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All of them were

Filled

WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

and began to speak in other languages, as
the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4, NRSV

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



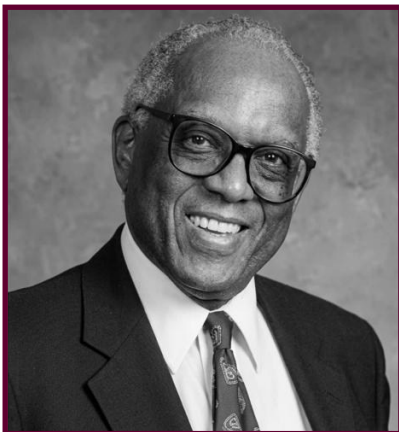
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Praying for Healing and Recovery

Mr. Leon Bridges, Sr. was born in Los Angeles, CA, on August 18, 1932. He served in the US military and earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Washington in 1960. Multi-talented, he sang, acted, and performed with Black Arts West from 1954 to 1962.



Mr. Bridges was a pioneering African American architect who co-founded Seattle's second African American-owned architecture firm.

Notable landmarks and buildings include:

Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA (1964–1965) – His first commission designed with Benjamin Woo.

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church (1967)

Leschi School Park (1967)

King County Library – Skyway Branch (1970)

Herzel School for Odessa Brown Children's Clinic Remodel (1970)

When Mr. Bridges moved to Baltimore, he became the first registered architect in Maryland and was later elected President of NOMA and Director of AIA. He continued to build, teach, mentor and serve his community with integrity.

Mr. Bridges' service was held on April 27th in Baltimore. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Eloise Jones Bridges; two daughters; two sons; two grandsons; other relatives; and dear friends.

In Loving Memory

Sister Jo Ann Buchanan

August 2, 1938 ~ March 26, 2026

The Family extends sincere appreciation to each of you for attending the Celebration of Life for Jo Ann Buchanan.

We thank you for your love, support and acts of kindness during this difficult time.

We send our love and blessings to everyone.

Jim Buchanan and Family



Sister Lori Anne Emerson

August 31, 1960 - April 5, 2026

With heartfelt gratitude we extend our sincere appreciation to each of you, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Your comforting words, thoughtful gestures, and presence meant so much to our family. To be surrounded by love and compassion lifted us up.

Thank you for honoring us by sharing in the Celebration of Life for our beloved Lori Anne Emerson.

Sister Anna B. Rivers and Family

With Sympathy

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

Sister Erstine Ervin, mother of DeCarla Williams

Reverend Terry Henderson, husband of Reverend Vanessa Henderson

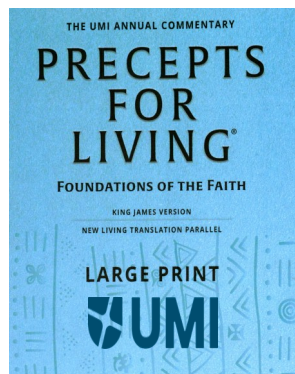
Brother Jerome W. Page, former CEO Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle

Sister Mary Louise Wesler, owner of Flowers Etcetera/Flowers Just For U

Casualties of War



MAY 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

May 3, 2026

The Holy Spirit Gives Gifts ~ 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

What are the different spiritual gifts, and how do we receive them? How does the Holy Spirit work through believers for the common good? This passage explains the diversity and unity of spiritual gifts, emphasizing that they are given for the building up of the body of Christ. It highlights the essential role of the Holy Spirit in empowering believers for ministry.

May 10, 2026

Power & Perseverance ~ 2 Corinthians 4:1-16

How do we find strength to persevere in ministry despite hardship? What is the source of our hope and endurance? This passage speaks of the power of God that enables believers to persevere through trials, reminding us that our hope is in the eternal glory of God. It emphasizes that our strength comes not from ourselves but from God's sustaining grace.

May 17, 2026

Freedom In Christ ~ Galatians 5:1-17

What does it mean to be free in Christ, and how do we avoid returning to legalism? How does the Spirit lead us to live in freedom? This passage contrasts the freedom found in Christ with the bondage of legalism, encouraging believers to walk in the Spirit and live out their freedom. It highlights the importance of relying on the Spirit's guidance rather than trying to earn God's favor through works.

May 24, 2026

Work of the Church ~ Ephesians 4:1-16

How should the church function as a unified body? What are the roles of different members in building up the church? This passage describes the unity and diversity of the church, emphasizing the importance of each member's role in building up the body of Christ in love. It highlights the need for cooperation and mutual support within the church community.

May 31, 2026

Devote All to Christ ~ Philippians 2:1-11

Personal interests and selfish ambitions can lead to controversies that threaten our relationships. How can people overcome their divisiveness? Paul commends the example of Christ, who humbly emptied Himself in order to serve God and others through His sacrifice.

