Talent veteran, Crysandra Scott, performed a fresh rendition of an original song that brought the Holy Ghost. NMZ's First Lady Sameya Roundtree, "Mama Meya," performed jokes and presented a comedy sketch that featured her family. Tampa's own, Pricilla Upshaw, performed "Great Is Thy

Faithfulness" and "Total Praise;" she blessed the audience into pure praise and worship. Lastly, NMZ's Praise Dance ministry, "Daughters of Zion," concluded "The Gathering" with a flawless performance of "No Fear" choreographed by Kandace Nunn Johnson. This event was overall very impressive and a spirit-filled evening. The community gathered together to bless the hearts of others with their many gifts all to glorify our God!

The events for the 116th Anniversary were:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6—
Fashion Show—
"WHERE FAITH MEETS
FASHION"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13—
GOSPEL EXTRAGANZA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
FAMILY AND FRIENDS' DAY

SUNDAY, October 21
NMZs 116th

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

**This 116th Anniversary
was chaired by Sis.
Patricia Brooks-Campbell
and
Bro. Theron James, Jr.**



Reported By

Church Administrator

Sis. Alfredia Mulkey

Parking:

Please be patient as we work on beautifying our north parking lot in front of the church. We know this project has caused problems with parking, but we hope to have the project completed as soon as possible. We, also, plan to make additional parking spaces for our Handicap and Seniors (70 plus) members/guests coming soon. If you are not aware, our church also has an additional parking lot on the corner of 25th Street & Columbus Drive (near St. Luke AME Church). We are currently soliciting help for "Parking Attendants" on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Sis. Monica

Narain with our Hospitality Ministry.

Maintenance:

If you notice hazards or items needing repair or correcting, please complete a **Maintenance Request Form.** This form is located next to the mailboxes located outside of the Church office/Pastor's office. Please put your completed requests in the Church Administrator's mailbox. Some examples are: lights out, bathrooms not working, electrical cords in walkways, etc.

Sanctuary:

Please be respectful of our place of worship and **DO NOT EAT NOR DRINK IN THE SANCTUARY.** We have installed new carpet in the Sanctuary and we want everyone to help us maintain a beautiful worship environment. You may eat and drink in our Family Life Center; please clean up and place the trash in the large trash receptacles in the dining room area.

Ministry Meetings & Choir Rehearsals:

Please contact our Church Secretary, Sis. Jackie Jones, for reserving meeting space or usage of the Sanctuary. Parents, please ensure your children have adult supervision during your meetings. **For security and safety reasons, children MUST BE SUPERVISED during meetings and Choir rehearsals.**



**AN
EDUCATOR'S
VIEWPOINT**

**Reported By
Sis. Kenya Jones**

As we all know, technology is the way of the world today. The use of audiobooks and eBooks is a great way for all students to access reading materials to meet their individual needs. Technology can

help motivate and encourage students in the classroom or at home and make them active learners. Below is a list of digital tools available through Hillsborough County Public Schools or the Hillsborough County Public Library.

➤ **myOn** – myOn Reader is personalized for each student and offers them unlimited access to thousands of enhanced digital books. Students can choose titles from their recommended list under the myOn library. The myOn app allows readers to download books for offline use, so students can read anywhere. Student login information can be obtained from your child's homeroom teacher or the school's media specialist.

➤ **Bookshare** – Reading and learning can be difficult when students have difficulty decoding

words, seeing text, or physically managing books. This is how Bookshare can help. Bookshare has a large library of ebooks that can customize the reading experience to accommodate specific learning needs. Some available options include reading in Braille, enlarging font size, ability to add bookmarks and notes and adjust reading speed, fonts and colors. **Students with IEPs may qualify for a Learning Ally account.** For more information, e-mail: sherie.campbell@sdhc.k12.fl.us.

➤ **Learning Ally** – Learning Ally is dedicated to helping students with print disabilities, including blindness, visual impairment and dyslexia. Learning Ally has books in VOICetext format. Books in VOICetext format

allows students to see and hear the book at the same time. **Students with IEPs and 504 Plans may qualify for a Learning Ally account.** E-mail: sherie.campbell@sdhc.k12.fl.us for more information.

➤ **Libby** – The Hillsborough County Public Library utilizes Libby to allow access to thousands of books available online from the local library for free. All Hillsborough County Public School students have access to the HAAL Pass program. Students use their student ID (lunch number) as a public library card to access their online databases and research tools and read eBooks with no overdue fines or lost book fees. For more information, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/AboutLibby>.

(Reference in next column)

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OUR MINISTRIES

Thank you to the following ministries and their reporters for these articles:



Pastor's Aide Ministry

**Reported By
Sis. Gwen Hayes**

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

**Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)
"What's Love Got To Do With It?
EVERYTHING!!" Mark
12: 28-31**

Hello to our Church family and blessings to you all!

Before beginning to talk about what's happening with the Pastor's Aide Ministry, we'd like to thank Sister Clara Wardlow for her love of *The Progressor* and making sure each ministry is represented. She reaches out and reminds us that everyone at New Mt. Zion needs to know what your ministry is doing.

Thank you, Sister Wardlow!

