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OUR VISION

Mount Zion is called to be a Christ-Centered Church that addresses the needs of the total person through:

- Liberating worship
- Life-transforming Christian Education
- Progressive and timely ministries
- Effective social activism

OUR MISSION

Mount Zion Baptist Church exists to:

- Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Develop mature Christian disciples
- Empower the hurting for victorious living
- Seek God's justice in the world

Scripture References:

Mark 16:15 and Matthew 28:19-20, 25:34-40

One God... One People... One Purpose

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“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28: 18-20

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*Welcome to
Mount Zion
Baptist Church*

PUBLICATIONS

THE MESSENGER, our Church bulletin, is published every Sunday. Written announcements should be sent to Publications. Send announcements to be read during the service to announcements@mountzionseattle.org. **All announcements are due by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday.**

THE ZIONEWS is distributed on the first Sunday of each month; it is also available on the website: www.mountzion.net.

The deadline for submitting articles is the **15TH OF EACH MONTH.**

You may send articles and announcements via e-mail to ycarr@mountzionseattle.org. Mount Zion information receives priority and all other announcements and articles will be considered based on space availability and content.

The Zionews Coordinating Committee was organized in 1956 by Deacon Tom Brown under the pastorate of Reverend Gil B. Lloyd.

Charter members included Edith Smith, Bessie Lyles, and Alva Smith. F. J. Johnson, Jr. was the editor of the first edition published in 1957.

That same year, the Committee expanded to include Yvonne Beatty, Zelda Brown, Clara Coleman, Nora Hatter, Helen Hornbuckle, Willie Horton, Katherine Houston, Linzy Macklin, Marguerite Robinett, S.C. Valley and Barbara Washington.

The mimeographed, hand-stapled Zionews was distributed every Sunday after church services.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



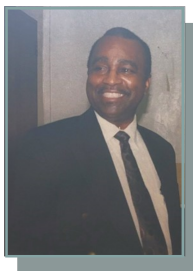
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Praying for Healing and Recovery

Memorial Service



Rev. David Joe Kuykendall

September 18, 1942 - December 14, 2024

Husband of Zenaida Kuykendall and

Father of Deuce Kuykendall

Service January 8th at 11:00 a.m. at Mount Zion

With Sympathy

Our condolences, prayers, love and support are extended to the family and friends of ***Assistant Church School Superintendent Gracie M. Williams***; service February 1st at 11:00 a.m.

Mrs. Doris Leverett Johnson; service January 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Millcreek Foursquare Church

Former President James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr.

Mr. Andrew Chavers, father of Edith (Leonard) Elion

Ms. Alana French, cousin of Lynn (Diane) French

Cierra Sisters Founder Mrs. Bridgette Hempstead

Poet/Social Activist Yolande "Nikki" "Giovani"

Mrs. Mary E. Reed

Mr. Otis Hayes, nephew of Deacon C. Maxine Jenkins

Mr. Kirby Warren; service January 11th in Las Vegas, NV

Fourteen people killed in the New Orleans Bourbon Street terrorist attack.





1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jackson, William D.
***Johnson, Wallace L.**

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Harris, Kira L.
***Horton, Elma**

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***Johnson, Rosalie.**

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Harris, Kenneth
Long, Joyce
Mizero, A. Patience

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ERVIN, WADIE
Thurston, Brandon C.

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***Sobers, Zinnie R.**

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Hailey-Marshall, Catherine A.
Hobbs, Sr., Joel C.
Thomas, Tanya L

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Bailey, Lougenia E.
Marshall, Clifford

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Kelsie, Justin W.

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Thompson, Cardell W.

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Versey, Carol M.

***HAILEY, JULIA L. 100!**
Harris, Markayla C.

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***Cal, Frances O.**
Johnston, Sonya

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Archie, Kenneth R.

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Brown, Nhautrey L.
Gonsalvez, Jaqueline N.

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Walls, Colleen C.
Buckley, Dr. Sheri L.
Poole, Deborah J.

***Esteemed Seniors**

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***Peterson, Carrie E.**

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***Hall, Rev. Dr. LaVerne C.**
Jackson, Min. Edward L.
West, Quanetta M.

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Benton, Judge Monica J.
West, Kaneshia N.

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Ervin-Attucks, Dr. Chalon L.
Harris, Janis E.
Hobbs, Jr., Joel C.

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Lawrence, Rita A.
Whittaker, Alvin

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Barnes, Jr., Travis P.
Bridges, LeAnna
Cameron, Samuel E.
Carlisle, Gayle

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Nesby, Tom
Winston, Karen M.

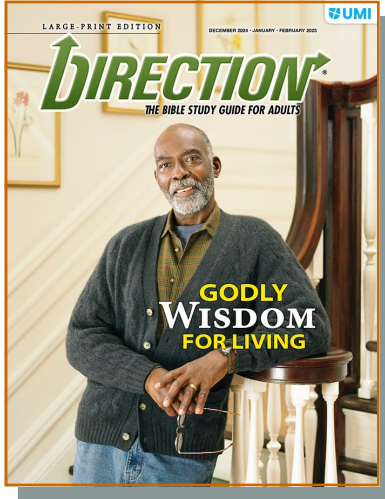


HONORING OUR NEWEST NONAGENARIAN, SISTER ELMA HORTON

This month we celebrate the 90th birthday Sister Elma O. Horton. Her volunteer work in the community and our church is legendary. Founder of the Mount Zion Feeding Program and PrayerLine, she continues to serve those in need. Sister Horton is Past President of Missions and Evangelism and the Women’s Ministry. While Vice-President of the Women’s Department of the North Pacific Baptist Convention, she instituted a Prayer Walk scholarship fundraiser that was later renamed the Elma Horton Prayer Walk in her honor. She’s the Coordinator of Mission and Services, a faithful member of Harriet Tubman Circle, and an usher. Sister Horton is also a life member of the Seattle Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. We are blessed to have her as part of our Church Family. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS



PRECEPTS FOR LIVING

Precepts For Living®: Principles for Living in an Unhinged World is for individuals and churches who sense the world needs change and covenant to apply God's wisdom to earthly problems.