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=SXhzZDBBRkdzWEJzWTZ0bDlhcFtUT09>
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. Virginia 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 ~ MAY 17TH

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. ~ Quiet Time with 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



SENIOR PASTOR-ELECT CHARLES R. JOHNSON, SR.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026



We are grateful to have received a Word from God delivered by *Senior Pastor-Elect Charles R. Johnson, Sr.* on April 19th during his second visit to Mount Zion.

After having served as the Senior Pastor of the Cochran Avenue Baptist Church in Los Angeles for seventeen years, he accepted the call to be the Shepherd of Mount Zion.

With over forty years in ministry, Pastor Johnson continues to share the Gospel with compassion and clarity, offering hope to the underserved, the lost, and the left out.

He and First Lady V were blessed with eight children: five daughters and three sons. They have been happily married for thirty-four years.

[A more complete bio is printed in the April Zionews.]

Pastor Johnson's sermon for Youth/Young Adult Sunday focused on Matthew 4: 1 – 11 KJV as well as Luke 4. He gave a compelling message on ***HOW TO DEAL WITH THE ENEMY.***

He began by telling us that the devil is real. He's not the Hollywood version--red spandex outfit and pitch fork--that many people visualize. Rather, the enemy looks just like us.

Satan uses tricks, tools, and traits to tempt us to do his evil deeds. He will talk to you and test you. But the devil is a liar. Like Paul lamented, when we would do good, evil is ever-present.

Pastor Johnson then shared these three characteristics of the enemy:

1. The enemy will mess with your mental state of **mind** by focusing on the "ifs of life." v. 3
2. The devil will try to have your faith fractured by **fear**. v. 5 (**F**alse **E**motions **A**ppearing **R**eal)
3. Satan will try to make you worship an illusion. v. 9

We can't deal with the devil by ourselves. Our God will walk with us and fight our battles.

It is written in the script...ask, and you shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and the door will be opened unto you. Know that God will take care of you!

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY

Ahmen Taplin Ntsim and Jamekia Nelson Mason also expressed love and appreciation for the Johnson family. They presented **First Lady V** with a floral bouquet during the service.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER SERVICE: QUIET TIME WITH GOD

Be still and know that I am God...Psalm 46:10



MAY THEME: *Finding Peace in God's Presence!*

Life gets busy, and it's easy to rush past those essential and necessary moments with God. Just like our body needs nourishment to function well, our soul needs time with God to stay strong and steady. When we spend time in His word and invite His spirit to speak to us, our heart becomes anchored, our mind finds peace and we step into our day with confidence and calm assurance; and we are held by a power far greater than ourselves.

Finding peace in God's presence is a recurring theme in the Bible. Not only does it mean trusting in His sovereignty, but also staying connected to Him; (the Vine), so that we may bear good fruit!

COMPANION SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace, those whose mind is stayed on thee; because they trust in thee.

In this passage Isaiah is referring to total, complete, and continuous peace that comes when we trust God as our Rock eternal. This verse encourages setting aside moments for meditation and prayer. Our quiet time alone with God emphasizes withdrawing from busyness to pray, rest, and seek God's presence; consistently. These moments offer spiritual renewal, restoration, clarity of purpose, and closer intimacy with God.

PRAYER FOCUS: *Spending Time with God*

Every Christian needs quiet time with the Lord. If Jesus Himself needed it, how much more do we need it? It is in the quiet of the hour that we'll find our strength in God! When we slow down and make our resting place in His presence, He gently pours strength into our spirit. That quiet time with God isn't just comforting, it's powerful and empowering!

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

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

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

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Theme: *While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks*

Rev. Dr. Julie L. Vaughn, Instructor

May 5th - A Living Sacrifice, John 10: 11

May 12th - Darkness, Isaiah 13: 12

May 19th - Guard Yourselves, Acts 20: 28

May 25th - My Sleepless Shepherd, Micah 7: 14

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

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We will continue to study The Book of Romans during the month of May.



MAY OBSERVANCES

CINCO DE MAYO

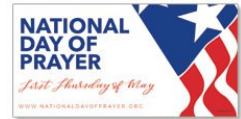
CINCO DE MAYO is an annual celebration held on **May 5th**. The date is observed to commemorate the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza. In this country, May 5th has also expanded to include a celebration of ancestry and culture.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: GLORIFY GOD AMONG THE NATIONS

Theme: *Seeking Him in All Generations*

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

1 Chronicles 16: 24 NASB



National Day of Prayer is May 7th, an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The Task Force represents a Judeo-Christian expression of the national observance, based on our understanding that this country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize Christians to intercede for America.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is May 10th. In 1908, Anna Jarvis held a memorial in West Virginia for her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, a peace activist who died in 1905 and cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War. Anna's campaign to make Mother's Day a national holiday was not successful until 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the 2nd Sunday in May as **Mother's Day**. Mother's Day is a day dedicated to recognizing the many accomplishments and sacrifices of mothers and those who act as mothers.



We honor our mothers, grandmothers and matriarchs on this very special day.



