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And behold **A**  
**VOICE**  
out of the cloud, which said,  
**THIS IS MY**  
**BELOVED SON,**  
in whom I am well pleased;  
hear ye him.

MATTHEW 17:5, KJV

## 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

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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

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

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**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).

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**15TH OF EACH MONTH.**

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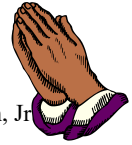
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## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



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*Praying for Healing and Recovery*



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May 30, 1940 - February 4, 2025

### With Sympathy

Our condolences, prayers, love and support are extended to the family and friends of

**Mrs. Eva Mae Wilson** (TX), cousin of Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn;

**Mr. Joseph (Maury) Bailey, III**, brother of JoEtta Bailey;

**Ms. Jessica "Jai" Howard**, sister of Grace Oatis;

**Mr. Ernest Sharif** (PA), brother of Yvonne DeArmitt;

**Mrs. Joyce V. Coleman** (MD), wife of Robert Coleman and mother of Carolyn Coleman, Marilyn Tolliver and Barbara Coston;

**Mr. George Ward**; service March 11<sup>th</sup> at Mount Zion at 11:00 a.m.

**Ms. Mizani James-McDaniel**, granddaughter of Sadikifu Akina-James; service at Mount Zion on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**Dr. Maxine B. Mimms**; service March 8<sup>th</sup> at Evergreen College at 11:00 a.m.






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**HONORING OUR NONAGENARIAN**

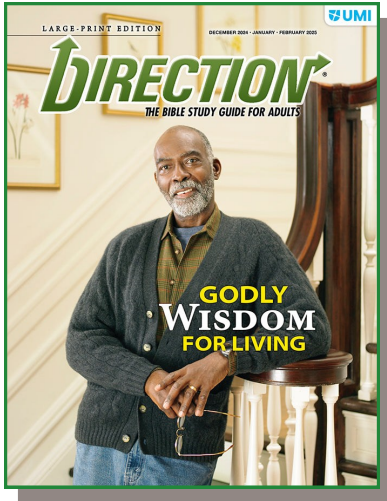
***A VERY SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our NONAGENARIAN***

***MRS. EVELYN M. PETERSON***



It is fitting that *Mrs. Evelyn Peterson* celebrates her **98th** birthday on March 16th during Women’s History Month. She is a life member and past Historian of the Seattle Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. She has been a faithful and supportive member of Mount Zion for many years.

# MARCH 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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**March 2, 2025 ~ Rejoice Anyway Habakkuk**

**Habakkuk 2:1-5,3:17-19**

Some people *experience* so many difficulties in life that they lose all hope for the future. Job and Habakkuk both affirmed that—no matter what calamities might come their way—they would trust God, rejoice in His presence in their lives, and praise Him for strength to carry on.

**March 9, 2025 ~ Zephaniah Announces God's Justice**

**Zephaniah 3:1-5,8-9**

Israel's leaders have turned away from God. The officials, the rulers, the prophets, and the priests have been arrogant and treacherous. They have profaned God's sanctuary and done violence to His Law. But the day will come when God will judge all the nations. Israel's God will be acknowledged by the nations, and God's people will be held in honor by them.

**March 16, 2025 ~ The Temple Rebuilt**

**Haggai 1:1-4,7-10,12-15**

The prophet Haggai reminded the Israelites of their first priority: to keep their covenant with God and rebuild the temple in Jerusalem.

**March 23, 2025 ~ Zechariah Calls for a Return to God**

**Zechariah 1:1-6; 7:8-14**

Zechariah invites the people to return to God with the sure promise that God will return to them. Zechariah says that when we return to the *Lord*, *wholeness* and *happiness* becomes available to us as well.



**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, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th at 7:00 p.m.  
Biblical Ethics: Stewardship: What Does The Lord Require?  
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte, 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 ~ MARCH 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

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

Sister Elma Horton, Coordinator 206.325.6941



# MARCH WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CHURCH CALENDAR

March 2025

## WEEKLY IN-PERSON

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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 THURSDAY



## IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MARCH 1ST ~ WOMEN'S MINISTRY MARKETPLACE AND ARTS FAIR - 11:00 A.M., F. HALL

MARCH 1ST, 15TH, 22, AND 29TH ~ SCHOOL OF USHERING

MARCH 2ND ~ HOLY COMMUNION/TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

ULMS BLACK HOME INITIATIVE LUNCH AND PANEL PRESENTATION

MARCH 5TH ~ ASH WEDNESDAY/SEASON OF LENT

MARCH 7TH ~ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - *I MADE YOU WONDERFUL*

MARCH 8TH ~ YOUTH USHERS - 10:00 A.M.

