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WHO THEN IS THIS, THAT EVEN

THE WIND

— AND —

THE SEA

OBEY HIM?

Peace

MARK 4:41, ESV

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

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Senior Pastor-Elect ~ Reverend Charles Reginald Johnson, Sr.

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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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Mrs. Juanita Thomas
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Mr. Steven Walcott
Miss Averionna Wade
Mr. Richard Weeks
Mr. Alvin Whittaker
Mr. Herman and Mrs. Sharon Williams
Dr. R. Y. Woodhouse
Ms. Sylvia Young

Praying for Healing and Recovery

With Sympathy

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

Deacon Emerita Moszell H. Pennington, mother of Glenn Pennington, Reginal (Rosalinda), Flossie Pennington
and Asa (David) Pennington Irwin; service at Mount Zion on June 12th at 11:00 a.m.

Brother Robert L. Coleman, Jr., father of Carolyn Coleman, Barbara (Paul) Coleman Coston
and Marilyn (Stan) Toliver; service on June 17th at Metropolitan Baptist Church, MD at 8:00 a.m. PST

Brother Cashion A. Stewart, son of Ah'Lonna Prescott and Anthony Stewart;
great-great nephew of Christopher (Gloria) Bennett

Sister Beverly Jackson, sister of Gayle (Dennis) Carlisle

Sister Estine Ervin, mother of DeCarla Williams



SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER SERVICE: LIGHTS IN THE WORLD

“12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed-not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence-continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose” ~ Philippians 2:12-13.

JUNE THEME: *Let Your Light Shine Brightly for Christ*

In this Philippians passage, Paul speaks from prison to believers who are already saved. His words may raise the question, “What does it mean to work out our salvation with fear and trembling? Does he mean believers should live in constant anxiety?” Certainly not. This phrase does not refer to a crippling fear of God’s wrath. Instead, it calls us to live out our faith with reverence, obedience, and sincere devotion, desiring God to work fully within us. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of true wisdom and deepens as we come to know Him. It means honoring His greatness, respecting the authority of His Word, and choosing to obey Him.



COMPANION SCRIPTURE: *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” ~ Proverbs 9:10*

Wisdom begins with knowing God and walking in a personal relationship with Him. When we pray, “Have Thine Own Way,” we choose to trust His love and wisdom above our own fears and ambitions. As we surrender to Him, we begin to see His power at work in our lives. Nothing takes place outside His direct action or permissive will, and all His plans are guided by wisdom, righteousness, and love.

PRAYER FOCUS:

Dear Lord, we pray that you will give us the wisdom to follow you and shine your hope to others. Please plant your will in our hearts. We pray that our God-given desires will grow and our prayers will change with our Christian walk to bring greater glory to you, and new doors will open as we walk in your anointing. In Jesus name, Amen.

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 Pettitt 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

June 2nd - Guidance, Exodus 15: 13

June 9th - Following the Leader, Matthew 4: 19

June 16th - Righteous Ruts, Psalm 23: 3

June 23rd - Working Together, Philippians 1: 27

June 30th - Indigenous Leadership, Ezekiel 39: 18

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

The Book of Acts Author: Luke

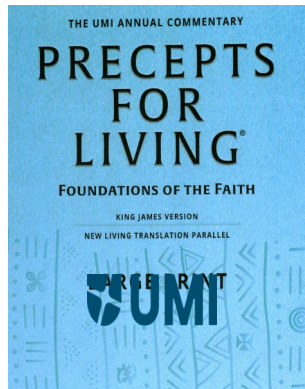
Rev. Dr. Phyllis R. Beaumonte, Instructor

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JUNE 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

June 7, 2026

Staying Faithful to Christ **Colossians 2:1-15**

How can we avoid being led astray by fake philosophies and traditions? What does it mean to be complete in Christ? This passage encourages believers to remain rooted in Christ, warning against empty philosophies and emphasizing the fullness of life found in Him. It highlights Christ's victory over spiritual powers and our union with Him.

