

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 Amber Fielder- Sunday, September 14th
 - Brother Patrick Davis- Sunday, September 14th
 - Brother Purvis Huggins-Jr.-Sunday, September 21st
- 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!

As you read this issue, take note of the many exciting, educational, informative events that are happening here at Mt. Zion. We have so much to thank God for as He leads us in helping our members and community navigate life. Praise God for what He continues to do for us in all of our endeavors, especially our holistic ministry.

Pastor Chavas Boyd

Can't Wait 'Til Next Year!

This year's annual Spaghetti and BINGO was a huge hit. The deaconess ministry sponsored a fun-filled fellowship where everyone walked away a winner. BINGO callers Sophia Cogle and Pearlean Francis were BINGO's version of Ryan Seacrest and Vanna White! Each participant received a scrumptious homemade spaghetti or chicken alfredo lunch (thanks, Lyvetta Marshall) complete with salad, garlic bread and cake made from Bobbie Walker's oven. What's more, everyone who did not win a game of BINGO still received a gift of his/her choice to take home. Shout-out to Zachary Brown for his assistance!

The three grand prize winners were:

Tiffany Williams, Denise Crawford, and Fernando Clark.



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.

See you in the morning!

This past weekend, our church family gathered for the **Mental Health Awareness Breakfast** under the motivating theme, *See You In the Morning*. The event was a powerful time of fellowship, encouragement, and practical learning as we tackled one of the most important issues facing our community today, mental health.

Attendees enjoyed a warm breakfast and fellowship before hearing from three remarkable speakers who each touched our hearts in unique ways. A suicide survivor shared her testimony of resilience, reminding us that even in our darkest nights, God's light is never far away. A family member of a suicide victim offered a moving perspective on the importance of compassion, presence, and support for those who are struggling. Finally, a mental health specialist equipped us with practical tools, coping strategies, and resources for navigating life's challenges with faith and courage. The impact was undeniable, tears were shed, hope was renewed, and many participants left feeling lighter, encouraged, and better prepared to support themselves and others.

As a congregation, we are reminded that mental health is just as important as physical and spiritual well-being. If you ever find yourself in a low or dark place, we encourage you to reach out to a trusted church leader, friend, or family member. You are not alone; there is always help, there is always hope, and as our theme declares, there will always be a morning.

Lakeisha Boyd

Celebrating Grandparents



Sunday, September 7th was designated Grandparents' Day. After a spirit-filled service, grandparents were invited to attend an appreciation reception. Youth and church members gathered in the fellowship hall to honor our grandparents with an old-fashioned ice cream social. Treats such as ice cream sundaes, Planks (retro cookies), and moon pies were enjoyed as grandparents were honored. We love and treasure our grandparents at Mt. Zion!

Kilwanna Martin

A Moment in Healthcare

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In honor and recognition of all breast cancer survivors, and especially our own survivors, let's wear pink on the 2nd Sunday, October 12th and designate this date as "A Wave of Pink Sunday." Wearing pink can be a great way to start the conversation with others by sharing why we are wearing pink. Continue to conduct monthly self-exams and schedule annual mammograms.

Mt. Zion breast cancer survivors:

Gloria Clark, Pam Clark, Sophia Cogle, Pam Crane, Cheryl Gilchrist, Majorie Gray, Gwendolyn Ivey, Pam Jordan, Kilwanna Martin



Bridgette Clark

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

The Thursday morning community Bible study will attend a Christmas play on Tuesday, December 9th in Myrtle Beach, SC. The cost is \$117.00 which includes transportation and show ticket. Attendees are responsible for their own food. Payments can be made in installments of \$39.00 beginning September 28th, next payment October 28th, and final payment on November 28th. Payments of cash or money orders should be submitted to Sister Pearlean Francis and are non-refundable. Anyone interested may sign up after service.

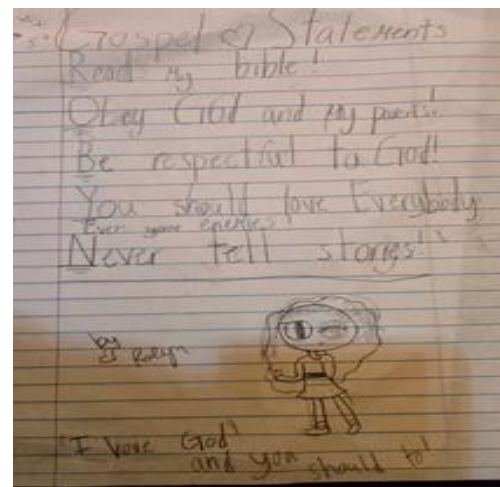
Upcoming Events

1. Our fall revival will be Monday, October 6th - Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. each night.
2. Auxiliary board will meet on Monday, October 13th at 6:00 p.m.
3. Rev. Boyd to preach pastor's anniversary at Ebenezer BC Sunday, October 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Reminders

- Sunday school at 10:00 a.m.
- Discipleship class 2nd -4th 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:
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A young writers' challenge has been issued! The Mt. Zion Zenith is seeking youth to submit original poetry for our readers' enjoyment. Our first featured entry is "**Gospel Statements**" by Robyn Hughes, a 2nd grader at C.T. Walker:



"Read my Bible! Obey God and my parents! Be respectful to God! You should love everybody, even your enemies. Never tell stories. I love God and you should too!"

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