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This is my **body**



This is my **blood**



Do this in remembrance of me

Luke 22:19

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

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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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 **Vote August 4th**

Welcome
to Mount Zion

PUBLICATIONS

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

Weekly bulletin announcements are due by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

THE ZIONEWS is distributed on the first Sunday of each month; it is also available on the website: www.mountzion.net.

The deadline for submitting articles is the

15TH OF EACH MONTH.

You may send articles and announcements via e-mail to ycarr@mountzionseattle.org. Mount Zion information receives priority and all other announcements and articles will be considered based on space availability and content.

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

Charter members included Edith Smith, Bessie Lyles, and Alva Smith. F. J. Johnson, Jr. was the editor of the first edition published in 1957.

That same year, the Committee expanded to include Yvonne Beatty, Zelda Brown, Clara Coleman, Nora Hatter, Helen Hornbuckle, Willie Horton, Katherine Houston, Linzy Macklin, Marguerite Robinett, S.C. Valley and Barbara Washington.

The mimeographed, hand-stapled Zionews was distributed every Sunday after Church services.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



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Mr. 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
Mrs. Stephanie Stokes Oliver, wife of Reginald Oliver, daughter of Josephine S. Stokes,
and mother of Anique Oliver (Jonathan)) Brewer.



Brother George E. Johnson

June 12, 1927 -
July 7, 2026

Mother Khadijah Farrakhan



November 26, 1935 -
June 27, 2026



Reverend Dr. Archie Smith, Jr.

August 4, 1939 - July 10, 2026

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

FAITH BEYOND OURSELVES

“For we walk by faith, not by sight”II Corinthians 5:7

AUGUST THEME: *Living by Faith*

Living by faith means trusting God’s unseen truth above worldly values and allowing His Word and the Holy Spirit to guide our daily decisions. Faith calls believers to focus on spiritual growth and live with eternal purpose, even when God’s way conflicts with personal instincts or worldly expectations; to obey the Bible even when it conflicts with man’s plans; to choose righteousness over sin, no matter what the cost; to trust God in every circumstance; and to believe God rewards those who seek Him, regardless of who says otherwise. Once we have taken our petitions to the Lord and turned our worries into prayers, seek faith to apply these principles into daily life by trusting God’s plan.

COMPANION SCRIPTURES: Hebrews 11:6; Proverbs 3:5-6

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him” Hebrews 11:6. Faith often requires patience and perseverance in the face of uncertainty, but when we trust and believe in God, we live with assurance and peace knowing that there is something bigger than ourselves – the one and only God! When we base our lives on the truth of God’s Word, rather than what is considered popular, we are going against our natural inclinations. Trusting and believing in God guides us to live according to what God reveals to us, rather than trust our own understanding,” **Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight” Proverbs 3:5-6.**

PRAYER FOCUS:

We have the privilege of coming to God in prayer and speaking with Him about anything at any time. When we want our faith to grow stronger, we can ask God to deepen our trust, remove doubt and fear, and help us stand firmly on His promises. As we stand on those promises, doubt loses its grip, unbelief gives way to trust, and our faith is strengthened

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 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

August 4th - Authority and Abuse, 1 Thessalonians 2: 6 -7

August 11th - Adaptability and Decision Making, James 4:14

August 18th - Being There, Matthew 28:20

August 25th - Home, Psalm 23:6

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

The Book of Acts Author: Luke

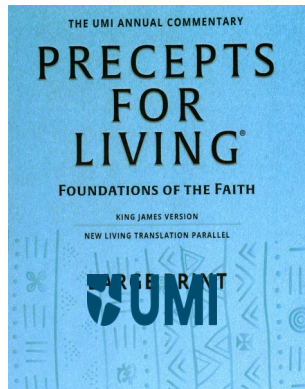
Rev. Dr. Phyllis R. Beaumonte, Instructor

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AUGUST 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

August 2, 2026 ~ Confident Love

1 John 3:11-24

How do we know that we have passed from death to life? What does it mean to love one another as Christ loved us? This passage encourages believers to love one another, showing that love is evidence of our relationship with God and brings assurance before Him.

August 9, 2026 ~ Watch Out For Deceivers

2 John 1:1-13

How do we recognize those who do not abide by the truth? What does it mean to walk in love and truth? This passage warns against those who deny the truth about Christ, urging believers to walk in love and truth and not to support false teachers.