In the clutter and busyness of day-to-day life, it's often hard to find time to study God's Word. *Direction®* helps urban adults (25+) cut through the clutter to focus on their relationships with Jesus Christ. Based on UMI's *Precepts for Living commentary®*, *Directions®* encourages in-depth reading, studying, and application of the Bible.

January 5, 2025 ~ Suffering

A Cry for Restoration Amidst Suffering - Lamentations 5: 1-22

People seek restoration when their possessions are taken, or their relationships are broken. How does one cope with the suffering and loss of that which is significant? While suffering, the writer of Lamentations trusted that God would re-establish a relationship with Israel.

January 12, 2025 ~ Temptation

Ezekiel's Wisdom for Dealing with Temptation - Ezekiel 18: 1-9, 30-32

It is easy to blame our background or upbringing for our misfortunes. What is the role of personal responsibility? Ezekiel warns Israel that each person will face temptations and must answer for their behavior. All must repent for their sinful ways and obey God's commands to find favor with God.

January 19, 2025 ~ Confession

Daniel's Prayer of Confession on Behalf of the People - Daniel 9: 8 1-7,17-19

Have you ever been overwhelmed by grief? Daniel was so overcome by grief over the devastation of Jerusalem and the exile of his people that he made intercession and confession on their behalf for their sin against God.

January 26, 2025 ~ Commitment

God's Commitment to An Unfaithful Bride - Hosea 1: 1-11

Unfaithfulness in covenant relationships leads to brokenness and alienation. How can brokenness and alienation be remedied? We have to commit to seeking God's wisdom in brokenness. God uses Hosea and Gomer's marriage and the naming of their children as symbolic of Israel's alienation from God and His restorative plan.



Dr. Georgia S. McDade
Sunday School Superintendent

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. ~ M.L.K., Jr.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Biblical Ethics: What Does The Lord Require?

Rev. Dr. Julie L. Vaughn, Instructor

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## CHILDREN'S IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

9:00 a.m. ~ Room 205

Sisters Carol Bell, Belinda Butler-Bell and Daphne Piggee, Instructors

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:00 a.m. ~ Room 205

Sisters Deborah Hilsman and Gwen Howard, Instructors

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Grades 3 - 5. ~ 9:00 a.m., Room 212B

Contact Dr. Karen Jackson, Instructor - karjackson9@gmail.com (206.605.1288)

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ~ YOUTH LOUNGE

9:00 a.m. ~ Sister Debra Coleman, Instructor

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #2 IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

9:00 a.m. ~ Room 206

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86540264986?pwd=SXhzZDBBRkdzWEJzWTZ0bldlczFtUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 4026 4986 Password: 311725#

One tap mobile: +12532158782...86540264986#...0#...311725# US (Tacoma)

Contact Dr. Georgia McDade, Sunday School Superintendent

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #3 IN-PERSON

Room 206 at 9:00 a.m.

Min. Edward Jackson and Sister Maxine Moore, Instructors

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #4 FACEBOOK

Mount Zion Baptist Church Adult Sunday School 9:30am | Facebook

[www.facebook.com/MountZionAdultSundaySchoolRoom](http://www.facebook.com/MountZionAdultSundaySchoolRoom)

Dr. Virgie Harris-Haley, Instructor

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UNITY SUNDAY ~ JANUARY 19TH

Third Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Deaconess Doris Smith, Coordinator

Use your cell phone to call 425.436.6306. The access code is 147230#

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MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY at 7:00 a.m.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY at 7:30 p.m.

## PRAYERLINE TELECONFERENCE SERVICE

Use your cell phone to call 425.436.6306. The access code is 147230#

Sister Elma Horton, Coordinator 206.325.6941



# JANUARY CHURCH CALENDAR

| January 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |                                                          | <u>WEEKLY IN-PERSON</u> |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| S            | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |                                                          |                         |
|              |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | SUNDAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 A.M., #205, 206, 208 & 212B |                         |
|              |    |    |    |    |    |    | SUNDAY - WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 A.M., SANCTUARY          |                         |
| 5            | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | SUNDAY - CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 10:00 A.M., #205             |                         |
| 12           | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | SATURDAY - TEAM ISSACHAR: 10:00 A.M., #117               |                         |
| 19           | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | SATURDAY - CHOIR REHEARSAL: NOON, SANCTUARY              |                         |
| 26           | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    | THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS            |                         |

## IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- JANUARY 5TH ~ HOLY COMMUNION/FIRST SUNDAY OF THE NEW YEAR  
FARWELL RECEPTION FOR REBECCA "BECKY" ANDERSON  
JANUARY 5TH ~ ABIGAIL CIRCLE, NOON, #208
- JANUARY 8TH ~ MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. DAVID J. KUYKENDALL, 11:00 A.M.  
JANUARY 11TH ~ YOUTH USHERS - 10:00 A.M., SANCTUARY  
**JANUARY 11TH ~ ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 10:00 A.M. F. HALL**
- JANUARY 11TH ~ HARRIET TUBMAN CIRCLE - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR
- JANUARY 12TH ~ SECOND SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, 10:00 A.M.  
JANUARY 12TH ~ EUNICE CIRCLE - NOON, #208
- JANUARY 12TH ~ PRISCILLA/SOJOURNER TRUTH CIRCLE, NOON, #212B
- JANUARY 14TH ~ MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM - 11:00 A.M., #206
- JANUARY 17TH ~ GOD'S GROCERIES - NOON, NORTH PARKING LOT  
**JANUARY 18TH ~ ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING - 10:00 A.M. AND  
ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH MEETING - 11:00 A.M, FELLOWSHIP HALL**
- JANUARY 19TH ~ YOUTH SUNDAY/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY  
JANUARY 19TH ~ NCNW SEATTLE SECTION ~ 2:00 P.M., PARLOR  
**JANUARY 20TH ~ REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**
- JANUARY 25TH ~ WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRAYER BREAKFAST, 9:00 A.M., F. HALL
- JANUARY 25TH ~ TEAM ISSACHAR RITES OF PASSAGE, 10:00 A.M., #114
- JANUARY 26TH ~ FOURTH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

## MOBILE

- CALL 425.436.6306 CODE 147230#
- PRAYERLINE ~ MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:00 A.M.
- MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M.
- JANUARY 19TH ~ UNITY SUNDAY SERVICE AT 5:00 P.M.

## VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

- WEDNESDAY ~ JANUARY 8TH, 15TH, 22ND AND 29TH AT 7:00 P.M.
- BIBLICAL ETHICS: *WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE?*
- REV. DR. JILIE L. VAUGHN, INSTRUCTOR


Happy New Year
Happy New Year
Happy New Year





The Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn will be leading Mount Zion Baptist Church's weekly Wednesday night virtual **BIBLICAL ETHICS** from 7 to 8 p.m. on **January 8, 15, 22, 29, and February 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025**. The Topic: ***What Does the Lord Require?***

The task involves illustrating the connections between Scriptures and challenging ethical issues. The use of the Bible for ethical decisions begins with the light of Scripture: "***Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.***" **Psalm 119:105.**

The Discussion will include some examples connecting poverty and orphans with Isaiah 58:1-12, racism, and human rights—Genesis 9:18-27; James 2:1-13, 25-26. Gambling and Greed - Matthew 6:19-34. Media, entertainment, and pornography—Philippians 4:4-9; cohabitation and adultery 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; divorce with Malachi 2:10-16; possessions, economics and wealth with Deuteronomy 8:1-20; and care for the environment with Psalm 8:1-9.

The result of attending this biblical ethics series is a stimulating resource and guide for developing a solid foundation for the biblical sermons and will help the preachers and teachers speak to the ethical challenges facing the church. Each Bible session includes concluding points, a bibliography, and discussion questions for ethical decisions.

***Respectfully submitted,***

***Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, D.Min., M.Div., MACE., MA., D. Be., BCC,  
Ministry of Christian Education***



**EPIPHANY** ( *i-PIF-ə-nee*), is a Christian day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.

The meaning of the name Epiphany is Revelatory Manifestation of A Divine Being. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus Christ's physical manifestation to the Gentiles. The feast of the Epiphany, in some denominations, also initiates the liturgical season of Epiphanytide.

Epiphany, also called Theophany, is a celebration of God manifesting as the baby Jesus and revealing Himself to the world. The holiday marks the day the Magi, often referred to as the three kings or wise men, visited the baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

In the Bible, the Epiphany is Jesus' visit from the Magi, aristocratic men from the east who followed a star to see the newborn baby Jesus in Bethlehem. They brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold was considered a symbol of kings, frankincense a perfume representing divinity, and myrrh an anointing/bitter embalming oil that symbolized/foreshadowed death.

Jesus' baptism is also celebrated during Epiphany. The holiday is sometimes known as **Three Kings Day**. **The traditional date for the feast is January 6.** In the New Testament the word is used in 2 Timothy 1:10 to refer either to the birth of Christ or to His appearance after His resurrection, and five times to refer to His Second Coming. In many Western Christian Churches, the eve of the feast is celebrated as Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve). The Monday after Epiphany is known as Plough Monday.

## BLENDING OUR VOICES FOR UNITY



*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"  
Psalm 133:1.*

**Unity Sunday Prayer Service** is a time set aside for our beloved church family to come together to strengthen our resolve for unity with focused prayers, scriptures, testimonies, devotionals and songs. Through our intentional effort in preserving unity and fostering harmony, we can experience God's gift of peace!

As New Year's resolutions are being made for 2025 and calendar of events are being planned; may you prayerfully consider including Unity Sunday Prayer Service to your lists. **The commitment is just once a month for an hour on the third Sunday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

I will be reaching out to each Ministry to invite your participation, and your Ministry will be featured during a specific month to lead in the service. Details will be discussed with Ministry Leaders.

Unity is a noble act which cannot be accomplished in our own strength and power; it's the work of the heart and requires God's divine intervention. *Let's keep praying and petitioning God with collective voices until we, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, achieve unity as one Body in Christ!* We can do this to the glory of God!

*Saved and Set Apart to Serve,  
Deaconess Doris Smith*

## BISHOP VASHTI MURPHY MCKENSIE, SEATTLE UNIVERSITY'S KEYNOTE SPEAKER



The **ANNUAL WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** creates a living image of

what the Church aspires to be all the time—a unified community of faith with the same foundation in Jesus Christ. Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world arrange special prayer services or ecumenical celebrations or exchange preachers.

Since 1908, the eight days between **January 18th and 25th** have been designated for Christians around the world to join together in the same prayers. The World Council of Churches (WCC) brings together 350 member churches in more than 110 countries and territories throughout the world, representing over 500 million Christians.

**2025 Theme:** Do You Believe This?

John 11:17-27

Visit [weekofprayer.us](http://weekofprayer.us) or [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org)

The word **oikoumene**, from which the term "ecumenical" derives, means the whole inhabited.



**World Council of Churches**

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity State of the Church 2025

**This Year's Theme: "Do You Believe This?"**  
**Guiding Text: John 11: 17-27**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 23, 2025 **TIME:** 11:45 – 3:00 PM  
**VENUE:** Seattle University, Casey BLDG, Room 530

Join the Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement (CEIE) in celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for lunch and conversation.

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, President and General Secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA.

Session Facilitator: Dr. Antonios Kireopoulos, Associate General Secretary and Director of Faith and Order and Interreligious Relations and Collaboration.

11:45 AM - 1:30 PM

Lunch Keynote and Conversation

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

Discussion on religious nationalism

RSVP Here



Keynote speaker  
Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie



Session Facilitator  
Dr. Antonios Kireopoulos



**TICKETS ARE \$10  
AND INCLUDE LUNCH**

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY | CENTER FOR ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS ENGAGEMENT

# FAR WEST REGION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY



NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, INC.  
FAR WEST REGION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

**MONDAY  
JANUARY 6TH, 2025**

**FAR WEST REGION WOMEN'S MEETING**

**ZOOM MEETING**

ALASKA - ARIZONA  
CALIFORNIA  
IDAHO - NEVADA - UTAH  
WASHINGTON  
WYOMING



**DR. YVETTE A. JACKSON, LCSW**  
VICE-PRESIDENT

6:00PM PACIFIC  
5:00PM ALASKA  
7:00PM MOUNTAIN  
8:00PM CENTRAL  
9:00PM EASTERN

**BUSINESS OF IMPORTANCE**

ZOOM MEETING  
Meeting ID: 857 4417 1424  
Passcode: 714155  
Dial In: (669) 900-6833