ASCENSION DAY

Ascension Day marks Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. It is celebrated on a Thursday on the 40th day of Easter, or 39 days after Easter Sunday. This year's date is **May 14th**. On the 40th day, Jesus took His disciples to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as He ascended to heaven. Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before Pentecost.

Biblical accounts of the Ascension can be found in

¹⁹ After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was taken up into heaven and He sat at the right hand of God. Mark 16:19;

⁵⁰ When He had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven. Luke 24:50-51; and

⁹ After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, Who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into Heaven. Acts 1: 9 - 11



ARMED FORCES DAY IS MAY 16TH

MAY OBSERVANCES



PENTECOST is celebrated 7 weeks/49 days after Easter Sunday. The date this year is **May 24th**. Pentecost recalls the visitation of the Holy Spirit to 120 Christians, both apostles and followers. They spoke in tongues (in foreign languages that they had not previously personally known) to the assembled crowd. Three thousand were baptized.

The day was originally a Jewish festival which was called "*Pentecost*," because it was observed 50 days after Passover. (The Greek word for 50th day is "*pentecoste*.")

This is usually regarded as the date of the birth of the Christian Church.

1. When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them... 41 Those who accepted His message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day... 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Read Acts 2

The events of the day are foretold by Jesus in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, just before His Ascension. While His followers were with the risen Christ, He tells them, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5, NRSV). He tells them, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, May 25th, (previously **Decoration Day**) is a federal holiday honoring and mourning the military personnel that died while serving in the US Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard.

We remember those who sacrificed their lives for the security of this nation.

TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday will be commemorated on **May 31st** following Pentecost to honor the Holy Trinity — The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This Sunday occurs on the eighth Sunday following Easter as Pentecost is observed on the seventh Sunday after Easter. The trinity is taught in



¹⁹ *Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19;*

¹⁴ *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13: 14; and other Biblical passages.*

**MAY IS NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH,
WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE MONTH, AND
ASIAN AMERICAN MONTH AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH**

MAY CHURCH CALENDAR

May 2026						
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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
31						

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

MAY 2ND ~ WEDDING: WILLIAM POTTER AND JACQUELINE GONSALVEZ - 4:00 P.M.

MAY 3RD ~ HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 A.M.

MAY 3RD ~ RHINESTONE'S DEBUTANTE TEA - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR

MAY 10TH ~ WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MAY 10TH ~ EUNICE CIRCLE - NOON, #208

MAY 12TH ~ MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM - 11:00 A.M., #206

MAY 14TH ~ ASCENSION DAY

MAY 15TH ~ GOD'S GROCERIES - NOON, NORTH PARKING LOT

MAY 16TH ~ HARRIET TUBMAN CIRCLE - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR

MAY 17TH ~ YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.

MAY 17TH ~ AB GIRLS - NOON, YOUTH LOUNGE

MAY 17TH ~ NCNW SEATTLE SECTION - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR

MAY 19TH ~ AARP - NOON, PARLOR

MAY 20TH ~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR JOHNSON!

MAY 23RD ~ ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING W/PASTOR JOHNSON - 10:00 A.M., F. HALL

MAY 24TH ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.

***SENIOR PASTOR-ELECT CHARLES R. JOHNSON WILL PREACH
 RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIO HALL**

MAY 25TH ~ MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 29TH ~ MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEET N' GREET - 5:00 P.M.

MAY 30TH ~ MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RETREAT - 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M., F. HALL

MAY 31ST ~ TRINITY SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.

MOBILE: CALL 425.436.6306, ACCESS CODE 147230#

UNITY SUNDAY ~ MAY 17TH 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 *QUIET TIME WITH GOD* LED BY THE DIACONATE AT 6:00 P.M.



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*worship
WITH US*

livestream

Sundays at
10:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RETREAT

MEET & GREET Friday, May 29, 2026 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
RETREAT DAY Saturday, May 30, 2026 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Rev. Dr. Julie
Vaughn
Ministry of Christian
Education



Rev. Patricia Austin
Guest Facilitator,
First Baptist Church
S. RVA



Dr. Lora Ellen
McKinney
Speaker / Christian
Education Book



Rev. Dr. Phyllis
Beaumonte
Speaker / Christian
Education Book

EVERYONE is invited to attend the Ministry of Christian Education Retreat at Mount Zion!
This Retreat will be a time of **learning, renewal, and fellowship.**

Theme: *Equipping Believers for God's Glory*, Ephesians 4: 11 - 12

GUEST FACILITATOR: REVEREND PATRICIA JEAN AUSTIN, M.Div.; M.A.C.E.

Reverend Patricia Jean Austin (affectionately known as Rev. Pat) serves as the Minister of Christian Education at First Baptist Church Of South Richmond under the leadership of Dr. Dwight C. Jones, Senior Pastor and Dr. Derik E. Jones, Pastor. She is passionate about God's people growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Her ministry mission is to foster spiritual formation and discipleship for all age groups as she directs, teach, preach, and administers Christian education related studies within First Baptist.

