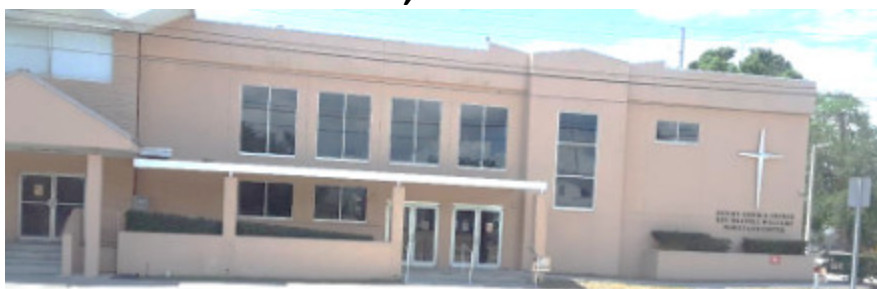


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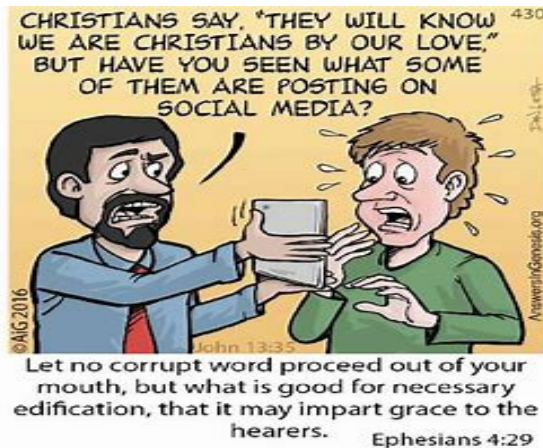


**Pastor and Lady Roundtree Celebrate Ten Years Of  
Sharing God’s Love With New Mount Zion.**

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## WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR



**HEBREWS 12:2--“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

As we continue our study of "Looking To Jesus: A Journey Through The Book Of Hebrews," we must examine ourselves by looking in the mirror at ourselves. God's Word never changes. However, God's Word should change us so we can become more of whom He wants us to be. God adopted us into His family to be His ambassadors. We are to follow Jesus' example by doing what pleases God, even if it displeases people. We know that Jesus is our merciful and faithful High Priest. Therefore, we are to stand on His promises realizing that to the utmost Jesus saves us to live better lives here on earth by representing Him as we prepare for the best life (Eternal Life) in Heaven.

Our focus prayer for this study is, "Father, please guide us to greater trust in supremacy of Jesus through this study of the Book of Hebrews and help us to look to Jesus in every circumstance for hope and strength."

**Psalm 19:14—"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."**

Because HE Lives

Pastor Larry Roundtree II

## IT'S NEWSEY

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 marked an end of a troubling intersection (26th & East Columbus Drive) in our church history. Marked by repeated car crashes and speeding cars in front of our church doors, three-way stops were installed and immediately brought traffic to a calmer pace. (Reported By Church Secretary Sis. Jackie Jones)



## NOON-DAY BIBLE STUDY



To meet the needs of members who wanted to attend in-person Bible Study but did not want to attend during the evening, Pastor Roundtree felt a need to provide a Bible Study for these members and non-members. After mentioning the need, (Retired) Pastor D. Franklin Browne from Antioch MB Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi volunteered to teach the class. Under (Retired) Pastor Browne's leadership, NMZs Noon-Day Bible Study began on the first Wednesday in January 2023 at 12 Noon. Many of our members are attending and enjoying the fellowship.



## **THE NEW MOUNT ZION'S GREAT CLEANUP DAY**

The Deacons gave leadership to New Mount Zion Great Cleanup Day in February. Under the leadership of Dea. Henry Humbert, members gathered, cleaned, and threw out many obsolete items. It was stated that among those items were things we have had since 1903 (our church was organized in 1902). Not only was our regular dumpster filled to the brim, but the rented dumpster was, too.