Since our last publication, we've celebrated **Pastor Roundtree's** 40th birthday in September. He celebrated the event in grand style by removing one of the items from his bucket list – jumping from an airplane, of course with an assistant. Hope you enjoyed it, Pastor.

The ministry elected officers in November under the leadership of **Deacon K. DeCoursey**. We re-elected **Sister Brenda**

Holley as President; **Fontella DeCoursey** as Vice President; **Debra Weatherly** as Secretary; **Gwen Hayes** as Treasurer; and **Gloria Sylvester** as Chaplain. Other offices will be filled by the president.

Lady Sameya Roundtree's birthday was celebrated after the 11 a. m. service on November 18th with cake and punch. The entire congregation was invited to join the ministry in the Life Center. She was showered with lots of love, cards and gifts.

In December, we blessed the First Family for Christmas.

The Pastor's Aide Ministry was involved for several months with **Lady Roundtree** and her NMZ committee for the National Baptist Convention of America International, Inc., Ministers' Wives and Widows Auxiliary Prayer and Praise Weekend, January 24-26, 2019.

The event was hosted by New Mt. Zion,

and **Lady Roundtree** was the Chairperson. Others who had involvement in the planning of the event were: **Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.**, President, NBCA; **Lady Eartha Cross**, Pres., Ministers' Wives and Widows Auxiliary; **Rev. Rayford Harper**, Moderator, First South Florida District Association; and **Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks**, President of the Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention of Florida.

The weekend theme was, "Ladies Laced in Diamonds & Pearls." The ladies and guests cruised on Thursday, shopped and worshipped on Friday, and attended a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, at New Mt. Zion. Women were in town from several states. Some of which were: Florida, California, Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, South Carolina, and Mississippi.

Pastor Banks was the speaker for the Worship service and **Chloe Coney** was the Breakfast speaker.

Early in February, the ministry joined the family of one of our longtime members to celebrate her life. **Mrs. Deloris Taylor's** love for the ministry and our Pastors showed. Ministry members visited with her and other sick and shut-in last September and December. She was overjoyed and they all left with smiles on their faces.

Now, to the upcoming event that will be happening within a month – the 6th Anniversary of our Pastor and the First Family. The First Family Night is Wednesday, April 10th, 6:30 p.m. Instead of dinner after the morning worship service on Sunday, we will celebrate the Pastor's Anniversary with a picnic on Saturday, April 13th on the church grounds with activities for children and

adults and lots of food. We're getting permission to close off the streets; therefore, there will be plenty of room to move about.

On Sunday, April 14th, we'll have a Unity Service at 10 a. m. The celebration will culminate at 3 p. m. The anniversary theme is: "Laboring In Love," **Hebrews 6:10.** The colors this year are canary yellow with pink accent.

More information on the Anniversary will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

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THE BROTHERHOOD

**Reported By
Deacon Bobby
Priester, President**

A group of men met for a fellowship breakfast at

Golden Corral in January. They discussed re-organizing the Brotherhood Ministry. The organizational meeting was held at New Mt. Zion and the following officers were elected:

Deacon Bobby Priester
President
Brother Ed Narain
Vice President
Brother Hank Humbert
Secretary
Brother Eric Hayes
Treasurer
Rev. Dr. George Berry
Chaplain

The Brotherhood Ministry begins with a heart for the work. Brother Ed Narain organized some of the brothers to take a part in "Paint Your Heart Out." They assisted with painting the home of an elderly lady in the West Tampa area. Five of the members attended the First South Florida Brotherhood Memorial Service at Bethel in Orlando.

Next, they hosted a Prayer Breakfast on February 9, 2019 with the theme, "The Prayer of a Righteous Man is Powerful and Effective," scripture reference James 5:16. Two guests were invited to share additional

information about the Brotherhood Ministry. Deacon Hinesman Dukes, President of Congress #4 Brotherhood spoke about organizing the Brotherhood. Deacon Leonard Thomas, the Bible Teacher for First South Florida Brotherhood, shared some Biblical information.

(See the below pictures)



The Brotherhood Ministry invites all men of New Mt. Zion to join them in the work.

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



Deaconess and Ministers’ Wives

Reported By President

Sis. Mary Priester

Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

The Deaconess and Ministers’ Wives are thankful for the privilege of serving the New Mt. Zion Church family. We are willing and available to assist when and where there is a need. It is our desire to be proactive in the church mission of “Striving to Change the World Through the LOVE of Christ One Soul at a Time.” LOVE has everything to do with it. Our goal to let the light of JESUS CHRIST be reflected in our lives so that others may see Him in us. We enjoyed a post-holiday fellowship meal with the Deacons and Ministers in January. This was an excellent opportunity to reflect on the past year and

look forward to doing greater work in the new year. **Sister Rhonda Brown**, newly elected President of Congress #4, and **Sister Geraldine McCallister**, President of Progressive M&E State Convention of Florida, joined us at our February meeting to share their goals and objectives for the year. Some of our members are planning to attend the **Congress #4** Session in March that will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Brooksville. This provides the opportunity to fellowship with our sisters from other churches. Also, some members plan to attend the **Progressive M&E State Convention** in Orlando during the March session.

The **First South Florida Annual Seasonal Fellowship Feast** will be held at New Mt. Zion on April 27, 2019 at 10 AM. The theme is “God’s Word in Due Season.” Mark your calendar and plan to join us on this occasion.

