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He is Risen



Easter reminds us:
GOD KEEPS
His promises.

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.

Weekly bulletin 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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Mr. Herman and Mrs. Sharon Williams
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Praying for Healing and Recovery

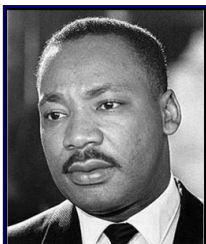
With Sympathy

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

Ms. Lori A. Emerson, daughter of Anna B. Rivers; funeral service at Mount Zion on April 21, 2026
Viewing a 10:00 a.m. ~ Service at 11:00 a.m.

Mrs. Jo Ann Buchanan, mother of Jim Buchanan; funeral service at Mount Zion on April 25, 2026
Viewing a 10:00 a.m. ~ Service at 11:00 a.m.

Casualties of War



Remembering and Honoring the Legacy of
Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 15, 1929 ~ April 4, 1968

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER SERVICE: SURRENDER TO GOD

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. – 2 Corinthians 9:8

April Theme: *Strength in Surrendering to God*

Trust in His plan – When we focus on our problems, we are telling God, “I need to take care of this. I am the one in control. I’m the one who needs to fix this.” We are basically relying on our earthly strength. Trust God’s guidance even when it seems counterintuitive and difficult. The true reality is that God is the one who is in control. The moment we release our grip on control and place our trust in God we invite God to take charge. This not only lightens our load but allows us to focus on what truly matters- the stability, hope and joy that comes with faith in God. Stay focused on Him no matter how the present circumstances appear. “For we live by Faith, not by Sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Embrace His Strength – When we believe that God rules and will establish His Kingdom, we know who we are and how great our God is. Also, we are more likely to resist the distractions of the world and focus on God’s Word and His call. Let us embrace this call and take comfort in the assurance that God is always with us, leading us through every situation and challenge we face. God is our helper and friend. We turn towards Him and surrender to Him so we can experience His wonder-working power in our lives.



Companion Scripture: *You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. – Isaiah 26:3*

This passage helps us to find peace in surrender. In surrendering, we are not giving something up but rather gaining a closer relationship with our God, our Creator. By surrendering our will to Him, we open ourselves to the many gifts He has in store for us. Such blessings can manifest peace, joy, and fulfillment that surpass our understanding. Let’s remember that we don’t have to go through life’s challenges alone; God is always there, waiting for us to hand over our burdens to Him. In surrendering to God, we unite our will with God’s, allowing Him to work through us in marvelous ways.

Prayer Focus:

May our prayers be filled with gratitude to God for loving us, guiding us, and carrying us through every season. Let us find joy in surrendering every aspect of our lives to God, believing that His plans are better than our own.

Be a part of the Prayer Movement in 2026 on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. via the PrayerLine. The number to call is **425-436-6306**; enter **access code 147230#**.

Deacon Leslyn Jones-Petitt and Deaconess Doris Smith, The Diaconate Ministry

WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY ~ 7:00 P.M.

The Book of Romans Author: The Apostle Paul

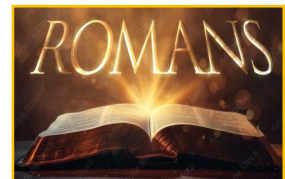
Rev. Dr. Phyllis R. Beaumonte, Instructor

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83104471025?pwd=UPrJyAk86XqoscAPdiiuZbfHFAkJin.1>

Meeting ID: 831 0447 1025 Passcode: 891886

One tap mobile: +12532158782,,83104471025#,,, *891886# US (Tacoma)

The Book of Romans Bible Study will continue during the month of April, 2026.



TUESDAY NIGHT TEACHING (TNT) ~ 7:00 P.M.

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

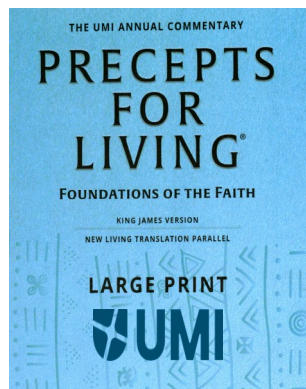
Theme: *While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks*

Rev. Dr. Julie L. Vaughn, Instructor

April 7th - Gatekeepers, John 10: 7
April 21st - Justice, Matthew 25: 33

April 14th - Dogs, Isaiah 56: 10
April 28th - The Rod, Micah 7: 14

APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS



Precepts For Living®: Foundations of Faith is a book designed to explore key teachings and answer important questions about our Christian faith. It helps to encourage us as seasoned disciples, introduce new believers to the truth of the Bible, and prepare all believers to share and defend the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

It includes weekly Bible study guides, daily Bible readings, Black History profiles and QR codes for additional resources.

Dr. Melvin E. Banks, Sr., Founding Publisher

April 5, 2026

Resurrection ~ Luke 24:1-12, 30-35

What is the evidence of Jesus' resurrection? How do the disciples respond to the encounter and news of the risen Christ? This passage vividly recounts the discovery of the empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to the disciples, demonstrating the reality and power of His resurrection. It emphasizes the transformative impact of encountering the risen Christ.

April 12, 2026

Jesus is Divine ~ John 14:1-14

How does Jesus reveal Himself as the way, the truth, and the life? What does it mean to believe in Jesus and see the Father through Him? This passage shows Jesus comforting His disciples and revealing His divine nature, affirming that He is the only way to the Father. It underscores the intimate relationship between Jesus and the Father and the invitation to know God through Him.

