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# BLACK HISTORY *Month*



Lucinda Todd, Carter G. Woodson, Mary McLeod Bethune

the 2025 theme:

## AFRICAN AMERICANS & labor



## 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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# THE GREAT COMMISSION



*“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

### PUBLICATIONS

*THE MESSENGER*, our Church bulletin, is distributed every Sunday. Announcements should be sent to Publications.

**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](http://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](mailto:ycarr@mountzionseattle.org). Mount Zion information receives priority and all other announcements and articles will be considered based on space availability and content.

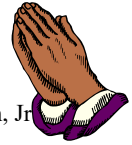
*The Zionews Coordinating Committee* was organized in 1956 by Deacon Tom Brown under the pastorate of Reverend Gil B. Lloyd.

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



Ms. Catherine Acox  
Ms. Sadikifu Akina-James  
Mrs. Mildred Albert  
Ms. Kandace Alston  
Mr. Arcelious Bailey  
Mr. James Baldwin  
Mr. Chris H. Bennett  
Mrs. Dolores Booker  
Mrs. Shirley Britt  
Mrs. Susie P. Brooks  
Ms. Lena Brown  
Deacon Mozell Brown  
Mrs. Patricia Bruce-Sullivan  
Mrs. Patricia Butler  
Mr. Clarence and Mrs. Frances Cal  
Mr. Dennis W. Carlisle  
Ms. Shantil Carlisle  
Mrs. Vannetta Cash  
Ms. Cheryl Coleman  
Mr. Robert and Mrs. Joyce Coleman  
Ms. Carolyn Davis-Johnson  
Mrs. Jocelyn Edwards  
Ms. Lori A. Emerson  
Deacon John H. Ervin, Jr.  
Ms. Robin Finley  
Mr. Iray Frederick  
Mrs. Raven Franklin

Mrs. Wanda Gaston  
Mrs. Julia Hailey  
Rev. Dr. LaVerne C. Hall  
Ms. Carmen Harris  
Mr. Ivory Joe Harris  
Ms. Jeri Harris  
Mr. Richard Harris  
Ms. Irma Jean Hill  
Ms. Marthyann Horn  
Ms. Jessica Howard  
Mr. Joe Hunter  
Mrs. Olive J. Hunter  
Mr. David Irwin  
Min. Edward L. Jackson  
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Ms. Chavela Johnson  
Mr. Tommy Johnson  
Mrs. Rosie Johnson  
Deacons Wallace and Anne Johnson  
Mrs. Dorothy Jones  
Ms. Regina Jones  
Mr. Derrick and Mrs. Karen Jones  
Mrs. Willie Mae Jones  
Dr. Lora-Ellen McKinney  
Mr. Phillip Miller

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Mr. Tom Nesby  
Ms. Grace Oatis  
Mrs. Vera Patterson  
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Mr. Reginal Pennington  
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Ms. Evelyn Reingold  
Mr. Stephen Riggins  
Mrs. Anna B. Rivers  
Deacon Barbara L. Rogers  
Mrs. Gloria Ross  
Ms. Regina Shelby  
Mr. Isaac Stewart  
Mrs. Juanita Thomas  
Deacon Michael Twiggs  
Ms. Linda Upshaw  
Mr. Steven Walcott  
Miss Averionna Wade  
Mr. Richard Weeks  
Mr. Alvin Whittaker  
Bishop Ben E. Williams  
Mr. Herman and Mrs. Sharon Williams  
Dr. R. Y. Woodhouse  
Ms. Sylvia Young

***PRAY for our Nation and an end to hatred.***

## With Sympathy

Our condolences, prayers, love and support are extended to the family and friends of  
***Mrs. Alberta Howard***, service at Mount Zion on February 27th at 10:00 a.m.  
***Ms. Mizani James-McDaniel***, granddaughter of Sadikifu Akina-James; arrangements pending  
***Mrs. Zella Smith*** (CA), aunt of Deacon John Ervin and family  
***Mrs. Emma F. Dixon***  
***Passengers and crew aboard American Airline Flight 5342, Army helicopter and  
Victims of Philadelphia Jet Rescue Air Ambulance crash***



***Assistant Church School Superintendent  
Ms. Gracie Mae Williams***

February 8, 1942 - December 18, 2024



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1

Albert, Joseph  
 Broxley, Carol E.  
 Murray, Paula  
 Wells, Kamaria J.  
 Williams, Marlo M.

2

Carson, Jr., Jerry E.

3

**\*\*Beatty, Cecil S. 101**

Beaver-Jackson, Elizabeth  
 Grissett, Laquita  
 Moton, Bonita

5

Brown, Nathaniel T.

7

Chambliss, Barbara P.  
 Jackson, Regina F.  
 Miller, Phillip W.  
 Preston, Dion  
 Taplin, Ahmen R.

8

Harris, Sandra K.  
 Johnson-Simmons, Regena

9

Craft, Sasha K.  
 Hutton, Clarence  
 Matthews, Charles H.

10

**\*Baldwin, James 94**

Bush, Michele D.

11

Hall, Jamar C.

12

Alston, Jamil T.  
 Brown, Kai N.  
 Cunningham-Hopkins, Mary

**14 Happy Valentine's Day**

15

Rodrigues Lima, Kathryn  
 Sudds, Daniel C.

Walker, Tamarra

16

Brown, Kevin  
 Dietrick, Jaionna  
 McDowell, Janice D.

18

Petitt, Marcus N.  
 Williams, Helen F.

19

Smith, Brian

20

Chandler, Yvonne I.  
 Kennedy, Cristan

21

**\*Collins, Minnie A.**

Russell, Darryl A.

22

Capps, Emilee

23

Jones-Reese, LaShawna L.

24

Bennett, Gloria V.  
 Washington, Tyree A.

25

Isreal, Benayon Y.B.

26

Archie, Veronica R.  
 Martin, Deidra

Webb, Toni B.

