

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...

Mt. Zion's new members:

- Sister Sherry Alston joined Sunday, June 15th
- Reverend Willie Alston joined Sunday, June 15th
- Sister Jeanice Hall baptized Sunday, July 6th
- Sister Seven Riley baptized Sunday, July 6th
- Brother Nathaniel Bethel baptized Sunday, July 6th
- Sister Jeanise Mealing joined Sunday, July 13th
- Sister Roniya Reid joined Sunday, July 13th
- Sister Jennifer Walker reinstated Sunday, July 13th
- Brother Ronald Reid joined Sunday, July 13th

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 and join us Sunday, August 3rd at 10:45 for baptism.

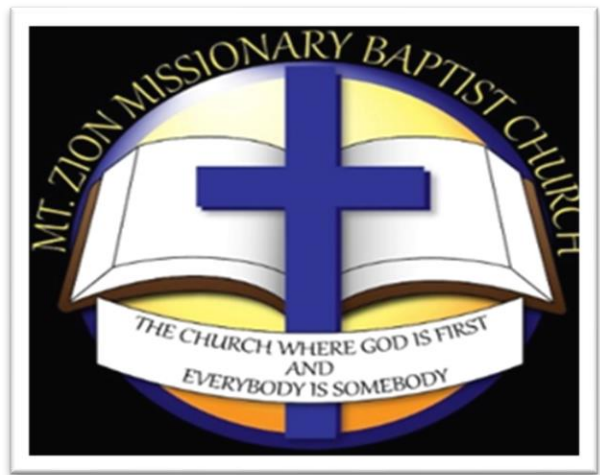
From the Pastor's Pen



Greetings, Mt. Zion Church Family!

We have been busy this summer: Vacation Bible School, a fishing excursion, the youth achievement program, a youth trip to Rigby's, a church etiquette workshop, and the Usher's Union Prayer Breakfast have all taken place. Now, summer break is culminating, and it's time for our 3rd annual back-to-school bash. We look forward to serving our community by preparing students for an academically fulfilling school year. As our students return to school, I pray that parents will be involved in their children's education and ensure the children go to school with scholarly minds and respectful attitudes in order to learn as much as possible and be the student God wants them to be. May God bless our school staffs, students, and parents during the 2025-2026 school year!

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.

Church Etiquette is About Love, Not Rules

Thanks to everyone who participated in the church etiquette event. Cheryl's Courtesy Academy served as the facilitator and prepared an interactive lesson that allowed each group to present a scenario in which they demonstrated either proper or improper examples of church etiquette. Discussions of each scenario took place at the end of each group's presentation which reiterated how we must come to church prayed up and prepared to worship God and respect His sanctuary. Thanks, Ms. Cheryl, for reminding us that church etiquette is about love, not rules. A very special thank you to our culinary ministry for the delicious lunch.

Sister Kayla White

Spread the Word Come One, Come All

Our 3rd annual back-to-school bash will be Saturday, August 2nd from 8-12. There will be a DJ, bookbags, school supplies, clothes giveaway, hair supplies, refreshments, and bouncy house. Free haircuts will be from 8-10. Please be on time for haircuts; the barbers will leave at 10. Bring your children, your relatives' children, your friend's, and neighbors' children. Tell others to attend because this is a community event.! Our goal is to double the number of children we served last year.

Trustee Nolan Marshall

Rigby Recap

Our Youth Ministry had an unforgettable time at Rigby Entertainment Complex on Saturday, June 28th! From arcade games and laser tag to bowling and go-karts, the day was packed with fun, laughter, and fellowship. Both kids and adults enjoyed themselves tremendously, building memories and strengthening bonds that will last a lifetime. It was a joyful experience filled with smiles, encouragement, and the kind of pure fun that brings our ministry family even closer together. We thank all the chaperones and parents who helped make this outing a huge success!

Sister Lakeisha Boyd

A Moment in Healthcare

August is:

1. National Wellness Month
2. National Immunization Awareness Month
3. Psoriasis Awareness Month
4. Children's Eye Health and Safety Month

Upcoming Events

1. Back to School Bash, Saturday, August 2nd, 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
2. Sheppard Community Blood Drive at Mt. Zion Saturday, August 2nd from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
3. Baptism will be Sunday, August 3rd at 10:45 a.m.
4. Church clean-up day at Mt. Zion will be Saturday, August 16th from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. All hands on deck!
5. Wednesday night Bible study will resume August 20th at 7:00 p.m.
6. Thursday morning Bible study will resume August 21st at 11:00 a.m.

*****Check out the new ceiling fans in the gym!**

Reminders

- Sunday school at 10:00 a.m.
- Discipleship class 2nd -4th Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
- MZ Family prayer each Sunday evening at 8 p.m.:
Call (267) 807-9601
Access code: 850 128 077
- Our elevator fund coordinators Angela Cobbins, Angela LeBlanc, and Charles Schofield remind members and businesses to donate to the elevator fund. Donations should be above and beyond our tithes.

Young Writers' Challenge

We are seeking youth to submit poetry to be featured in the newsletter each month.

Submit your entry by each 3rd Sunday.

The following poem was written by Dr.

Deborah Smith when she was in 12th grade!

Thanks for the example and the idea, Dr. Smith!

God's Love

Warm, tender, and loving His mercy is everlasting. We sin repeatedly, but we are forgiven.

God never fails to listen if we are sincere
For His kindness is great and His Word is stern.

With love in His heart and kindness in His mind,
He created the world we live in now.
He made the birds, the trees, and the sky

Last of all, He made you and me.

We live in sin and were cursed to die

We were spiritually blind

So He sent a guiding light.

Though He loved him dearly, He sent us His
son who died on the cross
To save our souls.

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