Jesus is the light that is to shine in each of us.

**First South Florida
Missionary Baptist District
Association
Deaconess Ministry
Sister Mary Priester,
President
Annual Seasonal
Fellowship Feast
Saturday, April 27, 2019
@ 10 AM**



To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1
“God’s Word in Due Season”

**Hosted by Congress #4
Sister Rhonda Brown, Congress
President
At
New Mt. Zion Missionary
Baptist Church
2511 E. Columbus Drive
Tampa, FL 33605
This is your personal
invitation to join us at the
feast.
Registration \$10**

We applaud the efforts of Deaconess Yvonne Douglas and Deaconess Linda Cook as they give leadership to the Clothes Closet. This is an excellent opportunity for you to share in assisting the community and

surrounding area. Your toiletry donations are always welcome and appreciated.

EVANGELISM



**Reported By
President
Dea. Ron Graham
“THE GREAT
COMMISSION”**

When someone is dying or leaving us, his or her last words are very important.

“And 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 available to us to bring our spiritually dead selves back to life. The Resurrection is the basis for the churches 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. On the basis of that authority, He told His Disciples to make more Disciples as they preached, baptized, and taught. With this same authority, Jesus commanded us to tell others about the Gospel and make them Disciples for the Kingdom.

With the above in mind, the Evangelism Ministry mission is simple to share Christ, Build A Community by “Changing The World Through the L.O.V.E. Of Christ One Soul At A Time.” We share God’s Word by going out into the community. Our ministry has blessed many persons in the community through our sharing of God’s Word and bringing them into the Kingdom of God.

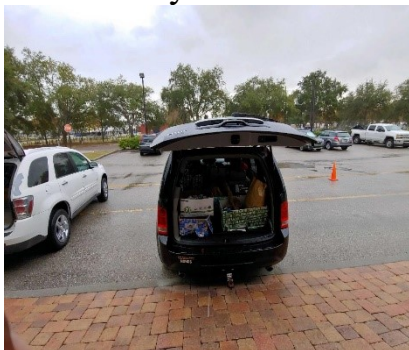
If you would like to join us as we go into the ministry to share God’s Word, please contact me.



FOOD PANTRY

Reported By Sis. Pat Williams

Thank you, thank you, thank you New Mt. Zion family for your continued support of our Food Pantry. Your food and monetary donations helped us to provide food bags to over 2,000 families in 2018. We thank you for your gifts of love for our Angel Tree recipients. They were very thankful for everything that they received. We would also like to thank Dea. Edgar Jones and the Terrace Community Middle School for their can goods drive to support our Food Pantry.



These two SUVs were packed with donated items.

The principal of Terrace Community is Tahvia Shaw. She is shown below with a staff member and Dea. Archie Williams.



They will be making periodic donations to the pantry. We were able to share a fellowship lunch with the veterans in our church and community for Veteran's Day. We appreciate your sacrifice and your service to our country. The more we bless others, the more blessings we receive to bless more people. Our God is awesome. We know that we are "Changing the world through the L.O.V.E. of Christ, one soul at a time."

We ask for your continued donations of non-perishable food items as well as your financial support. We have our distributions on Monday after the 2nd and 4th Sundays, from 10AM to noon and 5 pm to 7PM. The Food Pantry Ministry is

"All In," because we know that it's all about love. Thank you to all of our volunteers. We greatly appreciate you and all that you do. Parents, please remember that your youth can receive volunteer hours for working in the Food Pantry. Our mission statement comes from Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water..."

What's LOVE got to do with it?  Everything!
To God Be the Glory.

CLYM'S CLOTHES CLOSET



Reported By Coordinator

Sis. Yvonne Douglas
Thank God for all His blessings. All items in Clym's Clothes Closet are **FREE**. The Clothes Closet is open every Monday after the 2nd Sunday and the Monday after the 4th

Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon and again from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. It will be posted on the marquee. If there is an urgent need prior to our regular hours, please call the church at 813 248-8101. Otherwise, come and shop on Distribution Day. Most of our patrons go to the Food Pantry first and come over to the Clothes Closet while their food is being prepared. Our volunteers usually stay until 1 p.m. to get things ready for the 5 p.m. patrons. Monetary donations can be made payable to New Mt. Zion and put "clothes closet" in the memo line. The Finance Team will see to it that we receive the funds. Receipts are available upon request. We use the monetary donations to replenish toiletries, etc. as needed. Our volunteers consist of The Deaconess and Ministers' Wives Ministry and other devoted members of New Mt. Zion. New volunteers are always welcome; men, too. Our volunteers work as a team. We work in the areas we feel most comfortable and it works out very well.

THE RECEIVING

SCHEDULE IS ON
WEDNESDAYS 11 A.M.
UNTIL 8 PM in the Family Life Center.

A volunteer will gather the clothes and shoes and transport them to the Clothes Closet in one trip. We cannot clutter up the Family Life Center. Your cooperation is appreciated. Storage space is limited in the house so do not donate furniture or other bulky items. We are blessed to have designer swivel silver-necked hangers from Dillards so we do not need any more hangers. We are gradually changing out a few things in the main family room so that room will have a new look soon. Those items will now be available for our patrons. We, also, have new clothes and shoes. We can always use toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, mouthwash, toilet paper, shampoo, and shower gel. All of these items can be purchased from the dollar store. You can also help us out by:

* Putting 2 or 3 piece outfits in the same bag when preparing your donation.
* Putting shoes in a

separate bag from the clothes and be sure we have both shoes and they are CLEAN AND IN GOOD condition.