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**\*Coleman, Robert L.**

**\*Hill, Irma Jean**



**\*Esteemed Seniors**



## **Rosa Louise McCauley Parks**

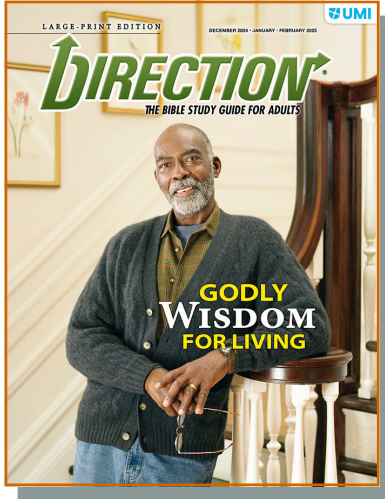
February 4, 1913  
 Tuskegee, Alabama

October 24, 2005  
 Detroit, Michigan



Known as the Mother of the Civil Rights Movement, Mrs. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white man while riding in the front of a public bus in Montgomery, Ala. Arrested and fined, she sparked the beginning of the Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955 - 1956) with Rev. Dr. MLK, Jr. Seamstress, Montgomery NAACP Secretary, US Rep, John C. Conyers, Jr., Staff, Presidential Medal of Freedom and Congressional Gold Medal.

# FEBRUARY 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.

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### **February 2, 2025 ~ *Call to Repentance***

**Joel 2:1-2, 12-14, 28-29**

God's call in this lesson is a call to repentance. As a symbol of pending judgment and darkness, God sent a plague of locusts. Joel told the Children of Israel that judgment could be avoided if they repented. God promised the people a day in which God's Spirit would be poured out on the people.

### **February 9, 2025 ~ *God is Not Fooled***

**Amos 5:14-15, 18-27**

Some people cover their evil ways with outward acts of goodness. Who will uncover their deceit and demand justice? The people learned through Amos that God will not be fooled by insincere offerings and will severely punish all sinners.

### **February 16, 2025 ~ *Edom's Condemnation***

**Obadiah 1-4, 10-11, 15, 21**

God gave Obadiah a message of judgment on Edom. Obadiah said that the Lord would do to the Israelites' enemies what those enemies had done to them. This lesson should be an encouragement to all those who have suffered injustice.

### **February 23, 2025 ~ *Jonah Rejects God's Call***

**Jonah 1:1-4, 11-17; 2:1,10**

God called Jonah to prophesy in Nineveh, but Jonah attempted to flee from God's presence. God sent a storm that impacted not only Jonah but all the sailors around him in order to call him to repentance.



**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, February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 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 ~ FEBRUARY 16TH

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

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Sister Elma Horton, Coordinator 206.325.6941



# FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH CHURCH CALENDAR

| <b>February 2025</b> |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S                    | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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| 2                    | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| 9                    | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16                   | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23                   | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |    |

## WEEKLY IN-PERSON

SUNDAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 A.M., #205, 206, 208 & 212B  
 SUNDAY - WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 A.M., SANCTUARY  
 SUNDAY - CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 10:00 A.M., #205  
 SATURDAY - TEAM ISSACHAR: 10:00 A.M., #117  
 SATURDAY - CHOIR REHEARSAL: NOON, SANCTUARY  
 THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

## IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY 4TH ~ ROSA PARKS DAY/WORLD CANCER DAY  
 FEBRUARY 9TH ~ SECOND SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, 10:00 A.M.  
 INSTALLATION OF 2025 CHURCH OFFICERS AND MINISTRY LEADERS  
 FEBRUARY 9TH ~ EUNICE CIRCLE - NOON, #114  
 FEBRUARY 9TH ~ PRISCILLA/SOJOURNER TRUTH CIRCLE, NOON, #212B  
 FEBRUARY 11TH ~ MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM - 11:00 A.M., #206  
 FEBRUARY 11TH ~ VOTE  
**FEBRUARY 14TH ~ HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**  
 FEBRUARY 16TH ~ YOUTH SUNDAY/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY  
 FEBRUARY 16TH ~ AB GIRLS FELLOWSHIP - NOON, #212B  
 FEBRUARY 16TH ~ 83RD ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE - NOON, #208  
 FEBRUARY 16TH ~ NCNW SEATTLE SECTION - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR  
 FEBRUARY 17TH ~ PRESIDENTS' DAY  
 FEBRUARY 19TH ~ DAY OF REMEMBRANCE  
 FEBRUARY 21ST ~ GOD'S GROCERIES - NOON, NORTH PARKING LOT  
 FEBRUARY 22ND ~ WOMEN'S MINISTRY WORKSHOPS/BREAKFAST - 9:00 A.M.  
 FEBRUARY 23RD ~ DIACONATE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
 FEBRUARY 23RD ~ ARTS MINISTRY'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH DISPLAY  
 FEBRUARY 27TH ~ SERVICE FOR MRS. ALBERTA HOWARD - 10:00 A.M.



## 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.  
 FEBRUARY 16TH ~ UNITY SUNDAY SERVICE AT 5:00 P.M.

## VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 5TH, 12TH, 19TH AND 26TH AT 7:00 P.M.  
 BIBLICAL ETHICS: *WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE?*  
 REV. DR. JULIE L. VAUGHN, INSTRUCTOR

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
**2025 CHURCH OFFICERS AND MINISTRY LEADERS**

**JANUARY 1TH ELECTION RESULTS: The following persons were elected by the congregation:**

**2025 ELECTED OFFICERS:**

|                                              |                        |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Church Clerk</b>                          | Rhonda Staton          |
| <b>Christian Ed – Leadership Development</b> | Colleen Robinson Walls |
| <b>Finance Ministry</b>                      | Charles Cohen          |
| <b>Missions &amp; Evangelism</b>             | Emma Cotton            |
|                                              | Elma Horton            |
|                                              | Janet Jones Preston    |
|                                              | Mattie Taplin          |
| <b>Trustee Board</b>                         | Joel C. Hobbs, II      |
|                                              | Lisa Kelsie Carter     |
|                                              | Yolanda Randall        |
|                                              | Chelsea Riddick-Most   |