June 14, 2026

The Return of Christ **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

How should we live in anticipation of Jesus' return? What does it mean to be children of light and not of darkness? This passage urges believers to be watchful and sober, living in readiness for Christ's return. It emphasizes the hope and comfort found in knowing that we will be with the Lord.

June 21, 2026

Fight for the Faith **1 Timothy 6:11-21**

What does it mean to pursue righteousness and godliness? How should we handle material wealth and guard against false teachings? This passage encourages Timothy to pursue a life of faith and righteousness, warning against the love of money and urging him to hold fast to the truth.

June 28, 2026

Sharing a Legacy **2 Timothy 1:1-14**

How do we pass on the faith to the next generation? What does it mean to stir up the gift of God within us? This passage encourages Timothy to be bold in his faith and to guard the good deposit entrusted to him, emphasizing the importance of

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. 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 ~ JUNE 21ST

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. ~ *Let Your Light Shine Brightly for Christ*
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 Acts
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



JUNE CHURCH CALENDAR

June 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
 SUNDAY - CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 10:00 A.M., ROOM 205
 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.

JUNE IS NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS, MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS, PTSD AWARENESS, PRIDE, GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS, AND BLACK MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH

IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JUNE 7TH - HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.
 FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP HALL
 JUNE 9TH - MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM - 11:00 A.M., #206
 JUNE 12TH - SERVICE FOR DEACON EMERITA MOSZELL H. PENNINGTON - 11:00 A.M.
 JUNE 13TH - YOUTH USHERS - 10:00 A.M.
 JUNE 13TH - ABIGAIL CIRCLE - 11:00 A.M., PARLOR
 JUNE 13TH - HARRIET TUBMAN CIRCLE - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR

JUNE 14TH ~ CHILDREN'S DAY!

JUNE 14TH - PRISON MINISTRY SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.
 LUNCHEON AND PANEL PRESENTATION AFTER THE SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP HALL
 JUNE 14TH - AB GIRLS - NOON, YOUTH LOUNGE
 JUNE 16TH - AARP - NOON, PARLOR

JUNE 19TH - GOD'S GROCERIES - NOON, NORTH PARKING LOT

ATTEND A COMMUNITY JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

JUNE 21ST ~ HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

JUNE 21ST - SENIOR PASTOR-ELECT CHARLES R. JOHNSON, SR. WILL BE PREACHING FOR THE BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY SUNDAY SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

JUNE 23RD - WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING - 5:00 P.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL

JUNE 28TH - SENIOR MINISTRY/MEMORY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

SENIOR LUNCHEON - NOON, FELLOWSHIP HALL

JUNE 28TH - NCNW SEATTLE SECTION - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR

MOBILE

CALL 425.436.6306 CODE 147230#

JUNE 3RD, 10TH, 17TH AND 24TH - DIACONATE WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE AT 6:00 P.M.

JUNE 21ST - SUNDAY UNITY SERVICE AT 5:00 P.M., DEACONESS DORIS SMITH, COORDINATOR

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - PRAYERLINE AT 7:00 A.M.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY - PRAYERLINE AT 7:30 P.M.

ELMA HORTON, COORDINATOR



<https://www.mountzion.net>



PRISON MINISTRY

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

YOU ARE INVITED

**TO A DAY OF WORSHIP, CONNECTION, & IMPACT
COMMUNITY SERVICE & PRISON MINISTRY GATHERING**

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

**MOUNT ZION
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

**1634 19TH AVE.
SEATTLE, WA
98122**



**10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**12:00 NOON
LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP**

The community is warmly invited to attend our Sunday Worship Service. Bring your family and friends and join us for a meaningful morning of praise, prayer, and worshipping together.

Immediately following worship, Missions and Evangelism's Prison Ministry will host a delicious luncheon. There will be an informative presentation, a powerful, thought-provoking panel discussion and Q & A

OUR SPECIAL GUESTS:

**PANEL FACILITATOR, GILDA SHEPPARD, PHD
DIRECTOR PRODUCER OF THE AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY
"SINCE I BEEN DOWN"**

**BLACK PRISONERS
CAUCUS/
BUILDING POSITIVE
COMMUNITIES**

**SURVIVORS OF
CRIME**

**PARENTS,
CHILDREN, AND
FAMILIES OF OUR
INCARCERATED**

**COMMUNITY
PASSAGEWAYS**

**VILLAGE OF
HOPE**

**AFRICAN AMERICAN
LEADERSHIP FORUM**

JOIN US IN FOSTERING UNDERSTANDING, HEALING, AND HOPE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

ALL ARE WELCOME!