* Do not leave donations on the porch or outside. We have a great team of volunteers. Our team members volunteer during their free time. Most of the sorting is done on Thursdays. Assistant Coordinator Linda Cook has a group that comes in the morning and Coordinator Yvonne Douglas has a group that comes in the afternoon. Call us if you want to join us for some fun sorting and hanging clothes. We are happy to serve our church and our community. Though we put a limit on some things, patrons can get as many items as they need. The patrons understand and they are very appreciative and grateful.

Our future plans are to continue to serve our church and community. God is blessing us and we want to be a blessing to others. A special thank you to our volunteers and to our donors. What's love got to do with

it?.....everything.
We are changing the world
through the love of Christ
one soul at a time.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



**Reported By
President**

Sis. Jean Collins
**Grief is a Continuous
Act of Healing...**

Angel Thoughts
"If you give up when it's
deep winter,
You'll surely miss the
promise of your Spring,
The beauty of your
Summer
And the fulfillment of
your Fall.
Don't let the pains of
one season
Overshadow the joys of
the rest of the year.
Try not to judge life
By one difficult season;
Cherish instead
The exceptional seasons
Given you in
love." __ (unknown)

Family, let us consider
the **New Year** and the
resolutions we make.
Are they an accepted
model of change?
There's something about
beginning the New Year
with a clean slate and a
fresh start that makes us
feel good. We feel
exonerated for our
mistakes, inadequacies,
hesitancies, and failures
to achieve from the year
just ended. So each
year, Family, some of us
vow to make a resolution
or two that is
reasonable, acceptable,
and maybe even difficult
in an effort to change
something about
ourselves and our lives.
Even the loss of a love
one. Why? We
sometimes accept that
we can manage
something better than
we are right now. We
assume it's an act of
personal growth when
we have the ability to
change.
Family, the word
"change" doesn't seem
so fearful when we
control it. But when life
hands us circumstances

and disorder that causes
irreversible change, we
are not quite accepting
and welcoming to begin
the effort. When we can
control the change, we
go along with it. We do
so without dragging our
feet. Though, it's not a
permanent change, we
welcome it. However,
Family, the death of a
loved one is one of those
circumstances that
demands and requires
personal acceptance and
change whether we like
it or not. In this case, we
don't control the change
that will occur. Even the
Bereavement Ministry
has been confronted
with family members
who find it's tougher to
accept because we can't
change what has
happened in our lives
and to loved ones.
Suddenly, Zionites, we
are incapacitated;
unable to function; and
we are all lost in a world
of sadness and grief. So
how does one move
forward when the world
continues to exist as it
always did-but you are
no longer present to the

way it was? How do you get back to life after loss of a family member, NMZ? I'm sure all of us at NMZ have asked ourselves that question. We all can identify that a death in the family can be a life-changing experience. One of the ways the Bereavement Ministry reaches out to show love and support is at our Annual Watch Night Service where we celebrate the lives of all loved ones from NMZ who have died each year.

This is a special event for our Bereavement Ministry to honor the lives we have touched. This ceremony allows us to offer support and understanding to anyone who has lost a loved one, making us a stronger Church Family. A special part of the service is the lighting of the memorial candles in honor of loved ones that died during the past year. At our January through December 2018 vigil, we remembered:

Sister Sandra Denise Diei
 Brother Theron P. James, Sr.
 Sister Altamese Sullivan
 Sister Jimmie Mae Davis Burgess
 Deaconess Carolyn Fuller Watson
 Deaconess Ernestine Williams Carr
 Sister Dorothy Mae Jacobs
 Brother Bennie Smith
 Sister Luvenia C. Henry
 Brother Andrew Devon Cole
 Deacon William Jones
 Sister Nevada Peacock
 Sister Drenda Tombs-Chapman
 Brother Samuel Cole, Jr.
 Sister Geneva Lloyd
 Sister Mavena Shields

Our ministry is very excited to be part of the Annual Watch Night Service each year. Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate and pray with us as we ask God to allow this service to help show love and ease pain as we show we care. Other ways the Bereavement Ministry suggest to help our NMZ

families to help them transition:

- Is to respond in love and let the family know that it's alright to grieve the loss.
- Try to be an emotional support to other survivors of families when needed.
- Call your parents. Take time to meditate when intrusive thoughts come to cleanse your mind from all negative thoughts.
- It's ok to vent out your feelings and express yourself.

We have reached out this year to the family of long-time member, Sis. Deloris Taylor (son Ron Taylor), who was funeralized on Saturday, February 9 here at New Mount Zion. We, also, reached out to the family of member, Bro. Quincy Crank (husband of Sis. Denyse Crank,) who was funeralized in his home town of Gastonia, North Carolina on Saturday, February 16. Most

recently, we lost Bro. Chris Graves on Friday, February 22. Bro. Graves was reared at New Mount Zion and leaves his wife, mother, daughter, grandson, grandfather, aunts, uncles, cousins, other biological family, adopted family, and an extended family filled with love for him.