**The following write-in candidates have been interviewed and vetted:**

**2025 WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assistant Church Clerk</b>      | Winona Hollins-Hauge |
|                                    | Kimberly Garrett     |
| <b>Financial Secretary</b>         | Eloise Waters        |
| <b>Christian Education – Youth</b> | Catherine Acox       |
| <b>Building Ministry</b>           | Samuel Cameron       |
|                                    | Clifford Marshall    |

The installation of 2025 Church Officers and Ministry Leaders will be held during the Worship Service on **Sunday, February 9, 2025.**

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 Representative and Nominating Committee Chairperson***



**Mount Zion Rejoice!**  
**Sister DeCarla E. Williams**  
**and Brother Kyle Leeyaw**  
**were baptized on**  
**January 26, 2025.**

# Baptisms



**Rev. Dr. Julie L. Vaughn**  
was assisted by  
**Deacon Ricky Cotton**  
during the  
Ordinance of Baptism  
Photos by Phillip Miller

## 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

**God's Groceries** are distributed from **Noon to 2:00 p.m. every THIRD FRIDAY. Join us on February 21st** in the North parking lot for **FREE** food. Contact **Phillip Miller** for more information.



Save

**ARTS MINISTRY OF MOUNT ZION**

# Sharing Our Gifts

To celebrate Black History Month, we will host an exhibit with displays of our church artists on February 23rd following church in the foyer.

Share a 2-3 sentence artist bio and examples of your work/art. (Include a photo and or object, to illustrate your work) Please bring ready to display.

See you there!

**FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
**THE ARTS MINISTRY** will feature Mount Zion members *in the Visual, Performing, Literary and Culinary Arts on February 23rd through displays.*  
 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT, CONTACT PATRICIA BRUCE, DEBRA HARRIS-BRANHAM OR MALVER HAYNES.  
 Flyer by Samira Shirazy

**CONTACT PATIENCE MIZERO, IT MINISTRY**

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Some of the many guests attending the Community Welcome Reception held at Mount Zion for Seattle Police Chief Shon Barnes



# Mt Zion, Women's Market Place

MUSIC | FOOD | ART | SHOPPING

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

11:00 A. M. – 4:00 P. M.

Mount Zion Baptist Church  
1634 Rev. Dr. S. McKinney  
Avenue  
(19th and Madison)

Vendor Applications: Mount Zion  
Information Center (Church Lobby)  
online at [mountzion.net](http://mountzion.net), via e-mail at  
[gsmcdade@msn.com](mailto:gsmcdade@msn.com)

**FOR INFORMATION**

CALL GEORGIA S. MCDADE  
206 696 4354

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# MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

*Women's Ministry 83rd Anniversary*

## UNLOCKING *Your Potential*

You are invited to share in the Mount Zion Baptist Church Women's Ministry 83rd Anniversary Celebration, **"Unlocking Your Potential."**  
Ephesians 2:10 and Philippians 4:13

### *Prayer Breakfast*

January 25, 2025 9:00 AM

Enjoy a morning of prayer and breakfast, featuring Rev. Dr. Kathryn Jones Grier of First A.M.E.

### *Workshops*

February 22, 2025 9:00 AM

Unlock your potential at a series of workshops designed to enrich and empower your Christian walk.

### *Marketplace*

March 1, 2025 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Shop to your heart's content! Discover a wide range of clothing, books, food, entertainment, art, fun and so much more!

### *Intergenerational Prayer Service*

March 20, 2025 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Bring your family and friends for a prayerful evening that encompasses praise and prayer for every generation.

### *Worship Service*

March 23, 2025 10:00 AM

Rev. Dr. Gail L. Rice, an anointed preacher, pastor, and psalmist will bring an inspiring message. She serves as Associate Pastor of Ministry Development at Freedom Baptist Church, Hillside, Illinois.

### *Reception*

March 23, 2025 (after service)

Join us for fellowship and refreshments.

Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, Women's Ministry President  
Sister Colleen Robinson Walls and Sister Rhonda Staton,  
Celebration Co-Chairs

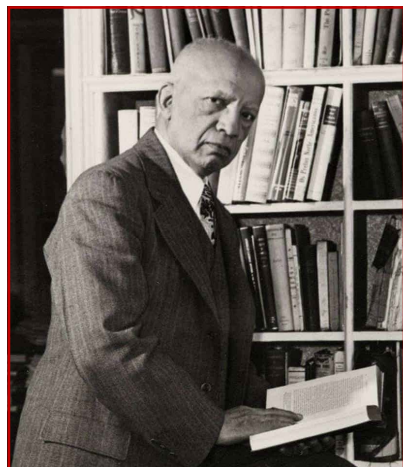
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1634 Rev. Dr. S. McKinney Avenue (19th and E. Madison St.)  
Seattle, WA 98122



# THE HISTORY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## BLACK HISTORY WEEK/MONTH

**The story of Black History Month begins in Chicago during the late summer of 1915.**



An alumnus of the University of Chicago with many friends in the city, **Dr. Carter G. Woodson** traveled from Washington, D.C. to participate in a national 50th anniversary celebration of the emancipation sponsored by the State of Illinois. Awarded a doctorate in Harvard three years earlier, Woodson joined the other exhibitors with a Black history display.

Despite being held at the Coliseum, the site of the 1912 Republican convention, an overflow crowd of six to twelve thousand waited outside for their turn to view the exhibits. Inspired by the three-week celebration, Woodson decided to form an organization to promote the scientific study of Black life and history before leaving town.