April 19, 2026

The Gospel Is For Everybody ~ Acts 17:22-34

How does Paul present the Gospel to the people of Athens? What does it mean that the Gospel is for everybody, regardless of their background? This passage recounts Paul's sermon in Athens, demonstrating how he shared the Gospel with different cultures and philosophical viewpoints. It highlights the inclusive nature of the Gospel and its relevance to all people.

April 26, 2026

Choose Love Over Judgment ~ Romans 14:1-13, 15:5-6

How should we treat those who have differing opinions on disputable matters? What does it mean to live in unity and glorify God with one voice? This passage encourages believers to show love and tolerance toward one another, avoiding judgment and striving for unity. It emphasizes the importance of prioritizing love and peace within the body of Christ.



Dr. Georgia S. McDade, Sunday School Superintendent

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Pre-School - 2nd Grade ~ 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

8:45 a.m. ~ Room 206
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86540264986?pwd=SXhzZDBBRkdzWEJzWTZ0bDlczFtUT09>
Meeting ID: 865 4026 4986 Password: 311725#
One tap mobile: +12532158782...86540264986#...0#...311725# US (Tacoma)
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

9:30 a.m. | Facebook
www.facebook.com/MountZionAdultSundaySchool
Dr. Virgie Harris-Haley, Instructor

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VIRTUAL TUESDAY NIGHT TEACHING (TNT)

7:00 p.m. ~ Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, Instructor
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UNITY SUNDAY SERVICE ~ APRIL 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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WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

6:00 p.m. ~ Surrender to God
Use your cell phone to call 425.436.6306. The access code is 147230#
Diaconate
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WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

7:00 p.m. The Book of Romans
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte, Instructor
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PRAYERLINE TELECONFERENCE SERVICE

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY at 7:00 a.m.
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY at 7:30 p.m.
Use your cell phone to call 425.436.6306. The access code is 147230#
Sister Elma Horton, Coordinator 206.325.6941



Holy Week Events

CRUCIFIXION TIMELINE	Events (
Sunday, April 10, 30 AD	Palm Sunday; Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem; stays in Bethany
Monday, April 11, 30 AD	Jesus drives out money changers and declares His Temple be used as a House of Prayer; Argues with chief priests; Curses the Fig Tree
Tuesday, April 12, 30 AD	Jesus continues to Teach, Challenge, Preach, Debate, Question and Heal; announces His impending execution; responds to question about the greatest commandment
Wednesday, April 13, 30 AD	Jesus warns against false prophets; tells everyone to be watchful. From the Mount of Olives, He mourns Jerusalem's rejection and pending destruction; Preparation and Anointing by Mary of Bethany
6pm-11:30pm Thursday, April 14, 30 AD	Jesus has Last Supper/Lord's Supper with disciples - Passover; Feast of the Unleavened Bread
11:30pm Thursday, April 14 to 1:00am Friday, April 15, 30AD	Jesus goes to the Garden of Gethsemane with His disciples to pray; they couldn't stay awake (Judas had slipped away to complete betrayal plans)
1:00am-1:30am Friday, April 15, 30 AD	Confrontation in the Garden of Gethsemane by armed crowd and soldiers sent by chief priests; Arrest of Jesus
1:30am-3:00am Friday, April 15, 30 AD	Trial 1: Annas, former Jewish High Priest for 16 years - Jesus receives initial physical abuse
"	Trial 2: Current Jewish High Priest, Caiaphas, and the Sanhedrin Court; Jesus receives more physical abuse
3:00am-5:00am	Jesus is imprisoned at Caiaphas' palace
5:00am-6:00am Friday, April 15, 30 AD	Trial 3: All the Jewish elders, including the High Priest, scribes and the Sanhedrin ask the Roman government to kill Jesus
6:00am-7:00am Friday, April 15, 30 AD	Trial 4: Hearing before Roman governor Pilate, who declares, "I find no guilt in this man."
7:00-7:30am Friday, April 15, 30 AD	Trial 5: Hearing before Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great, who had jurisdiction over Galilee. Jesus refused to answer his questions so Herod returned Him quickly to Pilate
7:30am-8:30am Friday, April 15, 30 AD	Trial 6/7: Pilate repeatedly tried to release Jesus but the Jewish leaders continued to object. Pilate had Jesus physically tortured and beaten, seeking to satisfy the Jewish leaders. However, they demanded that Jesus be crucified. Pilate resisted but gave the order to execute Jesus.
8:30am-9:00am Friday, April 15, 30 AD	Pilate's Roman soldiers take Jesus into the court ("Praetorium") and enjoy mockery and continued torture, including driving a crown of thorns into His skull
9:00am-Noon	Jesus [Simon of Cyrene] forced to carry His cross; Crucifixion of Jesus
Noon - 3:00pm	3 hours of darkness came over the land while Jesus hung from the cross
3:00pm	"Death" - Jesus died on this day in Golgotha for our sins
Friday, April 15, 30 AD	Joseph (Arimathea)/Nicodemus wrap and bury Jesus' body; "Resting"
Sunday, April 17, 30 AD	RESURRECTION...APPEARANCES...ASCENSION!



