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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.
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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

With Sympathy

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

Mr. John Hauge, husband of Winona Hollins-Hauge and father of Nicole and Bergen Hauge; service November 6th at 11:00 a.m. at Mount Zion.

Mrs. Rosalie Johnson, mother of Lisa Phillips, Teresa Dorsey and Michael Johnson; service November 14th in Arlington, TX.

Mr. Jerry Frederick, son of Iray Frederick; service held last month

Mrs. Elma O. Horton, mother of Bernita Johnson and Carolyn Johnson-Davis; arrangements pending

Labor Leader Dolores Huerta (96), Co-Founder of the United Farm Workers of America (UFW)



SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

SPIRITUAL TEAMWORK

WHAT ROLE WILL YOU PLAY?

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase."……..1 Corinthians 3:6.

NOVEMBER THEME: Spiritual Teamwork

There are various examples of spiritual team work throughout the Bible that showcase the importance of our church family operating in tandem for the cause of Christ in the world. One such example is found in Acts 18:1-5. Here we see the Apostle Paul having arrived in Corinth to plant a church. There he met Aquilla and Priscilla where they partnered closely in disciplining and instructing others in the faith. We would like to think that there was a divine move of the Holy Spirit propelling them to join forces in spreading the gospel message.

COMPANION SCRIPTURE: Exodus 17:8-13

8 The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. 9 Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."10 So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. 11 As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. 12 When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. 13 So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

PRAYER FOCUS: Toiling Together

During the battle against the Amalekites (referenced above), Israel would win as long as Moses held up the staff of God; but his arms grew tired. Aaron and Hur stepped in to help by standing on each side of Moses; holding up his hands steady until sunset so that Israel could secure the victory. In this passage, we see the benefits of shared labor and how striving together; in Jesus' name, yields a better reward when we team up and ultimately look to God for the increase!

As the weekend of our Pastor's installation fastly approaches, we know that many planning hours have gone into ensuring that this special event in the life of our church, is unparalleled. Our prayer is that each member will rally together to collectively uphold the vision of our Shepherd; and to undergird him with daily prayer and keep him lifted before the Lord! Labor in prayer about how we will be active participants in God's call to action; through Biblical preparedness and Spiritual readiness. Be prayerful about activating our spiritual gifts to edify the body of Christ and grow the church. Ask God earnestly to reveal to each of us what role we will play in elevating, maximizing, and actualizing the greater works that God have ordained for Mount Zion. For we know that corporate prayer and co-labor; in Christ Jesus our Savior, are not in vain!

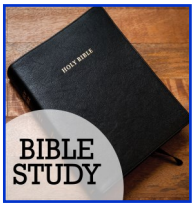
Be a part of the Prayer Movement in <u>2026</u> on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. via the PrayerLine. The number to call is 425-436-6306 and the access code is 147230#.

The Diaconate Ministry

Deacon Leslyn Jones-Petitt and Deaconess Doris Smith, Coordinators

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

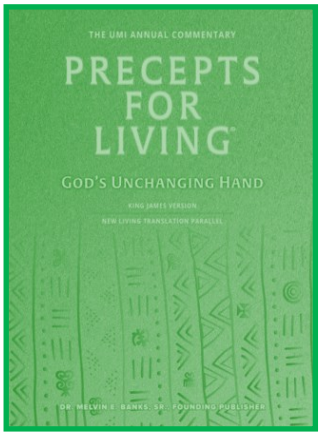
Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte, Bible Study Teacher



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This month's Wednesday Night Bible Study will focus on **The Book of Revelation**. All are invited to learn and understand the full Council of the Word of God: what He has revealed, what He is revealing, and what will happen at the end time. The syllabus will be available to those who plan to attend.

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS



Precepts For Living®: God's Unchanging Hand explores God's faithfulness throughout Scripture and helps believers connect biblical truth to everyday life. Through engaging commentary, historical insights, practical application, and thought-provoking lessons, this resource equips individuals and classes to grow in their knowledge of God's Word and live it out with confidence. This edition highlights God's continuing presence and purpose in the lives of His people, even during seasons of uncertainty and change. Lessons feature rich biblical scholarship, reflections on the experiences of the Black Church and African diaspora, and stories that demonstrate God's work throughout history and today.