On September 9th, Dr. Woodson met at the Wabash YMCA with **A. L. Jackson** and three others and formed the **Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH)**. He hoped that others would popularize the findings that he and other Black intellectuals would publish in *The Journal of Negro History*, which he established in 1916. As early as 1920, Woodson urged Black civic organizations to promote the achievements that researchers were uncovering. A graduate member of Omega Psi Phi, he urged his fraternity brothers to take up the work. In 1924, they responded with the creation of **Negro History and Literature Week**, which they renamed **Negro Achievement Week**.

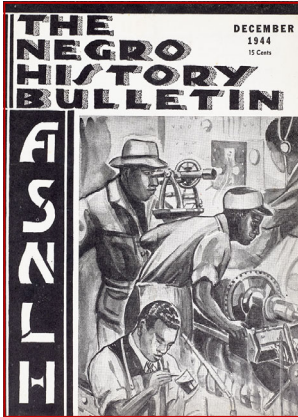
Their outreach was significant, but Woodson desired greater impact. As he told an audience of Hampton Institute students, ***“We are going back to that beautiful history and it is going to inspire us to greater achievements.”*** He decided that the Association had to shoulder the responsibility. Going forward it would both create and popularize knowledge about the Black past. He sent out a press release announcing **NEGRO HISTORY WEEK IN FEBRUARY, 1926**.

Woodson chose February for reasons of tradition and reform. It is commonly said that Woodson selected February to encompass the birthdays of two great Americans who played a prominent role in shaping Black history, namely **Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, whose birthdays are the 12th and the 14th, respectively.**

Yet Woodson was up to something more than building on tradition. Without saying so, he aimed to reform it from the study of two great men to a great race. Though he admired both men, Woodson had never been fond of the celebrations held in their honor. **Woodson believed that history was made by the people**, not simply or primarily by great men. He envisioned the study and celebration of the Negro as a race, not simply as the producers of a great man

From the beginning, Woodson was overwhelmed by the response to his call. Negro History Week appeared across the country in schools and before the public. The 1920s was the decade of the New Negro, a name given to the Post-War I generation because of its rising racial pride and consciousness. Urbanization and industrialization had brought over a million African Americans from the rural South into big cities of the nation. The expanding Black middle class became participants in and consumers of Black literature and culture. Black history clubs sprang up, teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils, and progressive whites stepped and endorsed the efforts.

## DR. CARTER G. WOODSON: FATHER OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH



In 1937, at the urging of **Mary McLeod Bethune**, Woodson established the **Negro History Bulletin**, which focused on the annual theme. As the US Black populations grew, mayors issued Negro History Week proclamations, and in cities like Syracuse progressive whites joined Negro History Week with the National Brotherhood Week.

Well before his death in 1950, Woodson believed that the weekly celebrations—not the study or celebration of Black history--would eventually come to an end. In fact, **Woodson never viewed Black history as a one-week affair. He pressed for schools to use Negro History Week to demonstrate what students learned all year.** In the same vein, he established a Black studies extension program to reach adults throughout the year. It was in this sense that Blacks would learn of their past on a daily basis that he looked forward to the time when an annual celebration would no longer be necessary. Generations before other advocates of all-year commemorations, Woodson believed that Black history was too important to America and the world to be crammed into a limited time frame. He spoke of a shift from **Negro History Week to Negro History Year.**

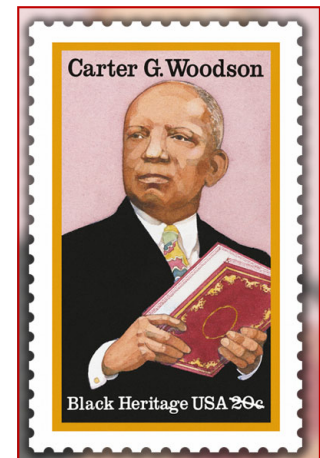
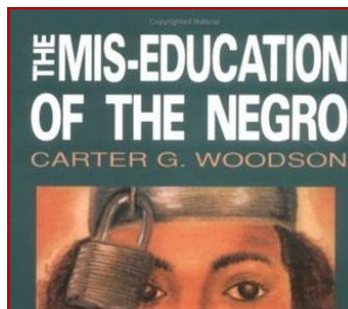
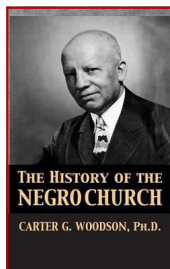
In the 1940s, efforts began slowly within the Black community to expand the study of Black history in the schools and Black history celebrations before the public. In the South, Black teachers taught Negro History as a supplement to U.S. history.

The 1960s had a dramatic effect on the study and celebration of Black history. Before the decade was over, Negro History Week would be well on its way to becoming Black History Month. By the late 1960s, as young Blacks on college campuses became increasingly conscious of links with Africa, Black History Month replaced Negro History Week at a quickening pace. Within the Association, younger intellectuals, part of the awakening, prodded Woodson's organization to change with the times. They succeeded. **In 1976, fifty years after the first celebration, the Association used its influence to institutionalize the shifts from a week to a month and from Negro history to Black history.**

What Carter G. Woodson would say about the continued celebrations is unknown, but he would smile on all of the honest efforts to make Black history a field of serious study and provide the public with thoughtful celebrations.

Excerpts from an essay written by Howard University Professor Daryl Michael Scott for ASALH at [www.asalh.org](http://www.asalh.org)

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*Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.*

~ Dr. Carter Goodwin Woodson



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**The 2025 Black History Month theme, African Americans and Labor**, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. Indeed, work is at the very center of much of Black history and culture. Be it the traditional agricultural labor of enslaved Africans that fed Low Country colonies, debates among Black educators on the importance of vocational training, self-help strategies and entrepreneurship in Black communities, or organized labor’s role in fighting both economic and social injustice, Black people’s work has been transformational throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora.