EASTER ~ APRIL 5TH

EASTER, also called **Pascha** (Aramaic, Greek, Latin) or **Resurrection Sunday**, commemorates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after His burial following His crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus preceded by **Lent**, a 40-day period (not counting Sundays) of fasting, penance and prayer.

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus's entry in Jerusalem. Most Christians refer to the week before Easter as "**Holy Week**," which contains the days of the Easter Triduum (Latin for "Three Days"), including **Maundy Thursday**, commemorating the Maundy and Last Supper, as well as **Good Friday**, commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus. The day before Easter is properly called **Holy Saturday**. Many churches begin celebrating Easter late in the evening of Holy Saturday at a service called the Easter Vigil. Eastertide, or Paschaltide, or the Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the coming of the 50th day, **Pentecost Sunday**.

Easter and the holidays that are related to it are *moveable feasts* which do not fall on a fixed date in the Gregorian or Julian calendars which follow only the cycle of the Sun; rather, its date is offset from the date of Passover and is therefore calculated based on a lunisolar calendar similar to the Hebrew calendar. Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover (Hebrew: *ḥanukh*, Aramaic: *ܚܢܘܟܫܐ*) by much of its symbolism, as well as by its position in the calendar. In most European languages the feast is called by the words for Passover; and in the older English versions of the Bible the term Easter was the term used to translate Passover.

Easter customs vary across the Christian world, and include sunrise services, exclaiming the Paschal greeting, clipping the church, and decorating Easter eggs (symbols of the empty tomb). The Easter lily, a symbol of the resurrection, traditionally decorates the chancel area of churches on this day and for the rest of Eastertide. Additional customs that have become associated with Easter and are observed by Christians and some non-Christians include egg hunting, the Easter Bunny, and Easter parades. There are also various traditional Easter foods that vary regionally.

The resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is one of the chief tenets of the Christian faith. The resurrection established Jesus as the Son of God and is cited as proof that God will righteously judge the world. For those who trust in Jesus's death and resurrection, "death is swallowed up in victory." Any person who chooses to follow Jesus receives "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Through faith, in the working of God, those who follow Jesus are spiritually resurrected with Him so that they may walk in a new way of life and receive eternal salvation, being physically resurrected to dwell in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Easter is linked to Passover and the Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper, sufferings, and crucifixion of Jesus that preceded the resurrection. According to the three Synoptic Gospels, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the upper room during the Last Supper. He prepared Himself and His disciples for His death. He identified the bread and cup of wine as His body, soon to be sacrificed, and His blood, soon to be shed. Paul states, "Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." This refers to the Passover requirement to have no yeast in the house and to the allegory of Jesus as the Paschal lamb.



APRIL CHURCH CALENDAR

April 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	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	29	30		

WEEKLY IN-PERSON

SUNDAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL: 8:45 A.M., #114, 205, 206, 208 & 212B
 SUNDAY - WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 A.M., SANCTUARY
 SATURDAY - TEAM ISSACHAR: 10:00 A.M., #117
 SATURDAY - CHOIR REHEARSAL: NOON, SANCTUARY
 THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
 OFFICE HOURS: 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- APRIL 5TH ~ RESURRECTION SUNDAY/HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 A.M.
- APRIL 5TH ~ CHILDREN'S CHURCH/EASTER EGG HUNT AND BASKET DISTRIBUTION
- APRIL 5TH ~ ABIGAIL CIRCLE - NOON, #206
- APRIL 12TH ~ WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.
- APRIL 12TH ~ EUNICE CIRCLE - NOON, #208
- APRIL 14TH ~ MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM - 11:00 A.M., #206
- APRIL 17TH ~ GOD'S GROCERIES - NOON, NORTH PARKING LOT
- APRIL 18TH ~ QUARTERLY MEETINGS - FELLOWSHIP HALL
- ADVISORY COUNCIL - 10:00 A.M. ~ ALL-CHURCH - 11:00 A.M.
- APRIL 18TH ~ HARRIET TUBMAN CIRCLE - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR
- APRIL 19TH ~ YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.
- *SENIOR PASTOR-ELECT CHARLES R. JOHNSON WILL PREACH
- APRIL 19TH ~ AB GIRLS - NOON, YOUTH LOUNGE
- APRIL 19TH ~ NCNW SEATTLE SECTION - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR
- APRIL 21ST ~ SERVICE FOR MS. LORI A. EMERSON - 11:00 A.M.
- APRIL 25TH ~ SERVICE FOR MRS. JO ANN BUCHANAN - 11:00 A.M.
- APRIL 26TH ~ WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

MOBILE: CALL 425.436.6306, ACCESS CODE 147230#

UNITY SUNDAY ~ APRIL 19TH AT 5:00 P.M., DEACONESS DORIS SMITH, COORDINATOR

PRAYERLINE ~ MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 7:00 A.M. AND
 MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY AT 7:30 P.M.
 ELMA HORTON, COORDINATOR

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE *SURRENDER TO GOD* LED BY THE DIACONATE AT 6:00 P.M.