**SPECIAL FEATURE**  
**Celebrating 10 Years Of What God Did!**  
**PASTOR'S AIDE MINISTRY**  
**Reported By Sis. Gwen Hayes**



Since our last *Progressor*, the Pastor's Aide Ministry (PAM) has been busy supporting our pastor and his family – honoring special dates, celebrating birthdays, Christmas blessings, supporting him as he gave messages at other churches. But the excitement really began in January, when we started planning for the family's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We held several meetings, some into the evening hours – all to make sure the family had the culmination of a Blessed 10 years. We hope all of you enjoyed the celebration.

Congratulations, **Pastor Larry L.** and **Lady Sameya Roundtree** and the **Roundtree Family** for 10 years of service to the New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church!

"God Did It!" Yes, that has been an ongoing theme that **Pastor Larry L. Roundtree, II**, has carried as he pastored New Mt. Zion M. B. Church for the past 10 years.

Friday and Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, the Pastor's Aide Ministry (PAM) gave leadership to his 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The theme this year: "God Did It: Looking Back While Moving Forward," *11 Corinthians 4: 5-7*. Colors chosen by **Lady Sameya Roundtree** for the anniversary were black, white with a hint of peach.

The organization gave a snippet of his 10 years during the "Evening of Elegance" Celebration at the Sheraton Tampa Brandon on Friday evening, with more than 300 in attendance. The **Roundtree Family** entertained with a number of songs throughout the evening; presentations by ministries of the church, words of remembrance from friends and other pastors, along with a few surprises.



**Dr. Barbara Wright** gave an excellent occasion highlighting Pastor's accomplishments and achievements over the past 10 years, and how he led the flock God entrusted to him.

Among the surprises was one that came from the Pastor's Aide Ministry -- a 6-night Safari Trip to South Africa for 2 with several amenities!

Also, on the program celebrating with the family that evening were: **Rev. Edward Quarry, Deacon Patrick Andrews, Minister Ched Heiss, Rev. Rayford Harper, Deacon Reginald Maddox, and Rev. Bartholomew Banks, Sr.**

Sunday's spiritual service was well-received. **Ministers Ronald Thomas and Larenz Johnson** were in charge of the Call to Worship. After the Unity Choir of NMZ and **Deacons Ronald Wardlow, Bobby Priester, and Aaron Berry** opened with devotion, **Pastor Roundtree's** request a few months back was fulfilled by the **Nunn Family**, who blessed him with "*Real (Jesus is Real To Me)*". **Sister Syntia King** gave the Welcome and Occasion.

The remainder of the program featured the powerful Word of God from **Rev. Dr. N. S. Sanders**, who chose, "God's Choice," **Eph. 1:1-4**. **Mayor Jane Castor** presented a Proclamation from the City of Tampa and proclaimed that Sunday as "Rev. Larry L. Roundtree, II Sunday." **Comm. Gwen Myers** gave remarks. The program also included remarks and expressions from **Deacon Patrick Andrews**, PAM President **Brenda Holley**, and **Pastor and Mrs. Roundtree**, as well as more presentations. **Sister Lo Berry** presided over Friday and Sunday's presentations.

**Representative Fentrice Driskell**, Pastor's friend since childhood, sent a video congratulating him on his 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The video was played during the service. Pastor was overjoyed to see Mrs. Lena Williams (former First Lady, wife of former pastor, the late Rev. Dr. Walter Williams) at the anniversary service.

On behalf of New Mt. Zion family, PAM President and members presented Pastor and Lady Roundtree 'Double Honor' -- a Tranquility Retreat at J. W. Marriott, and a Plush Fleece Photo Blanket sharing 9 years as Pastor, and a framed photo representing the 10<sup>th</sup> year.

Flavorful Tea and cake was enjoyed in the Walter J. Williams Life Center after the service.