August 16, 2026 ~ Defend the Faith

Jude 1:1-25

How should we contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints? What are the characteristics of those who distort the grace of God? This passage urges believers to contend for the true faith, warning against those who twist the Gospel and encouraging them to build themselves up in their most holy faith.

August 26, 2026 ~ Living Waters

Revelation 22:1-7

What does the river of the water of life symbolize? What is the promise for those who keep the words of the prophecy in this book? This passage describes the vision of the river of life flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb, offering hope and restoration to all who believe. It emphasizes the blessedness of those who heed the words of prophecy.



Dr. Georgia S. McDade, Sunday School Superintendent

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

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Pre-School - 2nd Grade ~ 9:00 a.m., Room 205

Sisters Carol Bell, Belinda Butler-Bell and Daphne Piggee, Instructors

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:00 a.m. ~ Room 205

Sisters Deborah Hilsman and Gwen Howard, Instructors

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Grades 3 - 5. ~ 9:00 a.m., Room 212B

Contact Dr. Karen Jackson, Instructor - karjackson9@gmail.com 206.605.1288

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ~ YOUTH LOUNGE

9:00 a.m. ~ Sister Debra Coleman, Instructor

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #2 IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

8:45 a.m. ~ Room 206

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86540264986?pwd=SXhzZDBBRkdzWEJzWTZ0bDlczFtUT09>

Meeting ID: 865 4026 4986 Password: 311725#

One tap mobile: +12532158782...86540264986#...0#...311725# US (Tacoma)

Dr. Georgia McDade, Sunday School Superintendent

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #3 IN-PERSON

Room 206 at 9:00 a.m.

Min. Edward Jackson and Sister Maxine Moore, Instructors

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS #4 FACEBOOK

9:30 a.m. | Facebook

www.facebook.com/MountZionAdultSundaySchool

Dr. Virgie Harris-Haley, Instructor

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VIRTUAL TUESDAY NIGHT TEACHING (TNT)

7:00 p.m. ~ Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, Instructor

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UNITY SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE ~ AUGUST 16TH

Third Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Deaconess Doris Smith, Coordinator

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

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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



AUGUST CHURCH CALENDAR

WEEKLY IN-PERSON

August 2026						
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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.

VOTE ~ AUGUST 4TH

IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND EVENTS

AUGUST 2ND - HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP HALL

AUGUST 8TH - YOUTH USHER REHEARSAL- 10:00 A.M.

AUGUST 9TH -SECOND SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

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

AUGUST 16TH - YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.

AUGUST 19TH - AARP - NOON, PARLOR

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

AUGUST 23RD -FOURTH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

AUGUST 28TH -SERVICE FOR MRS. STEPHANIE STOKES OLIVER - 11:00 A.M.

AUGUST 30TH - FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.

MOBILE

CALL 425.436.6306 CODE 147230#

AUGUST 5TH, 12TH, 19TH AND 26TH - DIACONATE WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE AT 6:00 P.M.

AUGUST 16TH - 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



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MOUNT ZION MINISTER OF MUSIC



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60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A Legacy of
Excellence

CELEBRATING
60 YEARS
OF MUSIC MINISTRY
HONORING
Mrs. Phyllis M. Byrdwell

*"Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord all the earth."*
PSALM 96:1

JOIN US FOR A
WEEKEND OF PRAISE,
FELLOWSHIP & HONOR

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12	SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13
 EVENING DINNER & CELEBRATION	 CELEBRATING MS. B. IN WORSHIP
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL	 AFTER WORSHIP RECEPTION IN THE PARLOR



DINNER & CELEBRATION TICKET
\$50 PER PERSON
Let's honor this legacy together!

Reserve Your Seat Today!
SCAN TO PAY SECURELY

 *Thank you
for honoring
this legacy
of excellence!*



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Please contact Planning Committee Chair Rev. Dr. Patricia L. Hunter,
Brenda Charles-Edwards or Yvonne Ervin Carr for more information.

MOUNT ZION CELEBRATES GRADUATION

Scholarship and Graduation Sunday at Mount Zion was more than an annual celebration—it was a living testimony to the church's enduring commitment to Christian education, academic excellence, servant leadership, and preparing future generations to serve both God and their communities.

Under the leadership of **Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn**, Ministry of Christian Education Director and **Jeremiah Hobbs**, Scholarship Ministry Chairperson, the congregation experienced a joyful day of worship, recognition, encouragement, and thanksgiving.