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

November 1, 2026 ~ *God Promises an Eternal King*

2 Samuel 7: 1-16

When entering into relationships with others, people struggle to retain control of their plans and dreams. How can people sacrifice control in order to maintain vital relationships? God's covenant with David is a promise between the eternal, omnipresent God and the time- and space-bound David by allowing a Temple to be built; but beyond David's lifetime.

November 8, 2026 ~ *Israel Falls*

2 Kings 17:6-16

It is tough when we are called to deal with sin's consequences; however, we can all attest to circumstances and situations that lead to consequences. How does. God respond when we violate His commandments? We should be ready to resist the influence of the majority's attitudes and behaviors in order to live by godly principles.

November 15, 2026 ~ *God Keeps Promises*

2 Chronicles 6: 12-17

God made David a promise—that his son would build the Temple he had hoped to build for the Lord. Here we see the dedication of the Temple, pointing to the fulfillment of God's promise.

November 22, 2026 ~ *God Can Use Us*

Esther 4: 1-3, 9-17

Esther discovered an edict had gone out against her people, the Jews. She decided to act, going in to see the king unannounced, risking her life to save her people. In this light, Queen Esther willingly sacrificed her life for the people of God and was rewarded for her efforts.

November 29, 2026 ~ *God Responds to Job*

Job 38: 1 -7; 40: 7-9; 42: 1-6

God spoke to Job from a whirlwind regarding His creation. Job had questioned God's righteousness, but now he gained a completely new perspective as he saw God for who He really is. Job realized how presumptuous he had been.

Dr. Georgia S. McDade, Sunday School Superintendent

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

~ M.L.K., Jr.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Pre-School - 2nd Grade ~ 9:00 a.m., Room 205
Sisters Carol Bell and Daphne Piggee, Instructors

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:00 a.m. ~ Room 205
Sisters Deborah Hilsman, Catherine Marshall, and Daphne Piggee, 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, ROOM 114 - 9:00 a.m.

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

8:45 a.m. ~ Room 206
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86540264986?pwd=SXhzZDBBRkdzWEJzWTZ0bldlczFtUT09
Meeting ID: 865 4026 4986 Password: 311725#
One tap mobile: +12532158782...86540264986#...0#...311725# US (Tacoma)
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

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MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VIRTUAL TUESDAY NIGHT TEACHING (TNT)

November 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th at 7:00 p.m. ~ Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn, Instructor

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WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 6:00 p.m.
Use your cell phone to **call 425.436.6306.** The **access code** is **147230#**
Diaconate

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WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 7:00 p.m.
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Rev. Dr. Phyllis Beaumonte, Teacher

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PRAYERLINE TELECONFERENCE SERVICE

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



Honoring Reverend Charles Reginald & First Lady Virna Johnson

NOVEMBER 14 – 15, 2026

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:00 AM | Installation Service

Mount Zion Baptist Church
1634 Rev. Dr. S. McKinney Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122

6:00–8:00 PM | Celebration Banquet

Seattle Convention Center • Summit Building, Terrace Room
900 Pine Street, Seattle, WA 98101
$125 per person • Semi-formal attire

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Morning Worship & Light Reception

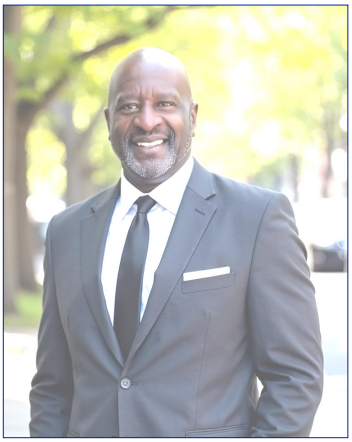
Mount Zion Baptist Church • See website for service details.

INSTALLATION WEEKEND
Scan for details & reservations

WEEKEND DETAILS & BANQUET RESERVATIONS
mountzion.net/pastor_johnson_installation_weekend/

All are welcome
206-322-6500

REV. CHARLES R. JOHNSON'S 90-DAY PLAN



SEPTEMBER: IDENTIFICATION
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CENSUS

OCTOBER: CONSECRATION
PRAYER, FASTING AND MEDITATION

NOVEMBER: PREPARATION
ESTABLISHING A BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

