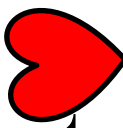


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SOME GREAT EVENTS...



6:00AM Easter Sunrise Service on April 1



PASTOR'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY April 9



Men at "Paint Your Heart Out Tampa Bay" on April 20.



September 2018



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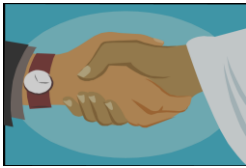
FROM OUR PASTOR

"Summer Refocus"

We are fresh off of our "Summer Refocus" and one of the goals of that initiative was to promote unity in our church by combining our worship services. We also

sought to incorporate various worship styles in each service to give everyone a sense of belonging. Additionally, weekly activities were reduced or suspended to allow for a greater time of reflection on our true purpose. It is my opinion that the refocus was a timely shift from our normal activities, which gave us an opportunity to reevaluate what we are doing and why. Even for those who were not necessarily pleased with the temporary change, I was encouraged by their resolve to support their church in spite of their disagreement or lack of understanding. Family, if we can only support the church when things are going the way we think they should go, we need to reassess our commitment. As we make strides to remain relevant and effective in our culture, it is necessary that we possess the same heart and mind in our service to God through Jesus Christ. Jesus' command was not to worship in

suits and dresses; brick and mortar, hymns and devotion, praise and worship teams, or even on Sundays at a prescribed time: we are commanded to worship in SPIRIT and in TRUTH - however, that looks. Let us be real about our love: not just in word and tongue; but in deed and in truth!



**NEW MEMBERS
ORIENTATION**

Reported By
Director
Minister Willie
Kimbrough

***Greeting to you my
Brothers and Sisters
in Christ***

We have come this far by faith leaning and depending on the Lord. As we continue to minister to those who have come to unite with New Mt. Zion, it is important for us to continue to seek the Lord in all we say and do. Men, women, and children are still giving

their lives to the Lord. Some come as candidates for Baptism; some by letter and some on their Christian experience. Some are new to this Christian walk and some are seasoned Christians. It is not always easy to walk down front and give your hand to Pastor Roundtree. That is why we have many ways that a person can unite with New Mt. Zion. Often times we find that some will unite with us during the time they spend with our newly formed welcome committee, which is called the Hospitality Ministry. Some will make their requests known during the time they spend talking to Pastor Roundtree and to members. Remember we are all Evangelists. There are times when a person does not desire to walk down front or feels uncomfortable doing it. During this time, they can simply raise their hands and someone from the New

Members Orientation Department or a Deacon, Deaconess, or member will assist them. You can invite someone to church and make them aware of these opportunities. Let us, as members, welcome our new Brothers and Sisters with open-loving arms as we seek to "Change The World Through The Love of Christ One Soul At A Time." Our theme: What's Love Got To Do With It? **EVERYTHING!** This says a lot about us as a person. First Corinthians 13:4-6 reminds us that "Love is patient, kind, does not envy, does not boast, is not proud, does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs, does not delight in evil." Let us keep these things in mind as we seek to do those things which the Lord has set our hands to do.

As we look forward to the rest of the year, you can look for some exciting changes coming

to our New Members Orientation Department as we work with our other Ministries to help strengthen our Ministry. We continue to thank all those who work with us and support us in our endeavor. Thank you Pastor Roundtree for your continued support and encouragement. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the staff of the Orientation Department; you're the GREATEST! *We welcome our New Members and thank you for uniting with New Mt. Zion. We do not take it lightly. We realize that you could have gone anywhere but you chose us and we thank you. We look forward to being all you need in a Church family.*

**WELCOME TO OUR
OUR NEW MEMBERS**

- Terri Y. Collins**
- Takierra Hall**
- Ja'liyah Brown**
- Tonya M. Lewis**
- Carolyn Hilery**
- Michael E. World**
- Angela Lewis**
- Ray Lewis**

- Zoie Jones**
- Mary Jones**
- Tana Curmon**
- Tavarus W. Curmon**
- Taurus L. Curmon**
- Ben Gordon**
- Alonzo Ashwood**
- Arthur Andrews**
- John Randolph**
- Anthony Jarrett**
- Myron Priester**
- Syntia King**
- Gwendolyn Freeman**
- Demonica Williams**
- Duncan Andrews**
- Simone Davis**

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



**LOVE FROM
WITHIN
MOVES**

In the year 2004, the vision came upon one of our caring members that we should minister lovingly to our church family and community by assisting them with clothing. This member would travel from one

member's house to another's picking up donated clothing to house at our church for members and non-members to receive. Her love overflowed with a group of willing workers coming to assist her in sorting, cleaning, and preparing the donated clothing for distribution. In fact, people who could not come to the church to pick up needed clothing or food would give her a call to tell her what they needed. She would get into her trusted car, come up to the church, prepare bags of clothing as requested, and deliver the clothing to the person or people who had given her a call. This is truly an example of love moving from within our church family to the community. Upon Pastor Roundtree's arrival at New Mount Zion on the First Sunday in March 2013, he heard about the founder of this ministry and the loving spirit she devoted in spreading God's love through donated clothing and

food drives. The founder of the Clothes Closet's earthly demise was on April 6, 2013. Later, Pastor wanted to keep the founder's legacy going with his theme of being more community involved by letting more love move from within the walls of New Mount Zion to the community. Thus, a site was designated in the upstairs Family Life Center as the Clothes Closet. This site was given an official naming and dedication ceremony on Sunday, January 12, 2014. The name once called the Clothes Closet became officially dedicated and named Clym's Clothes Closet. It is named in honor of *Deaconess Clymogline Washington, who was the epitome of a virtuous woman.*

Another woman of virtue, Deaconess Yvonne Douglas, accepted and has taken on the leadership of coordinating Clym's Clothes Closet. You can find Sis. Douglas with many, many dedicated and committed workers

here all times of morning and evening working to prepare items for Clym's Clothes Closet.

Over the years, donations continued to increase as the need for clothing increased; Clym's Clothes Closet outgrew its space. With Pastor Roundtree's continued vision of moving love from within our walls to the outside, our hurricane relief mission trip to True Light Baptist Church on North Street in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on Sunday, August 28, 2016 through Tuesday, August 30, 2016 gave many of us a vision as to what Clym's Clothes Closet could evolve into on a wider scale. On this mission trip, True Light Baptist Church had a house set aside as their clothes closet. In their house, there was a room designated for women; another for men; another for children, another for babies, etc. As the houses at 2607 and 2609 E. Columbus Drive were purchased, some of our members, who went on the mission trip

to Baton Rouge, suggested that Clym's Clothes Closet be relocated to one of those houses. The vision became the plan and has now been visualized. On Tuesday, July 24, the big move took place. Many of our members came out to assist in packing, delivering, and setting up the new location of Clym's Clothes Closet.



The dedication of the relocation of Clym's Clothes Closet was held on Sunday, July 29, 2018 after the Summer Refocus 9:30AM Worship Service. Pastor Roundtree asked Sis. Clym Washington's Family to the front of the church for a dedication/relocation prayer of Clym's Clothes Closet at 2609 E. Columbus Drive. The new location of Clym's Clothes Closet is

beautifully decorated and now opened for visits from our church family and the community. As part of the opening, refreshments were provided in the Family Life Center.