The 2025 Black History Month theme, “African Americans and Labor,” sets out to highlight and celebrate the potent impact of this work.

Considering Black people’s work through the widest perspectives provides versatile and insightful platforms for examining Black life and culture through time and space. In this instance, the notion of work constitutes compensated labor in factories, the military, government agencies, office buildings, public service, and private homes. But it also includes the community building of social justice activists, voluntary workers serving others, and institution building in churches, community groups, and social clubs and organizations. In each of these instances, the work Black people do and have done have been instrumental in shaping the lives, cultures, and histories of Black people and the societies in which they live. Understanding Black labor and its impact in all these multivariate settings is integral to understanding Black people and their histories, lives, and cultures.

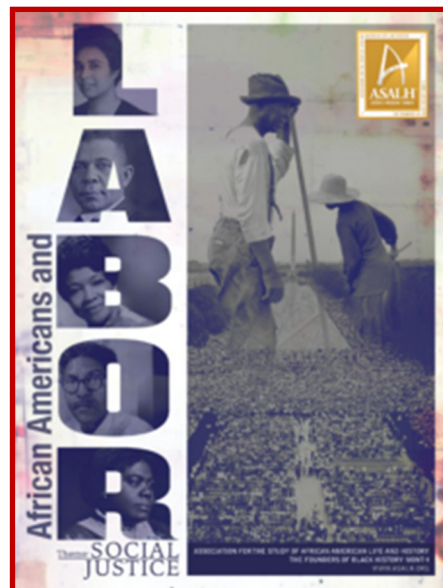
Africans were brought to the Americas to be enslaved for their knowledge and serve as a workforce, which was super exploited by several European countries and then by the United States government. During enslavement, Black people labored for others, although some Black people were quasi-free and labored for themselves, but operated within a country that did not value Black life. After fighting for their freedom in the Civil War and in the country’s transition from an agricultural based economy to an industrial one, African Americans became sharecroppers, farm laborers, landowners, and then wage earners. Additionally, African Americans’ contributions to the built landscape can be found in every part of the nation as they constructed and designed some of the most iconic examples of architectural heritage in the country, specifically in the South.

Over the years to combat the super exploitation of Black labor, wage discrepancies, and employment discrimination based on race, sex, and gender, Black professionals (teachers, nurses, musicians, and lawyers, etc.) occupations (steel workers, washerwomen, dock workers, sex workers, sports, arts and sciences, etc.) organized for better working conditions and compensation. Black women such as Addie Wyatt also joined ranks of union work and leadership to advocate for job security, reproductive rights, and wage increases.



**2025 marks the 100-year anniversary of the creation of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Maids** by labor organizer and civil rights activist A. Philip Randolph, which was the first Black union to receive a charter in the American Federation of Labor. Martin Luther King, Jr incorporated issues outlined by Randolph's March on Washington Movement such as economic justice into the Poor People's Campaign, which he established in 1967. For King, it was a priority for Black people to be considered full citizens.

**"African Americans and Labor,"** intends to encourage broad reflections on intersections between Black people's work and their workplaces in all their iterations and key moments, themes, and events in Black history and culture across time and space and throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora. Like religion, social justice movements, and education, studying African Americans' labor and labor struggles are important organizing foci for new interpretations and reinterpretations of the Black past, present, and future. Such new considerations and reconsiderations are even more significant as the historical forces of racial oppression gather new and renewed strength in the 21st century.



## THE HISTORY AND ARCHIVES MINISTRY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

By Rev. Dr. Phyllis R. Beaumonte, Chairperson

The importance of preserving and maintaining church history and all of its elements is often not taken as seriously as it should be. When this happens church history is often exploited and used without authorization. To make sure this does not continue to happen the History and Archives Ministry will meet monthly beginning in January for the purpose of establishing policies that will prevent those things from happening.

Mount Zion Baptist Church was organized in 1890, 134 years ago. From its beginning it has been a story of faith and Christian witness. Landmarked by the City of Seattle and known throughout the State of Washington and the nation for its civil rights advocacy, its historical collection is vast and sought after.

Because many of our members have passed away, we are inviting members of the church to volunteer and share their god given gifts and talents to assist us in fulfilling our mission and meeting our goals – all for the honor and glory of God. The meeting time will begin in February but has not been established yet. However, that information will be announced during a Sunday worship service and printed in the messenger.

Please contact Dr. Beaumonte for volunteer info. and answers to your questions.

Samuel Cameron, Kevin Gatling, Melvin Johnson, and Karen Barnett Jones

*In faith and peace,*  
**Rev. Dr. Phyllis R. Beaumonte, Chairperson**




# Team Issachar



We sincerely appreciate everyone who was able to join **Team Issachar** last month and help us honor and encourage our young men, ages 9 to 18, at our **2025 Rites of Passage Ceremony**. The centerpiece of our celebration is the Rite of Passage Ceremonial Circle where parents, mentors and community members form a circle of protection and support for our young men who are gathered in the center. **Leonard Elion and Anthony Benjamin, TI Coordinators**



The **AB GIRLS** ended 2024 with an ice skating party at the Kraken Community Iceplex. Those enjoying this event included Samara Allen, Josaphina Buckley, Ezari Chandler, Samira Shirazy and Sumaiya Shirazy, with Yvonne Chandler, Twana Manning Jamekia Nelson and Deacon Maxine Jenkins, adult leaders.


  
 Northern Puget Sound District Association  
**BLACK HERITAGE Tea**  
 Our 66th Black Heritage Tea returns. Join us in this statewide celebration of our heritage, stewardship of our youth and take part in the nurturing of our health with free health screenings and health education.  
 African attire encouraged but not required.