Family, we all know that losing a loved one can be a traumatic experience. But if you allow positive things in your life, it can heal the worst of the hurt. So don't hold back yourself, you can come out as a better and stronger person.

Participation in this ministry is neither time consuming nor does it require much training. It requires compassion and a heart to reach out to those in need and comfort! You are invited to join our Ministry on the 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 6pm.

Finally! There is life after death – you must move forward no matter how slow the steps are; how

painful the days get or how overwhelmed you feel in the moment of your grief. You are here for a purpose so embrace it.

HOSPITALITY



**Reported By
President**

Sis. Monica Narain

The Hospitality Ministry officially welcomed First Time Visitors on May 27, 2018. Our ministry is an extension of Pastor Roundtree's vision as we "Change the World Through The Love of Christ One Soul at a Time."

We are very pleased to carry out this vision to welcome first time visitors through a 5-step process.

Step 1: Reserved Parking for First Time Visitors.

Step 2: Greeter(s) who welcome the visitors to our church and directs them to the welcome station.

Step 3: The Welcome Station will have the visitor fill out the visitor's card and escort them to the usher.

Step 4: Guest Reception- After service, visitors are taken to a designated section in the Life Center and are offered a snack and water while they wait for Pastor to spend a few moments with them. Visitors also receive a folder with an information card about our church, a CD of a former sermon and a pen.

Step 5: Follow-Up- visitors receive a follow-up phone call thanking them for coming and welcoming them to worship with us again.

We are still looking for members to serve on our ministry. If you are willing to serve one Sunday a month at 8am or 11am service, please contact Sis. Monica Narain @monie117@aol.com

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"What's Love Got To Do With It" is not just a catchy saying, it is something we are to demonstrate at all times in and out of church.



USHER BOARD #1

**Reported By
President**

Sis. Janice Sturks

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless His name.” (Psalms 100:4) I thank the Lord for allowing us to see the year 2019 and giving us another opportunity to worship him and become closer to him in his word. We ended 2018 fellowshiping together with the Male Ushers at Golden Corral in Brandon with Deacon Grant blessing the food. It was a wonderful and joyful afternoon. We, also, ended the year by delivering blankets, socks, and scarves to two nursing homes that two of our Usher Board members have family members. I delivered to one and got to interact and pray with one of the patients and the family. All of those that I was able to see were very

thankful and pleased that someone was thinking of them. Thanks to Deacon Collins for providing the 12 names, which he delivered blankets to the nursing home where his family member resides. Thanks to Brother Darryl Andrews for his 12 names, too.

Usher Board #1 would like to welcome you to join us by attending our meeting the First Thursday of the month before the Second Sunday at 6 p.m. in Walter J. Williams Life Center. We are looking for dedicated and committed workers with smiling faces with lots of joy. We love to worship and fellowship.

“I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tent of the wicked.” Our leaders are:

- Sister Janice Sturks
President
- Sister Barbara Bell
Vice-President
- Sister Robyn Andrews
Captain
- Secretary –
Sister Shirley James
Financial Secretary
- Sister Cathy Godbolt

Correspondence
Sister Retta Page
Chaplains - Deacon Willie Grant and
Sister Carrie Terrell
Director
Deacon Patrick Andrews

God Gives Strength to the Weary and Increases the power of the weak---Isaiah 40:29

USHER BOARD #2

**Reported By
President**

Sis. Sandra Butler

“Blessed (is) the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, watching at the posts of my doors, Proverbs 8:34. A church usher has a true love for the people of the church and a desire to promote an atmosphere of reverence and worship in the House of God.”



Members of Usher Board #2 and Sister Marie Beard visited The Bristol at Tampa Rehabilitation Center, 1818 E. Fletcher Avenue – Tampa, FL.,

October 20, 2018. Three members of New Mt. Zion are residents of the facility. Sisters Evelyn Reeves (Honorary member of Usher Board #2), Eartha Daniels and Geneva Stephenson. We prayed with them and they were given blankets and socks. Extra blankets and socks were left at the facility to be included in the gifts given out for Christmas.



For the Thanksgiving Holiday, we gave a food basket to a single mother of five, Ms. Earlishia Oates. We meet on Tuesdays before the First Sunday of the month and we are still actively recruiting new members.

PURPLE LILY USHER BOARD

**Reported By
Sis. Linda Sanders**

“His banner over us is love. Our sword the Word of God;

We tread the road the saints above with shouts of triumph trod.

By faith they, like a whirlwind's swept over every field;

The faith by which they conquered Death is still our shining shield.

Faith is the victory! Faith is the victory!

Oh, glorious victory that overcomes the world.”

I come bringing you greetings once again from the New Mount Zion Purple Lily Usher Board.

We are so excited about this year of 2019. We welcome to The Purple Lily Usher Ministry Sister Elaine Smith, Sister Lillian Gary, Brother Duncan Andrews and welcome back Sister Lisa Jones and Sister Betty Hicks. We are so very blessed to have all of you with us on our ministry.

Purple Lilies are a Royal Flower, first in color second in shape. Their trumpet-shaped blooms announce a ceremonial event.