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Worship
WITH US





April 1

Theautrey M. Brown

April 2

Sophia Miles

Herman L. Williams

April 3

Melvin R. Harris

Charles S. Hopper

Ariana C. Smith

April 6

Regina L. Brown

April 7

Debra L. Coleman

Latoya Michel

April 8

Sadikifu Z. Akina-James

Sandra Hailey

April 9

John A. Capps

Doris J. Smith

April 11

**Elnora Green*

André Wooten

April 12

Ossie L. Brown

April 13

Jasmine L. Mwender

April 14

Betty L. Dobbins

Toron C. Smith

April 16

Rev. Archie Pinkney

April 17

Victoria A. Corley

April 18

Mattie T. Bailey

LaDrina Y. Davis-Sullivan

April 20

Juanita JR Riddick

April 22

Philip Branham

**Lee A. Gaylor*

April 24

Glenn E. Pennington

April 25

Ivory J. Harris

Ruth Nelson

April 28

Berhanu K. Wells

April 29

Barry B. Howard

Kyle Leeyaw

April 30

Kathleen M. Wilcox



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Deacons Michael and Juanita Twiggs



*celebrated their
49th Wedding
Anniversary
on April 2nd*

Deacons Melvin and Lois Harris
*will celebrate their
Diamond Anniversary (60th)
on April 30th.*



Congratulations!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUARTERLY MEETING

There will be an Advisory Council and All-Church Meeting on **Saturday, April 18, 2026**, in the Fellowship Hall. The Advisory Council will meet at 10:00 a.m. followed by the All-Church meeting at 11:00 a.m. Agenda items will include reports from the Diaconate, Trustees, Finance, Audit, Legal, and Pastoral Search Committees. Please plan to attend.

Deacon Darlene Hobbs, Diaconate Chair

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

If you are under 40 and would like to connect with other young adults, please contact **Jeremiah Hobbs, Chairperson**, about a YAM fellowship event to be held on April 19th.

GOD'S GROCERIES are distributed from **Noon to 2:00 p.m.** every **THIRD FRIDAY**.

Join us on **April 17th** in the North parking lot for **FREE** food.



Five sections are available in the **TRINITY GARDEN**. Sign up at the Security desk.

Phillip Miller, Coordinator

Trinity Garden



At Mt. Zion Church

16 Individual Raised Beds for Personal Gardens.



Sign up for your personal garden for this year (2026)



Please see the front desk to reserve a garden for 2026.

A harvest of organic produce is satisfying and enjoyable.

Managed Water, compost and mulch are available for all gardens.

FAR WEST WORKSHOP

Seattle, Washington

HOSTED BY THE NORTH PACIFIC BAPTIST CONVENTION



LOCATION: NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

April 10-12, 2026

19300 108th Ave SE Kent, WA 98031

HOTEL: HAMPTON SUITES INN - KENT, WASHINGTON

Phone: 855-605-0317

Daily Rate: \$169/Night

Renewing Faith, Inspiring Hope

MOUNT ZION HEALTH MINISTRY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Health Ministry, originally called the Health Unit, and later the Health, Guidance and Wellness Ministry, was founded in 1976 by RN Gertrude Robinson Dawson. Mrs. Dawson, one of the founders of the Seattle Mary Mahoney Nurses, was the first African American nurse hired by Group Health in 1956. She recognized the need to provide medical assistance to members during worship services and church sponsored events.



SPirit, MInd & BODy

Dr. Sheri Buckley and Winona Hollins-Hague, Co-Chairs

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mama Says



THE ARTS MINISTRY is bringing back "Mama Says," a collection of wise sayings from our mothers and mother figures. Submission forms are in the lobby. Please return your sayings by April 15th.

Pat Bruce, Debra Harris-Branham, Malver Haynes, Ahmen Taplin, and Elisheba Wokoma,

FAR WEST REGION NEWS



National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.
FAR WEST REGION
April 2026 Newsletter HAPPY EASTER

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*AS WE CELEBRATE EASTER, WE REJOICE IN
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND
SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. MAY HIS VICTORY
OVER DEATH FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH HOPE
AND YOUR SOULS WITH EVERLASTING JOY.
WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOYOUS EASTER
FILLED WITH GOD'S LOVE, PEACE AND GRACE
---THE 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) **STOP BY** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays, Noon until 2:00 p.m.
- (5) **ONLINE** at www.mountzion.net. Click GIVE and follow the instructions.
- (6)*NEW: **APPLE PAY**
- (7)*NEW: **GOOGLE PAY**
- (8) **QR CODE.**



Your giving supports ministry, outreach, and service as we continue to serve God and our community. Please remember to include your membership information with your gift to ensure accurate record keeping and proper acknowledgment. *“Give, and it will be given to you.”* — Luke 6:38

CHARITY MINISTRY

Please remember the many who are experiencing financial difficulties. Write CHARITY next to the “Other” line of your giving envelope so we can 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 Chairperson



*This invitation is especially for you and your friends
All you have to do is RSVP*

Dr. LaVerne C. Hall's 2026 Sojourner Truth Traveling Stole will be posthumously presented to our own Mable L. Harris, better known as *Mother Mable*, the Mother of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Seattle Washington.

Mother Mable, a Model for Missions & Service

When: Friday, April 10, 2026, 1:00 PM, at her very own Library on Vashon Island at American Baptist Women's Camp Burton.

Sojourner Truth said, *"I talk to Jesus, other people just read about Jesus."*
Mother Mable said to me, *"Girl, I hear from Jesus all the time and I have so much to tell you."*
And tell me, she did . . .