6:00 P.M. PST

*Sis. Virginia P. Hayes, President, Women's Auxiliary  
Dr. Leroy E. Adams, Vice-President, Far West Region  
Dr. Boise Kimber, President, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.*

QUESTIONS CALL: (800) 686-0681

**6:00 A.M. PST**

**NPBC DATES:**

**JANUARY 9, 21 & 31**



National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.  
FAR WEST REGION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

presents  
**W.H.I.P.**

Begins  
Jan, 1 2025

*Worship Him In Prayer*

**15 Minutes With The Master**

**Weekday Prayer Line**  
(Monday thru Friday)




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State President, California  
CSBC



**DR. YVETTE A. JACKSON**  
Vice-President, Far West Region  
NBC USA, Inc. Women's Auxiliary



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5:00am Alaska - 6:00am Pacific  
7:00am Mountain - 8:00am Central  
9:00am Eastern



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Dr. Boise Kimber, President, NBC, ISA, Inc.

**NBC USA, INC. FAR WEST REGION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY**

**January 2025 W.H.I.P. Prayer Calendar**

**6am-6:15am Pacific; 5am-5:15am Alaska**

**7am-7:15am Mountain; 8am-8:15am Central**

**9am-9:15am Eastern**

**If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call:  
Dr. Yvette A. Jackson, Vice-President, NBC Far West Region Women at (800) 686-0681**

**If You Are Not Scheduled To Pray, Please dial \*6 to MUTE Your Phone Upon Entry**

**Dial In: (605) 313-4222**  
**Access Code: 8056941#**

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)



**LET EVERYTHING THAT HATH BREATH PRAISE THE LORD... Psalm 150:6**



Perhaps you've been a member of Mount Zion for 50-years, or maybe you've just received the Right-Hand-of-Fellowship the last fourth Sunday of this month, or you're just visiting for the first time this historical church that you've heard so much about...there is one thing that they all have in common, and it's that they have been captivated by someone, if they don't know her, they describe her as "that woman who is so expressive." We know her as "Becky."

And, it is she who we've all gathered today to wish a fond farewell as she embarks on the next chapter in her life's journey. A woman who exudes the qualities of living a Christian life. To know her is to love her, and it is that commonality that has inspired this gathering. Yes, we are here today because

**WE LOVE BECKY ANDERSON!!!!**

Becky's sincerity and graciousness is evident in all that she does, and her faith is never wavering. She has faced the best and the worst of times as she navigates her life's path, and through it all she has depended upon her faith in God to carry her through. Her testimony is real; she knows that her help comes from the Lord, and that He has ordered her steps.

Faithful, dedication and commitment are words used to express Becky's steadfast servant leadership at Mount Zion. She has been a strong leader for the choir as its President for the past several years that has included leading us through some uncharted times, and, of course, the Music Ministry has been part of Becky's service since her early association with Mount Zion. In fact, each year that the Byrdwells' anniversary is celebrated, we all look forward to Becky leading us in the cheer, "...We Love the Byrdwells..." as we enjoy the occasion that has been so eloquently planned by Becky. Her leadership in the Women's Ministry will be missed, as she was the experienced chair of the Intergenerational Prayer Service observed during the Annual Women's Day Celebration, which she never failed to create a truly multi-generational program. She worked tirelessly with her circle, Sojourner Truth, and would always show up and represent for that was important to Becky. She would become known as the resident Mistress of Ceremonies for most Mount Zion functions, as well as in the community. Becky always said, Yes, Lord.

So, as we all parents know (or eventually learn), that we will reach a point in life where we are so proud of what our children have become; however, somewhere during that process they think that they have grown into the parent. At that point they assume the parental stance and began to tell us what to do, imagine that?! Becky's children have reached that crossroad. They have now taken on the "parental role," and believe that they can now tell Becky what to do (but don't be fooled by her kindness, she can "rare up"- just ask Issac how that happens when she tells him she's ready to go, and he ignores her!). However, she has consented to relocate to Atlanta where both of her children, Chantelle and Isaac currently reside. She'll be close to them as well as her super-related grandchildren who will now have their grandmother year-round.



*Written by Rhonda B. Staton*

*Presented by Harold Kelsie on January 5, 2025*

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TRUSTEE MINISTRY

### WAYS TO GIVE CHEERFULLY AND GENEROUSLY

To help maintain our daily operations, the Trustees encourage you to

- (1) **MAIL** your tithes, offering and donations to the church. Please include your membership number on your giving envelope and **send check/money order payable to Mount Zion.**
- (2) Use your cell phone to **TEXT MZBC** and enter **73256.**
- (3) **GIVE DURING THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE.**
- (4) **DROP BY** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays, Noon until 2:00 p.m.
- (5) **ONLINE** at [www.mountzion.net](http://www.mountzion.net). Click **GIVE** and follow the instructions.
- (6) **QR CODE**



Giving envelopes are available in the lobby and Church office.

*Min. Nate Miles, Trustee Chairperson*

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## CHARITY MINISTRY

Please remember the many who are experiencing financial difficulties. Write CHARITY next to the "Other" line of your giving envelope so we may assist the growing number of families in need. A special collection is taken on the **First Sunday**. Your generous donation will be greatly appreciated.

*Deacon Ricky Cotton, Charity Ministry Charity*

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**GOD'S GROCERIES** are distributed from Noon to 2:00 p.m. every **THIRD FRIDAY**. Join us **January 20th** in the North parking lot for **FREE** food. Contact *Phillip Miller* for more information.

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## DISTINGUISHED MASONS

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH



**Teachers:** Daphne Piggee, Gwen Howard and Deborah Hilsman  
**Students:** Archer, Alex, Jordan, Justice, Alula, Charlotte & Noah

**Guests of  
Dr. Charlie  
Walker, III**



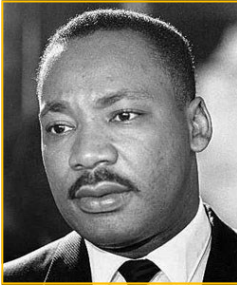
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*worship  
WITH US*

<https://www.mountzion.net>

## A HOLIDAY BEFITTING A KING



It took nearly two decades to pass legislation for a national holiday in honor of the *Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* His was the first new holiday since 1948. Dr. King is the only American, besides President George Washington, to have a national holiday designated on his birthday. Citizens and organizations, especially the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, lobbied for fifteen years and collected more than six million signatures to make Dr. King's special day a reality. Local efforts in the Pacific Northwest were steadfast and met with considerable resistance. California was the first state to honor Dr. King's birthday.