It was a glorious celebration, led by God!

PAM welcomes our new members and invites others to join us on this journey of supporting our pastor. You'll be glad that you did.



The Roundtree's Family Choir at the "Evening of Elegance."



Pastor's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday Morning Worship with Rev. N.S. Sanders.



## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

### All for God's Glory

**In His Presence:** Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity (2 Peter 3:18).

First Corinthians 10:31 tells us that even our eating and drinking should be done to the glory of God. God's glory is like a pair of colored glasses that tint everything you see. Whatever you do should be done for His glory. The question you must now ask about everything is, "How will this glorify God?"

God is intent on displaying who He is. Psalm 19:1 says: "The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands." The whole earth gives us a picture of the glory of the invisible God. Nature preaches us a sermon on His glory. Everything should point us to His glory, and if it doesn't, it's because we are too "me-centered" to look for His glory. And if we are centered on ourselves, we are in sin. Sin is simply falling short of glorifying God. Romans 3:23 says: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." You don't have to rob a bank to be a sinner. All you have to do is try to take the glory that belongs to Him alone. We are all cosmic thieves.

God's glory is everywhere. Revelation 21:23 says when we get to heaven there will be no need of the sun or moon because the glory of the Lord will illuminate everything. There will be no night there, for the place will be consumed with the glory of God. His glory is so awesome that it will light up our heavenly home. (Pastor Tony Evans Alternative View - 12/05/22)

### Your Priorities Determine Your Life

Make me know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. - (Psalm 25:4)

Much of your life—whether it shows up in successes or failures—will be determined by your priorities. What you put first in your thoughts, desires, and choices will affect the fruit or consequences you then face.

Jesus spoke about our priorities in the longest sermon He ever preached while on earth. This sermon is recorded in Scripture and is called the Sermon on the Mount. Now, people in my congregation may think I preach a long time, but Jesus' sermon takes up three full chapters (Matthew 5-7) in the Bible. That's a long sermon.

His message is addressed to believers—originally to His disciples. And it is primarily a sermon about the kingdom whose centerpiece revolves around one verse.

In fact, this one verse is the centerpiece of kingdom living altogether. We read, "But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).

The word that I want to focus on from this passage is the word first, because it is the diminishing of the value of this word that has led to the diminishing of the experience of God in many of our lives.

To live life to its fullest and to accomplish and experience all that God has created you to do, God and His kingdom must be first. God is not to be one among many—He is to be first.

The problem in most of our lives today is that God is merely in the vicinity; He is not first. I often hear people tell me that they just don't have enough time for God, which means that they are really telling me God is not first place in their lives. This is because a person will always make time for what is first, for what matters most. (Pastor Tony Evans 02/01/23)

**"ALL OF ME" by Doug Williams**

All of me to you, All of me I give to you, My mind, My soul, My life please take  
control

My heart, My body, Here I am lord make me whole

All of me to you, All of me I give to you, Restore me, Revive me,  
Fill me with your love

Anoint me, Appoint me, Give me grace from heaven above

I know it's not much, But it's all that I have (As an offering to you)

As an offering to you, All that I am I submit unto you

I belong to you, Take me, Shape me, Make me over again, I surrender, To you

Lord do what only you can, Hold me, Mold me,

Use me for you glory, I'll bow down, Before you

I worship and adore you All of me to you

All of me I give to you



# FOOD FOR THE SOUL



**Submitted By Sis. Marilyn Washington**

***“The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.”***

**1 Thessalonians 5:24 (NIV)**

God never asks you to do something without providing what you need to do it. Anointing is a sign of God’s equipping and empowering you to fulfill an assignment he’s given you.

Do you want God’s resurrection power to work through your life? Then you need to understand what it means to have his anointing. To understand God’s anointing, you need to keep a few things in mind.