*Come and share in the Celebration of
Mother Mable, hear her story from women of today
who knew her and loved her.*

Come, see, hear and place your signature on the 2026 Sojourner Truth Traveling Stole before it's off to Louisiana.



Dr. Hall's Celebrating Women in Ministry
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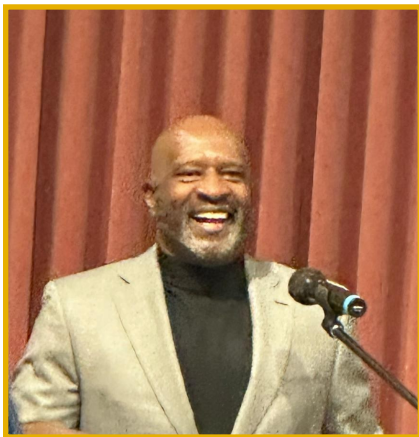
Stole designed and made by Fabric/Textile Artist/Designer, Patricia Mitchell, Lakewood, Washington

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE - INTRODUCTION WEEKEND

WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH, LEANING ON THE LORD

The Pulpit Search Committee, after months of prayer and preparation, announced that they had selected a candidate to serve as the next Senior Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church. They scheduled an Introduction Weekend of meetings and events from March 28th to March 30th.

On Saturday, March 28th, a well-attended Meet n' Greet moderated by Brenda Charles-Edwards, was held in the Jessie Shields Fellowship Hall.



Pastor Charles Reginald and Mrs. Virna "Lady V" Johnson were introduced to the members.

A lively Question and Answer session was followed by lunch and an opportunity for more informal interaction.



TRUSTING IN HIS HOLY WORD

On Palm Sunday, Pastor Charles and Lady V Johnson were introduced to the members and community by Pulpit Search Committee Chair Gloria Bennett. Pastor Johnson's sermon from Matthew 21: 9 – 16 KJV emphasized that those who should have been **inside** of the Temple were **outside**.

He asked this question: **What should happen when Mount Zion gets together?**

Pastor Johnson then answered with these three responses:

1. Every time Mount Zion gets together, the Church should be **PURGED**.
2. Every time Mount Zion gets together, the House should be in **PRAYER**.
3. Every time Mount Zion gets together, the Church should be in **PRAISE!**

HE'S NEVER FAILED US

You'll need to read Acts 16 starting at verse 25 to find out what happened to Paul and Silas at midnight.



PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29. 2026

A welcome reception, jointly hosted by the Brotherhood Ministry, Women's Ministry, Diaconate, and Coordinator Twana Manning, was held in the Fellowship Hall after the Palm Sunday service.



L to r. Harry Bailey, Pastor Charles R. Johnson, Virna "Lady V" Johnson, Brenda Charles-Edwards, Jeremiah Hobbs, Gloria Bennett, Deacon Juanita Twiggs and Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn.
Photo by Karen Jones

On Monday, March 30, 2026, members met to vote on the call for Senior Pastor Candidate Charles R. Johnson. Rev. Dr. Patricia L. Hunter was the moderator for the meeting.

Questions and comments followed presentations given by Harry Bailey, PSC Vice-Chair, and Robert Thomas, Finance Committee member. Submitted written ballots were then counted.

LET MOUNT ZION REJOICE! LET MOUNT ZION REJOICE!

By an overwhelming majority, members passed the motion to call Reverend Charles Reginald Johnson as Mount Zion's next Senior Pastor!

LET ALL HER CHILDREN BE GLAD.

REVEREND CHARLES REGINALD JOHNSON



Pastor Charles R. Johnson was born in Huntsville, Texas. Along with his mother and five siblings, he relocated to Los Angeles, California in 1968. The Family united with Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church under Dr. Edward Victor Hill, Senior Pastor. Dr. Hill would be a profound influence on Pastor Charles Johnson's ministerial growth

1977 - Pastor Johnson accepted Christ at the age of twelve. Taking his faith seriously, he diligently worked in the Youth Ministries at his church and at the district and state levels, and served as the President of the California State Baptist Youth Convention, USA, Inc. During his tenure he was engaged in an aggressive evangelism campaign and over 3,500 individuals committed their lives to Christ. Evangelism continues to be at the core of Pastor Johnson's ministerial endeavors.

1988 - Pastor Johnson earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Southern California and a Master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently pursuing his Doctorate degree at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

1991 - Pastor Johnson was called to his first church as Pastor at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Greenville, Texas. There were many prayers, vision meetings, and faith-filled steps taken to create ministries within St John that met the needs of the people. The love and dedication of those who poured their hearts into these efforts continue to inspire him today. Through worship, service, and outreach, St John proved that the size of a congregation does not determine the impact of its mission - obedience to God does.

1993 – Following a clear sense of divine direction, Pastor Charles Johnson returned to Los Angeles. He was called to serve on staff at New Christ Memorial Church of God in Christ, a congregation led by the renowned Senior Pastor Andre Crouch, whose influence as one of the greatest musical voices of all time left a lasting mark on the church and its ministries. Pastor Johnson assumed the roles of Pastor of New Members, Education, and Young Adults, where he dedicated himself to nurturing new believers, fostering spiritual growth, and equipping young adults for service and leadership within the church.