The Lily alone represents innocence, purity and beauty and combined with the regal color purple can

only lead to representation of royalty.

The Purple Lily Usher Board was organized under the leadership of the late Reverend Calhoun back in the year of 1957. It was said that purple was his favorite color. He had just organized the Gospel Chorus and they, also, wore the color purple. Since purple was his favorite color, he needed an usher board to usher on the Third Sunday of the month. So now you have the Purple Lily Usher Ministry. What a unique and different name for an usher board. How many other churches can you attend that have a Purple Lily Usher's Ministry?

This past year of 2018, the Purple Lily Usher Ministry said good-bye to three of our faithful servants--Sister Rebecca Faison, Sister Dorothy Jacobs, and Sister Luvenia Henry. They all have been missed, and they will never be forgotten.

Our end of the year celebration was held at the Longhorn Steak House Restaurant, located on Fowler Avenue in Tampa, Florida. Everyone enjoyed

themselves and we had a wonderful evening. If you are looking for a ministry to join, come and join with us, the Purple Lily Usher Board Ministry. We usher on the Third Sunday of each month. Our meetings are held on Thursday night at 7:00 P.M. after each Second Sunday. Our Officers for the year of 2019 are as follows:

- PRESIDENT:**
DARYL ANDREWS
VICE-PRESIDENT:
ANNIE ROBERTSON
CAPTAIN:
JOSEPH GARVIN
TREASURER:
SHIRLEY JAMES
SECRETARY:
LINDA SANDERS

WORTH THINKING ABOUT:

Share what God means to you to bring others to God.

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Jesus Is The Light That Shineth 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).

Jesus is the light that shineth in me."



HEALTH AWARENESS MINISTRY
Reported By President Wilma Garvin

The Health Awareness Team would like to thank everyone for your support of our Third Annual Breast Cancer Walk held in September. The weather was great and everything went well. Our very best has been done to take care of members who were not feeling well during Church services. **We need a favor from you all; please take your medicines before you come to Church.** We have, also, served during times of sorrow. Our ministry contributed to the Angel Tree, the hurricane relief efforts in Panama City, the American Cancer Society and Progressive M & E State Convention Health Awareness Team. These are some of the things that are

happening in the Health Awareness Team. You are welcome to come to our meetings on Monday after First Sunday 6:30PM in Classroom #3 in the Family Life Center.



MUSIC AND ARTS MINISTRY

Reported By Minister of Music Bro. Aaron Adderley

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Grace and peace be unto each of you. We thank God for yet another opportunity to let our NMZ family know of the blessings throughout the Music & Arts Ministry (Voices of Praise, Male Chorus, Praise Team, Youth Choir, Daughters of Zion, and Mimes) during the year 2018. God continues to prove Himself mighty in our lives. While the entities of the Music & Arts Ministry have continued to function in their respective places, there is one aspect that I'd like to share with you in this edition of The Progressor.

As you are well aware, our church theme has been “What’s Love Got To Do With It? EVERYTHING!” (Mark 12:28-34). As it is said, “A picture is worth a thousand words.” So I’d like to share with you in a few thousand words one of the components we focused on, which was building relationships within the Music & Arts Ministry. The following photos will speak to the various things we did in an effort to enhance our relationships within:



HARVEST FESTIVAL



CHRISTMAS SOCIAL



THE ESCAPE ROOM



SENIOR WOMEN

**Reported By
President**

Sis. Linda Cook

First, giving praise and blessings to our Father in Heaven; hello Mt. Zion family and friends.

We, the Senior Women Ministry, continue being on the battlefield for our Lord and Savior.

(Matthew 28:18-20)

(Go/Do)

We have had a wonderful beginning this year. **WOMEN IN RED** was awesome on Sunday, February 17. Our Speaker was Sis. Barbara Wright (Can You Pass The Test Of Faith? CAN YOU? Can't have faith without belief).

Thanks to all who supported our program--especially our Senior Women’s Ministry. I love you all; you truly showed "What’s Love Got To Do With It? EVERYTHING!"

Thanks to the Jones Family and Bro. Carlton Brown for ministering with music for our program; also, Bro. Gary Cassell and Bro. Billy Wheeler.

Our goal, as always, is to increase each year in Evangelism, Education, Missionary Outreach, Worship and Fellowship.

We are, also, back to studying God's Word from our new mission book, "Gaining Wisdom."

Our ministry will continue supporting other Mt. Zion ministries any way we can because we realize, "A WHOLE BODY CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE THAN A PARTIAL BODY."



WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE MISSION

**Reported by
Sis. Barbara Bell**

“I will bless the Lord and magnify His name and His praises shall forever be in my mouth.”

The WIAs continue to be a blessing for others.

For September 2018, we blessed our Pastor with a wonderful gift card and Cinema Bistro movie passes for his birthday; he appreciated that. Then we held our Annual Prayer Breakfast in the Life Center. The breakfast was well attended and we heard an awesome message from Rev. Brian K. Brown of the St. Mark M.B. Baptist Church of St. Petersburg. Our theme this year was “Something Happens When You Pray”. Mark 7:25-30. He broke that message down into three parts: I. The Reason For Prayer. II. The Results of Prayer III. The Rewards for Prayer. Prayer changes things and his message just brought it home and made it simple and sweet so that everyone could understand the power of prayer. Just AWESOME.