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM'S PRISON MINISTRY

Contact Janet Jones-Preston, Coordinator or Mattie Taplin, M & E President

JUNE OBSERVANCES

June 14th Children's Day. This day honors the children in our lives by slowing down our fast-paced lives, turning off the tech, and refocusing on the important things. Taking one day may not be enough, but using it as an opportunity to redirect our family life is an important way to stay connected with our children.

Children look up to adults in their life for guidance. While their personalities are unique, children develop their character as they spend time with people. Early interaction is good for their development and essential for their social and spiritual growth. Language skills, communication skills, and emotional skills are formed at an early age. National Children's Day is the perfect time to let our precious children know how much we love and appreciate them.

On June 21st we honor all Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, Father Figures and our Brothers in Christ. Join the Brotherhood Ministry at 10:00 a.m. and be blessed with a special message from our Senior Pastor-Elect Charles R. Johnson, Sr.

JUNETEENTH

Made an official national holiday in 2022, Juneteenth began in Galveston, TX, which was the western-most area of the Union in 1865. When enslaved people there were told of their emancipation on **June 19, 1865**, they had technically already been freed two and a half years prior, when President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

Slaveholders in Texas had kept the information to themselves, extending the period of violent exploitation of enslaved African Americans. The following year, in 1866, a celebration was held in Texas, the first Juneteenth observance to recognize freedom from slavery in the U.S.

Mrs. Opal Flake Lee, a retired teacher and pioneer activist in the movement to make Juneteenth a federally-recognized holiday, is known as the **"Grandmother of Juneteenth."**

At the age of 94, her efforts succeeded. On **June 17, 2021**, President Joe Biden signed Senate Bill S. 475 making Juneteenth the eleventh federal holiday. Ms. Opal Lee was an honored guest at the bill signing ceremony and received the first pen President Biden used to sign the document.

JUNETEENTH did not become a paid holiday for Washington State employees until 2022!

*NOTE: Mrs. Lee is the first cousin of MZBC member **Irma (Jean) Hill!**



JUNETEENTH
A Black
INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

Central Area Senior Center

500 30th Avenue S. | Seattle, WA 98144 | www.casrcenter.org | 206.726.4926

FRIDAY | **JUNE 19** | 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Special Guests include:

- Erika Evans, City of Seattle Attorney General
- Joy Hollingsworth, Seattle, City Council President
- Karol Brown, historical storyteller, Aunt Harriet Tubman
- Josephine Howell, Seattle songstress
- Whiz Posse: Juneteenth Edition by Alfreda Lanier
- The Central Area Sliders
- Calvin West, Voices of Freedom
- Brenda Wright, Poet
- and more...

FREE & Open to the Public

Lunch will be available | Suggested donation \$7 | Kids are Free
RSVP: 206.726.4926

Join Us!

Atlantic Street Center's
25th ANNUAL
JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Thursday, June 18
5 pm - 8 pm

Rainier Beach Community Center Plaza
8825 Rainier Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118

VENDOR SPOTS ARE OPEN

CLOTHING
PROMOTE YOUR ART
SHARE RESOURCES

atlanticstreetcenter.org/juneteenth

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!