During his time at New Christ Memorial Church, Pastor Johnson sensed a further calling from God—this time, to embark on the work of church planting. This call led him to begin establishing churches locally and internationally, from North America to Africa. These efforts were united under the banner of The Cities of Refuge Christian Fellowship Churches and Ministries International. Pastor Johnson has faithfully served as the presiding Bishop of this organization for over 30 years, guiding and supporting its vision to extend God's kingdom across continents.

2009 - Pastor Johnson began his pastoral leadership at Cochran Avenue Baptist Church during a critical season of spiritual renewal. He has been shepherding the Cochran Family for 17 years.

2010 – This was a year where the presence of God manifested in many amazing ways in Pastor Johnson's Ministry. As previously shown, God called him early to bring souls to Christ. Cochran baptized people for 62 Sundays in a row where over 300 people were baptized! This momentous time culminated with a 'Baptism at the Beach' event where 101 people were baptized in the ocean.

REVEREND CHARLES REGINALD JOHNSON

2010 - God's visionary and prophetic anointing on Pastor Johnson led him to focus on the Power of Prayer in the Believer's life. He exhorted Cochran to pray together collectively for one day on our church prayer line; it grew to one week, one month, one year and now The Making the Kingdom Proud Prayer Line is in its 16th year! The daily prayer line which began a church initiative, has grown into an impactful tool in God's arsenal that reaches prayer warriors from around the world at 5:00 a.m. (PST) every morning.

2017 - Amidst growing tension within the community and across the country concerning injustices faced by people of color, Pastor Johnson was compelled to respond proactively. He established the Cochran Avenue Baptist Church Social Justice Ministry, *Miracle Mile 4 Justice*, as a direct answer to these challenges. This ministry was designed to encourage meaningful conversation and effective action among influential political figures, law enforcement agencies, and the community itself. The core objective was to promote peace instead of violence, and to strive for fairness rather than perpetuate inequality within the justice system. Under Pastor Johnson's leadership, the Social Justice Ministry organized townhall meetings to foster open dialogue, and spearheaded community marches, including one significant march that drew the participation of over 15,000 individuals. Through these efforts, the ministry played a pivotal role in uniting the community and advocating for justice and equity.

2020 - Pastor Johnson courageously addressed the challenges of the pandemic, which greatly affected churches worldwide. Through visionary leadership, Cochran Avenue Baptist Church made necessary paradigm shifts to continue sharing the Gospel and was able to seamlessly go to online broadcasting with little interruption of the regular Service schedules.

2024 - Pastor Johnson's leadership and service reaches beyond the pulpit. Representing God's principles outside the walls of the sanctuary is a priority to fulfilling his call. His compassion for those who need an advocate and supporter is exhibited as he serves on various medical and academic governing boards. He believes that our responsibility to help people and communities goes beyond well-articulated rhetoric and should be manifested in our actions.

2026 – Pastor Johnson's leadership has broadened his impact beyond the Cochran Church Community. Christ's Kitchen, the church's food ministry, has served over a million hot lunches across seventeen years, provides weekly food boxes to 100+ families, and delivers holiday meals—complete with clothing and gift cards—to 300 families each year. Pastor Johnson actively supports and volunteers, reflecting his commitment to community service.

Pastor Johnson pursues new ministry opportunities, such as Cochran's Ministry of Helps, and builds partnerships with other spiritual communities like Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Through these efforts, he supports unity and demonstrates his faith.

With over forty years in ministry, Pastor Charles Johnson consistently shares the Gospel with clarity and compassion, offering hope to others. He teaches with passion, guiding those who seek to learn about Jesus Christ.

He and his lovely wife, Virna "Lady V" Johnson, were blessed with eight talented children: five daughters and three sons. Their precious daughter, Camille, dwells with her heavenly Father.

***With great joy we welcome the Johnson Family to
Mount Zion and the Greater Seattle Community!***

REFLECTION ON THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY 84TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
EMPOWERING WOMEN IN FAITH THROUGH PRAISE & PRAYER



What a glorious and unforgettable time we shared during our **84th Women's Ministry Anniversary Celebration**. God met us in a powerful way, and His presence rested upon every moment of our time together. We were honored to have our guest preacher, **Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ivey Green**, deliver such a dynamic and life-changing message drawn from **Mark 5:21–34**. Her theme words, *“When Faith Interrupts,”* reminded us that as women of God, we are called to move with purpose, courage, and expectation. Dr. Ivey Green challenged us with three powerful principles that resonated deeply in the room:

We must seize the moment.

Like the woman with the issue of blood, this is our season to press beyond fear, doubt, and hesitation. Faith requires action.

We must turn our obstacles into opportunities.

What looks like hindrance can become the very place where God demonstrates His power.

We must rely on the power of God.

Our strength, healing, victory, and breakthrough come not from ourselves, but from the transformative power of Jesus Christ.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY 84TH ANNIVERSARY/PHOTOS BY INYE WOKOMA



What a divine encounter we experienced together. The room was filled—with expectation, with joy, with sisterhood, with praise, and most importantly, with the Spirit of God. From the opening moments to the very end, every heart, every voice, and every hand contributed to a celebration worthy of 84 years of faithful ministry.

We took so many beautiful pictures, and as we look back on them, we are reminded of God's goodness and of the legacy of strong, faith-filled women who continue to shape this ministry. This anniversary was more than a gathering—it was a testament to who we are and whose we are.