WORSHIP THAT CELEBRATED EVERY GENERATION

The worship experience beautifully reflected Mount Zion's rich tradition of excellence.

The service opened with a devotional led by **Deacon Ricky Cotton** and **Deacon Tanya Thomas** setting a spirit of praise and thanksgiving for the congregation.

Adding a deeply personal touch to the morning, **Ahmen Taplin Ntsim** shared an inspiring welcome and reminded the congregation of the importance of faith, perseverance, and purpose.

Sister Carol Bell offered a heartfelt testimony, reminding the congregation how scholarship support can change lives for generations. Her son, graduate **Nahje Daniel**, was also recognized as part of the celebration, representing another chapter in Mount Zion's continuing investment in young scholars and future leaders.



A New Generation of Leadership

Clifton Marshall accepted the responsibility of doing the tithes and offerings with confidence, warmth, and composure. It is a role often associated with experienced church leaders, yet Clifton demonstrated poise well beyond his years. His leadership served as a reminder that Mount Zion is intentionally preparing the next generation to serve.

CLASS OF 2026

Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn introduced our high school and college graduates and presented each with a gift bag in recognition of their milestone achievement as members of the Class of 2026. Senior Pastor-Elect **Rev. Charles Johnson** extended words of encouragement and congratulations.



Eva Hightower



Pastor Charles Johnson, Sumaiya Shirazy, Jordan Bennett, Kristen Coote, Tahlia Price, Angela Burgess and Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn. Photo by **Heather Harris**

MOUNT ZION CELEBRATES SCHOLARSHIP

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Jordan Bennett, Garfield; Tahlia Price, Rainier Beach; and Sumaiya Shirazy, Henry M. Jackson

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Angela “Angie” Burgess - North Seattle College, Childhood Education Certification

Nahje Daniel - Arizona State University, Bachelor of Arts in Business and Sports Management

Eva Hightower - Howard University, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation and Interactive Media

Kristen Coote - University of Washington, Master of Health Informatics and Health Information Management

A Celebration of Scholarship:

The Scholarship Ministry distributed \$30,000.00 representing the generosity of many who believe that investing in education is an investment in the future. **Jeremiah Hobbs**, Chairperson, introduced the scholarship recipients, and **Colleen Robinson Walls** presented the awards. These deserving students met all of the requirements and demonstrated outstanding Christian and volunteer community service. Their dedication and perseverance have produced academic success.



Photo by Heather
Harris



Pictured l to r: Samira Shirazy - University of Michigan, Jeremiah Hobbs (podium), Rev. Charles Johnson, Colleen Robinson Walls, Sumaiya Shirazy - Everett Community College, Family Rep. Fitzgerald Beaver - Morehouse College, Marion Cooke - Fort Valley State University, Emilio Mason - Northwest University, Clifton Marshall - Seattle Central College, Jamekia Nelson Mason - Northwest University and Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn.

Not pictured: Jenise Clemons - University of Arizona

Congratulations to all of our graduates and their families!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

*Jeremiah C. Hobbs, Chairperson, Phyllis M. Byrdwell, Anise J. Marshall, M.D.,
Deacon Dorothy L. Mungin, Josephine S. Stokes and Colleen Robinson Walls.*

MOUNT ZION CELEBRATES THE PROMISE OF TOMORROW

The choir, under the leadership of **Minister of Music Phyllis Byrdwell**, continued Mount Zion's tradition of outstanding sacred music. Visiting soloist **Sister Linda McDonald**, delivered a stirring rendition of "*I Love to Praise Him*," bringing the congregation to a joyful expression of praise.

The music ministry was further strengthened throughout the worship service by the talented **Wadie Ervin**, bass guitarist, and **Fred Byrdwell**, percussionist.

WELCOMING A NEW PASTOR:

The congregation was also blessed by the gracious introduction of **Pastor Charles Reginald Johnson, Sr.** by **Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte**.

Pastor Johnson delivered a message that challenged the congregation to continue walking faithfully with Christ while embracing God's call to serve future generations. His words complemented the spirit of Scholarship and Graduation Sunday by reminding everyone that education, faith, service, and discipleship are inseparable in the life of the Church.

Looking Ahead

As the service concluded, worshippers left encouraged by the remarkable accomplishments of Mount Zion's students and inspired by the church's unwavering commitment to Christian education.