For more information of love from within moving in reference to Clym's Clothes Closet, please contact its dedicated and committed Coordinator Sis. Yvonne Douglas. Please see her article under "Ministries."

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IS AN EXERCISE

SUBMITTED BY

By Bro. Ed Narain

**You're Ahead on the
Cards...**

A boxer, in the midst of a tough fight, rarely understands if he's winning or losing on the judge's card. His job is to keep fighting and stay focused on his opponent. But if you've ever listened to a boxer being interviewed

afterwards, he will almost always thank God and then tell you what he was thinking during a tough round.

I'd like to share something with you about my current fight.

I received some mixed news about an effort I had been undertaking for some time and it really bothered me to not accomplish exactly what I set out to do.

For part of the day, that little voice in my head kept reminding me that I wasn't "good enough", I wasn't "smart enough", and that I simply was "not capable." I threw myself a great pity party (though admittedly not my best one) and let doubt take over my mind.

I began to question God. How could He allow this to happen? I thought that if you worked hard and trusted Him, everything would be ok? How could this not work out like we planned?

Then I was reminded **that faith is an exercise.** It's something

we have to constantly use. We can't just have faith when things are good. We really test it when things don't work out. He reminded me that our failures are preparation for the future he has already marked us for. He confirmed it through my family and friends and again when Will Packer spoke at the USF Kente awards Luncheon about the EXACT same thing.

God showed me that every test was designed to strengthen my faith and reliance on Him (God, not Will Packer :-) and provide an example to someone else who is struggling, too. He reminded me that if I took the time to count my blessings, I'd realize that in this (and every) fight, although I just took a hard shot - I was up on the Judge's score card.

Our lives on social media are infinitely better than they are in real life, but our struggles are rarely broadcast. I'm sharing mine because someone

- Parents and children enjoy a deeper connection
- Children show improved self-esteem and self-worth, improved confidence and better behavior
- Children complete homework more easily and consistently
- Children receive better grades on tests and attendance is better
- Parents are more aware of what their children are learning and can pinpoint key areas or subjects in which the children may need additional help

Part of being involved in your children's lives includes ensuring they are engaged and challenged in their academic lives, as well as supporting their learning along the way.



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

(Source: “Our Daily Bread” 08/25)
After reviewing all God had already done throughout our church's history, leaders presented the congregation with a proposal for a new gym building to help better serve our community. The leadership team announced they'd be the first to examine themselves and to cheerfully give to fund the construction. I initially prayed with a heart soured by selfishness, not wanting to offer more money than we had already committed to give. Still, my husband and I agreed to pray for the ongoing project. While considering all God continued providing for us, we eventually decided on a monthly

offering. The combined gifts of our church family paid for the entire building.

We are grateful for the many ways God used that building for our church and the community. Since we celebrated opening its doors for ministry, I'm reminded of another generous giver—King David. Though the Lord didn't choose him to build His temple, David invested all his resources to the project (1 Chronicles 29:1–5). The leaders under him and the people they served gave generously too (vv. 6–9). The king acknowledged all they'd contributed had first been given to them by God—the Creator, Sustainer, and Owner of everything (vv. 10–16). When we recognize God owns it all, we can commit to grateful, generous, and faithful giving for the benefit of others. We can trust the Lord will provide—and may even use the generosity of others to

help us when we're in need.

Lord, please help us remember You own it all as we commit to giving You our all, willingly and selflessly.

God gives first, and He always out gives His most generous givers.



116th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Under the leadership of Sis. Patricia Brooks-Campbell (Chairperson) and Bro. Theron James, Jr. (Co-Chairperson), our 116th Church Anniversary is off to a jubilant start. The Anniversary will feature the following events:

- Family Game Night, featuring the game Family Feud, hosted by our resident game

show host Bro. Ray Lewis.

- A Variety Show chaired by Sis. Kandace Nunn Johnson.
- The Fashion Show chaired by Bro. Theron James, Jr.
- Nightly Service chaired by Sis. Mary Priester.
- Moment in New Mount Zion History chaired by Sis. Dorthula Tillery.
- Family and Friends Day chaired by Sis. Jackie Jones.
- Choir Fest chaired by Bro. Carlton Brown
- Dinner on the Grounds chaired by Sis. Barbara Jones

There is no assessment; you are asked to give what God leads you to give from your heart. Our goal is \$100,000 to go toward the building of our Multi-Purpose Center.



Whatever you do, do it to glorify God and not to glory self.



Reported By

Church Administrator

Sis. Alfredia Mulkey

We are excited to announce that we completed the renovations on the two houses, and participated this summer in the successful Grand Openings of our Youth Ministry and Clym's Clothes Closet. We are a blessed church growing spiritually and physically under the leadership of Pastor Larry Roundtree, II. Thank you to our NMZ family for supporting our efforts to move both ministries to new locations:

- **Youth Ministry - 2607 E. Columbus Drive 813-241-9009**
- **Clym's Clothes Closet - 2609 E. Columbus Drive 813-241-9119**

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 corrected, 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 request 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.**

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, Pastor Roundtree made our church's first **robocall** (a phone call that uses a computerized autodialer to deliver a pre-recorded message). This call was made to remind our membership that we would not be having Prayer Meeting (6:30PM) nor Bible Study (7:00PM) due to new carpeting being installed in the Sanctuary. All members who followed through in updating their contact information were able to receive the call. Pastor Roundtree made another appeal to those members who did not receive the robocall to update their information. Pastor continues to communicate to the membership via this means.

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

The Pastor's Aide Ministry has been in full swing all of this year. Sister **Brenda Holley** became our new President and her first duty was leading the ministry in preparing for the 5th Anniversary Celebration of **Pastor Larry L. Roundtree, II and the Family.**

The anniversary was held in April, beginning with First Lady **Sister Sameya's Night. Rev. Rayford Harper** and the First Baptist Church of West Tampa conducted the service.

Three services were held on Sunday, April 8th. **Rev. Dr. Terrance D. Grant-Malone**, of Historic St. John Baptist Church on Dowling St., Houston, TX was the 8 a. m. and 11 a. m. speaker.

Pastor Roundtree's Pastor, **Rev. Dr. N. S. Sanders** and Greater St. Paul M. B. Institutional Church, Lakeland, conducted the final service of the day.

In May, we honored our First Lady, **Sister Sameya Roundtree**, for Mother's Day. Later in the month we recognized and congratulated **Aria Roundtree** for her graduation from high school. She is now a Rattler at FAMU.

During the month of June, we celebrated **Pastor Roundtree** for Father's Day. The ministry also spearheaded the

program to honor **Rev. Dr. Walter J. Williams**, Pastor Emeritus for his longevity at New Mt. Zion. We're always glad to have **Rev. Williams, Sis. Williams** and all the family with us. **Sister Barbara (and Deacon Edgar) Jones** prepared a to-go dinner for the **Williams Family.**

In July, we recognized the birthdays of **Aryah and Marra. Bishop (Larry, III)** presented his Initial Sermon on July 29th, the date **Pastor Roundtree** presented his Initial Sermon.