**1. When God says to do it, you can count on his anointing.** Jesus’ last assignment to his disciples was impossible. There was no way they could possibly take the Gospel to the ends of the Earth. It could only happen through his power. God will often give you an assignment that looks physically impossible, but he will make it possible.

*“The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it”* (1 Thessalonians 5:24 NIV).

**2. God’s anointing makes difficult tasks easier.** Your resources, energy, knowledge, wisdom, and talent are all limited—but God is not. With God’s anointing, you can handle things better, last longer, and go farther.

*“I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources [God] will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit”* (Ephesians 3:16 NLT).

**3. God’s anointing makes the impossible possible.** In your business, marriage, health, and relationships, you’re going to come up against seemingly insurmountable problems. God is a competent Father. No problem is beyond his ability to provide.

*“What is impossible with man is possible with God”* (Luke 18:27 NIV).

**4. God anoints your life to bless others.** Jesus came to comfort the afflicted, blind, broken-hearted, and those who are enslaved to bad habits. And he anoints you to comfort others as well.

*“Jesus arrived anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, ready for action.”*

**5. For every new challenge, you need renewed power from God.** Anointing by the Holy Spirit cannot be stored up. You cannot handle today’s problems with yesterday’s anointing. You certainly can’t handle the problems you’re going to have tomorrow, next week, and next year with yesterday’s anointing.

Stay in touch with God so that he can constantly fill you with his grace, love, and power. James 4:2 says, *“You do not have because you do not ask God”* (NIV).

Ask for God’s anointing again! (Source: Minister Rick Warren)



## **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**

**Reported By Sis. Alfredia Mulkey**

We are thrilled to share with you the latest highlights and accomplishments within our NMZ community as we continue to journey together. It is with great joy that we witness the spirit of unity and togetherness that defines our church. Let us take a moment to reflect on the recent achievements and the profound impact we have made collectively.

Our church has been actively involved in various activities and initiatives that promote community engagement and service. Our church opened its doors to host local precinct elections on November 8th, March 7th, and April 25<sup>th</sup> to provide a safe and welcoming space for the community to exercise their rights to vote.

In partnership with REACHUP, Inc, led by Sis Lo Berry, we re-organized our annual Christmas Angel program. Our generous members donated \$1,945 worth of gift cards and over \$500 worth of Christmas gifts, including clothes for youth. This initiative demonstrated our commitment to supporting mothers and children in need.

On January 16th, we proudly represented our church in the annual MLK parade. With a beautifully decorated float and the enthusiastic participation of numerous NMZ members, we celebrated the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his message of unity and equality.

In response to repeated accidents at the intersection of 26th Street and Columbus Drive, we voiced our concerns to the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County Public Works. We are delighted to announce that a three-way stop intersection has been installed, ensuring increased traffic safety in our community.

On February 4th and 5th, we held our first-quarter Leadership Breakfast and New Officers and Leadership installation ceremony. These events served as opportunities to empower and equip our leaders, allowing them to guide our congregation effectively.

Our dedicated volunteers came together on February 11th for our first church cleanup. With approximately 30 participants, we cleared out old items, completed minor repairs, and shredded old documents. Additionally, on February 26th, we successfully organized our first Business Expo, supporting NMZ entrepreneurs and fostering economic growth within our community.

During the first week of April, we experienced a spirit-filled Passion Week Revival with Pastor Edward Quarry from New Mount Zion Lakeland. This special week of powerful messages prepared us for the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday,

which began with a soul-stirring sunrise service at 6:30 am, followed by a unity service.

Unity Service and Ministry Fair Sundays are now designated as 5th Sundays. These special occasions bring our congregation together in unity. On April 30th, we witnessed the participation of over 25 ministries during the Ministry Fair Sunday, creating an enriching and vibrant atmosphere for all attendees.