JANUARY: PASTOR JOHNSON'S VISION FOR MOUNT ZION

NOVEMBER: A MONTH OF PREPARATION

The **NOVEMBER MONTH OF PREPARATION** is dedicated to prayerfully seeking God's guidance concerning the areas of our lives that hinder us from being the effective ambassadors and representatives He has called us to be. By now you have established a **Daily Prayer Time (DPT)** using the 15/15/15/15 minute model devoted to prayer, Bible study, meditation and Thanksgiving. During each week of your **DPT**, you are asked to focus on specific areas of personal growth trusting God to bring healing, restoration, and transformation as we seek to walk in His purpose for our lives. **Pastor Johnson has identified the following questions for you to answer during your DPT**:

WEEK #1: NOVEMBER 1ST TO 7TH

⇒ **What are the three major issues in your life that are preventing you from being the best representative of Christ?**

WEEK #2: NOVEMBER 8TH TO 14TH

⇒ **What are the three major hurts in your life that may be hindering you from being the best representative of Christ?**

WEEK #3: NOVEMBER 15TH TO 21ST

⇒ **What are the three major regrets in your life that may be preventing you from fully serving as the representative Christ has called you to be?**

WEEK #4: NOVEMBER 22ND TO 28TH

⇒ **What are three meaningful goals you would like to establish to help you become a stronger and more effective representative of Christ?**

WEEK #5: NOVEMBER 29TH - SEASON OF ADVENT/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE

As we prayerfully journey through this Month of Preparation,
let us open our hearts to God's transforming power and
trust Him to heal, guide, and equip us for greater service in His Kingdom.

NOVEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

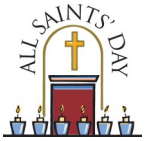
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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 OPEN TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY MONTH AND NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND EVENTS



NOVEMBER 1ST ~ HOLY COMMUNION/ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR FOLLOWING THE SERVICE
~ TRIBUTE TO MOTHER ELMA HORTON ~
NOVEMBER 6TH ~ SERVICE FOR MR. JOHN HAUGE - 11:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 8TH ~ VETERANS MINISTRY/SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 A.M.
ALL-CHURCH PHOTO FOLLOWING THE SERVICE
VETERANS MINISTRY RECEPTION AND PROGRAM, FELLOWSHIP HALL
NOVEMBER 14TH AND 15TH ~ PASTORAL INSTALLATION WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 14TH ~ PASTORAL INSTALLATION SERVICE, 10:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 15TH ~ PASTORAL INSTALLATION WORSHIP SERVICE, 10:00 A.M.
RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP HALL



NOVEMBER 15TH ~ NCNW SEATTLE - 2:00 P.M., PARLOR
NOVEMBER 15TH ~ AB GIRLS - NOON, YOUTH LOUNGE
NOVEMBER 17TH ~ AARP - NOON, PARLOR
NOVEMBER 20TH ~ GOD'S GROCERIES - NOON, NORTH PARKING LOT
NOVEMBER 21ST ~ DESMOND JACKSON FUNDRAISER DINNER - 6:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 22ND ~ CHRIST THE KING/MISSIONS & EVANGELISM/THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 28TH ~ ARTS MINISTRY "HANGING OF THE GREEN" - 11:00 A.M.
NOVEMBER 29TH ~ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 10:00 A.M.



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NOVEMBER 4TH, 11TH, 18TH AND 25TH~ DIACONATE WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE, 6:OO P.M.

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY ~ PRAYERLINE AT 7:00 A.M.
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ~ PRAYERLINE AT 7:30 P.M.

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

ANTICIPATION…EXPECTATION…PREPARATION…

WAITING…HOPE…PRAYER…

MEANING: COMING OR ARRIVAL



Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus in His First Advent and anticipate the return of Christ the King in His Second Advent. The Season of Advent is a time to focus on both the past and the future as we journey through life with Christ.

TIME FRAME: The observation of Advent starts on **November 29th**, the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and marks the beginning of the liturgical year/church calendar.

HANGING OF THE GREEN: The Evergreen represents growth and immortality. Churches are decorated with evergreen boughs, holly and wreaths during the first week of Advent to symbolize a new and everlasting life through Jesus the Christ.

ADVENT WREATH: A circular evergreen wreath with candles is placed in the church sanctuary. The green wreath represents the **HOPE** that we have in God, the hope of renewal, and the hope for eternal life.

The Circle represents the unending **LOVE** and forever presence of God.



ADVENT CANDLES: **The Advent Wreath** consists of five candles. One **rose** (joy) and three **purple** (royalty - **hope, peace and love**) candles are placed around the wreath; one white (purity) candle is placed in the center.