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 3 PM**  
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 NPBC President  
**REV. ROBERT L. MANAWAY, SR.**

**Pastor George Davenport**  
 Peoples Institutional Baptist Church  
 159 24th Avenue  
 Seattle, WA 98122  
**February 15, 2025**  
**8:00am - 12:30pm**


 To ensure there is adequate meeting space and food available please register by 5pm on February 12, 2025  
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# 101+ AFRICAN AMERICAN FIRSTS

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This list provides the names of the first African Americans in a variety of areas of achievement in government, law, diplomacy, the military, science, medicine, sports, literature and other fields.

### African-American Firsts: Government

- Officeholder in colonial America: [Matthias de Souza](#), 1641  
State elected official: [Alexander Lucius Twilight](#), 1836.  
Municipal elected official: [John Mercer Langston](#), 1855.  
County sheriff: [Walter Burton](#), 1869.  
State Supreme Court Justice: [Jonathan Jasper Wright](#), 1870.  
City mayor: [Robert Wood](#), 1870.  
U.S. Representative: [Joseph Rainey](#), 1870.  
U.S. Senator (appointed): [Hiram Revels](#), 1870.  
Governor (appointed): [P.B.S. Pinchback](#), 1872.  
Person to run for the presidency: [George Edwin Taylor](#), 1904.  
Woman legislator: [Crystal Bird Fauset](#), 1938.  
U.S. Senator (elected) [Edward Brooke](#), 1966.  
U.S. cabinet member: [Robert C. Weaver](#), 1966.  
Mayor of major city: [Carl Stokes](#), 1967.  
Woman U.S. Representative: [Shirley Chisholm](#), 1969.  
Woman cabinet officer: [Patricia Harris](#), 1977.  
Governor (elected): [L. Douglas Wilder](#), 1989.  
Woman mayor of a major U.S. city: [Sharon Pratt Dixon Kelly](#), 1991.  
Woman U.S. Senator: [Carol Mosely Braun](#), 1992.  
U.S. Secretary of State: [Colin Powell](#), 2001.  
Woman Secretary of State: [Condoleezza Rice](#), 2005.  
Major party nominee for President: [Sen. Barack Obama](#), 2008.  
\*U.S. PRESIDENT: [BARACK H. OBAMA](#), 2009 - 2017  
\*U.S. VICE-PRESIDENT: [KAMALA D. HARRIS](#), 2021  
US Georgia Senator: [Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock](#), 2021



### African-American Firsts: Law

- Admitted to the Bar: [Macon B. Allen](#), 1845.  
Woman admitted to the bar: [Charlotte Ray](#), 1872.  
Elected municipal judge: [Mifflin W. Gibbs](#), 1873  
Editor, Harvard Law Review: [Charles Hamilton Houston](#), 1919.  
Federal Judge: [William Henry Hastie](#), 1946.  
Woman federal judge: [Constance Baker Motley](#), 1966.  
U.S. Supreme Court Justice: [Thurgood Marshall](#), 1967.  
President of the American Bar Association: [Dennis Archer](#), 2002.

### [Ketanji Onyika Brown Jackson](#)

### African-American Firsts: Diplomacy

- U.S. ambassador: [Ebenezer D. Bassett](#), 1869.  
Nobel Peace Prize winner: [Ralph J. Bunche](#), 1950.  
Woman U.S. ambassador: [Patricia Harris](#), 1965.  
U.S. Representative to the UN: [Andrew Young](#), 1977.

### African-American Firsts: Military

- U.S. Army unit where Black men comprised more than half of its troops: [1st R. I. Regiment](#), 1778.  
Commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy: [Robert Smalls](#), 1863.  
Commissioned U.S. officer above the rank of Captain: Major [Martin R. Delany](#), 1865.  
West Point graduate: [Henry O. Flipper](#), 1877.  
Graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy: [Wesley A. Brown](#), 1949.  
Congressional Medal of Honor winner: [Sgt. William H. Carney](#), 1900.  
Combat pilot: [Eugene Jacques Bullard](#), 1917.  
General: [Benjamin O. Davis, Sr.](#), 1940.  
Woman general: [Hazel W. Johnson](#), 1979.  
Woman to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy: [Janie L. Mines](#), 1980.  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff: [Colin Powell](#), 1989–1993.  
Woman Rear Admiral in the United States Navy: [Lillian Fishburne](#), 1998.  
US Secretary, Department of Defense: [General Lloyd Austin III](#), 2021



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## African-American Firsts: Science and Medicine

Patent holder: Thomas L. Jennings, 1821.  
Hospital dedicated to black patient care: The Georgia Infirmary, 1832.  
M.D. degree: James McCune Smith, 1837.  
M.D. degree from a U.S. Medical School: David Jones Peck, 1847.  
Woman to receive an M.D. degree: Rebecca Lee Crumpler, 1864.  
Woman patent holder: Judy Reed, 1884.  
Black-owned hospital: Provident Hospital founded by Daniel Hale Williams, 1891.  
Heart surgery pioneer: Daniel Hale Williams, 1893.  
Developer of the blood bank: Dr. Charles Drew, 1940.  
Member of the National Academy of Sciences: David Harold Blackwell, 1965.  
Astronaut: Robert H. Lawrence, Jr., 1967.  
Implantation of heart defibrillator: Levi Watkins, Jr., 1980.  
Astronaut to travel in space: Guion Bluford, 1983.  
Head of the National Science Foundation: Walter E. Massey, 1990.  
Woman astronaut: Mae Jemison, 1992.  
President of the American Medical Association: Lonnie Bristow, 1995  
Space Shuttle Commander: Frederick D. Gregory, 1998.

## African-American Firsts: Scholarship

College graduate (B.A.): Alexander Lucius Twilight, 1823.  
Graduate of an Ivy League School: Theodore Sedgewick Wright, 1828  
College professor: Charles Lewis Reason, 1849.  
Woman to graduate from a college, Lucy Stanton, 1850.  
College president: Daniel A. Payne, 1856.  
Non-white public high school: Paul Lawrence Dunbar High, 1870.  
Ph.D.: Edward A. Bouchet, 1876. .  
Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, George Washington Henderson, 1877.  
Rhodes scholar: Alain L. Locke, 1907.  
Women Ph.D's: Georgiana Simpson, Sadie Tanner Mossell and Eva Beatrice Dykes, 1921.  
Ivy League University president: Ruth Simmons, 2001.