Rev. Pat is a two-times graduate of Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia, where she received her Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Education. In addition, she holds a Master of Science Degree in Business Management from National-Louis University, Chicago, Illinois and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and Economics from Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

She was blessed to have had the opportunity to study abroad in Turkey, following the Life and Journey of the Apostle Paul. Rev Pat attended on-site classes at the Seven Churches in Asia Minor and preached at the excavated site of the Church Of Ephesus.

Rev. Pat began her Christian Education journey at the age of 16 years old, teaching children in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Fifty years later, God is still blessing her in this mission, During her many years of serving, she has provided Christian Education consulting and training while connected to the Baptist General Convention of Virginia (BGCVA). She provides leadership workshops, and Ministers In Training (MIT).

She is the CEO and Founder of a growing ministry called *Planted2Bloom*. The ministry is dedicated to carrying out the Great Commission of Christ in **Matthew 28:18-20**, to "Make Disciples of Men."

Rev. Pat serves on the Board of Directors for The Resource Center located on the campus of Virginia Union University, School Of Theology Department. The Center offers consultation and sponsors events that strengthen and support the educational and formation ministries of local congregations.

In her professional career, Rev. Pat retired from Northrop Grumman Aerospace and Defense Corporation following 20 years of service as Manager of Government Contracting in the Information and Technology Division East and West Coast operations. More recently, she retired for a second time from the Information and Technology division in the City of Richmond's Social Services Department.

Rev. Pat has one adult daughter and two Foster Care granddaughters. They reside in Columbia, South Carolina.

Her motto: "We are planted to bloom" - Ephesians 2:10

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



We had a glorious Good Friday service coordinated by **Rev. Dr. Julie L. Vaughn** who spoke the First Word. **Sister Winona Hollins-Hauge** served as the moderator for the inspiring program.

Our appreciation is extended to **Rev. Dr. James P. Broughton III, Min. David B. Taylor, Rev. Dr. Phyllis R. Beaumonte, Evangelist Lillian B. Washington, Rev. J. B. Proctor-Mills, Rev. Dr. Johnny J. Youngblood.** We thank **Mrs. Phyllis M. Byrdwell**, musicians, dancers and our church and community guests.

CALLING ALL GRADS!

We are asking Mount Zion members who will graduate in May or June to submit the following information to Publications by **May 24th**:

- ◆ NAME
- ◆ SCHOOL
- ◆ DIPLOMA/DEGREE/CERTIFICATION
- ◆ POST GRADUATION PLANS
- ◆ PHOTO



Class of 2026 Graduates will be recognized next month, date TBD. You may leave your info in Room 212A or email ycarr@mountzionseattle.org.



GOD'S GROCERIES

GOD'S GROCERIES are distributed from **Noon to 2:00 p.m.** every **THIRD FRIDAY**. Join us on **May 15th** in the North parking lot for **FREE** food.

Phillip Miller, Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church announcements are due to Publications on **Wednesday by 3:00 p.m.** The deadline for Zionews articles is the **15th of each month**. If you wish to have an announcement read during the service and printed in the Messenger, please email it to ycarr@mountzionseattle.org. Use this same email for submission of written articles for the Zionews. Ministry leaders are strongly encouraged to share information about your programs, events, and members with the congregation!

Yvonne Ervin Carr and Sharon Riggins

TRUSTEE CORNER

VOUCHER POLICY

1. Voucher Requests:

All voucher requests should be submitted to the *Church Secretary*, preferably during office hours. Please allow **two (2) weeks** for processing.

2. Signatures:

All vouchers must be approved and signed off by the appropriate ministry head.

3. Advanced Funds & Reimbursements:

If you are requesting advanced funds or reimbursement, please submit copies of all receipts at your earliest convenience. It would also be convenient for the bookkeeper if all purchases were itemized in typed (or written) form.

3. Excess Funds:

Any disbursed funds that are not spent are to be turned into the *church secretary* with attached receipts and itemizations. Please use a **Restricted Fund Form** to return any excess funds. Reference to the expense voucher number *(found in upper right hand corner)* that was utilized in requesting your funds.

For additional information or questions, please contact the church office at 206.322.6500.

Submitted by Catherine Marshall, Church Secretary

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) **OR CODE.**



Please remember to include your membership information with your gift to ensure accurate record keeping and proper acknowledgment.