### LOCAL AND NATIONAL TIMELINES

**April 8, 1968:** *Rep. John Conyers*, D-MI. submitted the first legislation proposing Dr. King's birthday as a holiday, four days after Dr. King was assassinated. (Rep Conyers had hired *Rosa Parks* when she was fired from her job in Montgomery for refusing to give up her seat on the bus to a white man.)

**January 15, 1969:** About 1,200 automotive-plant workers in North Tarrytown, N.Y., stayed home from work in observance of Dr. King's birthday; 60 were suspended and others were threatened with disciplinary action.

**March 25, 1970:** *Rep. Conyers and Rep. Shirley Chisholm*, D-N.Y., announced hearings to study the holiday proposal after petitions carrying 6 million signatures were submitted to Congress.

**April 10, 1970:** California passed legislation making Dr. King's birthday a school holiday.

**July 15, 1970:** The Seattle School Board designated Dr. King's birthday a school holiday starting in 1971. *State Rep. George Fleming* convened hearings to make the date a legal holiday in Washington.

**January 1981:** In two incidents, six workers were fired from Seattle's Todd Shipyards after distributing leaflets to support Dr. King's holiday.

**August 2, 1983:** The House of Representatives approved legislation, #338-90, making Dr. King's birthday a national legal holiday on the third Monday in January beginning in 1986.

**October 19, 1983:** The Senate, defying efforts by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., to sidetrack legislation, approved the measure for Dr. King's birthday by a vote of 78-22.

**November 2, 1983:** Legislation for a national holiday was signed by President Ronald Reagan.

**February 24, 1984:** The Washington State Legislature approved a holiday for State schools.

**September 11, 1984:** The Seattle City Council made the third Monday in January a holiday for city employees in honor of Dr. King's birthday.

**January 20, 1986:** The first nationwide observance of Dr. King's birthday as a "legal" holiday was held on this date; however, millions of citizens did not wait until 1986 to celebrate Dr. King's greatness. The King County Council changed its name to honor Dr. King, but it took another twenty years to garner State approval.

**April 19, 2005:** King County was *officially* renamed in honor of Dr. King when Gov. Christine Gregoire signed into law Senate Bill 5332. The county was originally named in 1852 for Vice President William Rufus de Vane King, an Alabama plantation owner and lifetime companion of James Buchanan.

[God is awesome!]



# Local Tributes to Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



This window in the Sanctuary honoring Dr. King was one of 18 designed and manufactured exclusively for Mount Zion by the late *Mr. Douglas Phillips* of Cleveland, OH. At the time, he was the owner of the only Black stained glass window company in the United States.



© The Seattle Times, 1991  
Rev. Samuel McKinney speaks to the gathering at Mt. Zion Baptist church in celebration of the birth of Martin Luther King Jr.

This bust, designed by artist *Mr. Jeff Day* and presented to Mount Zion in 1986, is one of four sculptures in a series called "Speaking Out." The other three were commissioned for the State Capitol, ACT and the University of Washington.



Mural created by artist *Mr. James Crespinel* in 1995 and retouched in 2016. Photo by Kelly O.



Mount Zion Brotherhood Chair and Former City Council President, the late *Hon. Samuel J. Smith*



— Empire Way —



**King County**

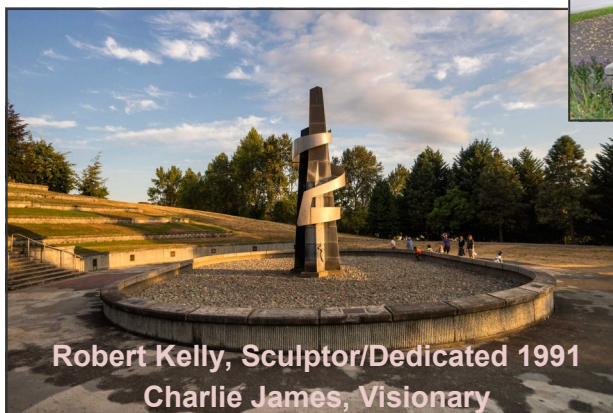


Flag Unveiling 2009

Renamed Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Memorial Park in 2018



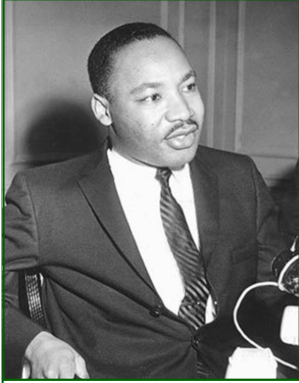
Mount Zion member, painter and sculptor, the late *Mr. James W. Washington, Jr.*



Robert Kelly, Sculptor/Dedicated 1991  
Charlié James, Visionary



# THIRD ANNUAL MZBC BROTHERHOOD LECTURE SERIES



November 1961

To The Reverend  
Samuel B. McKinney



Dear Sam,

*This is just a note again to express my appreciation to you for making my visit to the Northwest such a meaningful and enjoyable one. I will long remember the moments spent there. After such a wonderful reception by the young and old alike, I gained new courage and vigor to carry on in the South.*

*You are to be commended for the great work you are doing. I was in Cleveland Sunday preaching for your father and I mentioned to them what a significant work you are doing and how much the people love you for it. You have my prayers and best wishes to your lovely wife and daughters.*

*I just received a copy of the introduction and the program enclosed. Thank you very much.*

Very sincerely yours,

Martin Luther King Jr.