MARCH 8TH ~ SERVICE FOR MS. MIZANI JAMES-MCDANIEL - 11:00 A.M.

MARCH 11TH ~ SERVICE FOR MR. GEORGE WARD - 11:00 A.M.

MARCH 8TH ~ HARRIET TUBMAN CIRCLE - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR

MARCH 9TH ~ SECOND SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, 10:00 A.M.

MARCH 9TH ~ WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE - NOON, #208

MARCH 9TH ~ PRISCILLA/SOJOURNER TRUTH CIRCLE, NOON, #212B

MARCH 10TH ~ UW GOSPEL CHOIR SPRING CONCERT- 7:30 P.M.

MARCH 11TH ~ SERVICE FOR MR. GEORGE WARD - 11:00 A.M.

MARCH 11TH ~ MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM - 11:00 A.M., #206

MARCH 16TH ~ YOUTH SUNDAY/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

MARCH 16TH ~ AB GIRLS FELLOWSHIP - NOON, #212B

MARCH 16TH ~ 83RD ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE - NOON, #208

MARCH 16TH ~ NCNW SEATTLE SECTION - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR

MARCH 20TH ~ WOMEN'S MINISTRY INTERGENERATIONAL PRAYER SERVICE - 6:00 P.M.

MARCH 21ST ~ GOD'S GROCERIES - NOON, NORTH PARKING LOT

MARCH 15TH ~ SCHOOL OF USHERING

MARCH 23RD ~ WOMEN'S MINISTRY'S 83RD ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE/RECEPTION

## 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.

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

## VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY ~ MARCH 5TH, 12TH, 19TH AND 26TH AT 7:00 P.M.

BIBLICAL ETHICS - *STEWARDSHIP: WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE?*

REV. DR. PHYLLIS R. BEAUMONTE, INSTRUCTOR





# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY ~ MARCH 2nd

The final Sunday following Epiphany, and before Lent, is Transfiguration Sunday. All three of the synoptic gospels tell a story of Peter, James, and John accompanying Jesus to the top of a holy mountain. There, before their eyes, Jesus is transfigured or transformed into a dazzling brightness.

The transfiguration is recorded in each of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17:1-9 ; Mark 9:2-10 ; Luke 9:28-36) and in 2 Peter 1:16-21. The place of this event is "a high mountain" (Matthew 17:1 ; Mark 9:2).



About a week after Jesus plainly told His disciples that He would suffer, be killed, and be raised to life (Luke 9:22), He took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. While praying, His personal appearance was changed into a glorified form, and His clothing became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus about His death that would soon take place. Peter, not knowing what he was saying and being very fearful, offered to put up three shelters for them. This is undoubtedly a reference to the booths that were used to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, when the Israelites dwelt in booths for 7 days (Lev. 23:34–42). Peter was expressing a wish to stay in that place. When a cloud enveloped them, a voice said, "This is My Son, whom I have chosen, whom I love; listen to Him!" The cloud lifted, Moses and Elijah had disappeared, and Jesus was alone with His disciples who were still very much afraid. Jesus warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after His resurrection. The three accounts of this event are found in Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36.

The purpose of the transfiguration of Christ into at least a part of His heavenly glory was so that the "inner circle" of His disciples could gain a greater understanding of who Jesus was. Christ underwent a dramatic change in appearance in order that the disciples could behold Him in His glory. The disciples, who had only known Him in His human body, now had a greater realization of the deity of Christ, though they could not fully comprehend it. That gave them the reassurance they needed after hearing the shocking news of His coming death.