As our church continues to grow, we have certain Human Resources and administrative needs that we are actively addressing. At this writing, we have open positions for a Lead Musician and a Financial Secretary. On a positive note, we are pleased to welcome Sis Dorthula Tillery as the Vice Chair of Finance, adding her valuable expertise to our leadership team.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each member of our congregation for your unwavering support, active participation, and generosity.

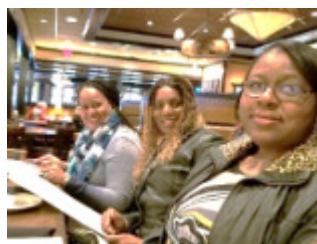
## MINISTRIES & MORE



### THE DEACONESSES AND MINISTERS WIVES Reported By Sis. Mary Priester, President

Our Ministry is still striving to show the love of Christ to the members of New Mount Zion and to assist where needed. We are working along with the New Member Orientation Committee to welcome new members to New Mt. Zion. Our ministry is committed to preparing communion for the membership to partake in the Lord's Supper on first Sundays. We greet our Baptismal candidates and assist them in getting dressed for Baptism. We support our bereaved families by working along with the Bereavement Ministry and having representatives present during their loved ones Homegoing services. We are "Deaconess on Duty."

Our members enjoyed a fellowship outing at Longhorn's in January.



Our Ministry shared in the grand celebration in observance of our Pastor's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**MOTTO:** LORD, help me to be: A mind through which Christ thinks, A voice through which Christ speaks, A heart through which Christ loves, A hand through which Christ helps.



## Reported By Sis. Pat Hall

### Evangelism: It Starts with a Conversation

Many of us grew up with revival tent meetings, Billy Graham Crusades on television, and the mourning bench. These were methods by which people would come to Christ, become saved, and be baptized. However, times have changed. I say that times have changed with a little apprehension. Because despite times changing, we know that we serve a God that never changes. But if we are to reach souls for Christ, we must change our approach. We no longer view televisions on black and white TV sets, so we can't expect the unsaved to come to church in record numbers to seek salvation. We must be "fishers of men" as Jesus told Peter in Matthew 4:19.

The question remains as to why nonbelievers are not coming to church as they once did. Nonbelievers are turned off by institutional religion, which seems to speak not to the marginalized, but to the elite. The "world" tells them the church is full of judgmental people and that they only want their money. The pandemic allowed us to view church in our bathrobes and slippers in the comfort of our homes as we ate breakfast. Some are not willing to give up that luxury. It's the same thing as going to church, isn't it?

We must clarify to the unsaved the **facts** about what it takes to be saved. We can't depend on the messages expressed by the world but access the truth of the scriptures to guide our decision making. Too many have a vague idea of how to get to heaven. It's too important to not know with certainty that when you die, you will either spend eternity with Jesus or spend eternity separated from Jesus in hell.

So, where does it leave the church? We must combat the hypocrisy that is associated with traditional "church people." We must use new, authentic methods to reach people. I submit to you that we can do just that. How? One method is to tell your story! Be prepared to tell how the blood of Jesus saved you. We all have a before being saved story, and an after being saved story. Telling your story may require you to tell some things that you may be uncomfortable with or ashamed to tell. But, if your story makes the difference in someone going to hell or heaven by accepting Christ as their personal savior, it's worth it!

Join us (the NMZ Evangelism Ministry) as we go out to share Christ in the Community!



Dea. Ron Graham and Sis. Pat Hall greet members at the Evangelism Table on May 7<sup>th</sup> during the Ministries Fair.