Trustee Ministry Board,

*Joel Hobbs II, Chair; Mary Hopkins, Vice-Chair; Sam Bell; Jeri Harris;
Lisa Kelsie, Financial Secretary; and Tanya Jimale, Treasurer*

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

PROVERBS 31

A VIRTUOUS WOMAN

- ¹⁰ **A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.**
- ¹¹ Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.
- ¹² She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.
- ¹³ She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.
- ¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.
- ¹⁵ She gets up while it is still night;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants.
- ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
- ¹⁷ She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.
- ¹⁸ She sees that her trading is profitable,
and her lamp does not go out at night.
- ¹⁹ In her hand she holds the distaff
and grasps the spindle with her fingers.
- ²⁰ She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.
- ²⁹ **"Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."**
- ³⁰ ***Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.***
- ³¹ ***Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.***



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

PROVERBS 31

A VIRTUOUS WOMAN

- ²⁰ She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.
- ²¹ When it snows, she has no fear for her household
for all of them are clothed in scarlet.
- ²² She makes coverings for her bed;
she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
- ²³ Her husband is respected at the city gate,
where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.
- ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them,
and supplies the merchants with sashes.
- ²⁵ She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
- ²⁶ She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
- ²⁷ She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- ²⁸ **Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:**
- ²⁹ **"Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all.**
- ³⁰ *Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*
- ³¹ *Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM) FELLOWSHIP STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY AT MOUNT ZION

Mount Zion Baptist Church recently hosted a joyful and meaningful Young Adult Fellowship gathering that brought together a vibrant group of young adults for an evening of food, conversation, laughter, and spiritual connection.

The gathering created a welcoming space for participants to introduce themselves, share their personal journeys, and learn more about one another. As each person spoke, the evening became a beautiful reflection of the diversity, talent, and faith represented within Mount Zion's young adult community. Stories were shared from many walks of life, including education, healthcare, engineering, technology, media, aviation, and public service.

Some participants reflected on growing up at Mount Zion, while others shared how they came to Seattle, found their way to the church, or built new relationships through fellowship. Personal testimonies included stories of marriage, academic achievement, career aspirations, family life, and perseverance through life's challenges. These moments of openness helped deepen understanding and strengthen the bond among those gathered.



A special highlight of the evening was the spirit of genuine joy and encouragement that filled the room. Through lighthearted conversation, thoughtful questions, and shared testimony, the group experienced the blessing of Christian fellowship in a real and memorable way. It was clear that this was more than a social event—it was an opportunity to build community, affirm one another, and celebrate what God is doing in the lives of Mount Zion's young adults.

The evening also reflected the importance of intentional ministry for young adults within the life of the church. In a world where many are seeking belonging, guidance, and authentic connection, gatherings like this provide a place where faith can be strengthened and relationships can flourish.

Before continuing the meal, the group joined together in prayer, giving thanks to God for the time of fellowship and asking His blessing upon everyone present. That prayer served as a reminder that true fellowship is rooted in Christ and that every shared moment of love and encouragement helps strengthen the body of believers.

Mount Zion Baptist Church gives thanks for this growing young adult community and looks forward to future opportunities for fellowship, discipleship, and service. The Young Adult Fellowship is a promising and important part of the church's future, and this gathering was a powerful reminder that God is moving in the hearts and lives of this generation.

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” - Psalm 133:1

***Submitted by Alain Patience Mizero
Jeremiah Hobbs, YAM President***

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.

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

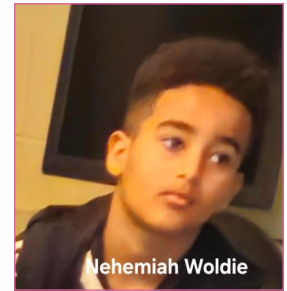
I will RISE...
Because I can!!!
John 5:8 and Philippians 4:13



Jasir Beason

WELCOME
to our newest
members,
Jasir Beason
and
Jeremiah
Woldie!

We're glad you've arrived.
We've been waiting for you .



Jeremiah Woldie



Damony Fields returned after a prolonged and successful basketball season. They recently won the AAU League Championship!

He finally received his academic award. (Others were issued earlier this year.)

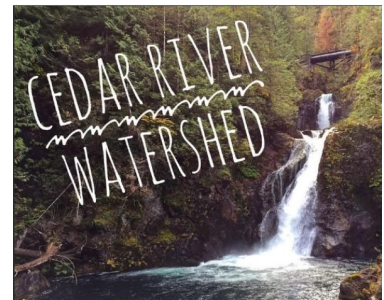
A Certificate of Merit and monetary gift for A's and B's received on his grade report was presented by **Mr. Leonard Elion, Administrator and TI Mentor.**

CONGRATULATIONS, DAMONY!
We are very proud of you!

MAY FIELD TRIP TO CEDAR RIVER WATERSHED TOUR SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

Team Issachar will join MZBC's AB Girls to tour the **source of Seattle's water supply.**

Sponsored by Seattle Public Utilities
Departure: **9:15 AM (promptly)** Return: **2:30 PM**
Includes transportation, lunch, and guided tour



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



MAY
BIRTHDAYS

1

Butler-Bell, Belinda J.
Gatling, Kevin

4

Harris, Lyric
Rice, Norman B.

5

Batts, Dr. Talitha Q.
Beaver, Jeffrey A.
Jackson, Anesha M.
Lumadede, Catherine G.

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Miles, Leslie R.
Batts, Dr. Talitha Q.

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Pollard, Carolyn
Randall-Gort, Karita D.

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Wright, Helené

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Henderson, Simione A.