On the first Sunday of Advent, one purple (hope) candle is lit. On the Second Sunday, that purple candle is re-lit and the purple (peace) candle is lit. On subsequent Sundays, the candles are re-lit with each additional candle. Traditionally, the **rose** (**joy**) candle is lit on the Third Sunday.

The center candle (purity), called the **Christ Candle**, is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas.

The light of the candles reminds us that ***Jesus is the Light of the World*** and we are all called to be a light in a world of darkness.

ADVENT COLORS:

TRADITIONAL - Purple is the color of majestic royalty and is used to welcome the Advent of the King. It is also the color of penitence and fasting.

CONTEMPORARY - Blue

Royal Blue also represents royalty and is used as a substitute for the purple because purple is used during Lent and the Holy Week to reflect the suffering endured by Christ.

Bright Blue is sometimes used to symbolize water (beginning life) or the night sky in anticipation of the pending announcement of the coming of the King.



THANKS VETERANS!

Find the cost of freedom
Buried in the ground,
Mother Earth will swallow you
Lay your body down

(Lyrics by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young)

Before retiring from the workforce, I have to admit, like many, that my first thought in relation to Veterans Day was a day off from work, even though I am married to someone who served in the Air Force for 20 years. But Veterans Day is so much more significant than just a day off from work.

To provide a bit of background, a day of observance was originated on November 11, 1919 (the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month). This day of observance was called Armistice Day, to recognize the end of World War I and honor those who had served in that particular war. Then in 1938, the day was designated a federal holiday and the name was changed to Veterans Day to include all branches of the armed forces.

Unlike Memorial Day, which specifically honors those who died in the service of their country, Veterans Day celebrates veterans both living and deceased. This particular day has also become a time to reflect on the challenges some veterans face when transitioning into civilian life, especially if they have sustained physical or psychological injuries that have irrevocably changed them.

Veterans answered the call to serve their country for a variety of reasons: patriotism, idealism, world travel, because there wasn't any clear career pathway for them; or maybe, for some or all of the above. Whatever the reason(s), there is an instilled sense among veterans that whatever the sacrifice, it is worth the cost - that what they have committed themselves to is for a greater good than self.

If you have attended a Veterans Ministry celebration before, you know there is an abundance of good food, good company, and good times, and this year will be no exception. We look forward to hosting each of you on November 8 in the Fellowship Hall following church services.

And when you are eating and enjoying the camaraderie of others, remember those individuals whose pictures you see on display. They are, or were, all members of Mount Zion Baptist Church, a church with a rich history of service to our country. Thank those veterans present for their service, and reflect on those not present or who have already passed on.

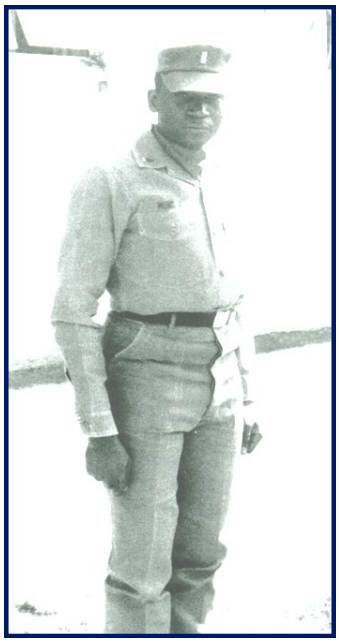
For questions or more information about the Veterans Ministry, please contact Chairperson, Deacon Albert Mungin, Jr.

Submitted by Veterans Ministry Co-Chair, Becki Taylor

VETERANS MINISTRY HISTORY



RODNEY STOKES,
US AIR FORCE



DEACON ALBERT MUNGIN, JR., US ARMY,
VETERANS MINISTRY CHAIRPERSON

AND



STEPHEN RIGGINS,
US AIR FORCE

established our current Veterans Ministry in 2014 under the pastorate of Rev. Aaron Williams.

Rodney Stokes served as the Chair for the first two years.

Deacon Albert Mungin has been the Chair for the past ten years, and Stephen Riggins served as Co-Chair from 2016 to 2022.

This Ministry has co-sponsored Resource Fairs for Veterans, hosted annual photo exhibits, slide shows and displays, recognized veterans during luncheons and receptions with invited guest speakers. They continue to develop ongoing partnerships with community agencies and organizations.