Symbolically, the appearance of Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the Prophets. But God's voice from heaven – "Listen to Him!" - clearly showed that the Law and the Prophets must give way to Jesus. The One who is the new and living way is replacing the old – He is the fulfillment of the Law and the countless prophecies in the Old Testament. Also, in His glorified form they saw a preview of His coming glorification and enthronement as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The disciples never forgot what happened that day on the mountain and no doubt this was intended. John wrote in his gospel, "We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only" (John 1:14). Peter also wrote of it, "We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain" (2 Peter 1:16-18). Those who witnessed the transfiguration bore witness to it to the other disciples and to countless millions down through the centuries.

***The Transfiguration story helps to prepare us to enter Lent.***

"What was the meaning and importance of the Transfiguration?" <https://www.gotquestions.org/transfiguration.html>.

## SEASON OF LENT

Lent  
B E G I N S

**Lent** (Latin: *Quadragesima*, 'Fortieth'- March 5, 2025) is a religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry, during which he endured temptation by Satan.

This season is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, Moravian, Oriental Orthodox, Reformed (including Presbyterian and Congregationalist), United Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches. Some Baptist and nondenominational Christian churches also observe Lent.

Which days are enumerated as being part of Lent differs between denominations, although in all of them Lent is described as lasting for a total duration of 40 days. In Western Churches, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later; depending on the Christian denomination and local custom, Lent concludes either on the evening of Maundy Thursday, or at sundown on Holy Saturday, when the Easter Vigil is celebrated. Sundays may or may not be excluded, depending on the denomination. In Eastern Churches (whether Eastern Orthodox, Eastern Lutheran, or Eastern Catholic), Lent is observed continuously without interruption for 40 days starting on Clean Monday and ending on Lazarus Saturday before Holy Week.

Lent is often viewed as a season of grief that necessarily ends with a great celebration of Easter. Thus, it is known in Eastern Orthodox circles as the season of "bright sadness" (Greek: χαρμολύπη, Romanized: *charmolyphê*).

The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, simple living, and self-denial. In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries in imitation of Jesus Christ's sacrifice during his journey into the desert for 40 days; this is known as one's Lenten sacrifice.

Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional or praying through a Lenten calendar, to draw themselves near to God. Sometimes observed are the Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ's carrying the Cross and crucifixion. Some churches also remove flowers from their altars and veil crucifixes, religious statues that show the triumphant Christ, and other elaborate religious symbols in violet fabrics in solemn observance of the event.

In most denominations, the last week of Lent coincides with Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday. Following the New Testament, Jesus' crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, and at the beginning of the next week the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday, the start of the Easter season, which recalls the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In many of the Christian denominations, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday form the Easter Triduum.

*Lent is the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. In Western churches, it begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025). During Lent, many Christians observe a period of fasting, self-denial, repentance, moderation, and spiritual discipline. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider His suffering and His sacrifice, His life, death, burial ... and triumphant resurrection.*



**ASH WEDNESDAY (MARCH 5, 2025)** is a Christian holy day of prayer and fasting. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent (the six weeks of penitence before Easter). Ash Wednesday is traditionally observed by Western Christians. It is observed by Catholics in the Roman Rite, Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Nazarenes, Moravians, as well as by many from the Reformed tradition.

As it is the first day of Lent, many Christians begin Ash Wednesday by marking a Lenten calendar, praying a Lenten daily devotional, and making a Lenten sacrifice that they will not partake of until the arrival of Eastertide.

Many Christians attend special church services. Ash Wednesday derives its name from the placing of repentance ashes on the foreheads of participants to either the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or the dictum "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The ashes are often prepared by burning palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations.

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is 46 days before Easter Sunday. **Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays)** marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where He fasted and where Satan tempted Him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection. The ashes of this holiday symbolize two main things: death and repentance. Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay (Genesis 2:7), and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash.

Often called the Day of Ashes, Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession. This happens during a special Ash Wednesday service.

"When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy."

With this focus on our own mortality and sinfulness, Christians can enter into the Lent season solemnly, while also looking forward in greater anticipation and joy of the message of Easter and Christ's ultimate victory over sin and death.

In many congregations, the ashes are prepared by burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday, churches bless and hand out palm branches to attendees, a reference to the Gospels' account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when onlookers lay palm branches on his path.