Submitted by William Jackson, Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn and Yvonne Ervin Carr

MAMIE C. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Catherine Acox, Youth Advisor and Harriet Tubman Circle Leader, presented two \$1000 scholarships to

Jordan Bennett, Garfield High School graduate, who will attend San Francisco State University and study engineering and

Sumaiya Shirazy, Henry M. Jackson High School graduate who will attend Everett Community College and pursue a career in Nursing.

Photo by Berhanu Wells



Following the passing of our beloved **Mamie Carpenter Smith**, Harriet Tubman Circle decided to honor her memory by awarding an annual scholarship in her name. Mrs. Mamie Smith joined Mount Zion in 1946 and was a faithful member for 70 years. A woman of faith who served with integrity, she was one of the founders of the Harriet Tubman Circle.

Reliable, efficient, gracious and meticulous, Mamie was active in the Women's Ministry and served as the Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary. She was a Trustee, Church Financial Secretary and Secretary for the Board of Directors of Mount Zion's Northwest Baptist Federal Credit Union. She faithfully served on the Senior Usher Board for twenty-five years.

Mrs. Mamie Smith was also the Treasurer of Church Women United and Treasurer of the North Pacific Baptist Convention Women's Department. A woman of many talents, she sang in the Women's Chorus, owned Mamie's Beauty Service, and served with Alice Y. Thomas as an official Church photographer for over fifty years!

Doris B. Hickman, *Mamie C. Smith Scholarship Chairperson*
Catherine Acox, *Harriet Tubman Circle Leader*

TRUSTEE CORNER

TRUSTEE MINISTRY BOARD

Senior Pastor-Elect Reverend Charles R. Johnson, Sr. has been holding meetings with Mount Zion Ministries and the Transition Team to listen to concerns and address issues impacting our Church Family.

On July 9, 2026, he met with the Trustee Ministry. By collective decision, the following officers were elected: Harry Bailey, Chair; Mary Hopkins, Vice-Chair; and Brenda Charles-Edwards, Secretary. Brenda Charles-Edwards will also be responsible for coordinating community events not sponsored by Church ministries.

Trustee Board members include Samuel Bell, Dennis Carlisle, Jeri Harris, Joel Hobbs, II, Dr. Charlie Walker, III, and Lisa Kelsie Carter, Financial Secretary. Tanya Jimale, Treasurer, serves as an ex-officio non-voting member.

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.**



Erica Thomas, office volunteer, coordinates the distribution of giving envelopes. Please call the church office and provide your name, address, and membership number if you need additional envelopes. A request form is also located at the lobby information desk.

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
206.322.6500, Ext. 102

GOD'S GROCERIES

GOD'S GROCERIES are distributed from **Noon to 2:00 p.m.** every **THIRD FRIDAY**. Join us on **August 17th** in the North parking lot for **FREE** food.

Phillip Miller, Coordinator ~ 206.322.6500, Ext 105



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE



MOUNT ZION

— BAPTIST CHURCH —

Family & Friends

REUNION 2026

"HONORING OUR HERITAGE, CELEBRATING OUR FAITH, EMBRACING OUR FUTURE."



DATE:
SATURDAY,
AUGUST 22, 2026



TIME:
12:00 PM



LOCATION:
EDWIN T. PRATT PARK
& SPRAY PARK
201 20th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98144



A Day of Fun, Fellowship & Faith!



FOOD
Delicious food
for everyone!



ENTERTAINMENT
Live music,
performances
& more!



GAMES
Fun games
for all ages!



ACTIVITIES
Activities, bounce
houses, face
painting & more!



AND MORE!
Something
for the whole
family!



**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR OFFICIAL
MOUNT ZION REUNION T-SHIRT!**

Shirts are \$20. See Chavella Johnson or Averionna Wade
in the foyer after church to place your order.

**SHIRTS
\$20**



WANT TO HELP? WE NEED YOU!
We're looking for volunteers to help
make this event a success!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT:**

Angela Burgess or Nute Miller

206.322.6500



ONE CHURCH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FAITH.