We will recognize our veterans on November 8th. Please wear something **red,** **, and/or blue.**

HONORING MOUNT ZION VETERANS



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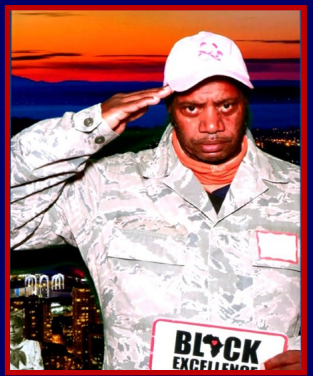
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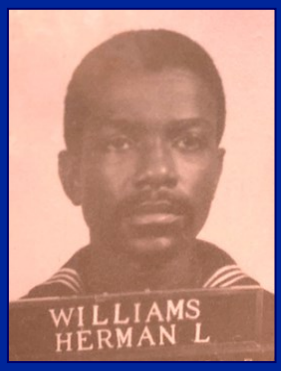
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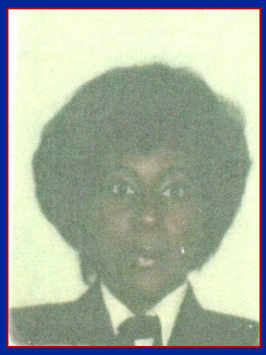
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6 - DEACON JOHN CAPPS, US COAST GUARD
7- CHARLES COHEN, US ARMY
8 - CHARLES W. ERVIN, JR. US ARMY
9 - DEACON MELVIN HARRIS, US ARMY
10 - GLENWOOD JOHNSON, US ARMY
11 - KEVIN GATLING, US MERCHANT MARINES
12 - MIN. EDWARD JACKSON, US NAVY
13 - DEACON WALLACE JOHNSON, US AIR FORCE
14 - JAMEKIA NELSON, US NAVY
15 - GLENN PENNINGTON, US ARMY
16 - DEACON DWIGHT RANDOLPH, US ARMY
17 - CHARLES TAYLOR, US AIR FORCE
18 - GEORGE THOMAS, US NAVY
19 - WALTER THOMPSON, US AIR FORCE
20 - DR. CHARLIE WALKER, III, US ARMY
21 - EMILIO MASON, US NAVY
22 - WALLY WEBSTER, II, US AIR FORCE
23 - HERMAN WILLIAMS, US NAVY
24 - WINONA HOLLINS-HAUGE, US NAVY/ US PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
25 - LOU ANNIE CHARLES, ROSIE, THE RIVETER

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2026 MEMORIAL

JAMES BALDWIN, US ARMY
February 10, 1931 ~ November 15, 2025

CENTENARIAN CECIL S. BEATTY, US MERCHANT MARINES
February 3, 1924 ~ August 7, 2026



A LEGACY OF SERVICE

***Veterans, representing all branches of military service, have always been active members of Mount Zion Baptist Church.**

We are also blessed to have a bronze mural depiction of the historic**1896 US ARMY 25TH INFANTRY BICYCLE CORPS** located on the wall next to Room 205.



BUFFALO SOLDIERS

CPL BERT L. HARRIS, JR., the late husband of the late Lorraine B. Harris who was a "Rosie the Riveter," served in the 10th Calvary (Horse) Regiment of the 2nd Calvary Battalion in Fort Riley, KS.

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN
SAM BRUCE CHAPTER

GIL B. BAKER, Church photographer, was a charter member of the **SAM BRUCE CHAPTER** organized in honor of the **Garfield High School graduate** who was the only African American Seattle-area airman killed during World War II.



SAMUEL M. BRUCE



WILLIAM L. BOOKER, the late husband of Dolores Booker, served several terms as Sam Bruce Chapter President. He was a flight engineer and navigator for 447th Bombardment.

GEORGE W. HICKMAN, **JR**., the late husband of Doris B. Hickman, was a pilot and charter member of the Sam Bruce Chapter.



Both Hickman and Booker are featured in *Red Tails, Silver Wings,* a national traveling exhibit honoring the Tuskegee Airmen.



HOWARD A. WOOTEN, the late husband of Josephine S. Stokes, was a charter member of the Sam Bruce Chapter. He was a pilot in the 332nd Fighter Group and later, the 477th Bombardment Group.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Rev. Dr. Julie L. Vaughn, Instructor

FOCUS: BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

November 3rd - ***Stewardship of the Environment***, Genesis 2:15 and Psalm 8
November 10th - ***Stewardship of Relationships and Community***, Galatians 6: 2, Philippians 2
November 17th - ***Financial Stewardship: Biblical Principles of Money Management***, Proverbs 3: 9 - 10 and Luke 16: 10 - 13
November 24th - ***Debt, Contentment and Financial Freedom***, Philippians 4: 11 - 13 and Proverbs 22: 7

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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

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(8) **QR CODE**.