The just man
walketh
in his integrity:
his children
are blessed
after him.
Proverbs 20:7 KJV

BLACK
DADS
MATTER



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Cheryl L. Coleman
 Billy L. Elleby, IV
 Regina F. Shelby
 Jamal Shirazy

3

Nahje Daniel
 Carole M. Davis
 Melody Y. Prescott
 Andrea J. Sheperd

4

Lesia M. Curvey

5

Abram M. Beach
 Doris B. Hickman

6

Lori D. Biggar
 Ahmen Davis
 Joseph Harrison
 Kenneth Johnson
 June C. Johnson

7

Jean E. Carson
 Grace L. Hopper

***Dr. Rosalind Y. Woodhouse**

***Esteemed Seniors**

8

***Shirley Britt**

Gail A. Kelsie

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Aeshia M. Hutton
 Doris M. Jones
 Axl S.L. Johnson

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Courtney S. Andrews
 Yvonne Ervin Carr

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Harry C. Bailey
 Jakari A. J. Hill

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Jessica E. Andrews-Hall
 Malik Johnson
 Edward Lanier, Jr.
 Milan I. Lawson
 Albert Mungin, III

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***Johnie M. Randall**

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Darryl R. Taylor

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Deon L. Fields

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Susan Hopper

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***Robert Nelson, Jr.**

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Florence Adeyemi

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*Dr. William D. Bradford
 Deon Fields, Jr.
 Asa Pennington-Irwin

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Christopher B. Bennett
 Hailey Gray

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Fred Byrdwell
 Patricia A. London

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JoEtta Bailey
 Trever Rivers

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Charles E. Cohen
 Karlee C. Ervin

***Olive J. Hunter**

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Shameka T. Singleton
 Sonia Brown

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***Arcelious Bailey, Jr.**

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Debra Harris-Branham

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Samuel Bell

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Catherine R. Acox

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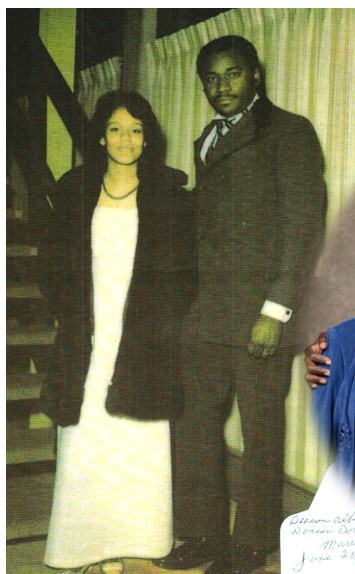
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BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS TO

Deacons Albert and Dorothy Mungin

June 28th ~ 58th Wedding Anniversary



***Mr. Clifford and
 Mrs. Catherine Marshall***

June 19th ~ 33rd Wedding Anniversary



***Min. Nate and
 Mrs. Leslie Harper Miles***

40th Wedding Anniversary

OUR NEWEST ARRIVALS



Welcome, l'il Angel, **Jolie Charlotte Hobbs**, daughter of Joel II and Cedar Hobbs.

She was born on Mother's Day, May 10th at 4:08 p.m. at Valley Medical weighing 9 lbs. 7oz , 19.6"

Proud Grandparents:
Seth and Cori Williams
Deacons Joel, Sr. and Darlene Hobbs



Meet "l'il Diva," **Blessing Monet Lau JR Fisher-Price**

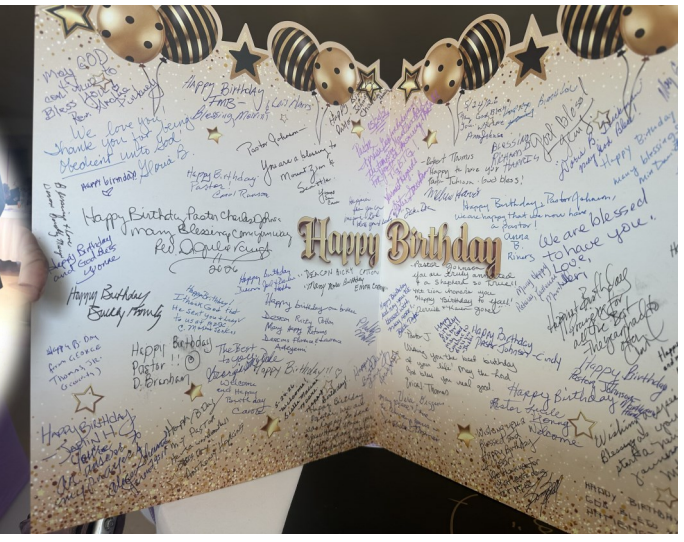
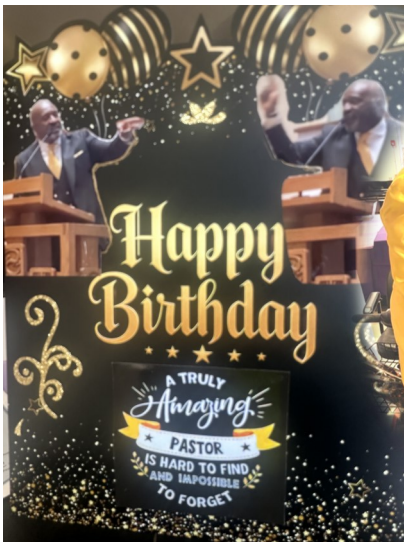
She was born on May 21, 2026, at 9:58 p.m.
7 lbs. 8oz , 21"