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Ephraim, Jr., J.C.
Harris, Jeri

14

Henderson, Larry
Morgan, Rosana

Patton, Marcus

Shields, Brennan C.

15

Branch, Noah L.
Hightower, Milton R.

16

Ervin, Jr., Charles W.
Miles, Gabrielle H.

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Cash, Vannetta U.
Davis-Loeb, Jeanette M.

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Riggins, Stephen

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Johnson, Pastor Charles R.

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George Thomas

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Anderson, Rebecca L.
Jenkins, C. Maxine
Lytle, Darryl
Nichols, Paul D.

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Bennett, Chris H.
Harper, Shirley M.

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Gray, Mical K.

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Foster, LaWayne C.

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Corley, Victoria A.

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Staton, Rhonda B.

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Mungin, Dorothy L.

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Armstrong, Barbara

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Garrett, Kimberly A.
Harris, Heather O.



*Congratulations
to the
Newlyweds!*



A toast to a special couple

Mr. Emilio

&

Mrs. Jamekia Mason!

They were married on March 27, 2026!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS TO



Mr. Charles and Mrs. Rebecca "Becki" Taylor
celebrate their 43rd Wedding Anniversary on May 13th.
They joined Mount Zion in 2023.



***Mr. Anthony and
Mrs. Mary Hopkins***
celebrate their 43rd Wedding
Anniversary on May 14th
They have been members of
Mount Zion since 1995.



Mr. Wadie and Mrs. Yolanda Ervin will celebrate
their 56th Wedding Anniversary on May 30th!
They have been members of Mount Zion for forty-five years.

Mr. William "Bill"
and
Mrs. Jacqueline "Jhaki" Gonsalvez Potter
will celebrate their 1st Wedding Anniversary
on May 2, 2027!



MOUNT ZION SCHOLARSHIP

Description:	A one-year scholarship available to members of Mount Zion Baptist Church and those active in Mount Zion ministries who will be enrolled in an institution of higher learning during the 2026 - 2027 school year. The Mount Zion Scholarship Ministry's mission is to encourage and award academic excellence and Christ-like service.
Award Amount:	Determined by the Scholarship Ministry, based on a point system for each section of the application (priority given to undergraduate students).
Academic Year:	2026 - 2027
Award Notification:	All awards will be mailed directly to your school.
Deadline:	Applications must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2026 .
Application Method:	<p>All applications must be submitted to mountzion.net/scholarship or emailed to scholarship@mountzion.net before June 30, 2026. Note: It may be easier to print out the document and scan the necessary files to fully complete and submit your application. If there is not enough required space for your information or essay, please feel free to add additional pages to the end of this document or attach another document to your submission.)</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the applicant to include all required documents with their applications. Do not submit pieces separately. We have provided a checklist to help you ensure that all components of the application are included.</p>

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Type of Student:	High School senior, undergraduate or graduate student
Situations Funded:	Tuition, fees and/or books
Classifications:	Colleges, universities, community colleges, and technical schools
Status:	Full-time or part-time student
Application Requirements:	<p>Applicant must be currently active and a regular participant in church programs and events (or a church in your college community).</p> <p>Applicant will support the Mount Zion Scholarship Ministry with their time, talents, and/or resources.</p> <p>Proof of enrollment and acceptance letter from the institution applicant is scheduled to attend during the 2026 -2027 school year.</p> <p>Official sealed college transcript or high school transcript for high school seniors</p> <p>Two references must be included with the application; one academic reference (on school letterhead or via school faculty email) and one church reference for high school seniors and first time applicants. Reference must be from ministry leader or officer describing how the applicant is currently involved in the ministry.</p> <p>No recommendations from relatives will be accepted. .</p>
Minimum Grade Point Average:	Signed Application 2.5 g.p.a.
Contact Information:	Scholarship Ministry Chair, Jeremiah Hobbs or call the Church Office at 206.322.6500

NPBC TRANA ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP



WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT
AUXILIARY to the **NORTH PACIFIC BAPTIST CONVENTION**
Washington and Oregon
AFFILIATED with the **NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION USA INC.**

TRANA ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Trana Anderson Scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis to high school seniors and continuing students at a technical school, college or university that meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must be a member (minimum one year) of a church within the North Pacific Baptist Convention.
- The applicant must be active in some form of ministry or service within their congregation (i.e., Sunday School, BTU, BYE, usher ministry, music ministry).
- The applicant must possess **up-to-date transcripts** and possess a **minimum GPA of 2.5**.

Application Process

The following must be submitted by mail and postmarked ***no later than June 30, 2026*** to the address below:

1. Completed scholarship application.
2. A 500-word essay, "What this scholarship means to me."
3. A letter of recommendation from each of the following individuals:
 - a) Church pastor
 - b) Teacher/instructor
 - c) School counselor, principal or dean.
4. A copy of the Letter of Acceptance from the admitting technical school, college or university.
5. A wallet-sized photograph (black & white or color).