Rooted in Faith • United in Love • Growing Together in Christ

MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

is asking ALL ministries and members
to



Donate a
Backpack
w/Supplies



this month for 1st to 5th grade students at
Leschi and Bailey Gatzert Elementary Schools

Your support is welcomed and appreciated. Please donate the following items by **SUNDAY, AUGUST 23rd**:

1. **BACKPACKS - SOLIDS OR PATTERNS AND**



2. Wide-ruled lined paper
3. Wide-ruled lined Composition Notebooks
5. #2 Pencils and Erasers
6. Highlighters and Markers
7. Pens/Colored Pencils
8. Rulers
9. Socks/Gloves

[Electronic devices: computers, tablets, iPads, etc. would be an exceptional blessing!]

**We can also use monetary donations and gift cards to purchase other items.*

Please designate M & E Backpacks on your giving envelope/check.

For more information, contact Mattie Taplin, Chairperson

Thanking you in advance for helping children to thrive and achieve their educational goals for the upcoming school year.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PASTORAL INSTALLATION WEEKEND FOR REVEREND CHARLES R. JOHNSON, SR.

October 9 - 11, 2026

The Installation Planning Committee is seeking volunteers to help make Pastor Charles R. Johnson's Installation Weekend a memorable and successful celebration.

There are opportunities to serve on several committees including Family and Guest Hospitality, First Lady Luncheon, Transportation, Installation Worship Service, Installation Banquet, Decorations, Souvenir Book and Publicity.

If you are willing to share your time and talents, please stop by the Installation Committee table after services to complete a Volunteer Interest Form. Committee members will be available to answer your questions.

We encourage every member to prayerfully consider serving. Thank you for helping us extend the warm hospitality and spirit of excellence that define Mount Zion Baptist Church. The success of this special occasion depends on our church family working together.

You may also support this memorable occasion by sending words of congratulations to Pastor Johnson and First Lady V by purchasing an advertisement in our Souvenir Book chaired by Sarah JE Dean. Beginning August 9th, camera-ready ads will be accepted in pdf, jpeg, png or jpg format after the worship service. You may also mails ads to the church office, Attention: Souvenir Book. Complete your ad online by visiting pastoralinstallationsouvenirbook@mountzionseattle.org. The deadline for is Sunday, September 13, 2026.

AD SIZE	COST
Full Page (8½ x 11)	\$300
Half Page (8½ x 5½)	\$200
Quarter Page (4¾ x 5½)	\$150
Business Card	\$100
Patron Listing	\$50

There is a place for everyone to serve as we celebrate God's faithfulness and welcome Pastor Johnson!

Gloria Bennett, Installation Planning Committee Chairperson

ROOM RESERVATIONS

ATTENTION MINISTRY LEADERS: We are working on our Church calendar. Please complete a Room Reservation form to schedule Ministry meetings and events for September 2026 through August 2027.

Erika Thomas, Coordinator

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SUMMER VACATION

Children's Church will be closed August 9th through September 6th. We'll have a grand reopening on September 13th. Thank you.

Deborah Hilsman, Coordinator

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOUNT ZION OUTDOOR FAMILY REUNION 2026

You're invited to join us for the Mount Zion Baptist Church Family & Friends Outdoor Reunion on **Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at Edwin T. Pratt Park & Spray Park, 201 20th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98144.**



Bring your family, friends, lawn chairs, blankets, and swimwear for an exciting day of food, fun, and fellowship! This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, celebrate our church family, and enjoy a day together in the community.

Be sure to order your official Mount Zion Reunion T-shirt for just \$20 by stopping by the foyer after church to see Chavela Johnson or Averionna Wade.

We'd also love to have your help! If you're interested in volunteering to make this event a success, please contact **Angela Burgess** or

Min. Nate Miles @ 206.322.6500. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

MOUNT ZION ELECTIONS

Proposed Schedule for 2027 Election of Officers

The 2027 election process will adhere to the current MZBC Bylaws and Policies and Procedures.

The schedule of events will follow these guidelines:

Applications will be accepted August 9 through September 4 2026.

Applications will be made available in the church office and on the website.

Applications must be submitted to MZBC church office by noon on Saturday, September 5, 2026.

Candidate Interviews will be conducted September 14 through September 25, 2026.

Candidates names will be posted, according to the position that one is seeking, on October 4, 2026.

Elections will be held at the quarterly business meeting in October.

The newly elected officers will receive preparation training in November and December prior to assuming their positions in January of 2027.