Parents: Reginald Price III and Sequoyiah Fisher

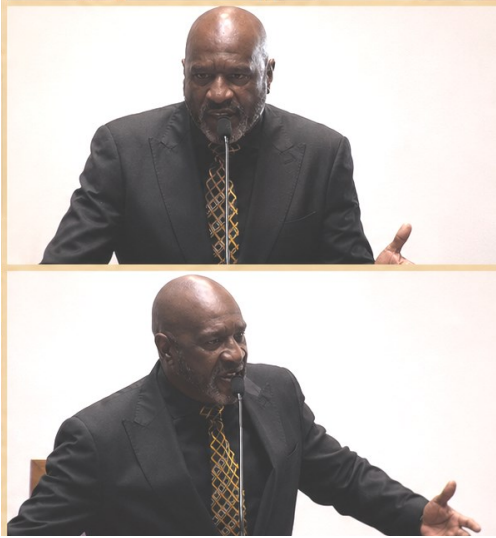
Proud Grandparents: Angela Burgess, Reginald Price, Jr.
Shawn Fisher

PASTOR JOHNSON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

This Birthday card, designed by peach cobbler specialist **Karen Jones**, and signed by guests was presented to Pastor Johnson on May 24th. Special thanks to **Chef Twana Manning, Sumaiya Shirazy** for the delicious strawberry shortcake, photo cake from **Emma Cotton**, ice cream server **Averionna Wade**, and the many other volunteers who helped us celebrate!



SENIOR PASTOR-ELECT CHARLES R. JOHNSON, SR.



Senior Pastor-Elect Charles R. Johnson, Sr. and First Lady V Johnson blessed us with another Seattle visit last month. May 22nd to 25th was a busy time for Pastor Johnson. He met with the Diaconate, ministry leaders, Advisory Council, Transition Team and the congregation.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, Pastor Johnson preached and performed his first baptism at Mount Zion. His sermon, ***The Worst Time to Die***, focused on a discourse Jesus was having with His disciples about the end-time found in Matthew 24:20 KJV.

But PRAY ye that your FLIGHT (death) be not in WINTER (cold), neither on the SABBATH (rest) Day.

C – Critical

O – Out of Control

L – Lethal

D – Dysfunctional

R – Relaxation

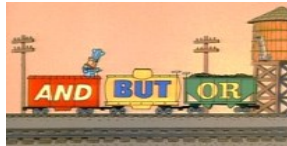
E – Ellipses your

S – Spiritual

T – Transformation

Mount Zion, be a warm House of Love. Mount Zion, be busy doing God's work.

Are you a member of the "Wait & See" Ministry?



According to the Schoolhouse Rock definition, but is a conjunction. **BUT**, God elevated it to a Divine Conjunction. Just ask Moses, Noah, Abraham, or Paul. Better yet, ask yourself!

PASTOR ALERT:

Don't die without Jesus on your side unless you want to dwell in Hell for eternity.

PRAY...PRAY...PRAY...PRAY...PRAY...PRAY...PRAY...PRAY...PRAY...PRAY...

TRANSITION TEAM

Pastor Charles R. Johnson, Sr. introduced his Transition Team during the All-Church Meeting held on May 24th. Members include ***Gloria Bennett, Chair; Harry Bailey, Vice-Chair; Yvonne Ervin Carr, Communications; Carol Bell, Sam Bell, Jeremiah Hobbs, Tanya Jimale and Robert Thomas.*** The Team will meet regularly with Pastor Johnson and provide assistance with administration, relocation, dedication/installation, organization, and other areas of concern as needed.