In October, we participated in the Fall Harvest Festival where we provided candy, goodies, and treats for the kids in the community. We, also, socialized and fellowshiped with other ministries. During the rest of the month of October,

we actively contributed our time, our money and worshipped together with our New Mt. Zion family while celebrating and honoring 116 years as a church and still going strong. For the month of November, we continued one of our favorite traditions. We split up into groups and went all over the city of Tampa and Hillsborough County and visited our sick and shut in members at local nursing homes, hospitals, rehab centers and private residences. We took them love baskets with treats and supplies they could use, but most of all just shared plenty of hugs, kisses, and smiles. The members who received visits were so elated and happy to see us and know that NMZ had not forgotten about them. I think the WIA’s enjoyed it as much, if not more than the sick and shut ins. (A few of them have passed away since our visit. However, I know they were happy to see us one more time).

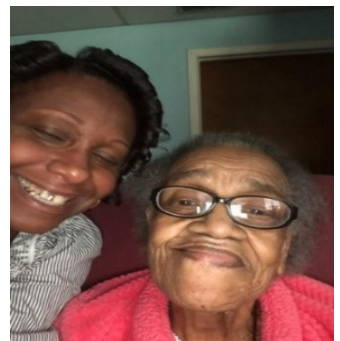
Pictures from some of our visits are shown in the next column.



Kolanda Daniels poses with her mother-in-law, Sis. Eartha Daniels, and with



Sis. Geneva Stephenson



Lisa Jones poses with Sis. Annie B. Simmons



Sis. Maybell Jackson is overjoyed, too.



Annette James poses with Sis. Delores Wheeler and Sis. Charlotte.

In December, WIA traveled over to St. Petersburg, FL and enjoyed 11:00 a.m. service with the Rev. Brian K. Brown and his congregation. After church, we broke bread together and exchanged gifts at the Po Folks Restaurant. We had a very enjoyable day of fellowship together.

Our FREE prayer breakfast was held on March 2 in our Family Life Center. More information about it will be featured in the next edition of this newsletter.

For 2019, we have been meeting monthly and discussing our goals for the future and having incredible Bible lessons. These lessons were taught by members of the group; they have shared wonderful life experiences through

their own lives and how it's relative to our lessons.

We are preparing to attend the WIA Conference in Biloxi, MS on April 4-7, 2019. This should be an enlightening and informative session with women coming from across the U.S. to fellowship together all in the name of the Lord.

Until next time, remember if you want to be blessed, bless someone!!!

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COUPLES MINISTRY

Reported By

Sis. Nell Kimbrough

We, the Couples Ministry, are still striving for Christian couples to join in with us as we continue to grow in Christ Jesus.

The Couples Ministry Monthly Events planner was as follows: December Christmas Party Outing (2018,) and February Valentine Sweetheart

Social Yearly Event (2019.)

Our Christmas Event was held on December 16, 2018 at 5:00PM, Location CATCH 23 at 10103 Montague Street in Westchase. The evening was filled with love, fun, dinner, door prizes, and gifts exchange.

On February 16, 2019, our Valentine Sweetheart Social was held at 5:00PM, in the Walter J. Williams Life Center. Our colors for this event were white, red, and gold. The evening was filled with joy, love, fun, games, singing, jokes and door prizes.

Our Ministry gives special hugs and THANK YOUs to everyone who attended. We would like to give special thanks to you, New Mount Zion, and two other churches who attended our events. (1) First Baptist Church of College Hill and (2) Shiloh Baptist Church of Arcadia, Florida.

Upon entering, each couple was treated with a free photo taken by our church photographer, Brother Keith Robertson.

Appetizers were served first. Then we were blessed with this wonderful

evening program with our host and hostess as Brother Osborne (Elise) Odom. We opened with Devotion by our NMZ Deacons; Welcome by Brother Leroy (Tracey) Canty; the Occasion Brother Eric (LaTanya) Hayes; Musical Interlude Sister Vivian Jones and Brother Aaron (Phyllis) Adderley.

A special presentation was given by Deaconess Sandra Thomas to Deacon Ron Graham with her special guest, Sis. Cheryl Kegler, singing a song dedication. Dinner was served. We had lots of fun, food, and games. The Word was given by Reverend Allen Cusseaux. Deacon Leroy Lane presented special floral presentations to Deacon Ron (Clara) Wardlow as well as Brother John (Annie) Robertson.

President Deacon Lane followed with his closing remarks. We thank God for a well-attended evening.

**Where there is God,
there is Love!!!**



GOLDEN GEMS

**Reported By
President**

Sis. Casandra Leeks-Howard

Happy 2019 New Year
New Mt. Zion

This is the New Year that the Lord has made, and Mt. Zion's Golden Gems are moving forward. The new elected President for this year is Deaconess Casandra Leeks-Howard. We want to extend our thanks to Deacon Tommie Robinson for his outstanding two years of service as Past President of the Golden Gems. Under the leadership of Sister Betty Grant, we assisted a family in need of clothing, and gave our own WIA Ministry's school supplies for the 2018 - 2019 school year. During the Christmas Holidays, the group decided to fellowship in the Conference room of the Life Center; what a feast we had. Each member brought covered dishes of

their choice; cards and candy were given to each. Since the new year, we have had an awesome turn out and new members to join. New members include: Sister Sandra Butler, Sister Sadie Cohen and Sister Luvator Henry Nelson. Sister Cohen is the mother to our own Sister Linda Cook. We are very delighted to have these new members. Golden Gems have enjoyed lessons taught by our own Sister Caroline Jones that often leave us with Biblical learning of the Bible. Thanks so much Sister Jones. If you need more learning of God's word, please join us each Tuesday from 11:00AM-12:00 PM. You will leave with more than you came with. I am looking forward to seeing, greeting, and meeting you in Golden Gems.