To everyone who participated, prayed, served, planned, supported, and showed up with love: **THANK YOU**. Your dedication made this celebration extraordinary. Together, we continue to stand empowered—in faith, through praise, and anchored in prayer.

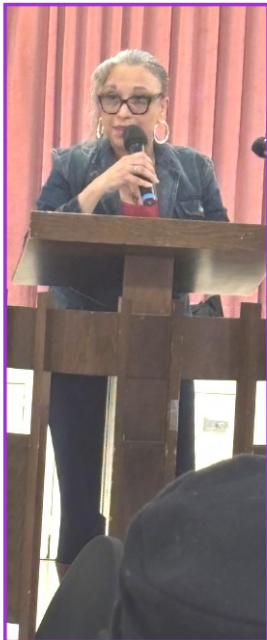
To God be the glory for the great things He has done.

Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, Women's Ministry President



WOMEN'S MINISTRY 84TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

84TH ANNIVERSARY



*Women's Ministry
Workshop &
Intergenerational Prayer*



The Women's Ministry 84th Anniversary Celebration, definitely empowered women through prayer and praise. Sisters, Sarah J.E. Dean and Winona Hollins Hauge (Workshop Co-Chairs) and Deacon Carrie Jenkins and Sister Elma Horton (Intergenerational Prayer Service Co-Chairs), Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, President and Celebration Co-Chairs, Sisters Cindy Gibbs-Brown and Elisheba Wokoma extend thanks to their committees and all who participated

Collage by Sarah JE Dean

84TH ANNIVERSARY MARKETPLACE AND ARTS FAIR

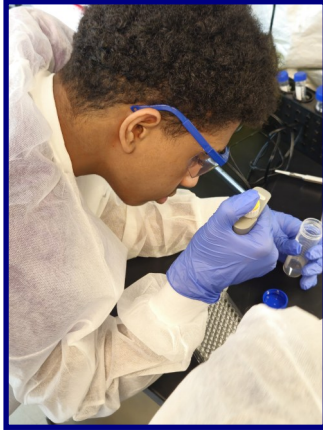


The **Women's Ministry 84th Anniversary Celebration** Marketplace held in the Fellowship Hall, attracted 25 vendors including a Food Truck! Volunteers included Rickie Morris, Philip Miller, Cathy H. Marshall, Emma Cotton, Deborah Hilsman, Cora Dunn, Gayle Carlisle, and Gloria Bennett. Chairperson, Dr. Georgia McDade; Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, President, and Celebration Co-Chairs, Sisters Cindy Gibbs-Brown and Elisheba Wokoma extend thanks to all who attended.

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Team Issachar

Team Issachar Mentorship Program invites all young men, ages 10 to 18 to join them on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church.



Dr. Rotonya Carr, Chair and Division Head of Gastroenterology at the University of Washington

A gastroenterologist is a medical doctor who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the stomach, pancreas, liver, gallbladder, and intestines. They are experts in the digestive system and can help both adults and children learn how to keep their system healthy.

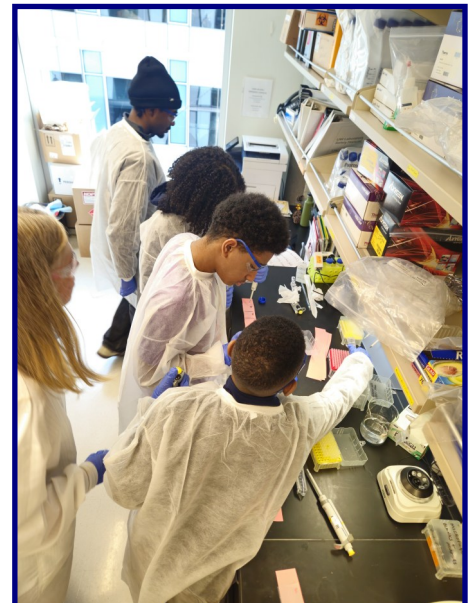


Dr. Rotonya Carr, Chair and Division Head of Gastroenterology and her assistant Dr. Carol Smith hosted our visit to their UW Research Lab.

We actually had a close-up look at our individual protein cells. We analyzed the internal organs of the mouse Julian dubbed "Billie" after her dissection. We were able to identify her stomach, liver, pancreas, spleen, heart, and intestines.

We had an informative discussion over lunch where we learned about how to keep our digestive system healthy.

You will want to visit TI's website, YouRise.net often!



Team Issachar

TI PLEDGE

**I will set my standards
high and not let others
bring them down!**

Proverbs 1:10

**I will give respect because
I want to be respected!**

Matthew 7:12

**I will make wise decisions
to insure my success!**

Matthew 6:33

I will RISE...

Because I can!!!