Baptisms



Rev. Dr. Patricia L. Hunter delivered a message to our candidates prior to the Baptism and shared the meaning of this sacred ordinance. **Deacons Leslyn Jones Petitt and C. Maxine Jenkins** assisted with the preparation.



Pastor Johnson, assisted by **Jeremiah Hobbs**, baptized **Adalyn Amarech Johnson**



and Addisyn Ann Johnson

**LET
MOUNT
ZION
REJOICE!**



We welcomed three new members to our Church Family last month! **Adalyn Amarech Johnson and Addisyn Ann Johnson**, twin daughters of **Stephen and Amel Johnson**, were baptized by **Pastor Charles R. Johnson, Sr.** Their elated grandparents are **Deacons Wallace and Ann Johnson, Amarech Feleke Ayetaged and Tesfaye Degu Orgasa.** **Kristen Coote** joined by **Chrisitan Experience** and her Mother flew from Jamaica to share in this special moment and attend her graduation ceremony at the University of Washington. Kristen earned a Master's degree in Health Information and Management. **Rhonda Staton**, Church Clerk, presented the Certificates of Membership and Bibles before the Diaconate and Ministers extended the Right Hand of Fellowship to our newest members.

Photos by Patience Mizero and Berhanu Wells

BOOKLET 'MAMA SAYS' BY THE ARTS MINISTRY

The **Arts Ministry** was very excited in presenting their 2nd Edition of **MAMA SAYS** on Mother's Day, 2026. "Mama Says" began in 2013 as a tribute to mothers and the women in our lives. This project was a compilation of *Treasured Memorable Sayings, Scripture and Wisdom* that Church Members provided from their Mother's, Grandmothers and/or other elders in their families.

Since Mother's Day, the Arts Ministry has received many favorable comments from church members, often including one of the sayings and the full story behind the saying.



We *Thank* those who took the time to complete the form and return to us along with a photo of the family member for inclusion in the booklet.

The Booklet was truly a Labor of Love for the Arts Ministry, and we have already started planning for next year.

There is nothing like a Mother's LOVE.

***Debra Harris-Branham, Pat Bruce, Malver B. Haynes
and Elisheba Wokoma***

EASTSIDE PREPARATORY SCHOOL TOUR

Forty-nine fifth and sixth graders and faculty members Burton Barrager (science), Dan Yezbick (history), Diana Gonzalez-Castillo (literature), and Ryan Winkelman (history) from Eastside Preparatory School of Kirkland toured Mount Zion on May 15th. Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte and Dr. Georgia S. McDade informed the group about Mount Zion's beginning, the architecture, Dr. James



Washington's sculpture *Oracle of Truth*, the Gideon Tower, the Gleason murals, and stained glass from the previous church. The Sanctuary and its stained-glass windows dominated the approximately two-hour event. Students recognized several of the eighteen figures in the windows. Most of the time was spent viewing and commenting on the stained-glass windows. The tapestry, too, held the students' interest. Our massive organ pipes never fail to catch the attention of guests.

Mount Zion thanks EPS for the many non-perishable goods they contributed to God's Groceries. The group was invited to attend our services anytime.

Submitted by Dr. Georgia S. McDade

Photo by Joey Thomas

TRUSTEE CORNER

At the May 24, 2026, All-Church Meeting, the congregation approved the Advisory Council recommendation to have the following persons serve as temporary members on the Trustee Ministry Board to fill vacant positions: Harry Bailey, Sam Bell, Dennis Carlisle, Brenda Charles-Edwards and Dr. Charlie Walker, III. Tanya Jimale will serve as the Church Treasurer. All have previous experience as Trustees and financial officers. They expressed a willingness to share their knowledge and expertise. They are committed to performing their duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Church Constitution and Bylaws.