Trustee Board members include Harry Bailey, Chair; Mary Hopkins, Vice-Chair; Brenda Charles-Edwards, Secretary; 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.

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.

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CHARITY MINISTRY

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



We rejoice in the addition of the new members pictured with Pastor Johnson. They joined by Christian Experience, completed their orientation classes, and received the Right Hand of Fellowship last month.

WELCOME! ***Erica J. Thomas, Pamela Bolden Benoit, Carl Williams, Merit Lassiter Jackqueline Miller, Wendy Ann Larson, Le'ondre Harris -Miller and Morris Ezekeil Miller***

Photo by Berhanu Wells

ALL-CHURCH PHOTO NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Johnson invites ALL members of Mount Zion to be in attendance next Sunday, **November 8th** to be included in an historic photo session for our congregation following the service.

Please then join our **Veterans Ministry** in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, displays, a slide show presentation and program honoring our veterans. We encourage you to wear any combination of **red**, white **and/or** **blue**.

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2027 CHURCH OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

The Finance Ministry is developing the 2027 Church Operating Budget. All ministry and committee leaders are asked to complete a Budget Request Form available online, in the lobby and office. You may drop your competed form in the Finance Ministry mailbox in the Parlor, or email a scanned copy to the Finance Ministry Chair. Forms are due by Monday, **November 30th**.

Robert Thomas, Finance Ministry Chair

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2026 ANNUAL REPORTS

MINISTRY LEADERS: Please submit your report using the following abbreviated format:

- Ministry Name
- Mission Statement
- Officers and Members
- Brief Summary of 2025 Programs

Reports should be saved on a USB flash drive or e-mailed to Publications:
ycarr@mountzionseattle.org Submission Deadline: **December 19th**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM is requesting your help for families in need. Please donate the following non-perishable canned and boxed food items for our Thanksgiving baskets by **November 22nd:**



CHURCH MEMBERS - Canned Food

DIACONATE - Butter

BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY - Flour

MUSIC MINISTRY - Stuffing/Cornbread Mix

TRUSTEES - Green Beans

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - Sugar

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Non-Perishable Boxed/Packaged Food

USHERS - Cooking Oil

A Thanksgiving box is located in the foyer for your food donations. We gladly welcome financial contributions as well. Please make your check payable to Mount Zion Baptist Church and designate Missions & Evangelism on your giving envelope and memo line

Families requesting dinners must complete an application form available in the foyer and office. The food boxes will be assigned and distributed on a first come, first served basis. M & E will notify the families. Volunteers are needed to help with the assembling of the baskets.

Contact Mattie Taplin, Missions and Evangelism Chair



GOD'S GROCERIES

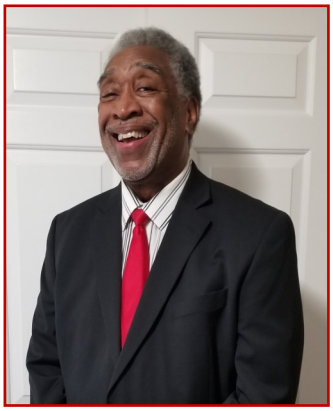
GOD'S GROCERIES are distributed from **Noon** to **2:00 p.m. every THIRD FRIDAY.** Join us on **November 20th** in the North parking lot of Mount Zion for **FREE** food.

Phillip Miller, Coordinator ~ 206.322.6500, Ext 105

NOVEMBER 3RD

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE IN PERSON OR DROP OFF YOUR BALLOT BY THE 8:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 3RD DEADLINE!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



FIRST SUNDAY MESSAGE

Rev. Paul R. Edwards, Mount Zion Associate Minister, delivered the sermon entitled ***Trials*** based on James 1: 1 - 4 and 12. He remined us that during our "tests" we should

- ⇒ Consider...Choose God's Perspective
- ⇒ Know...Trust What God Is Producing and
- ⇒ Persevere...**Let God Finish the Work!**

HANGING OF THE GREEN

Please join the Arts Ministry on November 28th at 11:00 a.m. for "The Hanging of the Green" and help decorate the Church for the Season of Advent and Christmas.