The late  
Mr. Russell  
Gideon  
(Gideon  
Bell Tower)

**Dr. King's only visit to Seattle was in November of 1961 as the guest speaker for the Mount Zion Brotherhood Lecture Series. He also spoke at Garfield, High School, Temple de Hirsch and the University of Washington. The arrival of Dr. McKinney's former Morehouse classmate was the source of great controversy.**

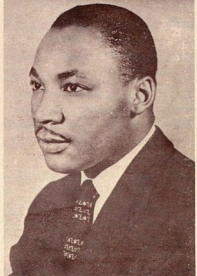
**Two weeks before Dr. King's scheduled arrival, Mount Zion was forced to find another venue when the negotiated agreement with FPC was retracted.**

**Fortunately, we were able to hold this historic event in the Eagles Auditorium. Plymouth Congregational**



THE BROTHERHOOD  
of the  
MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
Presents Its

**THIRD ANNUAL  
LECTURE SERIES**



**THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**  
*President*  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
Atlanta, Georgia

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10**  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY ONE  
at  
**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*Seventh Avenue - King Street -  
Seattle, Washington*

**EAGLES**

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 P.M.  
Reserved Seats Held Until 7:50 P.M.

**PUBLIC INVITED**





**Invite you to join us for our annual  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration Service  
at the NBCF Worship & Family Life Center  
Monday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m.**

***"Joining Together With A Prophetic Voice"***



**Featured Preacher: Rev. Dr. Leslie Braxton**

We're delighted that this year our preacher will be New Beginning's very own Rev. Dr. Leslie Braxton. He is a courageous and prophetic voice for Social Justice in the Seattle area and beyond. Dr. Braxton served two historic African-American congregations before becoming the Founding Senior Pastor of New Beginnings Christian Fellowship in 2005.

**With music from the All Evergreen Choir Led by Zhane Perez**

*You can join in the All Evergreen Choir—all rehearsals at NBCF*

Rehearsals: Wednesday, Jan. 8th at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 15th at 6:30 p.m.

19300 108th Avenue SE ~ Renton, WA 98055

2025 King County Annual  
**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
CELEBRATION**

"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence. Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

**JANUARY 14, 2025 / 6:00 PM**  
Renton Ikea Performing Arts Center  
400 S 2nd St. Renton, WA 98057

Tickets are FREE! RSVP here:  
<https://bpt.me/6504340>

The 2025 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration is scheduled for **Tuesday, Jan. 14, from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Renton Ikea Performing Arts Center 400 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Renton, WA 98057**, and will be broadcast virtually by KCTV. King County employees and community members will be able to access the event link on this website on January 14th.

RSVP to this FREE event by using this link: 2025 King County Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

This year, we are hosting **MLK Service Day** on **Saturday, January 25, 2025** at one of our key partner schools, **South Shore PK – 8th Grade**.

At City Year we believe **MLK Day** is a "day on" in which we are actively in service to our community, specifically our Seattle Public School partners.

[jelsy.gundao@cityyear.org](mailto:jelsy.gundao@cityyear.org)

**CITY YEAR**

**MLK SERVICE DAY**

SERVE WITH US TO MAKE BETTER HAPPEN



Join Us For Our  
**52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Celebration of  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

**Friday, Jan. 17, 2025**  
**Brockey Center, South Seattle College**

9:30 a.m. Breakfast  
 10:30 a.m. Program  
 1:00 p.m. Community Conversation

Join us for a community celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and a kickoff to Seattle Colleges Social Justice Week.



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Tim Wise**  
 Writer and Educator



**MUSIC**  
**DaNell Daymon and Greater Works**  
 National and International Award-Winning Gospel Choir



**EMCEE**  
**Deedee Sun**  
 KIRO 7 Morning Anchor



**PRAYER & BLESSING**  
**Reverend Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte**  
 Mount Zion Baptist Church

# KING DAY



# 2025

*FORWARD  
 TOGETHER*

Celebrating the Legacy of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, at NAAM with activities and events for the entire community.

**January 20 | 10AM-5PM**  
 Free & Open to the Public



NAAM's annual King Day celebration returns to honor the life, legacy, and sacrifice of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on **Monday, January 20, 2025 from 10AM - 5PM** at the Northwest African American Museum. Our theme for King Day and throughout 2025 is "Forward Together!" a response to his book "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?" and his 1967 speech "Where Do We Go From Here?"



Join us for Mass to celebrate Martin Luther King Junior on Monday, **January 20 at 11 am**, at the St. Ignatius Chapel at Seattle University. Rev. Crespian A. Okoth will be presiding. The keynote speaker is Gregory K. Alex, MA, CDC, founding Director of the Matt Talbot Center,



**VOLUNTEER JANUARY 20TH**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY 45TH ANNIVERSARY , WADIE ERVIN!**

Mr. Wadie Ervin is a graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he earned a B.A. degree in Music Education. He moved to Seattle after college and was hired by the Seattle Public Schools. He taught music at Meany Middle School for 31 years and retired in 2003. Recognized by the Atlantic Street Center, he was presented with their Excellence in Education Award. He continued to teach privately to those interested in music, many at no charge.



A highly respected musician, Mr. Ervin has contributed greatly to music education in the Seattle area. He composes, arranges, and records music for artists and has performed with many local bands representing a wide variety of music styles.

He is the bass guitarist for the University of Washington Gospel Choir directed by Mrs. Phyllis Byrdwell. Mr. Ervin joined Mount Zion fifty years ago and began playing bass guitar for the choirs and serving as an assistant director in 1980. Currently, he is the Bass Guitarist for the Music Ministry and continues to mentor students.



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He and his wife Yolanda Scott-Ervin are the proud parents of Keith W. Ervin.



*Mr. Wadie Ervin remains a humble and faithful member of Mount Zion who has shown exceptional dedication to our Music Ministry for the past forty-five years! WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE YOU!*

# CANDIDATES FOR CHURCH OFFICES AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP



The election of the 2025 Church Officers and Ministry leaders will be held on Saturday, **January 11, 2025**, at 10:00 a.m. at Mount Zion in the Fellowship Hall. Candidate bios for individuals currently running for positions are posted on the church website at [www.mountzion.net](http://www.mountzion.net).

## **Annual Church ELECTION**

There are other vacant positions that will be on the ballot such as Assistant Church Clerk, Assistant Treasurer, Church Financial Secretary, Church School Superintendent, Assistant Church Superintendent, Christian Education, Building Ministry, and At-Large Advisory Council. Please come out and vote. Your vote matters!