Summer Refocus was something new for the church, but we truly enjoyed it.

The ministry's August meeting on the 23rd was a dinner meeting, where we dined, fellowshiped, and took care of some business. We'll soon be talking about the Pastor's 6th Anniversary celebration.

During the month, we also assisted the WIA with its Back To School event; donated to Clym's

Clothes Closet and the Youth Community Center.

The ministry visited its sick and shut-in members on Sept. 8th, 9-12 noon, and took them some cheer.

Please do not forget, **Pastor Roundtree's** birthday is September 24th.

The Pastor's Aide Ministry will have an Interest Meeting for those who'd like to become members on Thursday, Sept. 20th, 6:30 p. m. Check the weekly bulletin for announcement. Your only requirement: **You must love the pastor and his family!!**

Earlier in the year, we lost one of our longtime, dedicated members, **Sister Dorothy Jacobs**. We remember her.

Ladies, let's get ready to support first lady as she prepares to host a "Prayer and Praise Weekend," January 24-26, 2019: "Ladies Laced in Diamonds and Pearls." Get your Prayer Breakfast (Jan. 26th)

tickets now! They're only \$20.

Ministry 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. This is done 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."



Deaconesses and Ministers' Wives

**Reported By
President**

Sis. Mary Priester

*"I will say of the LORD,
He is my refuge and my
fortress: my God; In
him will I trust."*

(Psalm 91:2)

The Deaconess Ministry is striving to change the world through the LOVE of Christ one soul at a time. We acknowledge that God is great and that his mercy

endureth forever. We want to share the good news that God so loved the world that He gave his only son, Jesus, to provide for our salvation.

The Deaconess had a **Saturday morning retreat** where we focused on prayer. We viewed the movie, "**War Room**", and discussed some important points on the power of prayer. One important note was that it is not our responsibility to fix the problems; we are to pray and let God do the work. A wonderful fellowship was enjoyed as we feasted on the special foods brought by various members.

New Mt. Zion Deaconess Ministry was represented during our Congress #4 sessions and First South Florida Congress of Christian Education and the Progressive M&E Congress of Christian Education. There is no substitute for studying the Word of God. The Bible specifically commands us in 2 Timothy 2:15 "*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*" We, also,

encourage everyone to take advantage of our teaching sessions at New Mt. Zion during Sunday School and Bible Study.

One of the great achievements was the move of **Clym's Clothes Closet** from upstairs to the



new clothes closet house. Thanks to all the volunteers that came out on a rainy day to assist with the move. Positive comments have been received from our volunteers and patrons expressing their thanks for not having to climb the stairs. The open house on July 29th was well attended as members browsed through the new location. The Washington family was present and expressed thanks for the continued remembrance of Clym Washington. Clym's Clothes Closet is an outreach ministry to the community as well as anyone that is in need of clothing or toiletries. We have had shoppers that were recently released

from prison, victims of home fires, and displaced families from as far as Puerto Rico. We are glad to assist other Tampa area ministries that may have a need for clothing and toiletry items.

We give thanks to the great team of **Deaconess Yvonne Douglas and Linda Cook** who serve as Chairman and Co-Chairman of the volunteers. We appreciate the many volunteers from various ministries that come out to greet, pray with, and serve on the distribution days. The normal distribution days are Mondays after the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 9 to noon and 5-7 PM. New Mt. Zion members are welcome to shop in Clym's Clothes Closet. If you have not stopped by to see the New Mt. Zion Clym's Clothes Closet, we encourage you to come in on one of the distribution days.

Please refer to the church bulletin for donation drop off times. New Mt. Zion is a very giving church that shares our resources to assist those in need.

Toiletry items are always needed and members are encouraged to donate items during their birth month. You may place your toiletry items in the bins that are located in the Life Center.

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| <p>January Body Wash - 10
 February Deodorant - 10
 March-Baby Diapers-1 Pkg
 April-Adult Diapers-1 Pkg
 May-Feminine Products-10
 June-Lotion - 10
 July-Soap - 10
 August-Shampoo - 10
 September-Conditioner - 10
 October-Tooth Brushes - 10
 November-Tooth Paste - 10
 December-Deodorant - 10</p> |
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**National Baptist
Convention Foreign
Mission Board's Vision
Tour to Ghana**



I was blessed with the opportunity to join the 25 member Ghana Vision Tour along with other representatives from Texas, Louisiana and Florida. Our President, Reverend Dr. Samuel

Tolbert, led the tour to meet with the official partners of the Ghana Baptist Convention. The President of the Ghana Baptist Convention, Dr. Ernest Adu-Gyamfi, served as our host and traveled with our group. He gave us the history of the Ghana Baptist Convention. During the tour, President Tolbert appointed Rev. Cornelius Tilton as Deputy Secretary to Ghana to strengthen the partnership and expand to the neighboring country of Liberia.

We arrived in Accra and traveled to Obuasi. Our group toured the Bryant Mission Hospital/Dr. J. C. Sams, John C. Raphael Vision Eye Clinic and the former E. Edward Jones School in Offinso. We met with the Offinso Village Chief.



We traveled to the church planting summit in Kumasi on Friday. Many of the local pastors of the Ghana Baptist Convention in attendance.

On Saturday, we visited the Cape Coast Castle that is rich in history.

Our group worshipped at the Baptist International Worship Center where Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert brought the message. Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks (Florida), Reverend Sanford Hayes (Florida), Reverend Dr. Alvin Noel (Louisiana), and Minister Darrell Williams (Texas) went to other churches within Ghana Baptist Convention to share God's word with various congregations. The National Baptist Convention and Ghana Baptist Convention have become partners and our futures are tied together. We will walk by faith and not by sight.

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God's children must be living testimonies of His Will by standing up for what is right in what we say and in what we do!

EVANGELISM



Reported

By Sis. Patricia Ann Strowbridge

Zion Family, I just wanted to share my good news with my love ones. My summary of Rev. Roundtree's April 15 message is as follows:

God's love for us is incomprehensible. Even when God knows all of our faults, He still showers us with love and blessings, which are exceedingly, abundant, and above all and in all.

Well to give you all a little of my history—Both of my parents suffered from heart conditions. Dad died at 43 of Congested Heart Failure. As for me, when I was in my early twenties, I received a thorough medical physical exam for a new job. The doctors determined that I had a heart issue that I must attend to later in my life. So to live to get 58 years

old on April 21 is a blessing.

Jumping ahead, over a year ago, I was running around telling everybody that would listen that I thank the Lord that I was retired. There was one other blessing of retirement that I didn't share with you all at the time. My former employer still pays for my basic medical insurance—a blessing.