**The Progressor's TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF  
NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION**

**MINISTRY LEADER/WRITER REV. WILLIE KIMBROUGH**

A special tribute must be given to this ministry leader and committed writer who always gave his time, talent, and the treasure of God's love to our church family. In the May 2015 Edition of this news magazine, Minister Willie Kimbrough was introduced as the new leader of New Members Orientation. From 2015 to December 2022, he always provided an in-depth article of our church's new members. Even while ill, he gathered and submitted informative articles for this ministry with continuous love. Minister Willie Kimbrough felt it was essential that our new members receive the necessary education of being new members in the army of our Lord as well as loving members of the body of Christ. His spirit of Godly leadership was exemplified in his service to our Heavenly Father through this ministry and many other areas at New Mount Zion. The Spiritual Master of His Soul called him from his earthly labor on Sunday, March 1 to his Heavenly Home. On Saturday, March 18, at Minister Kimbrough's Homegoing Service, Pastor Roundtree bestowed the title of "Reverend" on him and presented his loving and caring wife, Robin Nell, with a certificate displaying his transition from a "Minister" to that of a "Reverend." Reverend Willie Kimbrough's humble spirit is missed in this powerful ministry and as an instrument of God's love throughout the New Mount Zion Church Family.



**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY**

**Reported By President Sis. Monica Narain**

Our **HOSPITALITY MINISTRY** was highly praised by a visitor and her husband. They were very complimentary with the love and warmth they felt from the members of our ministry. They were very impressed with the welcoming process and the intimate conversation with Pastor Roundtree.

The Hospitality Ministry eagerly added three additional members to our ministry during the ministry showcase! We are serving with a smile and a welcome heart. Hospitality Ministry: Saving the world through the LOVE of Christ-one smile at a time %*"Sometimes when you're in a dark place you think you've been buried, but actually you've been planted.-Christine Caine"*





## *Workshop*

### **Reported By Sis. CaSandra Washington**

NMZ Ushers view their work as an important form of ministry by holding an Usher Board Workshop on Saturday, April 29 in the Walter J. Williams Family Life Center. In attendance were the following: Darryl Andrews (Purple Lily), Gloria Jacobs (Usher Board #2), Henry Humbert (Ushers Coordinator), Shirley James (Purple Lily and Usher Board #1), Yama Gooding (Youth Ushers Coordinator), Morris Harris (Purple Lily), Vosha Harris (Purple Lily), Twanda Washington (Usher Board #2), Rodrick Washington (Usher Board #2 President), Carrie Lewis (Purple Lily), Rhonda Joyner (Usher Board #1), Frances Whyte (Usher Board #1), Ernest Higginbotham (Usher Board #1), Jennifer Wright (Purple Lily), Zena Glover (Purple Lily), Aislyn Coney (Usher Board #1), Mildred Jenkins (Usher Board #1), John Reed Jr (Usher Board #2), Annie Robertson (Purple Lily President), Linda Sanders (Purple Lily), Curtis Wilson (Guest), Lanier Garrett (Youth), Charlene Larry (Youth Ushers Advisor), Robyn Andrews (Usher Boards #1 and #2), Patrick Andrews (Usher Board #1 and Male Usher Board), Michael Collins (Usher Board #1), Terri Collins (Purple Lily), Sharon Bryant (Usher Board #1), Robert Cunningham (Usher Board #1), Barbara Bell (Usher Board #1), Dan Mitchell (Usher Board #1 and #2), Jaelyn Johnson (Youth), and Darrious Bryant (Chairman of the Deacon Board). The event was coordinated by Chairman Janice Sturks (President of Usher Board #1) and Co-Chaired by CaSandra Washington (Vice President of Usher Board #2).

Invocation was given by Deacon Patrick Andrews; the program participants were: Scripture by Linda Sanders (Purple Lily Usher Board), Responsibilities of an Usher by Rodrick Washington (Usher Board #2).

The Usher's Guide Handbook was communicated in great detail by Janice Sturks, resulting in productive feedback from the attendees. Deacon Henry Humbert, who is the Ushers Coordinator, presented NMZs Ushers ByLaws. We were elated to have as our special guest, Deacon Curtis Wilson, Florida State President of the Baptist State Convention. Deacon Wilson spoke on the value of ushers in the Baptist Convention and gave an invitation to all NMZ Ushers to attend future Baptist Convention events.