#### **Prayer for Lent:**

***O Lord, Most Holy One, have mercy on us. We confess our sins to you. We have fallen short of your glory and without your mercy and grace, we would be dust. We repent now. Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season. Be near to us. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to feel the right conviction and repentance for our sin. Help us to have the strength to overcome the enemy and draw closer to you. Amen***

# Women's Ministry's 83rd Anniversary Celebration



*"I take absolutely no credit for anything the Lord has done in me, through me, and for me. It is not by my might, nor by my power, but it is only by the Spirit of the Lord!" Rev. Dr. Gail L. Rice*

Rev. Dr. Gail L. Rice, an anointed preacher, pastor, and psalmist is the Speaker for the Women's Ministry's 83rd Anniversary Celebration Worship Service on March 23, 2025. She extensively preaches and teaches at workshops, conferences, retreats, and worship services. And we are honored to welcome her to Mount Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. Rich has often stood in pulpits as the first woman to preach.

Currently, she serves as Associate Pastor of Ministry Development at Freedom Baptist Church, Hillside, IL, where Rev. Dr. Craig Melvin Smith is Senior Pastor. She extensively preaches and teaches at workshops, conferences, retreats, and worship services. We are honored to welcome her to Mount Zion Baptist Church. Her calling is to see lives transformed through the power of God. Her passion is to help people discover the joy, satisfaction, and delight of knowing and loving Jesus and serving others. She is particularly passionate about helping women rise above every obstacle to walk victoriously in their God-given purpose and destiny. She has mentored and birthed destiny in MANY women seeking to overcome addictions of all kinds. Because she is a survivor and overcomer, Rev. Gail walks in FREEDOM and DELIVERANCE! Her life is a testament to God's power to redeem, renew, and restore all things!

She is President of Fresh Fire Ministries and Curator of The PreachHer Collective, a ministry that gathers and equips preaching women to empower and strengthen their authentic preaching voice. Dr. Gail has served in a variety of roles and capacities, including as a mentor to the women of Leslie's Place; Chaplain Intern at the Interfaith House; a founding member of "Out from Under" substance abuse ministry and as a cohort leader in the New Kind of Preacher Women in Ministry cohort, Northern Seminary. She served as a missionary in Ghana, West Africa, and preached at the Garden of Gethsemane while on a pilgrimage to Israel. Dr. Rice has worked with the Cook County Jail and Dwight Prison Ministry. She was also the Director of the National Consortium of Black Women in Ministry. She is on the boards of the Abigail Seven House and WomenPreach!, Inc. and serves on the Board of Trustees of Northern Seminary.

Dr. Gail accepted God's call to ministry at First Baptist Congregational Church on August 21, 2001 and preached her initial sermon on February 8, 2002. She was licensed to preach by the late Rev. Dr. Arthur D. Griffin, Sr., and was ordained as a minister in the Lord's Church on November 9, 2007.

She holds a BA, in Organizational Management, Summa Cum Laude from Concordia University River Forest and a Master of Divinity from Northern Theological Seminary. She successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, *God's Voice Through Her Voice: Empowering Clergywomen's Preaching* at Freedom Baptist Church. She was conferred the Doctor of Ministry degree from Northern Theological Seminary on June 10, 2023.

Dr. Gail is the Senior Director of Professional Development at a healthcare information technology association. She has been an Adjunct Professor of Preaching and Communication at Northern Theological Seminary and was appointed to the Board of Trustees in April 2024.

On May 18, 1996, she married Wendell C. Rice, Sr., the absolute love of her life whom God placed in her life "for such a time as this." Together, they have three children, six grandchildren, and a Shiatzu named Lexi.

A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service. Sisters Emma Cotton and Bonnie Moton, Reception Co-Chairs; Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, Women's Ministry President, Sisters Colleen Walls and Rhonda Staton, Celebration Co-Chairs.