Now jumping ahead again—for about four to six months, I had been feeling very weak and increasingly sick. My regular doctor determined it was best to refer me to some other medical specialist. So for those four to six weeks, I had been getting many medical tests. I was in and out of the hospital; sometimes having more than one test a day. On Wednesday, April 18, I received my last medical test. Thursday morning April 19, I received a call to come in that day to see the cardiologist. The cardiologist told me—*no signs of a heart attack, no signs of an impending heart attack, and no hole in my heart—a blessing.* That Wednesday of April 18, the

Hematologist Cancer doctor told me *no signs of cancer in my blood or bone marrow.* Both doctors reported they did see some abnormalities in my tests that they would work to correct—another blessing. Well! several people noticed that I was not attached to my oxygen on Sunday. My pulmonary doctor didn't give his consent to stop my continuous oxygen treatment yet. However, I did notice that I could breathe room air independently without physical signs of distress. I had been diagnosed with pulmonary failure. I didn't get any treatment other than oxygen. Now it seems my lungs are not in failure—a blessing.

Are you helping with counting my blessings. Yes, the love of God has rained down on me. God's love seems incomprehensible to this human mind. His love is exceedingly, abundant, above all, and in all.

This is just a little secret, don't tell anybody, but I have NOT always been that good. I have done some things out of wedlock; I

have stolen; I have tried to kill three different people on three different days. I haven't even been good all this past week. BUT GOD STILL LOVES ME!

Now if you don't have you some of this great salvation in Jesus, think about it. I don't know all the Bible verses from memory—so I can't beat you over the head with verses. I have not been that good all my life—so I can't look down on anybody.

So if you need a *plain, normal person to sit down* over some coffee and talk about Salvation of Jesus, I volunteer. Patricia Ann Strowbridge is a saved and loved sinner.

As I close out my testimony, I want to share one of favorite Bible verses:

“In my distress I cried unto the Lord and He heard me.” (Psalms 120:1)

God won't just listen to His child cry out in distress without reacting in a most timely, positive, and loving way. HALLELUJAH

THANK YOU JESUS I, Patricia Ann Strowbridge, am blessed and loved of God. I am a student under Rev. Larry

Roundtree, II. I am a walking example of Rev. Roundtree's message on April 15, 2018. **You must count your blessings and feel the love of God.**

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CLYM'S CLOTHES CLOSET



Reported By Coordinator

Sis. Yvonne Douglas

Yes! Yes! Yes! Clym's Clothes Closet has a new location. A beautiful refurbished house. We prayed for it and we received it. Thank God for the blessing. Our patrons receive the same top notch service they received upstairs in the Family Life Center. We have quality, new, and slightly worn clothes-- more for our church and community. We, also, accept clean used washcloths, towels, curtains and linens. Donation receipts are

available upon request. All items in Clym's Clothes Closet are FREE; however, we do accept financial donations. Monetary donations can be made payable to New Mt Zion with "clothes closet" written on the memo line. The Finance Team will see to it that we receive the funds. That money will be used to replenish toiletries as needed. We, also, plan on getting ceiling fans for each room. Our volunteers consist of The Deaconess and Ministers' Wives Ministry and other devoted members of New Mount Zion.

Packing to move to our new location on that Monday and moving on that Tuesday was filled with devoted volunteers who came forward from the youngest to the oldest; they came to help. We thank you and we love you New Mount Zion. The Open House was Sunday, July 29, 2018. Members poured into the 2609 E. Columbus Drive location to see Clym's Clothes Closet new location. Sis. Sherryl Cusseaux, Sis. Sandra Cusseaux, Bro. Jerry

Chatman, Bro. Harris, Bro. Weatherly, and Rev. Berry worked well into the evening. It took a lot of planning ahead of time and work. Our devoted volunteer team stepped in daily to organize, sort and hang clothes. Bro. Worlds gave us some clothing racks from his store in Lakeland and that completed what we needed. We are grateful to all who helped us during this move. Members worked behind the scenes doing things just so we could have a smooth transition. Sister Clara Wardlow made up some special Bible markers just for the occasion. Sister Murrell and Sister Cannon saw to it that refreshments were served to everybody on Open House Sunday. New Mount Zion has a lot of talented and skilled members. Our volunteers gave tours of the new location and we had new smocks, shirts and nametags. A special invitation was given to the Washington family. Deaconess Clymogline Washington started the clothes closet many, many years ago. Reverend

Roundtree gave a special prayer of dedication. We all had tears of joy. We had the Grand Opening on Monday, August 13, 2018 for the community. The patrons were more excited than we were. They did not want to leave. Sister Carol Lawrence had some nice door prizes for the patrons. Deacon Archie Williams sees to it that we have a security guard on duty when we are open. We have a Family Room, Girls 2 Ladies' Room and a Boys 2 Men's Room. We, also, have a storage room for toiletries, a kitchen for volunteers and a receiving/work room.

RECEIVING SCHEDULE IS WEDNESDAYS 11 A.M. TILL 8 P.M in the Family Life Center.

A volunteer will gather the clothes and shoes and transport them to the Clothes Closet. Deacon Willie Howard has been asked not to accept items any other time. Because all of us want to keep our Family Life Center and surroundings clean and attractive, we are asking everyone to please follow the above receiving schedule. We cannot

clutter the beautiful Family Life Center. Your cooperation is appreciated. Storage space is limited in the house so do not donate furniture or other bulky items.

Leftover items from the Grab N' Go tables are taken to Metropolitan Ministries. Thanks to Sister Carol Lawrence, our friends at Dillard's Department Store have supplied us with the swivel-silver necked hangers that we use. Therefore, please do not donate hangers. The Clothes Closet is opened every Monday after the second and the fourth Sundays. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon and again from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The announcement will appear on the church marquee. We are still averaging about 125 patrons per distribution day. If there is an urgent need prior to our regular hours, please call the church at 813 248-8101. Otherwise please come on distribution day to shop. Our Toiletry Drive was a success. Our shelves were stocked for the Grand Opening. We are so blessed to have partners like,

Walmart, Family Dollar and Patrick's Uniforms. Sister Mary Priester asked each ministry for extra help by supplying toiletries. Toiletries such as: soap, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, shampoo, hand sanitizer, Kleenex and shower gel were most needed. So we were bubbling over with toiletries. You can continue to purchase many of these items 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.
- * Using the contractors bags from Dollar General or the black lawn bags for large donations. Those bags are sturdier and will not tear when handled. They are better for transporting the items across the street. The white bags can be used for small donations.

- * Do not leave donations on the porch or outside. We have a great team of volunteers. Each team

member volunteers as schedule permits. 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 sorting and hanging clothes. We are happy to serve our church and our community. So New Mount Zion, don't be shy about shopping in CCC if you need to do so. We have something for everyone. Baby and toddler clothes, work pants for men, and men's suits. We put a limit on some things so we can have enough to go around. The patrons understand and they are very grateful. We have been blessed with a house and there are no stairs. So the rest of our team can join in the fun and volunteer. We will again be opened for the Fall Festival on the last Saturday in October. Thank you volunteers and thank you donors. What's love got to do with it?.....EVERYTHING!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY



Reported By President

Sis. Jean Collins

“You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.” _John 16:20_

What a challenge this year has been in many of our Christian lives when we have lost a love one. Too often we want to “bless the LORD” with our praise only when all seems right with our world. But sometimes it feels to us that he has withdrawn his blessings of mercy from us. However, when tragedy or trouble comes, we want to withdraw our praise. Praising God when things are going well seems the right thing to do. But when our world seems to be shattered with illness and death, praising God can feel unnatural. There's no doubt that the Word instructs us to keep praising the Lord no matter what the circumstances are

like. But when you are facing deep grief and sorrow of being separated from a loved one in the days, weeks, months ahead and following the services, what do you do?