### **2025 CANDIDATES:**

**Church Clerk**

Rhonda Staton

**Christian Ed – Leadership Development**

Colleen Robinson Walls

**Finance Ministry**

Charles Cohen

**Missions & Evangelism**

Emma Cotton

Elma Horton

Janet Jones Preston

Mattie Taplin

**Trustee**

Joel C. Hobbs, II

Lisa Kelsie Carter

Yolanda Randall

Chelsea Riddick-Most

Jeremiah Hobbs - Young Adult Ministry, Deacon Joel Hobbs - Diaconate, Elma Horton - Women's Ministry, Rev. Shirley Lytle - Member at Large, Min. Nate Miles - Trustee Board, Patience Mizero - Brotherhood Ministry, Anna Rivers - Missions and Evangelism, and Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn - Christian Education

***Deacon Leslyn Jones-Petitt - Music Ministry,  
Nominating Committee Chairperson***



## **Article X - Annual Elections**

### **Section 3: Procedure**

At least two (2) weeks before the election, the Nominating Committee shall present to the Church the names of one or more persons for each office to be filled. This ballot is to be posted so that all members know those who are being placed in nomination. It shall be the privilege of any two (2) members, qualified to vote, to place in nomination the name of any eligible person for any office, not so nominated, and such nomination shall be placed on the ballot.

**No nominations shall be made from the floor at the time of election, but each voter may vote for any one he/she pleases by writing in the name on the ballot.** All annual elections shall be by written ballot, a majority of the ballots cast being necessary for the election of any officer.

**No voting by proxy shall be allowed.**

## December was a busy month full of joyful moments.

The Arts Ministry had wonderful volunteers decorating the church and participating in a craft activity.



During the week of December 14, the Christmas Day of Caring team along with volunteers gathered together to shop, bag family toys and gift cards for over 300 children.

Families drove through the lower parking lot of Mount Zion to receive gifts and were also provided gift cards.



Many children were all smiles as they left the event with new coats.

## Thanks to all of our Amazing Volunteers

Belinda Butler-Bell, Brotherhood Ministry, Dr. Sheri, Josaphina and Jeremiah Buckley, Deacon John Capps, Gayle Carlisle, Freddie Chambers, Ezari Chandler, Yvonne Chandler, Tiliitha Cohen, Minnie Collins, Emma Cotton. Kenneth Edward, Yvonne Ervin-Carr, Brooklyn Flowers, Gloria Bennett, Deborah Hilsman, Deacon Maxine Jenkins, DJ Johnson, Lamar Johnson, Doris Jones, Derrick and Karen Jones, T'Andre Jones, Twana Manning, Anise Marshall, Cliff Marshall, Marvin McKinley, Nate Miles, Phillip Miller, Rickie Morris, Samira Shirazy, Sumaiya Shirazy. Erin Small, Mattie Taplin, George Thomas, Maria VanHorn, Ann Vithayathil, Averionna Wade, and Sylvia Young

We extend our gratitude and appreciation to all who shared time, talent, and/or donations to make the events successful!

### **THE ARTS MINISTRY CO-CHAIRS**

*Pat Bruce-Sullivan, Debra Harris-Branham and Malver Haynes*

### **The Christmas Day of Caring Team**

*Pat Bruce, Chavela Johnson, Debra Harris-Branham, Jeri Harris, Kenneth Archie and Harry Bailey*



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

*GUESTS ENJOYED DINNER, GIFTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT.*

*OUR SENIORS WERE HONORED AND GIVEN A POINSETTIA PLANT*



I would like to take this time to say thank you to all the people that helped with the 2024 Women's Ministry Christmas Celebration. Thank you to: JoEtta Bailey, Carol Bell, Deacon Emilee Capps, Emma Cotton, Cora Dunn, Yvonne Ervin Carr, Kimberly Garrett, Marissa Garrett, Tammy Garrett, Deacon Lois Harris, Deborah Hilsman, Deacon Darlene Hobbs, Anthony Hopkins, Gwen Howard, Tanya Jimale, Doris Jones, Ckathy Marshall, Phillip Miller, Maxine Moore, Deacon Dorothy Mungin, Paris Randall, Collette Robinson, Alice Shumate, **Santa** Phillip Miller, Deacon Juanita Twiggs, and our many volunteers.

You were all such a big help in making it happen. I truly appreciate you.

**Mary C. Hopkins, Church and Community Coordinator**  
**Rev. Dr. Phyllis R. Beaumonte, Women's Ministry President**

Jordan Bennett



Photos by Phillip Miller  
(This year's Santa).



Paris Randall



Santa photos taken by Tony Hopkins



**January 2025 Zoom Women's Ministry Meetings will start at 5:00 p.m.**

**Executive Board - Friday, January 10th**

**General Body - Tuesday, January 14th**

**Prayer Breakfast - Saturday, January 25th, 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

**Deacons Lois Harris and Dorothy Mungin, Co-Chairs**

**Rev. Dr. Julie L. Vaughn, Women's Ministry President-Elect**

**Mrs. Josephine  
Stratman Stokes**



*Thank  
you*



Photos by Wally Webster, III

JOY, PEACE AND LOVE TO MOUNT ZION

*Thank you to all who remembered my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!  
Special thanks to Mrs. Elma Horton, Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte,  
and the Women's Department for the lovely luncheon.  
Thanks to Mrs. Emma Cotton and the Senior Ministry  
for the lovely centerpieces.*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you in 2025.*

**In Christian Love,  
Josephine Stokes**

**Mrs. Julia Louise Mayham Hailey** was born in New Iberia, LA on January 18, 1925. She and her husband, the late Daniel W. Hailey, Sr., came to Seattle in 1941 and joined Mount Zion Church in 1943— making her a member for over 80 years! They raised their seven children with much love and care.

We are proud, thankful and blessed that God has gifted her to us. Happy 100th Birthday!



**Mrs. Julia  
Mayham Hailey**



**PROGRESS REPORT**

I received my grades for my Enterprise Risk Management Class. It was a challenge.

Final Case Project - 176 points out of 200.

Final grade - 846.8 points out of 905 points; 93.57% overall

Blessings and thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement.

Deacon Darlene Hobbs

***Congratulations Deacon Darlene; your Church Family applauds your accomplishments!***



## MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

November was a busy month for the Missions & Evangelism Ministry, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve our church and community.