Contact Debra Harris-Branham, Co-chair



T-SHIRTS AND THANX TO THE JONES FAMILY

You may pick-up and order your ZionStrong T-shirt after the service from **Karen Jones**. Multiple sizes are available for children and adults.

THANK YOU ***Derrick Jones*** for the generous and much needed paper!! We appreciate to extra effort you gave for your Church family and the multiple deliveries last month.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOUNT ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH

THE BROTHERHOOD MINISTRY OF MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

The Brotherhood's

1961

SERIES

— *A Fireside Chat* —

In November 1961, the Brotherhood of Mount Zion brought Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Seattle for his only visit to our city. This December, we revive that tradition with an evening of honest conversation among local leaders on the issues facing our community today.

ECONOMIC HEADWINDS
Rising costs, affordability, and economic opportunity

EDUCATION EQUITY
Outcomes for Black students in our local schools

YOUTH SAFETY & VIOLENCE PREVENTION
What's happening to our youth, and the solutions making a difference

A moderated roundtable · Audience questions · The 90-Day Pledge

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

5:00 to 7:30 in the evening · Fellowship Hall

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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Smith, Lillian Faye
Wickes, Keywanie A.
Young, Sylvia
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Harris, Lois
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Frank, Kittrell D.
Franklin Jack, Kia C.
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Byrdwell, Phyllis M.
Denton, Carnell
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Harris-Haley, Dr. Virgie L
Haynes, Malver B.
Williams-Cyprian, Gail
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Bailey, Phillip C.
Dean, Sarah J. E.
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Garrett, Marissa P.
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French, Lynn D.
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Bell, Cameron B.
Bell, Claiborne D.
Hart, Kamaya D.
Price, Iris E.
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Taplin, Mattie P.
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Charles, Lou Annie
***Esteemed Centenarian* 104!**
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Burgess, Angela
Fearn-Banks, Kathleen A.
Johnson, Stephen O.
Samuels, Jennifer
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Jones, Marjhawon S.
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Hawkins, Ida
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Jones, Jay S.
Williams, Woodson F.
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Bartleyfelder, Mary
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Miles, Noah
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Elleby, Elizabeth A.
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Young, Rosemary
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Howard, Gwendolyn C.
Ross, Esther R.
Young, Regina E.
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Hailey, Yvonne
Hauge, Bergen J.



Mrs. Lou Annie Charles is from Muskogee, OK. where she was trained by the National Youth Association (NYA) to serve in World War II. She followed her mother, Mrs. Gussie O. Tucker, to Seattle after the war.



Mrs. Charles was hired by Boeing and retired after 32 years of employment. She, like her Aunt Josie Dunn, was a Rosie, the Riveter. During that time, she met and married her husband of 71 years, Mr. Dexter R. Charles. She still lives in the house they had built in 1956 and raised their two children, Brenda Charles-Edwards and Darrell Charles.

Mrs. Charles joined Mount Zion in 1946. Our former Kitchen Supervisor and Social Committee Chair, is an active member of the Women's Ministry where she served on the Executive Board as Coordinator of Literature and Priscila Circle Leader. She is the recipient of the Woman of Excellence Award and NPBC Vivienne Penick Award. She has been an usher for nearly 80 years and was named "Usher of the Year" by the United Christian Church Ushers Association. This past AARP President was also a long-time volunteer for King County elections until we began voting by mail-in ballot.

HAPPY 104TH BIRTHDAY, MRS. LOU ANNIE CHARLES!

Mount Zion is blessed and honored to have you in our midst.



Mr. Brandon & Mrs. Miko Petitt

September 27, 2026



Deacons Joel & Darlene Hobbs

54th~ November 10th





Mr. Wally, II &

Mrs. Martha Webster

58th ~ November 8th



Mr. Herman &

Mrs. Sharon Williams

54th ~ November 28th

Team Issachar

TI PLEDGE

I will set my standards high and not let others bring them down!
Proverbs 1:10

I will give respect because I want to be respected!
Matthew 7:12

I will make wise decisions to insure my success!
Matthew 6:33

I will RISE…

Because I can!!!

John 5:8 and Philippians 4:13

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 or call 206 571-5898.