All documentation must be received (postmarked) by **June 30, 2026** in order to meet the application deadline. Incomplete application packets will not be considered. Recommendations regarding scholarship awards are approved by the Women's Department and the selection of successful candidates by the Committee are final.

Mail completed applications to:

Barbara Vann
Scholarship Committee Chair
3223 South Monroe Street
Tacoma WA 98409

For more information, contact Barbara Vann at (253) 561-3015

NCNW SEATTLE SECTION SCHOLARSHIP

Lillian M. Gideon Legacy Award

The **Seattle Section of The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW)** has established the **Lillian M. Gideon Legacy Award** to provide continuing educational opportunities for African American women residing and/or working in Martin Luther King, Jr. County. Mrs. Gideon, a dedicated volunteer and philanthropist, was a co-founder and charter member of the Seattle Section.

Committed to academic excellence, NCNW will award a minimum of \$1000.00 towards tuition and/or books for the 2026-2027 school year to deserving applicants. **Recipients must have completed one year of vocational training or undergraduate study at an accredited institution of higher learning.** Notification of Awards will be made in August.

Applicants will be considered based on the following criteria:



- 2.5+ G.P.A.
- School and Community Service
- Leadership Skills
- Financial Need
- Oral and Written Communication Skills

(Finalist will be interviewed by the Education Committee)

Applicants must submit the following information no later than **July 15, 2026**:

- Completed Application Form
- Personal Essay (500 words maximum)
- Official Grade Transcript (sealed)
- Academic Recommendation from an instructor, counselor or administrator
- Personal Recommendation from a non-family member

Completed applications should be mailed to Yvonne Ervin Carr, Education Chairperson

Lillian M. Gideon Legacy Award Committee
4916 48th Avenue South ~ Seattle, WA 98118
206.307.5746 yervincarr@aol.com

Meko L. Lawson, Seattle Section President

NCNW
Seattle Section

Commitment, Unity, Self-Confidence

EASTER EGG HUNT, CRAFTS FAIR AND BASKET DISTRIBUTION

Our children had a wonderful time decorating, writing Easter cards, searching for the “golden egg” and other treats, and learning about Holy Week.

Thank you, Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, Daphne Piggee, Deborah Hilsman, parents, mentors and all our volunteer assistants!



MOTHER MABLE HARRIS/SOJOURNER TRUTH STOLE



Thank you to the women of Mount Zion Baptist Church Women's Ministry, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn. Thanks also to former presidents, Dr. Georgia McDade, Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte, Mrs. Elma Horton, and Mrs. Colleen Walls; other members to thank are Sonia Brown, Deacon Venus Doyal, Dr. Lora-Ellen McKinny, and Ms. Stephnie Nicole Vaughn, daughter of Rev. Dr. Vaughn. Thanks as well to Mrs. Juanita Thomas who was unable to join us. Many thanks to Yvonne Ervin Carr for her efforts in ensuring the announcement to participate was widely distributed.

On Friday, April 10, this group traveled to the Mable L. Harris Library, American Baptist Camp Burton, Vashon Island. We were blessed and honored to sign our names to the **2026 Sojourner Truth Traveling Stole in honor of Mable L. Harris (1898-1992)**. "Mother Mable", as she was known, touched the lives of many not only at Mount Zion, but throughout the faith community and this nation, as evidenced by her name and photo there at the Library at Camp Burton.

Celebrating Women in Ministry has recognized and honored Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) since 2021 with a Traveling Stole and during National African American Clergy Women's Awareness (November). On April 10th, we posthumously recognized and honored Mother Mable, President of Mount Zion Women's Society, 1954-1956 and again 1958 to 1966.



The honoring program began with a warm welcome from Ms. Michele Rutschow, Director of Camp Burton, followed by the invocation by Dr. Vaughn, then remarks by those in attendance. and each one signing the Sojourner Truth Traveling Stole. After the program, Ms. Rutschow, took us on a tour of the Memory Room. The walls of the Memory Room were lined with several large collages. Seeing this room void of a collage of Mother Mable's history and the library with few if any books about Black women, the plan now is to create a couple of collages for the Memory Room and to add a few books to the Mable Harris Library. It will be a blessing to help in keeping Mother Mable's history alive for generations yet unborn. Celebrating Women in Ministry is inviting the women of Mount Zion to join in this endeavor.

For information/dates on creating the two collages and returning to Camp Burton for the installation, please contact Rev. Dr. LaVerne C. Hall, hallcmbh@aol.com or Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn at Mount Zion. All women are invited and encouraged to participate.

If you have not stopped at the Chapel and greeted Sojourner Truth, please do so. Her original, one-of-a-kind stained-glass art was installed along with seventeen others in 1972.

Rev. Dr. LaVerne C. Hall

President, Mount Zion Women's Ministry 1996-1997

Founder, 1989/1990, Celebrating Women in Ministry

Founder, National African American Clergy Women's Awareness Month

Founder, Sojourner Truth Traveling Stole Experience





We are thankful for the special opportunity to commemorate the life of Mother Mable Harris, and acknowledge the meaningful reflections provided by the Mount Zion Baptist Church Women in Ministry.