That is why the theme is a vision from God: “Changing the World through the L.O.V.E. of Christ, One Soul at a Time.” We are there with families to comfort, support, pray and be a spiritual presence at the wakes, funerals or repasses during their time of loss. Our ministry has experienced grief turned to joy and received many open arms when we have given a phone call to listen; when we send cards to show we care, and when we visit to let them know they are not alone. We thank God that they appreciate all that we do to support. It helps when our church families turn to us for spiritual uplifting. We thank God for allowing our Ministry to remember and serve those who are hurting.

The Bereavement Ministry, also, saw the need to have some type of way to remember and honor those

who had died each year. “A Memorial Candlelight Service” was established for our Annual Watch Night New Year’s Eve Worship. It has become a wonderful part of our service bringing loved ones together in a way to honor the deceased.

Take a glimpse at some of our Zionites and/or family members we want to remember from flowers that bloomed in 2018:

Bro. Theron P. James
Sis. Altamese Sullivan
Culver

Sis. Jimmie Mae Burgess-
Davis

Deaconess Carolyn Fuller-
Watson

Deaconess Ernestine Carr
Bro. King James Elliott
Dancey

Sis. Dorothy Jacobs
Bro. Bennie Smith

Sis. Sandra Denise Diei
Deacon William Jones

Bro. Andrew Devon Cole
Sis. Nevada Peacock

Sis. Drenda Tombs-
Chapman

Bro. Jonathan Fountain, Jr.
We will remember the beauty of each departed friend or family member always with sympathy and prayers.

Family, as we go through the valley of grief day to day, let us reach out to encourage one another. Because you were born with the ability to change someone’s life, we invite you to become a member of the Bereavement Ministry. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

“Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.”_Matt 5:4

LIVING WITH THE LOSS

**Reported By
Sis. Jean Collins**

Another vision of Pastor Roundtree was one that would give support to families bearing the burdens of a loss loved. He saw and heard the needs of many members and wanted this ministry to have group sessions, family sessions and one-on-one conversations. The grieved can share through talking, crying, and expressing themselves. This Ministry is called **Living with The Loss Ministry**. Minister Ronald Thomas gives leadership to this ministry. They provide ways for a family member or families

to deal with grief. They provide support for the process of grief and provide an environment to meet other people who are grieving. From speaking with Minister Thomas, the Ministry was supposed to meet on Third Thursday of each month, but he has found out that the Ministry has to meet when a person needs support. Minister Thomas said they want to comfort those who come. They are willing to listen, encourage, share their loss, and pray with everyone who reaches out.

BENEVOLENT

**Reported By
Sis. Jean Collins**

In addition, we have the **Benevolent Ministry** under the leadership of Deacon Edgar Jones & Deacon Willie Grant. This Ministry’s purpose is to assist with financial needs to individuals and or families through difficult times. Those families can be victims of disasters or emergency hardship situations. This ministry is there to provide some type of assistance under the stipulations created

regarding appropriate use of funds. However, there is a process to determine the need.



FOOD PANTRY

**Reported By
Sis. Pat Williams**

The Food Pantry Ministry continues to show love to our community. As of this publication, we have served 731 families this year. So, we are continuing to provide food assistance to our church and community. Thank you, New Mt. Zion, for your ongoing support of our outreach ministries. 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. Our distributions days are Mondays after the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 10 am –noon and 5 pm–7

pm. The Food Pantry Ministry is “All In,” committed to showing love to our community through our service. 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 and Clothes Closet. Information about our Christmas Angel Tree will be coming soon. If we have any members in need, who would like to have your children included on our Angel Tree, please get your information to our church secretary. We need your name and contact number, as well as the children’s names, ages and sizes. 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.

You don’t have to tell others you are a Christian; they will know if you are by what you demonstrate.

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 as we welcome first-time visitors through a 5-step process.

Step 1: Reserved Parking for First Time Visitors.

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

Step 3: Welcome Station will have the visitor fill out the visitors’ card and escort them to an usher.

Step 4: Guest Reception- After service, visitors are taken to a designated section in the Life Center

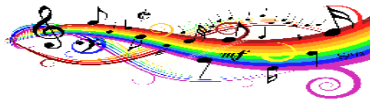
and are offered a snack and water while they wait for Pastor to spend a few moments with them. Visitors also receive a folder with an information card about our church, a CD of a former sermon and a pen.

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

MEMBERS:

- Monica Narain
- Leola Borders
- Priscilla Howard
- Mary Ellis
- Ron Pittman
- Kolanda Daniels
- Sandra Valdez
- Tracy Canty
- Barbara Jones
- Yama Gooding
- Leroy Canty
- Syntia King
- Deon McCoy
- Mary Priester
- Barbara Williams
- Alyndria Miller
- Thersea Mitchell
- Norayshia Grooms

We are always looking for members to join our ministry. Please contact Sis. Monica Narain [@monie117@aol.com](mailto:monie117@aol.com)



**MUSIC AND ARTS
MINISTRY**

**Reported By
Minister of Music
Bro. Aaron Adderley**

Greetings once again New Mount Zion in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Music Ministry is excited to be back from our summer schedule. We trust that everyone experienced an enjoyable and safe summer.

We were blessed by our Youth Choir, Praise Team, Daughters of Zion and Mime Ministries which were featured in the Youth Gospel Explosion on Friday, August 24th 2018 at New Mount Zion. Truly it was a blessing to behold our youth allowing the Lord to use them. We appreciate those who helped to make the event all that it became, such individuals as Larenz Johnson, Kandace Nunn Johnson and Valencia Holmes. May God continue to bless them.

The Male Chorus is yet going strong in support of

the NMZ programs, as is the Voices of Praise Choir. Keep your ears to the ground for upcoming events from these choirs through the balance of the year.

If you are a singer or if you love to sing allow me, at this point, to extend an open invitation to all New Mount Zion members to become a part of any of the choirs at NMZ. Simply ask for Bro. Adderley.

God bless you all!



**SENIOR
WOMEN**

**Reported By
President
Sis. Linda Cook
“We Are Marching In
The Army Of The
LORD”**

Hats off to our Senior Women Ministry on our March toward Service and Worship, Prayers in and for God’s Army! We

have accomplished a lot since the last publication:

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.

What a wonderful time we had getting to know one another.

Plus all that delicious FOOD!

Now for the most important highlights of our ministry, serving and worshipping 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 Women Ministry. Won't God do it! What an awesome blessing.

There is room for more women and we invite you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. We meet every first Monday at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. except for September, we will be meeting on the 17th due to the National Convention.