Say YES to new adventures with Mt. Zion's M.B. Church Golden Gems!!!

“What's Love Got To Do
With It?

EVERYTHING?”♥♥♥

lessons will have an overall theme of “Discipleship and Mission” with a Church/Home theme “Our God’s Love Heals”. The three units scheduled for review are “Call to Discipleship”, “Call to Ministry” and “Call to Life in Christ”. What a blessed opportunity we have to share in the study of the scriptures. We welcome you to join us in Sunday School as “We Are Changing The World Through The Love of Christ - One Soul At A Time”.

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.”
(2 Peter 3:18)

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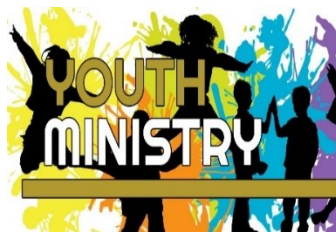


If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.
- JAMES 1:5 NIV



COMPUTER EDUCATION

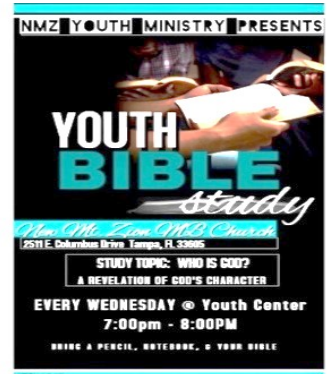
After being in existence for ten years (April 2008 to December 2018), the computer class is now being restructured to focus on desktop publishing needs and individual needs. If you are interested in learning how to make greeting cards, programs for your ministry, bookmarkers, flyers, letterhead, labels, setting up minutes, business cards, internet usage, and other personal areas of interest, please contact Instructor Clara Wardlow immediately.



**Reported By
Minister
Willie Haynes,
Youth Minister**

The NMZ Youth Ministry has continuously been showered with God’s

love. We’re pleased to continue the effort as a ministry to create young disciples that are changing the world, through the love of Christ, one soul at a time!

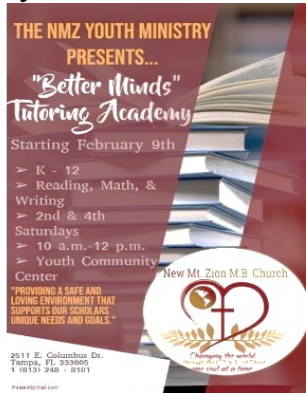


To build a firm foundation, the house must be built on the Word of God. This has been an ongoing mission as we have continued Youth Bible Study every Wednesday night. Our focus has been on revealing the character of God.



During a time of giving, our youth ministry demonstrated God’s love to those who needed it the most. A huge thank you goes to all the members of

NMZ who donated canned goods to support our “Give Thanks & Cans” initiative. Working alongside Metropolitan Ministries, hurricane victims were able to be blessed in a mighty way.



In February, the Youth Ministry took the initiative to focus on bettering the academic group of our youth. So, we began the “**Better Minds Tutoring Academy**” in the Youth Community Center. We wanted to create an environment that supports our youth’s specific goals and needs. This program takes place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 10am to 12:00p.m.

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CONGRATULATIONS



BRO. DENARJAE WOMACK did his initial

sermon on Sunday, November 25, 2018 at a 4PM Worship Service.

BRO. THERON JAMES, JR. did his initial sermon on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at a 4PM Worship. **We are blessed to have our youth and young adults following God’s call to spread His message.**



“**LOVING THOUGHTS**”

If you’re a Christian, you know the importance of being part of a church, because that’s where we grow and worship together as the body of Christ. However, it’s also a place where conflicts, disagreements, and annoyances occur. Although we are saved and destined for heaven, we still live in a fallen world and struggle with our own sins and weaknesses. What’s more, we come from diverse backgrounds and have different personalities and levels of spiritual maturity. That’s why it’s essential that we learn to “walk in a

manner worthy of the calling” of Christ (Eph. 4:1). How would a physical body function if the various parts ignored the brain’s direction and did their own thing? That’s what happens when a church won’t listen to its head, Jesus Christ. The inevitable result is conflict as individual members push their own agendas. When Christlike attributes characterize a group of believers, being together will be like a small taste of Heaven on earth. Although there may still be disagreements, the manner in which they’re handled will change. Instead of angry outbursts, silent resentment, and bitterness, there will be greater concern for the other person than for oneself. The close connections developed within the community of faith will both encourage us and remove the rough areas in our lives. In that way, we end up looking more like Christ. (InTouch Ministries 01/01/19)

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Clara Wardlow