The following are the dates of the specific announcements:

Zionews - August 9th

Posting of Open Positions - August 16th, 23rd, and 30th

Deadline for submitting applications - September 5, 2026

Candidate Interviews - September 14 through September 25 2026

Submitted by Rhonda Staton, Nominating Committee Chair

July 19, 2026

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*A special **THANK YOU** is extended to Tanya Jimale for the delivery of assorted flavorful popcorn treats to the office staff.*

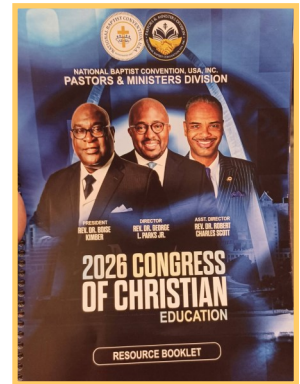
*We appreciate your thoughtfulness!*

# CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REFLECTIONS

**National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.  
Congress of Christian Education – St. Louis, Missouri  
June 21–26, 2026**

Attending the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Congress of Christian Education for the first time was a deeply enriching and Spirit-led experience. Over four days, I intentionally immersed myself in two powerful courses within the Pastors and Ministers Division—each leaving a lasting imprint on my heart, ministry, and calling.

**Deborah's Table – PT009 Rev. Janiece Williams & Dr. Kia Hood Scott  
Tuesday–Friday | 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**



Deborah's Table created a sacred and affirming space for women in ministry—a space designed to strengthen, equip, and support the whole woman through three core areas: The Person, The Preacher, and The Partner.

I entered this space with intention—ready to learn, listen, and share alongside sisters in ministry. What we experienced was more than a class; it was the continuation of a divine work for such a time as this. The gathering was well attended, and there was a powerful sense of unity, mentorship, and sisterhood. I can truly say that I left better than I started. My soul was lifted, my spirit was filled, and I felt both affirmed and challenged in my calling.

I extend sincere gratitude to President Boise Kimber and the Congress of Christian Education for creating and sustaining this vital space—not only during the Convention, but as an ongoing movement transforming the work of women in ministry through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Pastoring with a Passion – PT001 Dr. Lester Taylor  
Monday–Thursday | 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

This evening course focused on how pastors can reclaim joy in ministry by reconnecting with the core purpose of their calling. It emphasized celebrating victories within the congregation, prioritizing personal spiritual health, fostering authentic relationships, and embracing the transformative power of people as they grow in faith.

I appreciated the narratives shared by experienced pastors who lead with intentionality while supporting and uplifting emerging voices. Their wisdom, transparency, and lived experiences were both grounding and inspiring.



## CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REFLECTIONS

One powerful evening, the class transformed into a Spirit-filled preaching moment where the room was saturated with the presence of the Holy Ghost. For this, we give God all the praise. This experience reminded me of our Women's Ministry theme: "Empowering Women in Faith: Through Power, Praise & Prayer." Dr. Taylor's teaching and preaching truly embodied that message.

### Late Night Worship Experience

In addition to the classes, I attended the Late Night Evening Services where I listened, worshiped, and participated fully in the presence of God. What a powerful encounter—what a Word, what a Word!

The worship experience was uplifting, Spirit-filled, and deeply moving. I left each night renewed, reminded of the power of God's presence to restore, refresh, and realign us for the work of ministry.

### A Sacred and Celebratory Encounter

In addition to my classroom experience, I was honored to attend Lady Shevalle Kimber's "Celebration of Voices Gala." This all-white affair was truly an elegant and unforgettable evening—filled with great food, fellowship, and joy. The atmosphere reflected excellence and grace, bringing together voices committed to faith, purpose, and impact.

It was more than an event; it was a beautiful experience of connection and celebration. I felt beautiful, affirmed, and honored to be present in such a distinguished space.

Moments like these remind us of the importance of gathering—not only for learning and growth, but also for fellowship, celebration, and embracing the fullness of who God has called us to be.

### A Joyful Invitation Forward

This Congress was not only transformative—it was affirming. I am honored to have been invited to teach at next year's Convention. What joy this experience has instilled in my soul! Well done, Congress of Christian Education.

From the classroom to the celebration, every moment affirmed that we are called, equipped, and beautifully made for such a time as this.

*To God be the glory for all that was received, renewed, and revealed.*

*Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, Women's Ministry President. Ministry of Christian Education, Minister*



**Register now for the  
National Baptist  
Convention's Annual  
Session in Orlando, FL.**

## MOUNT ZION CENTENARIAN CELEBRATION

The gathering to celebrate the centenarians was more than sweet—it was a beautiful reminder of the power of community, faith, and honoring those who have paved the way before us. Returning to the church where I grew up filled me with gratitude and nostalgia, reminding me that some places never lose the warmth they hold in our hearts.