# 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

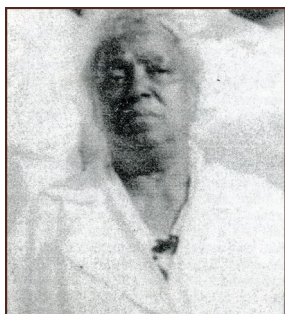
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## OUR FOREMOTHERS: WOMEN OF WISDOM

Since the founding of Mount Zion Baptist Church in 1890, our foremothers have been faithful servants of the Lord and an integral part of this Church. They were prayer warriors, members of the predominantly white congregation at First Baptist Church, who wanted a church for their own community. Many of their names are lost to us; however, some records have listed the following women as founding members of Mount Zion: **Mrs. Birdett, Mrs. Braxton, Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mrs. Robert A. Clark, Mrs. Edmunds, Mrs. Eliza Washington, Mrs. Sheppard and Miss Sallie Freeman**. They were the foundation for our current Women's Ministry.

**Mrs. Martha Payne**, who initiated negotiations in 1904 for the purchase of the property on which Mount Zion's first building was erected, served as the President of the Women's Missionary Society in the early 1900's; **Former First Lady Corine Carter** also held this position in the 1910's; **Mrs. Annie Coleman** (1920's) and **Mrs. Ora Bell Jackson** (1930's)



**Deaconess Clara J. Bonner** served three terms as President of the Women's Baptist Missionary Society, 1920's – 1930's.

She served eight consecutive terms as President of the Women's Convention of the General Baptist Association of Washington and was our representative for the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. She chaired the Deaconess Board from 1942 to 1945, and was awarded **Life-Time Deaconess** status in 1947.

**Deaconess Virgin Mary Christian**

served as President from 1938 to 1941.

She was the President of the Women's Department of the North Pacific Baptist Convention in 1948 and from 1950 to 1953.



**Former First Lady Vivienne Penick** was President of the Women's Missionary Society, 1941 - 1942. She holds the title of **President Emeritus** for the Women's Department of the North Pacific Baptist Convention where she was President from 1948 to 1950. She was also the Recording Secretary for the Women's Department of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. from 1948 to 1950.



**Deaconess Allen Mae Douglas** was elected to serve as the first President of the re-organized Women's Society in January of 1943. (1942 - 1944). She also served as Chair of the Deaconess Board in 1954.



Documents on which we base our 81st Anniversary recorded **Former First Lady Doris Watts Lloyd** as the speaker for the first Women's Day Program that was held on May 13, 1956, at 3:00 p.m.

She was president of the NPBC Women's Department from 1966 to 1969.



# PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY



**\*Deaconess Cecile K. Jones**  
1944 - 1945



**\*Deaconess Bessie D. Ratcliff**  
1945 - 1946



**\*Mother Mable L. Harris**  
1954 - 1958; 1958 - 1966



**\*Mrs. Rilla L. Allen**  
1956 - 1958



**\*Mrs. Virgie Gallerson**  
1971 - 1973

Not Pictured

**\*Deaconess Edna Woodson**  
1946 - 1954

Not Pictured  
**\*Marjorie Harris**



**\*Mrs. Marie Brooks**  
1973 - 1975



**\*Mrs. Joyce Coleman**  
1975 - 1979



**\*Mrs. Nan Edwards**  
1979 - 1983



**\*Mrs. Nancy S. Buchanan**  
1983 - 1987



**\*Mrs. Lorraine B. Harris**  
1987 - 1991



**Mrs. Josephine S. Stokes**  
1991 - 1996



**Rev. Dr. LaVerne C. Hall**  
1996 - 1997



**\*Mrs. Thelma Pegues**  
1997 - 2000



**\*Mrs. Frances B. North**  
2000 - 2003



**Dr. Georgia S. McDade**  
2003 - 2006



**Mrs. Gwendolyn D. Howard**  
NPBC President  
2006 - 2009



**Mrs. Colleen C. Walls**  
2009 - 2012



**Former First Lady. Michelle W. Williams**  
2012 - 2016



**Mrs. Elma Horton**  
2016 - 2019



**Mrs. Mary C. Hopkins**  
2019 - 2022

\*Deceased



# Women's Ministry Workshop

The Mount Zion Baptist Church Women's Ministry presented a dynamic workshop featuring Rev. Mary Bogan from Damascus International Fellowship Baptist Church. Special thanks to Sister Winona Hollins Hauge, Chair and all the inspirational participants who provided a stellar program focusing on ways to "Unlock Your Potential," Mind, Body and Spirit.