## African-American Firsts: Art and Literature

Poet: Lucy Terry, 1746.  
Published autobiography: Briton Hammon, 1760.  
Poet (published): Phillis Wheatley, 1773.  
Recognized artist: Joshua Johnston, 1790, portraiture.  
Woman's autobiography: Jarena Lee, 1831.  
Male Novelist: William Wells Brown, 1853.  
Woman novelist, Harriett Wilson, 1859.  
Pulitzer prize winner: Gwendolyn Brooks, 1950.  
Pulitzer prize winner in Drama: Charles Gordone, 1970.  
Poet Laureate: Robert Hayden, 1976.  
Nobel Prize for Literature winner: Toni Morrison, 1993.  
Woman Poet Laureate: Rita Dove, 1993.  
Youngest Inaugural Poet/1st National Youth Poet Laureate: Amanda Gorman, 2021



## African-American Firsts: Music and Dance

Published musical composition: Francis Johnson, 1817.  
Theatrical company: The African Company, 1821.  
Nationally recognized dance performer: William Henry Lane (Master Juba), 1845.  
Member of the New York City Opera: Todd Duncan, 1945.  
Member of the Metropolitan Opera Company: Marian Anderson, 1955.  
Male Grammy Award winner: Count Basie, 1958.  
Woman Grammy Award winner: Ella Fitzgerald, 1958.  
Principal dancer in a major dance company: Arthur Mitchell, 1959, New York City Ballet.

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## African-American Firsts: Film

First African American film company: Lincoln Motion Picture Company, 1916.  
Film director: Oscar Micheaux, 1919.  
First Oscar winner: Hattie McDaniel, 1940.  
First Honorary Oscar: James Baskett, 1948.  
Oscar, Best Actor: Sidney Poitier 1963.  
Director for a major Hollywood studio: Gordon Parks, 1969.  
Woman director for a major Hollywood Studio: Julie Dash, 1991.  
Oscar, Best Actress: Halle Berry, 2001.

## African-American Firsts: Radio and Television

Black-owned radio station: WERD, purchased by Jesse B. Blayton, Sr., 1949.  
Network television show host: Nat King Cole, 1956.  
Star of a network television show: Bill Cosby, 1965.  
Black-owned television station: WGPR-TV, 1975  
First Evening New Anchor: Max Robinson, 1978.  
Woman television show host: Oprah Winfrey, 1986.

## African-American Firsts: Sports

Jockey to win the Kentucky Derby: Oliver Lewis, 1875.  
World cycling champion: Marshall W. "Major" Taylor, 1899.  
Olympic medalist (Summer games): George Poage, 1904.  
Olympic gold medalist (Summer games): John Baxter "Doc" Taylor, 1908.  
World Heavyweight boxing champion: Jack Johnson, 1908.  
NFL football coach: Fritz Pollard, 1922–1937.  
Olympic gold medalist (Summer games; individual): DeHart Hubbard, 1924.  
Major league baseball player: Jackie Robinson, 1947.  
Woman gold medalist (Summer games; individual): Alice Coachman, 1948.  
NFL quarterback: Willie Thrower, 1953.  
Wimbledon tennis champion: Althea Gibson, 1957.  
NHL hockey player: Willie O'Ree, 1958, Boston Bruins.  
NASCAR stock car driver to win a major race: Wendell Oliver Scott, 1963.  
Male tennis champion: Arthur Ashe, 1968.  
Olympic medalist (Winter games): Debi Thomas, 1988.  
Golf champion: Tiger Woods, 1997.  
Chess Grandmaster: Maurice Ashley, 1999  
Olympic gold medalist (Winter games): Vonetta Flowers, 2002.  
Olympic gold medalist (Winter games; individual): Shani Davis, 2006.  
Starting Super Bowl quarterbacks: Patrick Mahones and Jalen Hurts, 2023



## African-American Firsts: Religion

Baptist Church: David George and the Silver Bluff Baptist Church, 1773.  
African Episcopal (AME) Church: Mother Bethel AME Church, 1794.  
Church-Sponsored African American College: Wilberforce University, 1856.  
Episcopal Church Bishop: James Theodore Holly, 1879  
Pentecostal Faith Revival: William J. Seymour and the Azusa Street Revival, 1906.  
National Black Catholic Fraternal Order: Knights of St. Peter Claver, 1909.  
Woman Bishop in the Episcopal (Anglican) Church: Barbara Harris, 1989.  
Woman Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church: Vashti Murphy McKenzie, 2000.

## African-American Firsts: Business and Labor

Landowners: Anthony and Mary Johnson, 1640.  
Black-owned insurance company: The African Insurance Company, 1810.  
Black Labor Union: American League of Colored Laborers, 1850.  
Black-owned Bank: True Reformers Bank, 1889.  
Black-owned resort: Highland Beach, Maryland, 1893.  
Automobile manufacturing company: C.R. Patterson & Sons, 1915.  
Record Company: Black Swan Records, 1921.  
Black-owned Youth Camp: Camp Atwater, 1921.  
Billionaire: Robert Johnson, 2001, owner of Black Entertainment Television.

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## African-American Firsts: Newspapers and Other Print Media

Newspaper: Freedom's Journal, 1827.

Daily newspaper: New Orleans Tribune, 1864.

Mass Circulation Magazine: Ebony, 1945

Millionaire: Robert Abbott, founder of the *Chicago Defender* in 1905.

Black-owned metropolitan newspaper: Robert Maynard and the *Oakland Tribune*, 1983

## Other African-American Firsts

Explorer, North Pole: Matthew Henson, 1909.