John 5:8 and Philippians 4:13



Tyree is congratulated by Team Issachar, friends, and family including sister Avery Carr and parents Tyree II and Dr. Rotonya Carr



TYREE CARR III PLAYED THE VIOLA IN A COMPETITION AT THE BENAROYA HALL DURING THE SPRING SALON COMMUNITY CONCERT

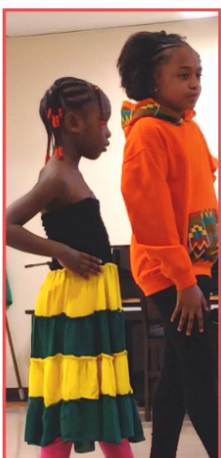
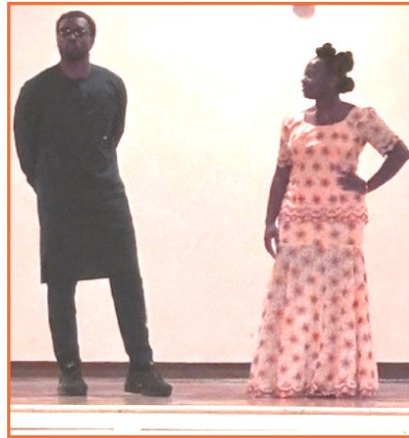
Tyree was accompanied by the Federal Way Symphony Orchestra! He was one of four extremely gifted and talented students who were featured artists! Tyree played two classical pieces by memory! He won an opportunity to play with the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra later this year. We'll provide more information as details are announced.

WELL DONE, TYREE! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS AFRO-CARIBBEAN FASHION SHOW



*Ministry of
Christian Education*



The **Ministry of Chrstian Education** hosted a fashion show featuring our youth and young adults as models. Special thanks to Coordinator, Twana Manning; Guest Speaker, Meko Lawson; Decorator, Dr. Virgie Harris Haley; Coach, Patricia Bruce; Commentator and Coach, Sarah J.E. Dean; Advisor, Kenneth Archie, and all those who made this African-Carribean fashion show an astounding success!

NCNW SEATTLE SECTION POWERUP TOWN HALL



NCNW Seattle Section hosted a PowerUp! Town Hall featuring **Rev. Dr. Shavon Arline-Bradley, CEO and President of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.** Attendees were urged to VOTE and provide community programs for African-American families. Seated next to Dr. Arline-Bradley: I. Sarah JE Dean, Rocky Mountain Regional Alliance President and r. Meko Lawson, NCNW Seattle Section President.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT



The University of Washington Gospel Choir, Combined Choir and Liturgical Dancers directed by **Instructor/Minister of Music Phyllis M. Byrdwell** joined together to perform during a well-attended Quarter Final Concert held at Mount Zion last month.

Photo by Maura O'Brien



A Community Health & Resource Fair

Saturday, April 18, 2026
10am - 2pm

Northwest African American Museum
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EASTER SUNDAY LITANY #68

On that first Easter morning, as the sun was dawning, Jesus rose triumphantly from the dead. The earth shook as the angel rolled the stone away.

No grave could hold his body down. He is risen. He is risen indeed!

As Mary Magdalene and the other Mary looked on in fear, the Risen Lord revealed himself to them, and they departed with great joy.

Rejoice! And again I say rejoice! For Christ Jesus has broken the curse of death and destroyed the power that it once had over us.

Although we live in a world filled with moral decay and violence, and although we were stripped of our original culture and our past as a people, we, like Christ, can be resurrected.

Give glory to God, who humbled himself, even to death on a cross. Give glory to the exalted Christ!

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is now given to each of us and to all those who believe on him.

Let us receive this spiritual power and use it wisely for the liberation of all God's people!

Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord. For there is none like him who can break the chain of oppression, evil, and the grave. He is risen and is seated at the right hand of God.

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:12)

Who is worthy? Christ is worthy. "Because he lives, I can face tomorrow. Because he lives, all fear is gone. Because I know he holds the future and life is worth the living just because he lives."

"Who is worthy? The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." (Rev. 5:13)

Who is worthy? The One seated on the throne and the Lamb. To them be all blessing and honor and glory and might!

He is worthy! The Risen Christ! The Resurrected One! Praise him! Praise his Holy Name!

In Loving Memory

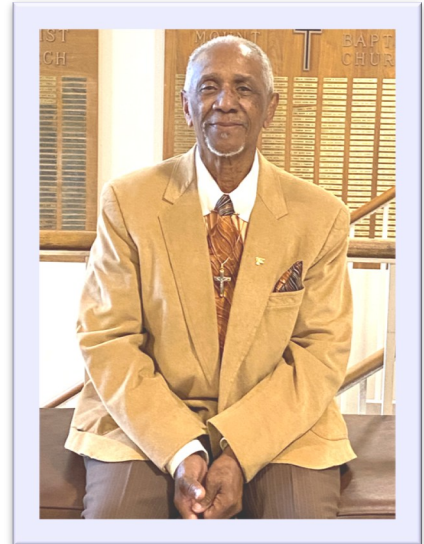


Sister Wanda Vernita Lacy Gaston

June 29, 1936 ~ February 23, 2026

Brother Tommy Johnson

August 27, 1940 ~ January 16, 2026



The beautiful Resurrection Sunday pulpit floral arrangements were donated by Mrs. Malver Haynes and Family in loving memory

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Brother Robert Staple Haynes

December 12, 1938 ~ April 6, 2021

Dear Mount Zion Baptist Church,

I want to thank you all for the heartfelt condolences, cards, calls and prayers. It is these acts of kindness that have been an encouragement and given us strength.

Many of you attended my husband's Memorial Service. It warmed our hearts to see you. Your presence made a difference, and we're so grateful that you joined us in the celebration of Charles' life.

May God richly bless each of you.

Love,

Myra Walker-Sims and Amber (Denver) Sims-Mowatt



Brother Charles Edward Sims

November 6, 1943 ~ January 20, 2026

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