The work that **Mrs. Emma Cotton** and her dedicated volunteers put into making the celebration possible was extraordinary. Seeing Mrs. Cotton herself was one of the highlights of the day. Dressed in a shimmering silver jacket with matching sparkling tennis shoes and leggings, her hair gathered in a cheerful topknot, she radiated joy. But what stood out most wasn't her outfit—it was the sparkle in her eyes. They reflected happiness, purpose, and an unwavering determination as she personally served those gathered to celebrate.



As I watched her, I remembered the terrible attack she endured. I also remembered hearing that while she was still recovering in the hospital, she chose to forgive the man who had assaulted her and stole her belongings. I found myself thinking, *I don't know if I could have forgiven him so quickly—or even at all.* Yet Mrs. Cotton did. That kind of grace is rare. Seeing how far she has come since then was both moving and inspiring. She is living proof that kindness, faith, and resilience can triumph over even the deepest wounds.

My dad, **Mr. Cecil S. Beatty**, has attended every one of Mrs. Cotton's Seniors Celebrations. This year, he was one of the centenarians honored (102) along with **Mrs. Josephine Stokes (101)**, **Mrs. Julia Hailey (101)**, and **Mrs. Lou Annie Charles (103)**. My sister had Dad dressed in his finest, and he greeted every camera with one of his warm smiles.

Mrs. Cotton said she wanted to serve the foods **we** love, and she certainly delivered. There was cabbage, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, fried chicken, ribs, and so much more. Dad thoroughly enjoyed his meal and made short work of every bite.

The program itself was thoughtfully planned and filled with moments that lifted the spirit. It was inspiring to hear the various speakers from our community, each sharing words of appreciation and hope. The praise dancers were graceful and uplifting. Josie Howell, whose voice has brought so many of us to tears over the years, once again touched our hearts. The duet with Rev. RJ “Doc” Rivers representing the harmonizing quartet Voices of Abraham was equally wonderful.

Listening to the music stirred treasured memories. I thought of the many times I



had heard Josie sing in *Black Nativity*, a production in which both my sister Phyllis and my niece Pamela had performed over the years. I also remembered Rev. Dr. McKinney, who served at Mount Zion throughout all of my childhood. He became one of the beloved stars of *Black Nativity*, especially during the dance numbers, where he kept pace with the choir with remarkable energy and joy. Many people came to see the production because they knew Rev. McKinney and Josie would be part of it.



*Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Charles  
and Mrs. Hailey*



## MOUNT ZION CENTENARIAN CELEBRATION

Perhaps what made this year's Centenarian Celebration most meaningful was simply that it happened at all. There were years when it nearly disappeared because the church's budget was stretched so thin that difficult cuts had to be made. But Mrs. Cotton refused to let honoring the church's elders become one of those sacrifices. She told me that when her sons saw how determined she was to continue the tradition, they promised to help fund it and make sure it happened. And they did. It was heart-warming to see two of them there this year, working alongside the other volunteers to serve others just as their mother has done for so many years.



Mrs. Evelyn Peterson - 99



Having lived away for so long, I no longer recognize much of the congregation. Yet it was a joy to reconnect with familiar faces from years gone by—Janet Jones-Preston, Dr. Georgia McDade, Yvonne Ervin Carr, Jeri Harris, Debra Harris-Branham, Rev. Paul and Brenda Charles-Edwards, Eddie Rye, Larry Gossett, and one of my favorite musicians, Phyllis Byrdwell. Seeing them reminded me that while time moves on, cherished connections remain.

As I left, one thought stayed with me above all others: the heart of Mount Zion still beats strong. Leadership may change, generations may come and go, but the spirit of love, service, and community continues to flourish. My hope is that the new minister builds upon that remarkable foundation, nurturing the caring spirit that already exists and extending Mount Zion's good work even farther into the community.

The centenarians remind us that a long life is a blessing, but a life devoted to serving others is an even greater legacy. Mrs. Cotton reminded us that forgiveness is stronger than bitterness, perseverance is stronger than adversity, and love has the power to keep a community's heart beating for generations to come.

*Submitted by Pamelagrace Beatty*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBRA HARRIS-BRANHAM!



Fogues Studios and Galleries selected pieces designed by our creative artist Debra for an exhibit held last month in Georgetown.