Licensed Pilot: Bessie Coleman, 1921.

Explorer, South Pole: George Gibbs, 1939–1941. .

Pilot for commercial airline: Perry Young, Jr., 1957.

Flight Attendant: Ruth Carol Taylor, 1958.

Woman commercial airline pilot: Jill Elaine Brown, 1978.

Miss America: Vanessa Williams, 1984.

Sail solo around the world: William Pinkney, 1990-1992

Miss USA: Carole Ann-Marie Gist, 1990.

Flight around the world: Barrington Irving, 2007

The College Board added **African American Studies** to AP curriculum for h.s. students 2023

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*Thank You, Dr. Taylor!*

## 2024 AFRICAN AMERICAN FIRST



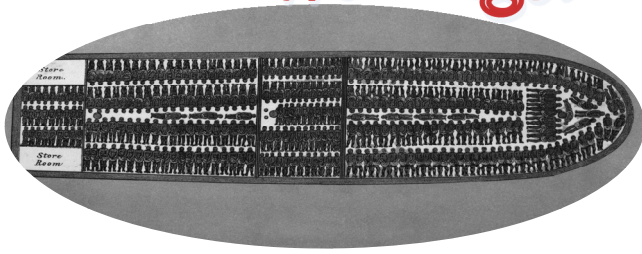
As the first female U.S. Vice President, **KAMALA DEVI HARRIS** became the highest-ranking female official in U.S. history.

She became the **official nominee of the Democratic Party** on August 5, 2024 after President Joe Biden announced he would not seek re-election. In a short span of three months, Vice-President Harris received 75,019, 257 votes which represented **48.4%** of the popular vote compared to her Republican opponent's 77, 303, 573 votes representing **49.9%** of the 2024 popular votes.

Beyonce's **FREEDOM** was her theme song

**HARRIS  
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# Lest We Forget

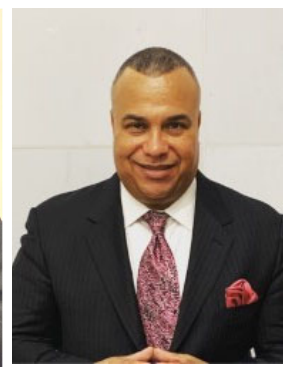
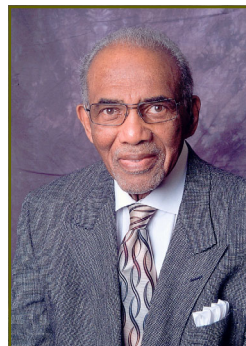
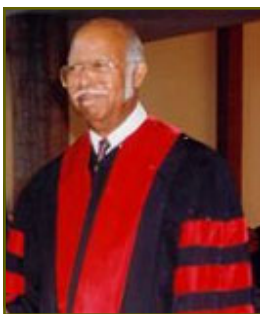
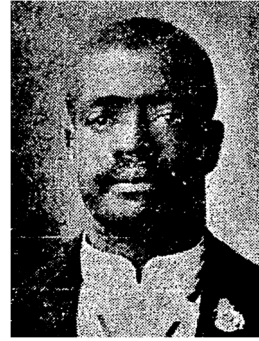


**Mount Zion Baptist Church**

## CARR NOTES

### BLACK HISTORY QUIZ

Can you name these  
Mount Zion Pastors,  
Assistant Pastors  
and  
Interim Pastors?  
1901 - Present





## **BLACK HISTORY LITANY #57**

Oh God, you have heard the anguished cries of our ancestors. Their sounds echo and penetrate time to remind us of our foreparents who were brutally captured and forcibly enslaved, as they left the peaceful womb of their African homeland.

**“Stony the road we trod.”**

Oh God, you have seen the millions of dark bodies buried beneath the tumultuous waves of the deep. Bodies of African men and women who held the seeds of greatness. You have seen women’s dreams for a united family vanish as they were sold at auction blocks. You have seen the legacy of the African American family decimated and demeaned by those who have attempted to control our destiny.

**“Bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died.”**

Oh God, you have ignited the sparks within us into a blazing demand for freedom, equality and justice. This quest cost Harriet Tubman sleepless nights, as she led her people to freedom; it was an equality that Rosa Parks and civil rights activists fought for and gave their lives for; it was a justice that Martin Luther King, Jr. stood for, as thousands stood with him at the Lincoln Memorial.

**“Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, come to the place for which our fathers sighed?”**

Oh God, you have seen our tears. You have been pained by the evil of human hearts. Yet, you loved humanity enough that you sent your only Son to identify with the outcast, marginalized and rejected. As the cries of Jesus pierced your heart, so have the cries of your people—cries from different cultures and in different languages.

**“God of our weary years, God of our silent tears.”**

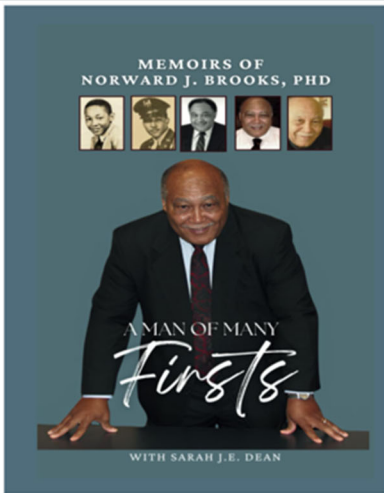
O God, you answered us during our exodus from Africa. You wiped every teardrop during our exile in captivity. Our foreparents dared to dream that one day, on these shores, we would become politicians, preachers, educators, doctors, writers, scientists, artists, and so much more.

**“Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.”**

Our ancestors’ hard work, their courage, their convictions, and their belief in you paved the way for our emancipation and education. But it is clear, you have liberated us. You have set us free. “Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I’m free at last!”

**“Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee. Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand. True to our God and true to our native land.”**

# Community News




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 WITH SARAH J.E. DEAN

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