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

“Since we are receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful and so worship GOD acceptably with reverence and awe.”

Hebrews 12:28

Linda Cook- President

Yvonne Douglas

Vice President

Johnnie Mae Harris,
Secretary/Finance Asst.



WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE MISSION

**Reported by
Sis. Kenya Jones
Greetings NMZ Church
Family!**

This Ministry has been busy doing the work of the Lord! On Friday, August 3rd, we hosted our annual New Mount Zion Back to School Event/Book bag Drive. Thanks to the

generous donations from NMZ members, family and friends, we were able to donate 328 book bags all filled with school supplies. **There were so many donated school supplies, we had to go back through each book bag to add more!** Both parents and kids were excited to receive these generous donations.

Following the Back to School Book Drive, the WIA Rainbow Praise & Worship Fellowship was held on Saturday, August 4th at New Mount Zion. The MC for this event was Sister Cynthia Downing, the First South Florida MBC District Association WIA President. The welcome was done by our very own NMZ WIA President, Sister CaSandra Washington, and the Praise Team consisted of the NMZ WIA members. The Rainbow Praise & Worship Fellowship is the gospel story told through colors. Black represents sin, Red – blood, Royal Blue – Faith.

**Jesus is the light that
shineth in me. He will show
up in what I say and do.**



COUPLE'S MINISTRY

**Reported By
Sis. Nell Kimbrough**

**"I Love To Think Of
Nature As An Unlimited
Broadcasting Station,
Through Which God
Speaks To Us Every Hour,
If We Will Only Tune In,"**

(Author George
Washington Carver)

The purpose of our ministry is to strive to become better Christian Couples in Christ Jesus by captivating the effect of our Theme: "Saving One Marriage At A Time."

The Couple's Ministry June, July, and August monthly events were as follows:

On June 30, 2018, we were invited to fellowship with The First Baptist Church of College Hill "MARRIAGE COUPLE'S PROM," which had the THEME: "LIVING IN LOVE" from First Corinthians 13: 4-8.

The night was on and it was filled with a lot of fun, love, and door prizes.

Upon our arrival, we were welcomed with pictures taken, prayer, dinner, and Re-Dedication of Marriage Ceremony. The Ceremony was officiated by Reverend Dr. Evan Burrows of The First Baptist Church of College Hill.

Re-Dedication

Certification of Marriage was given to each Re-dedication couple. Prom King and Prom Queen of the night were crowned; the Queen was given flowers and both were given sashes to wear.

Our Marquee Committee Chairperson was Ernest Williams with committee members Archie Williams and Osborne Odom. The project to upgrade our church's marquee is now completed. This marquee was dedicated to God and the church as our 115th Church Anniversary project on Sunday, July 29.

We must stand up for what is Godly even when others around us are standing up for what is not Godly.



A job well done to our Couple's Ministry marquee committee.

On August 11th, our Annual Marriage Retreat Workshop was held at The New Mount Zion Baptist Church in Dr. Walter J. Williams Life Center from 9am-1:00pm.

Our Workshop's theme was: "WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?" (EVERYTHING!)

Mark 12:28-31

Facilitator/Teacher was Reverend Dr. George Berry, and his assistant was Deaconess (Lo) Berry. The day was filled with fun, door prizes, and exciting couple's games. A light breakfast and lunch was served by Archie and Pat Williams' catering service. Thanks!

On August 17th Friday night, our annual retreat outing continued. Elise Odom did a wonderful job.

Sister Elise set up our Yacht Starship Dinner Cruise/603 Channelside Drive; we were scheduled to load at 6:30pm and sailing 7:00pm-9:30pm. Our dress attire was black and white. Wow! Wow! What a fun, fun night of ship entertainment.

On August 18th Saturday morning, our retreat continued. Elise Odom did a wonderful job again. We were at Brandon Crossroads Bowling Alley/ 609 Crater Lane from 10am-12pm. Our Couple's Ministry shirts were worn. We had a lot of fun bowling with the men against the women.

On August 18th Saturday evening, we continued fellowshiping with fine dining at Terra Gaucha Brazillian Steakhouse/ 1108 S. Dale Mabry Hwy at 4:00pm. The whole weekend was full of and filled with excitement. We are always happy to welcome new members. We hope to see you at our 2019 Couple's Workshop. Thank you so much, Sister Elise Odom, for making our 2018 Workshop a big success. The Couple's Ministry loves you.

President
Deacon Leroy Lane
Vice President
Bro. Ernest Williams
2nd Vice President
Bro. Osborne Odom



GOLDEN GEMS

**Reported By
Sis. Yvonne Fort
WELCOME BACK
GEMNITES!
GEMNITES TAKE
ACTION!**

We have been using our great opportunities of connecting with many members, friends, relatives, and neighbors because of their various situations. Gemnites have called, e-mailed, visited, sent cards, communicated with family members or carried food.


Among those touched: Maybell Jackson, Delores Taylor, Cosette Whitmore, Daisy Jenkins, Laquandra Diggs, Ethel Cole, Jimmy White, Eartha Daniels, Lillie Garvin, Luvenia Henry, Linda Hart, Dorothy Jacobs, Essie Merritt, Dorothy Thomas,

Lavern Washington, Derek Dixon, Essie Griffin, Barbara Wright, Juanita Jones, Annie Simmons, ToyNETTA Williams and Randolph Scott.

Activities

Gemnites fellowshiped with members and friends at the Fourth Street Shrimp Restaurant and Market,

(Delicious Seafood 

) St. Petersburg and contributed to the Back-to-School Supplies Program.

We welcome you to join us at our Tuesday Bible Study Sessions. Deacon Richard Banks is our teacher.

We meet 11AM – 12 NOON every Tuesday. Dea. Tommy Robinson is President.

“Some people, no matter how old they get, never lose their beauty - they merely move it from their faces into their hearts.”

By Martin Buxbaum

God's Will should be the focal point of everything His children say and do. Let us examine ourselves by asking—
Am I doing God's Will or am I doing my will?



**Reported By
Dea. Archie Williams,
Coordinator**

The New Mt. Zion Security Ministry’s responsibilities include the following:

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

When ministries have meetings scheduled, the secretary will let the Security Ministry know. We will assign members to work during the meeting times. For your safety at

night, we would like for members to park in the West (Life Center) parking lot for meetings and on the East side of the church for choir rehearsal. Then, after the meetings or rehearsals have finished, you can leave together and everyone is going to the same area. There is safety in numbers. Any safety issues can be reported to any member of the Security Ministry or the Church Administrator. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact Dea. Archie Williams or Bro. Tony Valdez. Our members include: Archie Williams, Coordinator, Tony Valdez, Assistant Coordinator, Edgar Jones, Chris Graves, Rodrick Washington, Ronald Clark, Ron Pittman, Wesley Collins, Osborne Odom, Darryl Lockwood and Wilford Priestley. Our Mission Statement comes from 2 Kings 11:6b, “So shall you keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down.”

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.