Current Trustees include Joel Hobbs, II, Chairperson; Mary Hopkins, Vice-Chairperson; and Jeri Harris. Lisa Kelsie Carter is the Financial 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) **QR CODE.**



We ask that you include your membership information with your gift to ensure accurate record keeping and proper acknowledgment.

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

GOD'S GROCERIES

GOD'S GROCERIES are distributed from **Noon to 2:00 p.m.** every **THIRD FRIDAY**. Join us on **June 20th** in the North parking lot for **FREE** food.

Phillip Miller, Coordinator



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

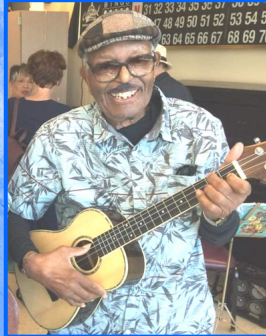
SPECIAL THANKS is extended to *Deacon Darlene Hobbs and Erica Thomas* for assisting in the office...*Elma Horton* for cooking and coordinating the First Sunday Fellowship Hour... and *Deborah Hilsman* for faithfully performing dishwashing and kitchen clean-up duties.

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MOUNT ZION CENTENARIANS AND NONAGENARIANS



Lou Annie Charles



Cecil S. Beatty

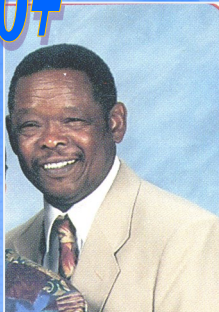


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Josephine S. Stokes

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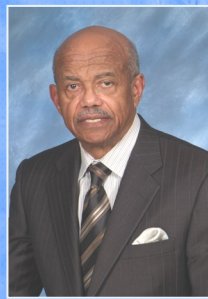
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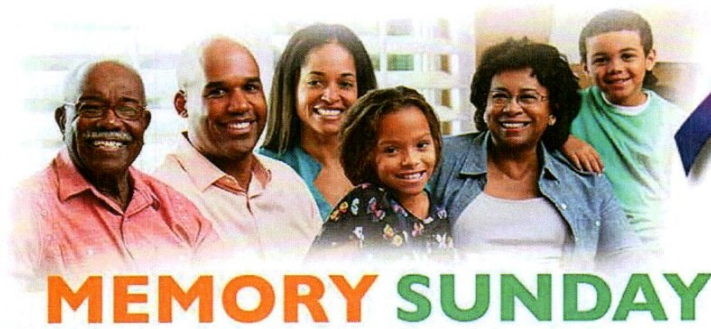
Gloria Ross

The Senior Ministry would like you to help us in Celebrating Our Seniors on June 28th!

Pease join us in Sunday Service and then come to the Fellowship Hall where we will enjoy special speakers, informative presentations, acknowledgments and a delicious meal! We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you and hope to see you there!

Sister Emma Cotton, Senior Ministry President

MOUNT ZION HEALTH MINISTRY



Promoting
brain health and
dementia awareness
among people of
African descent

Memory Sunday or Sabbath is an Alzheimer's awareness campaign for African American churches. This is a day to talk about living well with memory loss! It's nationally recognized on the second Sunday or Saturday in June.

THE MOUNT ZION HEALTH MINISTRY WILL OBSERVE MEMORY SUNDAY ON JUNE 28th

Dr. Sheri Buckley and Winona Hollins-Hauge, MSW, Co-Chairs

According to the Washington State Dementia Action Collaborative:

- The number of older African Americans in Washington is growing. By 2040, this population is estimated to increase from about 43,000 to about 80,000 (83 percent).
- African Americans are about two times more likely to have Alzheimer's disease than the non-Hispanic white population.
- African Americans are more likely to be misdiagnosed or diagnosed with Alzheimer's in the later stages of the disease.