Here's a recap of the events we enjoyed:

### THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVEAWAY:

The Missions & Evangelism Ministry proudly served over fifty (50) families with boxes filled with turkeys and all the trimmings. A heartfelt thank you goes to the Diaconate, Ushers, Brotherhood Ministry, Music Ministry, Women's Ministry, Trustees, and Sunday School for their support in this endeavor. A special thank you to Mrs. Emma Cotton for her generous donation of yams!

### MISSIONS & EVANGELISM SUNDAY:

A spirited message from Philippians 3: 13 - 14 entitled "Press" was delivered by Rev. Ronald Burroughs, Jr., Associate Pastor, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. Sister Doris Jones shared the history and key focus of the Missions & Evangelism Ministry while Sister Janet Jones-Preston spoke about the Prison Ministry aspect of our outreach. We also had the privilege of hearing from film producer Gilda Sheppard, who discussed her film *Since I Been Down* before it was shown to the congregation.



### PRISON PIPELINE EVENT:



The film *Since I Been Down*, which depicts the experiences of those impacted by the prison system, was screened. During the film, we enjoyed a delicious, homestyle dinner featuring Sister Anna Rivers' famous spaghetti. The evening also included a panel discussion with Kamoni Carter, one of the subjects of the film, as well as Karen Taylor, Don Davis and Don Williams, all of the Black Prison Caucus.

The event was a powerful reminder of the urgent work that lies ahead—both in preventing people from entering the prison system and in supporting those who have been affected by it.



### LOOKING AHEAD:

We encourage you to stay tuned for future events and consider the ways God is calling you to serve in the Missions & Evangelism Ministry.



# CHURCH OFFICERS AND MINISTRY LEADERS

## **AB Girls**

Sister Yvonne Chandler  
Deacon C. Maxine Jenkins

## **African Fellowship Ministry**

Deacon Florence Adeyemi  
Deacon Lawrence Adeyemi, Ph.D.

## **Arts Ministry**

Sister Debra Harris-Branham  
Sister Malver Haynes  
Sister Patricia Bruce Sullivan

## **Brotherhood Ministry**

Brother Kenneth Archie

## **Building Ministry**

Brother Samuel Cameron

## **Cancer Support Group**

Deacon C. Maxine Jenkins

## **Charity Ministry, 206.322.6500 Ext.102**

Deacon Ricky Cotton

## **Children's Church**

Sister Deborah Hilsman

## **Church Clerk**

Sister Rhonda Staton

## **Assistant Church Clerk**

Sister Winona Hollins-Hauge

## **Church Council of Greater Seattle**

Sister Winona Hollins-Hauge

## **Church School Superintendent**

Dr. Georgia McDade

## **Church Treasurer**

Sister Tanya Jimale

## **Diaconate**

Deacon Darlene Hobbs

## **Financial Secretary, 206.322.6500, Ext. 109**

Sister Robin Finley

## **Greeting/Hospitality Ministry**

Sister Gayle Carlisle

## **Health Ministry**

Dr. Sheri Buckley, Medical Director  
Sister Winona Hollins-Hauge, Co-Chair

## **History & Archives Ministry**

Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte

## **Human Resources**

Deacon Leslyn Jones-Petitt

## **Members-At-Large**

Adult, Sister Brenda Charles-Edwards  
Youth, Brother Jordan Bennett

## **Membership**

Deacon Joel Hobbs, Sr.

## **Ministry of Christian Education**

Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn

## **Missions and Evangelism**

Sister Doris Jones  
Sister Anna Rivers

## **Music Ministry**

Sister Phyllis Byrdwell

## **MZHD**

Brother Samuel Cameron

## **PrayerLine Coordinator**

Sister Elma Horton

## **Prison Ministry**

Sister Janet Jones Preston

## **Publications, 206.322.6500 Ext.104**

Sister Yvonne Ervin Carr

## **Scholarship Ministry**

Brother Jeremiah Hobbs

## **Security Ministry, 206.322.6500 Ext.105**

Brother Harry Bailey

## **Senior Citizen Ministry**

Sister Emma Cotton

## **Social Committee, 206.322.6500 Ext 103**

Sister Lou Annie Charles

## **Tape/AV Ministry**

Brother Anthony Hopkins

## **Technology Ministry**

Brother Patience Mizero

## **Trustee Ministry, 206.322.6500 Ext.109**

Min. Nate Miles

## **Unity Sunday Coordinator**

Deaconess Doris Smith

## **Usher Ministry**

Sister Gloria Bennett

## **Veterans Ministry**

Deacon Albert Mungin, Jr.

## **Women's Ministry**

Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn

## **Worship Coordinator**

Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte

## **Young Adult Ministry**


Brother Jeremiah Hobbs


## **Youth Ministry**


Sister Catherine Acox

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**OPEN TO THE ALL JOB SEEKERS IN KING COUNTY**

 **JANUARY 20TH 2025**

 **8:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

 **GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL: 400 23RD AVE  
SEATTLE, WA 98122**

**WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:**

- Employment Opportunities
- Career Path Training
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*Register via the link or QR Code below:*



**MILK**

**THE SEATTLE MLK JR. COALITION PRESENTS  
WE RISE AGAINST PROJECT 2025**

**COMMUNITY DISCUSSION:**

Title: JR to 25: Why We Cannot Go Back  
Date: Jan. 18, 5PM dinner, 6-8PM discussion  
Location: Washington Hall  
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**COMMUNITY DISCUSSION:**

Title: Gun Violence  
Date: Jan. 18, 1-3PM Discussion,  
3-4PM Community Meal & 4-6PM Youth Panel  
Location: NAAM

**OPPORTUNITY FAIR:**

What: Job Fair and Resume Review  
Date: Jan. 20, 8:30-11:30AM  
Location: Garfield High School

**WORKSHOPS:**

Date: Jan. 20, 9:15AM  
Location: Garfield High School  
\*see [seattlemlkcoalition.org](http://seattlemlkcoalition.org) for details\*

**RALLY:**

Date: Jan. 20, 11:00AM  
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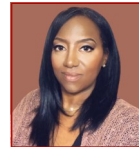
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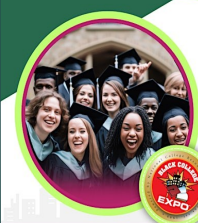
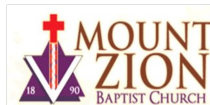
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