2026 Kappa Alpha Psi Christmas Shopping Day

TI will again join the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity for their annual "Shop With A Kappa" Day
Saturday, December 12, 2026
at the Walmart Super Store

TI mentor, **Mr. Mark Cameron**, is coordinating this year's
TI Christmas-End of Year Celebration
Saturday, December 19th

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





COMMUNITY NEWS





Rev. Dr. Samuel Berry McKinney served as the pastor at Mount Zion Baptist Church for more than 40 years, becoming an icon in Seattle's Black community and a leader in local social justice movements. Rev. Dr. McKinney passed in 2018. His 100th birthday would have been on December 28, 2026.

To mark this centennial, MOHAI is honored to present a selection of garments that were worn by Rev. Dr. McKinney and his wife Louise from the 1940s to the 1980s.

This exhibit explores the life and legacy of the McKinneys through these garments and their stories, and provides glimpses into the larger history of Black identity, religion, and politics in 20th century America.



Desmond Jackson Foundation Dinner

November 21, 2025

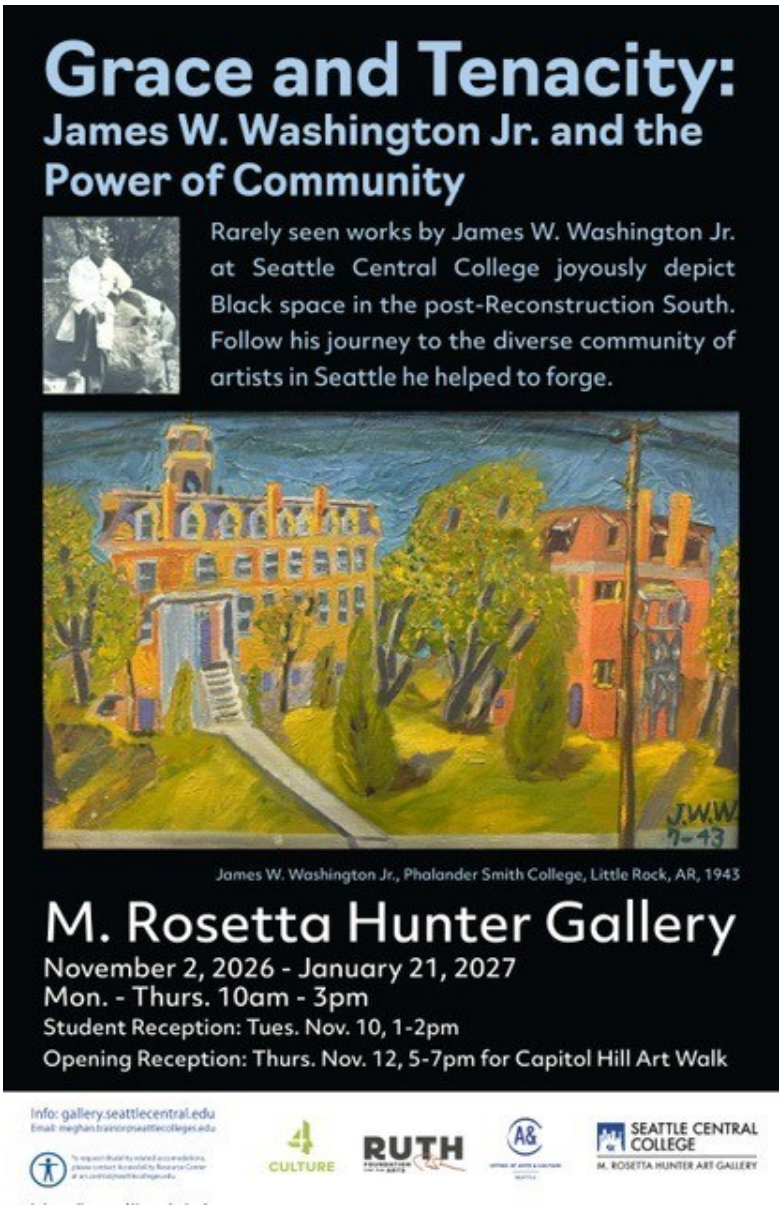
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Mount Zion Baptist Church

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COMMUNITY NEWS & ADVERTISEMENTS





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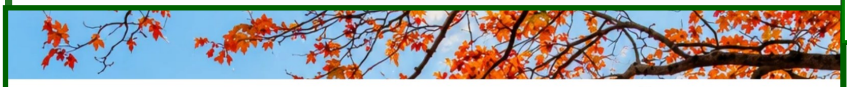
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Livestream and In-Person Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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Sister Jamekia Nelson

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Deacon Lawrence Adeyemi, Ph.D.

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Sister Malver Haynes

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Sister Catherine Acox

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