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**4<sup>th</sup>**

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Dwight E. Randolph

**9<sup>th</sup>**

Rev. Shirley E. Lytle

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Tashaun R. Byrdwell

**11<sup>th</sup>**

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## MARCH ON WASHINGTON ~ 63rd ANNIVERSARY

The event is led by Rev. Al Sharpton's **National Action Network** and the **Drum Major Institute**, alongside Martin Luther King III, Arndrea Waters King, and a broad range of coalitions representing faith institutions, civic groups, labor, and political organizations.



The march will gather at the **Lincoln Memorial on National Mall, Washington, D.C.**, in the same tradition as the 1963 demonstration that drew 250,000 people.

Rev. Dr. S. B. McKinney was included in that number!

Continuing the legacy of the first March on Washington, participants will continue to focus on voting rights; protections against discrimination; civil rights; diversity, equity, and inclusion; fair opportunity; and economic justice.

Visit [www.MarchOnWashington2026.com](http://www.MarchOnWashington2026.com) for more information



*Dr. Lawrence A. & Mrs. Florence A. Adeyemi*

August 2nd

46th Wedding Anniversary



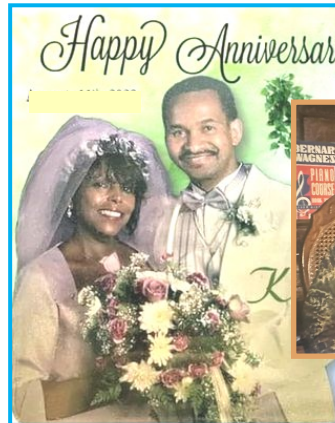
*Mr. Derrick & Mrs. Karen Jones*

August 11th

Silver



25th Wedding Anniversary



August 18th

24th Wedding Anniversary



*Rev. Paul R.*

*&*

*Mrs. Brenda Charles-Edwards*

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**I will set my standards  
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Proverbs 1:10

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Matthew 6:33

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**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.



Even after over 14 years, Team Issachar's cadre of dedicated brothers continue to meet and mentor our boys. Our mentors are men who model spirituality while offering a variety of professional backgrounds, references and resources to career options, growth and development through fun experiences, field trips, and events.

If you would like to volunteer and mentor our young men, please contact **Leonard Elion** at [lelion134@gmail.com](mailto:lelion134@gmail.com) or call 206 571-5898.

## MENTOR SPOTLIGHT: USING HAND TOOLS SAFELY

**Mr. Fredrick Coats** is teaching our young men how to use hand tools SAFELY! He's an experienced craftsman who has done home building and remodeling. He retired after forty years of working as a licensed contractor. Each week Mr. Fred showed our young men the history of tool and how to use different types of hand saws, screw drivers, wrenches, drills and hammers. He also explained how each has evolved to more powerful tools being used today. His last session was an introduction to electricity where he demonstrated how to wire light switches and sockets. **Mr. Fred surprised our young men with their own tool belts and tools.**



**Keep up with TI programs and events;  
visit our website, [YouRise.net](http://YouRise.net)!**



## Youth News

Teen Summer Musical returns with **"PETER PAN: READY TO RISE"**! A fresh take on a timeless story of adventure and the courage it takes to grow up. TSM is a Seattle institution that has nurtured generations of young artists while delighting audiences with exceptional musical theater experiences for all ages! **Seattle Parks & Recreation** partners with **Acts On Stage Theatre** to bring this fun for the family to life in a way that is certain to lift your spirits! This year's production features a

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Seattle Parks and Recreation will host its annual signature celebration, **BIG DAY OF PLAY**, on Saturday, **August 15th** from noon to 5 p.m. Presented in partnership with King County Metro, the free event welcomes thousands of community members to celebrate diversity, strengthen community bonds, and encourage healthy, active lifestyles.

This year's celebration spans two locations: **Rainier Playfield and the Mt. Baker Rowing and Sailing Center**. Attendees of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy cultural showcases, live performances, dunk tanks, athletic competitions, inflatable obstacle courses, agility games, fitness challenges, hundreds of community vendors, local food trucks, arts and crafts, a block party, and more, **ALL AT NO COST**.

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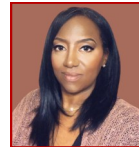
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Youth/YAM, Sister Catherine Acox

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Brother Jeremiah Hobbs

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