

# The Mt. Zion Zenith

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*Zenith: the high point; zenith experiences are pleasant moments of unity, oneness, peace, and enlightenment*

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## WELCOME...

- Sister Tykera Bowers
- Sister Lydia Redmond
- Brother Clint Williams
- Sister Amanda Williams
- Sister Caylee Williams
- Brother Cayden Williams

We are elated to welcome our newest members into our church family! Please extend to them the love and encouragement that a great support system is supposed to provide.



## From the Pastor's Pen

Greetings, Mt. Zion Church Family!

I pray that you and your family have enjoyed one another this holiday season and that throughout the food, presents, and festivities, you remembered that Christmas is not about the latest toys or games, how many presents we receive, or how many gatherings we attend, but it commemorates the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In the gospel of Luke 2:10, 11 we read, “And the Angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Christians should make everyday Christmas and share the good news with others daily.

As we approach the new year, our theme for 2026: “Each One Reach One,” involves sharing that good news and bringing others to Christ in line with our mission statement. Every Mt. Zion member is tasked with bringing at least one soul into our church family next year. You have done a great job in 2025, now let’s prepare for an even better 2026!

*Pastor Chavas Boyd*



## Mission Statement

*Our mission is to lead others to Christ, teach them about His salvation, and bring them into our bible-based, spirit-led church family where they will find love, hope, guidance, and encouragement.*

## A Year to Celebrate: Our Youth Ministry in Review

What an incredible year it has been for our youth ministry! Over the past year, we've seen God move in powerful ways—both in **growth in numbers** and, even more importantly, **growth in faith**. Our youth have shown up eager to learn, worship, serve, and support one another, and it has been inspiring to watch friendships deepen and spiritual maturity take root.

The exciting culmination of the year was our **New Year's Eve Celebration**, which was truly unforgettable. The **skating party** brought nonstop energy and laughter, the **New Year's Affirmations** created meaningful moments of encouragement and reflection, and the **balloon drop** was the perfect joyful send-off into the new year. It was more than just a party, it set a positive, faith-filled tone for what's ahead.

None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our **parents, volunteers, and church family**. Thank you for trusting us with your youth, praying for them, showing up, driving them to events, and investing your time and resources. Your support has made this amazing year possible.

As we look ahead to **2026**, we are excited and expectant for what God will continue to do. We encourage parents to help us build on this momentum by increasing youth participation in **Sunday School, Bible Study, and other youth events**. Consistent involvement helps our youth stay connected, grow spiritually, and build strong, Christ-centered relationships.

*Lakeisha Boyd*

## Christmas Observance 2025

Have you ever wondered what life would have been like if television was available during the time of Jesus' birth? Well Mt. Zion's Youth Department did just that during our annual Christmas program observance! They presented the Good News Network TV-The Holiday Edition, in which our youth ministry provided spirit filled singing, liturgical dancing, and a dramatic interpretation. Zachary Brown read about our Savior's birth through scripture; we had a soul stirring prayer by Isaiah Jones, and GOD's AIM ministered beautifully through dance to Geoffrey Goldens' song "Glory to the Lamb". Mt. Zion's Male Choir led the audience in a fun filled and competitive rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas (Holy Ghost style) and Georquel Murray then ushered in the spirit with a powerful mime to "Yes" by Shekinah Glory. During our dramatic interpretation, our youth told about Jesus' birth on the television screen through the shows "Real Housewives of Bethlehem", "A Superheroes' Christmas", "Jamese 'Dottie Peoples' and the Mt. Zion Choir Ensemble" Gospel Show, and the GNN Evening News, where we had the Sheep Lottery and First Hand Accounts of the Messiah's Birth through an interview with the shepherds!

At the close, the Mt. Zion Church Family enjoyed a delicious holiday dinner sponsored by the deaconess ministry assisted by the culinary ministry. We also had a photo booth and festive holiday décor to enjoy!! It was a wonderful celebration and fellowship! The youth ministry would like to thank EVERYONE who helped to make this program a huge and enlightening success!!!!

*Kilauna Ware*

## In Loving Memory

*Forever in our hearts.... Rev. Chavas Boyd and the Mt. Zion Family extend sincere condolences to the family of Sister Rose Coleman. We pray your strength, comfort, and peace in the Lord during this time*



## A Moment in Healthcare

Hopefully everyone experienced an exceptional Christmas holiday and is looking forward to a healthy New Year. January is:

- National Blood Donor Month
- Thyroid Awareness Month
- Cervical Health Awareness Month
- Glaucoma Awareness Month

If you are able, please give blood in January. Also, make sure that you get regular check-ups and screenings to combat thyroid/cervical cancer, and glaucoma. Develop healthy habits and incorporate exercise not only for a few weeks, but throughout 2026. Happy New Year!

## Upcoming Events

Watch Night Service, Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 p.m.

## Reminders

- Early bird tickets for Women's/Teens Conference can be purchased for \$35, teens \$25 until December 31<sup>st</sup> at which time women's tickets will be \$40.
- There will be no Bible study Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup>. Bible study will resume Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday school at 10:00 a.m.
- Discipleship class 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 10 a.m.; Wed.- Bible study at 7 p.m.; Thu.- Bible study at 11 a.m.
- MZ Family Prayer each Sun., 8 pm: Call (267) 807-9601 Access code: 850 128 077

*Remember, GOD loves you, and here at Mt. Zion, WE love you!*