Pictured above: 1-Moderator, Winona Hollins Hauge; 2-Keynote Speaker, Rev. Mary Bogan, Damascus International Fellowship Church; 3-Speaker, Rev. Shirley Lytle; 4-Speaker, Dr. Georgia McDade; 5-Dr. Phyllis D. Gearing-Anderson, First AME; 6- Exercise led by Sister Mattie Taplin; 7- Panelists, Dr. Gearing-Anderson, Dr. Jior Cameron, Sister Michelle Curry; 8 -Deacon Dorothy Mungin and the Center for Multi-Cultural Health; and a group picture of many of the attendees. Not pictured, Central Area Senior Center, NCNW Good Health Wins and Songstress, Alateena Mobley Rogers.

**INTERGENERATIONAL POWER OF PRAYER**, Thursday, March 20, 2025 6:00 PM in the Mount Zion Baptist Church Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte and Sister Cindy Gibbs, Co-Chairs.

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



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRESIDENTS



**Rev. Dr. Phyllis R. Beaumonte**  
**2022-2025**



**Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn**  
**Current President**

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church announcements are due on **Wednesday by 3:00 p.m.** If you wish to have an announcement read during the service, please email it to Publications.

Written articles for the Messenger should be submitted to Publications: [ycarr@mountzionseattle.org](mailto:ycarr@mountzionseattle.org). The deadline for Zionews articles is the **15th of each month.**



**The University of Washington Gospel Choir** will present its Annual Spring Concert at on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:30pm. Mount Zion choir members and musicians will also assist the choir.

You are invited to come and enjoy an evening of Gospel music and support them with your presence. Mrs. Phyllis Byrdwell is the instructor and director.



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## 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.



### CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you are interested in hosting a church or community event at the church, contact one of the newly installed trustees. They will help facilitate coordination with other support groups.

*Chelsea Riddick Most, 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 **March 21st** in the North parking lot for **FREE** food.

Contact **Phillip Miller** for more information.

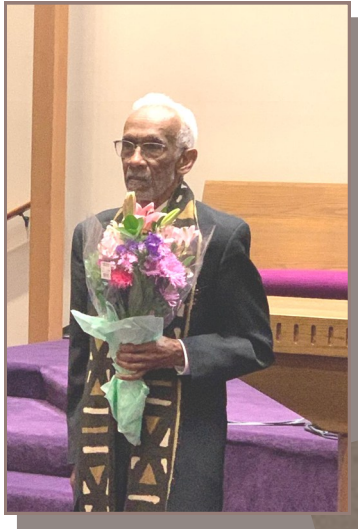
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### COVENANT HOME OWNERS PROGRAM

The ULMS Black Home Initiative (BHI) will provide lunch and present information on their Home Ownership Program after the service in the Fellowship Hall from Noon to 3:00 p.m. If you are looking to buy a home, this panel will provide valuable insights into down payment assistance programs and steps to homeownership. If you are considering selling a home, this is your chance to learn what today's buyers are looking for and how to be prepared for them.

*Collette Robinson, Ambassador*

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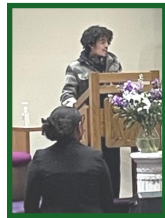


**Deacon Michael Twiggs**  
Class of 1996



**Deaconess Doris Smith**  
Class of 1985

## OUR TALENTED YOUTH SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS



Jamal Shirazy - Call to Worship, Averionna Wade - Welcome, Jordan Bennett - Invocation, Avery Carr - Announcements, Ezari Chandler - Scripture, Tyree Carr, III - *How Great Thou Art on the viola*, accompanied by Mrs. Phyllis Byrdwell, and Josephina Buckley - Black History Month Seattle Parks tribute. Ms. Catherine Acox is the Youth Ministry Advisor

## The **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** conducted by Rev. Dr. Robert L. Manaway



We are asking all ministries, boards and standing committees to submit a roster of officers and members to publications, [ycarr@ountzionseattle.org](mailto:ycarr@ountzionseattle.org) by March 15th.





**Congratulations to Debra Coleman** who was awarded the position of Associate Technical Fellow at the Boeing Company! This is a highly competitive position. Debra's technical areas are electrical engineering and software.