Thanks to Rev. Dr. LaVerne Hall and the Sojourner Truth Traveling Stole for a remarkable experience.

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



MABLE L. HARRIS LIBRARY
Est. June 23, 1979

HARRIET TUBMAN CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY BY GIVING BACK



THE BUNNY WILBURN SHELTER IS HONORED IN RECOGNITION OF MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 10, 2026.

Harriet Tubman Circle delivered forty designer gift baskets filled with personal care items, toiletries, pens, calendars, pillow cases, hair products, snacks & surprises.

The shelter is a Program of Catholic Community Services and is located in Central Seattle between Jackson and Dearborn. It provides safe housing, case-management, workshops and resources for women.

The Bunny Wilburn Shelter encourages self-esteem and self-sufficiency, while supporting productive lifestyles. The Bunny Wilburn Shelter is named for the founder of the Seattle Affiliate of the National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI). Mrs. Wilburn was a dedicated and committed community advocate for our children and their families. Her legacy continues.

Mount Zion's Harriet Tubman Circle Sisters are delighted to Bless these Mothers; some who might not get the recognition they deserve. The Circle will continue to share their talents, time, gifts and love through mission services, spiritual awareness and growth opportunities and FAITH.

The shelter contacts Circle Leader or assigned Mission & Services, Church & Community representative to request assistance and share wish lists....And then we get to work!

Currently the shelter is in need of non-perishable breakfast microwavable foods, snacks, and fruit.

We also visited the residents at the Washington Care Center.



Photo by Phil Miller



Harriet Tubman Circle Sisters are Sadikifu Akina-James (Past BCDI President), Gloria Bennett, Phyllis Byrdwell, Deacon Venus Doyal, Cora Dunn, Betty Gray, Doris Hickman, Mary Hopkins, Elma Horton, Twana Manning, Dawn Mason, Wendy Paeth, Alice Shumate, Lillian-Faye Smith, Rhonda Staton, Ethel Wellington-Trawick, Colleen Walls, Carla Williams, and Annie Vithayathil.

Submitted by Catherine Acox, Circle Leader



FAR WEST REGION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

MAY 2026
NBC FAR WEST REGION WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
HELP, WORSHIP HIM IN PRAYER *15 MINUTES WITH THE MASTER*
DIAL IN (805) 313-4222 — ACCESS CODE 8058941# DIAL *6 TO MUTE/UNMUTE
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 Idaho	2
3 Nevada	4 Utah	5 Washington	6 Alaska	7 Arizona	8	9
10 California	11 Idaho	12 Nevada	13 Utah	14 Washington	15	16
17 Alaska	18 Arizona	19 California	20 Idaho	21 Nevada	22	23
24 Utah	25 Washington	26 Alaska	27 Arizona	28 California	29	30
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Dr. Yvette A. Jackson, Vice President
Far West Region Women's Auxiliary
National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.
Questions Call (800) 686-0681

JOIN THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
Tuesday, May 5th, 2026
4pm AKST; 5pm PST/MST;
7pm CST; 8pm EST
Zoom Information

Meeting Id: 833 563 4800
Passcode: 2kLIHw

Coming Events

2026 Women For All Seasons
Virtual Conference
May 15th - 16th, 2026

DONATION
\$50.00

Conference Theme:
"How to Serve All Generations in This
Present Age" Psalm 145:4
Deadline to submit payment: May 9, 2026
Questions contact:
West Region VP — Frankie Kirkendoll
Phone: (316) 619-0948
Email: fmk1922@gmail.com

Coming Events

**NBC CONGRESS OF
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (COCE)**
Virtual and Onsite
JUNE 21 - 26, 2026
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
America's Center St. Louis Convention Center
811 North 9th Street
St. Louis, MO 63101
Copy the link below in your web browser
<https://nbcusa.org/upcoming-events/>

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National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.
Questions Call (800) 686-0681

Community News



Seattle
Human Services
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ads Aging and Disability Services
Area Agency on Aging for Seattle and King County



LANGSTON

MAMA JOE PROJECT

Film Screening &
Outreach

Saturday, May 16
1 to 4 p.m.



Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute
104 17th Ave S. in Seattle

The Aging and Disability Services division of Seattle's Human Services Department invites all to see the documentary film *My Mama Joe: Hope & Help*, followed by a Q&A with local experts in caregiving, dementia navigation, and healthy living.

The event is **FREE** and open to everyone, children are welcome. Mini-info fair with local agencies starts at 1pm. Register via the QR Code or at www.mamajoeproject.com/seattle.



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Washington



BLACK GRADUATION ~ MAY 30TH & 31ST

CENTERING BLACK ARTS. CELEBRATING BLACK ARTISTS. BUILDING BLACK FUTURES.

BLACK GRADUATION

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