**EDUCATIONAL
MINISTRY**

**Reported By
Sis. Heddie Sumpter
Chairperson**

All New Mount Zion members who graduated from college, university, technical, or high school between July 2017 and June 2018 were asked to return the Graduate’s Recognition Form by Sunday, June 3, 2018. Graduates are required to be actively participating in at least one (1) ministry to receive this recognition along with other requirements. Graduates were presented to the Church family on the Fourth Sunday, June 24, 2018, following the 11:00 AM Worship Service wearing their cap and gown. Some of the graduates are shown above in the picture. Rev. Haynes, Youth Minister,

participated in the presentation that included “tokens of love” for the graduates. High School Graduates recognized were: **Wellyse Anderson**, Tampa Bay Tech; **Tamika Bell**, HCC GED Program; **Bryson Carr**, Hillsborough; **Antonio Hendricks**, Brandon; **Nyla Jacobs**, Academy of the Holy Names; **Alexis Marcyes**, White Knoll; **Lesley “Jamie” Miller IV**, Tampa Bay Tech; **Andre Padilla**, Jefferson; **Aria Roundtree**, Armwood; **Selena Smith**, Freedom; and **Jordan Tatum**, Brandon Adult.

Post Secondary Graduates were: **Kierra Calhoun**, FAMU Graduate with a Bachelors in Political Science; **Dianne Hart**, Graduate of Springfield College with a Bachelors in Human/Services & Youth Development; **Annette James**, University of South Florida with a Bachelors in Criminology; **Theron James**, Diploma of Practical Theology, Grace and Truth Christian University; and **Lenora Nicome**, New England College of Business with a

Masters Degree in Business Administration; *Information regarding the Achievers of Excellence and Financial Aid requests for First Year College Students and Returning College Students will be available soon.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Reported By Superintendent Dea. Keith Powe

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

2 Timothy 3:16

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ. The New Mt. Zion Church Sunday School is in session beginning promptly at 9:30am in the sanctuary. We thank God for the leadership of our Pastor Rev. Larry Roundtree II and the theme for 2018, "What's love got to do with

it? Everything!" During the past quarter, we experienced the "Summer Refocus" and temporarily reviewed the Sunday School lessons Wednesday evenings at 7pm. The lessons that we received were designed to proclaim unity and the love of God in the church. We thank God for everyone that was available to join us for our Small Group Bible Study classes. The last Wednesday in June and July we enjoyed "Family Game Night" which was a time of Christian fun and fellowship. Afterwards, the fellowship continued as the Culinary Ministry served meals in the Life Center. The Sunday School classes have been restructured to meet the spiritual needs of the entire family. The class listings are as follows - Preschool (infants); Early Elementary (K-2nd); Upper Elementary (3-5th); Middle School (6-8th); High School (9-12th); Young Adults (18-35); Women's 1; Women's 2; Combined Adults; & Men's. Individual attendance cards have also been added in all of the classes. Most recently, a

Sunday School survey sheet was given to our members and your response is greatly appreciated.

The subject of the lessons from the past quarter was "Justice in the New Testament". The Church/Home theme for all of our classes was "We Are the Body of Christ". The lessons were divided into 3 units; God is Just and Merciful, Jesus Calls for Justice and Mercy and Paul Teaches about New Life in Christ. Our current Church/Home Theme is "God, Our Creator, Calls Us" with studies in Genesis. The 3 current units scheduled for review are: God Creates the World, God Destroys and Re-Creates & God Blesses and Re-Creates Regardless. Our faithful teaching staff has been and is a blessing to this ministry. We invite you to join us in the study of God's Word.

"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)



HEALTH AWARENESS MINISTRY

**Reported By
President
Wilma Garvin**

On Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 8:30am, we are planning our 4th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. It is approximately a one-half mile walk in the NMZ neighborhood. You may walk as many times as you like. There will be giveaways and testimonials as well. A portion of the proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. We are looking forward to your support of this event.



COMPUTER EDUCATION

The classes resumed on September 11 with the students demonstrating

their computer skills. After demonstrating what they know, they individually began working on their individual assignments. Everyone works at a pace which is comfortable to them. There are no due dates for the assignments. This class is available to anyone who is interested in developing and improving their computer skills. For more information on this classes, please contact retired Business and Office Technology instructor Clara Wardlow.



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

The NMZ Youth Ministry is so excited about how God has continuously blessed us this year. We're pleased to continue to work together as a ministry to create disciples that are changing the world, through the love of Christ, one soul at a time!

In an effort to make sure we are all on one accord moving forward, starting in February, we created a NMZ Youth Newsletter to keep parents informed of all of the events going on each month.

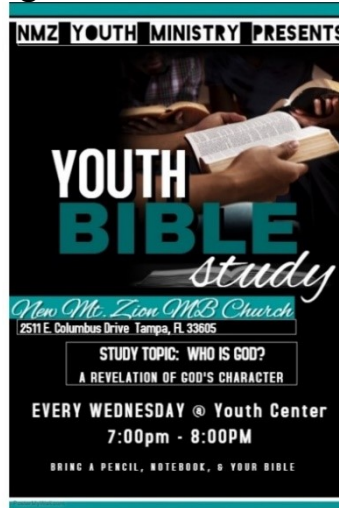
We also allow youth ministry leaders the opportunity to acknowledge a youth each month based on their involvement both in and outside of the church.

On August 25, 2018, God blessed us with the grand opening of our NMZ Youth Center.



This allows our youth to have access to an art and game room, computer lab, and additional meeting spaces for youth ministries. We are constantly thanking those that donated, prayed, and simply provided the love and support needed to make the NMZ Youth Center possible. We were, also, pleased to announce

the kick off of our NMZ Youth Bible Study on August 1, 2018



(also held in our Community Center).

Lastly, we were so excited to present this year's Youth Explosion "In Living Color" (Aug. 22nd-Aug. 26)!



On Wednesday, we tie dyed shirts together. Thursday, we invited all youth to the Community Center for a "Straight Talk". We were able to engage in such rich discussion! Friday, we had

the church glowing with our Glow Youth Concert and were able to celebrate the talents of our youth. Saturday, we engaged in an outreach and shortly after, played games, ate and prepared for our grand opening of the Youth Community Center. Lastly, we enjoyed seeing our youth worship in a mighty way during our Youth Services. Our love for Christ was continuously shown during this explosion. We can't wait to see what God has in store!



MORE YOUTH NEWS

BEGINNING OUR 30TH YEAR of SOC "SAVING OUR CHILDREN"

Reported By Sis. Yvonne Fort

The Saving Our Children Program offers the opportunity for YOUTH at New Mt. Zion Church and other communities to

enhance some skills. Our goal is to fill some of the gaps that may not be included in our school system or in family life. The youth invest two and a half hours on Saturday morning during the school year with dedicated and devoted leaders.

The sessions expose students to life skills, academic skills, social skills, public speaking skills, interactions with law enforcement, leadership skills and other enhancements.

Registration for the SOC Program was Saturday, August 18, 2018 at 9:30 AM -12 Noon in the Family Life Center at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Students can, also, register at our Saturday's Sessions. Our first session of the 2018-2019 year was held on September 8th. We welcome back current students and are excited to meet new students to attend our most electrifying SOC Program.