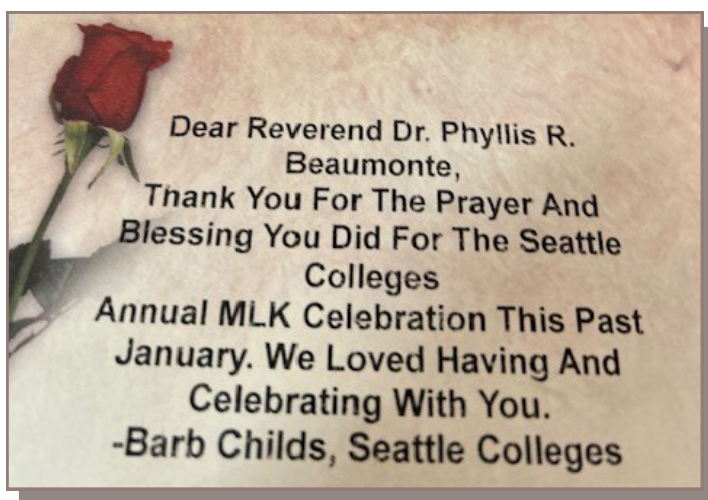
The **Boeing Technical Fellowship** program is a highly selective technical leadership career path at The Boeing Company, similar in nature to the IBM Fellows program. Established in 1989, the role of the engineers and scientists serving as Technical Fellows is to set technical direction for Boeing, and to resolve issues that arise when the company creates new products.<sup>1</sup>

Election into the Technical Fellowship follows a formal process. Prospective Technical Fellows are nominated by management, and evaluated by the program based on five criteria:

- technical knowledge and judgment
- creative problem solving and innovation
- technical leadership, advising and consulting
- capability as a teacher and mentor
- technical vision.

If the candidate shows strength in these areas, the candidate is then interviewed by a board. If the results of the interview are positive, the candidate advances to the Chief technology officer's office, for review and approval. As a result of the vetting process, the program includes only approximately 1.5% of Boeing's workforce and represents "some of the best engineering and scientific minds at Boeing and in the industry.

*I'm excited to share my recent promotion to Associate Technical Fellow at Boeing! This achievement showcases my dedication to aerospace, innovation, and mentoring aspiring engineers. Grateful for the unwavering support from my family, colleagues, mentors, and leadership. Eager to further advance boundaries in software certification and electrical sub-systems. To God be the Glory!*



*In addition to this thank you note, Seattle Colleges delivered a beautiful bouquet of yellow roses to the church for **Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte.***



## Wedding Joy



Thank you to everyone who sent me well wishes for my wedding. I had a Traditional Ghanaian wedding on January 3rd and a White wedding on January 4th in Elmina Ghana, West Africa. My mother Mattie Taplin was in attendance and we had an incredible trip.

My husband's family sends their greetings to you all. Thank you again for your love and support."

**Love,**  
**Ahmen Taplin Ntsim**

## THANK YOU!

**THE ARTS MINISTRY** would like to thank all of the participants, volunteers and you, Mount Zion, for making our event, "*Sharing our Gifts: Mount Zion Members in the Arts*," such a success. We could not have done it without you. Photos from this event will be featured in the April Zionews.

**Patricia Bruce-Sullivan, Debra Harris-Branham and Malver Haynes, Co-chairs.**

Thanks to all who helped to make our **83RD WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNIVERSARY WORKSHOP** a success. Special thanks to the Department of Health, the Center for Multicultural Health, the Central Area Senior Center, Seattle Section NCNW Good Health Wins team, Min. Nate Miles, Kermit Sullivan, Anthony Hopkins, Sarah JE Dean, Women's Ministry Church and Community Coordinator Mary Hopkins, and Mission and Evangelism Coordinator Elma Horton.

**Winona Hollins Hauge, Workshop Chair and Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, President**



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# National Women's History Alliance

In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of **March** 1987 as "**Women's History Month.**" Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the

President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

For 2025, the National Women's History Alliance (NWAH) proudly presents the theme "**Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations.**" This theme celebrates the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership. Through their efforts, they have served as an inspiration for all generations - both past and present.



**Who are the women in your community or organization that you will honor?**