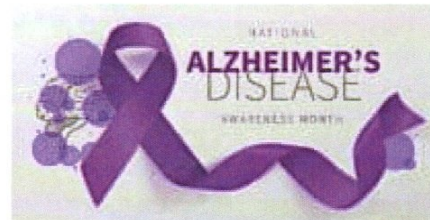
ALZHEIMERS TOP 10 EARLY SIGNS

- MEMORY LOSS
- CHANGES IN MOOD
- MISPLACING BELONGINGS
- HARD TO COMPLETE FAMILIAR TASK



CONFUSION OF TIME AND PLACE

- SOCIAL WITHDRAWAL
- POOR JUDGEMENT
- STRUGGLING TO COMMUNICATE
- CHANGES IN VISION



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

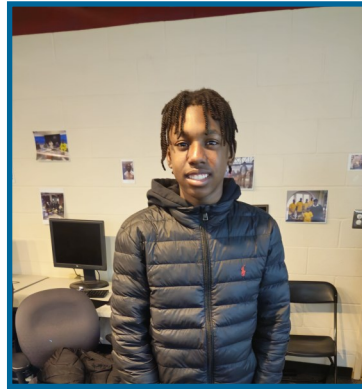
**I will make wise decisions
to insure my success!**

Matthew 6:33

I will RISE...

Because I can!!!

John 5:8 and Philippians 4:13



Jasir Beason, a student at Einstein Middle School, won **1st place** in the 8th grade 400 meters (:55.89) and Einstein's 4x\$00 Relay (3:54.05) Sno-King Middle School Track & Field Championships.



Jaydem JJM Mareschal performed with Eckstein Middle School's award-winning Concert Band in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho!

Tyree Carr, III, violist, won the 2026 Key to Change University of Washington Concerto Competition. He performed at Meany Hall!



Keep up with TI programs and events; visit our website, YouRise.net!



**RHONDA STATON
RECEIVES COMMUNITEA
AWARD FROM THE
ATLANTIC STREET
CENTER**



Giving back to my community has always been part of my being, so it was an honor to have received the second annual **Woman of CommuniTea Award from Atlantic Street Center**. My work in service to the community began as a young girl attending and participating in public service alongside my mother, grandmother, aunts and uncles. Growing up with such an appreciation, my community service work continued and pledging Delta Sigma Theta Sorority at the University of Texas in Austin, the appreciation that I had for public service blossomed and continued upon my relocation to Seattle. It is where I was introduced to Atlantic Street Center and became involved

Expanding my reach to include Atlantic Street Center. I was introduced to this agency over 20-years ago and served on its Board of Directors for as long as allowed according to the bylaws. I held many leadership roles with ASC as well, including President of the Board, Secretary, Vice-President, and various committee positions.

ASC captured my heart with the services provided and the commitment of the staff to the mission; it impressed me then and has continued to show me who ASC is.



**SOUND GENERATIONS
INSPIRE POSITIVE AGING AWARDS**

Congratulations to MATTIE TAPLIN AND DR. GEORGIA S. MCDADE who were nominated and selected to receive an award from Sound Generations last month during a luncheon held at Hyatt at Olive 8th.

Mattie, an EnhancedFitness Instructor, was the recipient of the **Health & Wellness Award** given to someone who promotes healthy living and inspires you to do the same. She currently teaches at Miller Community Center.

Dr. McDade, a co-founder of the African American Writers' Alliance and an opinion writer for several community newspapers, was presented with the **Lifelong Learning Award** for inspiring others to broaden their horizons.

Their inspiring stories were featured in the program and shared on video. Mount Zion attendees included Tanya Jimale, Janet Jones-Preston, Alice Shumate and Ahmen Taplin.



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 <i>currently</i> 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><i>Official sealed</i> 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 <i>school faculty email</i>) 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 <i>currently</i> 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



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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
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FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 Seattle Starts on June 14th

Learn how the City of Seattle is preparing for this momentous event by visiting the City's [FIFA World Cup 2026](#) page for key information and links. In addition, check out:

Seattle Parks & Recreation's [Beautiful Game Series](#) schedule of events and watch parties

Public Health – Seattle & King County's [Health and Safety Information](#)

[AlertSeattle](#) to receive customized emergency alerts via text, email, voice message, or social media.

HSD's [World Cup resources web page](#) for information about commercial sexual exploitation and how to get help.

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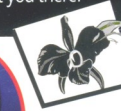
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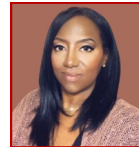
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