July 13– 20, 2018 Summer Pilgrimage:

SOC had an amazing Spiritual and Cultural Enrichment Trip to Columbia, South Carolina

to the National Baptist Deacons Convention of America, Inc. And It's Auxiliaries.

Our trip to Columbia, South Carolina was another GODSEND!

This Convention was spiritually uplifting and very enriching. The Theme was-- "Getting Back to Live the Abundant Life" (John 10:10).

Our youth were involved and participated with students from eight different states. Their activities included: Five O'clock A.M. Prayer Service, Bible Study Class, Art and Craft Class, Group Discussions, Current News Event Explosions, Music Class, Oratorical and Spelling Bee Session.

Some SOC Staff Members, also, attended Bible and Deaconess Study Sessions. National Officers – Theron James-First Vice President Young Adults Department; Tress Jacobs- Second Vice President Youth Department; Patricia Williams-National Youth Director, Tommy Robinson- Financial Committee, Clarence Fort-Chairman of Ways and Means Committee,

Caroline Jones-Youth Usher Chairman and David Lewis-Site Committee.

Awards – Christian Service Award- Yvonne Fort Arts and Crafts Youth Winners- Aubri Scott, Anari Scott Arts and Crafts Adult Winners- Yvonne Wilson, Caroline Jones, and Yvonne Fort, Poster Contest- Donnell Hunter won Honorable Mention. Scholarship-Nyla Jacobs was awarded the Priscilla Ross Scholarship of \$1,000.00.

Special Events – Theron James taught the workshop sessions for the Young Adults.

Valencia Holmes taught Mime Class and the youth performed two numbers during the Youth Explosion.

Host Church: Bethlehem Baptist Church-College Place, Rev. Dr. Anthony A. McCollum, Pastor

The Host Church provided dinner for convention guests and youth activities at their church during the week as well as a picnic.

SOC will be celebrating 30 Years of Love and Commitment to and with our Youth.

We *invite* YOU to come and CELEBRATE with us entering our 30 YEARS OF LOVE, OBLIGATION AND COMMITMENT WITH OUR YOUTH on September 28 – 30, 2018. The celebration will take place at our church. You can join on Saturdays 9:30-12noon for our weekly sessions. We will be there at the church waiting for YOU!



**GRACEFULLY
YOURS**

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"REFLECTIONS"**

Praise God for this exciting time of year! School is back in session; our youth department has been doing phenomenal things; our church is growing; the holidays are fast approaching, and the weather will soon be shifting to Florida's version of Winter. As we reflect

on the blessings we have received, let us also reflect on the ways we have been a blessing to others. If you are facing financial (or other) challenges, you might feel that helping others requires more than you have to give. The things of value that you can offer others, won't cost you a thing! We must shift our way of thinking by taking the focus off of what we don't have, and replacing it with what we DO have. Your situation may indeed be rough, but someone is going through something worse.

We must be mindful of the fact that the strongest person we know needs to be checked on from time to time. With mental illness at an all time high, it is very important to be mindful of the way we treat people. Pay attention to changes in your loved ones behavior, thoughts, and views. Don't be afraid to ask questions and offer assistance getting them help if necessary. The holidays are a particularly rough time of year for many.

As we wrap up the last few months of 2018, examine your life. If you aren't

where you thought you would be, or you didn't accomplish everything you wanted to, be at peace with that. It's not the end of the world. Each day that we open our eyes is another day on the battlefield. As long as we have breath in our bodies, it's never too late to make the changes we desire.

Keep the faith, keep God first in your life, and think positive thoughts. Be there for others, but don't forget to reach out when you're in need. Live your life, love unconditionally, and laugh often.

CONGRATULATIONS



ZOIE MULKEY gave leadership, through our Youth Ministry, in feeding the hungry on Saturday, March 31.

JAVARIS GOODING BUTTS (our gifted saxophonist) and **ASHLEY IKARD-GROOMS** (one of our talented praise dancers) on their marriage engagement. Ashley's super-surprised proposal took place in front of the congregation and family members prior to the Benediction at 11AM

Worship on Sunday, April 1, 2018 (Easter Sunday).

DESHAWNDA LEWIS placed 4th in Miss Teenage Tampa Pageant sponsored by AKA SORORITY on APRIL 8, 2018.

SIS. SHERRYL CUSSEAUX and staff of “DSI Black Pages” unveiled their 25th Anniversary Edition with an Entrepreneurs Showcase on Friday, April 13, 2018 at 5508 N. 50th Street, Suite 11—Tampa.

“PAINT YOUR HEART OUT TAMPA BAY--”

Saturday, April 21 many of our male members participated in this city-wide event spearheaded by our member Bro. Ed Narain. The men fellowshiped by painting the home of a 93 year old female. A repeat performance of painting was held on Saturday, September 1 at the home of longtime member Sis. Daisy Jenkins.

ARIA ROUNDTREE placed First in Congress #4s Oratorical Contest on Saturday, April 28. She went on to represent Congress #4 at the State Convention.

DEA. CLARENCE FORT AND 39 OTHERS were memorialized by the City of Tampa on Saturday, May 19 with a marker at the site of the 1960 Sit-Ins at

Woolworth to desegregate its lunch counter.

SIS. GERALDINE TWINE was featured as a Trailblazer in the Summer 2018 Edition “Citizens of the World” magazine published by the University of South Florida. She received her Bachelors in 1978; Masters of Arts in 1981; Masters of Science in 1988. Sis. Twine is credited with breaking down the barriers as one of Florida’s first African-American ARNPs (Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner).

CHURCH FAMILY ON THE WEEK OF PRAYER, which took place Monday, May 21 through Saturday, May 26. After prayer and activity time, we walked the neighborhood and then returned for closing prayer(s).

CHURCH FAMILY UNITING IN ONE WORSHIP DURING THE SUMMER REFOCUS at 9:30AM starting Sunday, May 27 through July 29. Wednesday was setup as Sunday School classes from 7PM to 8PM. A light meal was prepared by the Culinary Ministry. On the last Wednesday of the month, Family Game Night took place during June and July. The games provided an outstanding fellowship with

members of all ages coming together to compete for the winning prizes. At each Family Night, each member of the winning team received a \$15 donated gift card.

Young Adult **DERON GRAHAM** delivered his “initial sermon” at a 4PM Worship on Sunday, May 26. Young Adult **LARRY ROUNDTREE, III** delivered his “initial sermon” at a 4PM Worship on Sunday, July 29.

FIRST LADY SAMEYA ROUNDTREE displayed her awesome performing arts skills again on Sunday, September 2 at the Straz Theater. Among many scripts submitted to be performed, Sis. Roundtree’s script, “Broken Pieces,” was selected for performance. Her cast included notable actors from her family and friends. We are proud of our First Lady allowing God to use her in spreading messages through her God-given performing arts talents.

**CONGRATULATIONS!
TO ALL MEMBERS
WHO HAVE BEEN
RECOGNIZED IN
VARIOUS AREAS.**

Romans 13

¹²The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