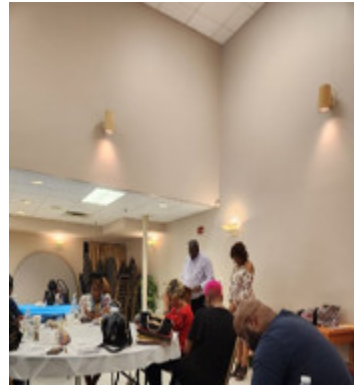
The closing of the workshop was given by Deacon Darrious Bryant, a former usher. He, also, presented the emergency evacuation procedures as well as the importance of being an usher. His motto and scripture was Psalms 84:10—"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

# Pictures From Ushers Workshop on Saturday, April 29, 2023



Chairman Janice Sturks

Co-Chairman CaSandra Washington





## USHER BOARD #1

### Reported By President Sis. Janice Sturks

BOLD FAITH-Mark 11:24—"Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

We have been blessed with four new members: Tonsa Hills, Mildred Jenkins, Evelina Montgomery, and Veriginell Donaldson. Usher Board #1 Ministry welcomes you aboard. We are so happy that the Lord led you to this Ministry.

**Mother's Day Blessing—"Just as God gives to each rose a gentle touch of dew and gives unto each evening sky the lovely sunset's hue. So may he give to you from his enduring love great happiness and hearts content and blessings from above."**

We hope all Mothers enjoyed their special day including: First Lady Sameya Roundtree; Honorary Mothers Sis. Toynetta Williams, Sis. Carrie Terrell, Sis. Annie Preston, Sis. Frances Everett, Sis. Linda Mitchell, and Sis. Retta Page.

**Father's Day Blessing –"May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6: 24 -26.**

We hope all Fathers enjoy their special day including: Pastor Larry Roundtree II, Bro. Percy Weatherly, Bro. Robert Cunningham, Dea. Patrick Andrew, Dea. Wesley Collins, Bro. Ernest Higginbothman, and Bro. Mike Collins. Special Father's Day wishes to our Honorary Fathers: Dea. Willie Grant, Bro. Dan Mitchell, and Dea. Sutton Page.



MAY, JUNE, AND JULY BIRTHDAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Sis. Robyn Andrews 05/30 turned 60 years old.

Sister Toynetta Williams 06/07 will be celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup>

Sister Janice Whitfeld 06/17

Sister Veriginell Donaldson- 06/26

Sis Linda Mitchell-7/21

Remember to keep all our Sick and Shut in and honorary members in Prayer.

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. Whom shall I Fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my Life, of whom shall I be afraid ?

## USHER BOARD #2

Reported By Vice President Sis. CaSandra Washington

“Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” [Romans 12:13](#) ESV

### Prayer List:

Prayers for our member Annette Gibson who is recuperating from a major surgery.

### Belated Birthday Blessings:

Happy Birthday to Robyn Andrews and all our members celebrating their birthday in the months of March and April!

### Usher Board #2 April Events:

1. Participated in the NMZ Usher Workshop held on Saturday, April 28th
2. Participated in the NMZ Ministry Workshop held on Sunday, April 29th

### Welcome New Members:

Rashad Williams, Charles McGrew, Sharon Bryant, Melisa Boone, Eric Hayes and LaTanya Hayes.

Photos From Our Ministry's Participation In The Ministries Fair on April 30



## PURPLE LILY

Reported By Sis. Linda Sanders

“And now abideth faith, hope and love, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.”

I bring you greetings from the Purple Lily Usher's Ministry. We come giving all the honor and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ. We come thanking God for all of his goodness and blessings that God has bestowed upon us. Thank you, Lord, for letting us come again to worship in your name Jesus Christ.

Our new and present members are: Sister Carolyn Brown, Brother Ronald Clark, Sister Zena Glover, Brother Morris Harris, Sister Vosha Harris, Sister Mia Jenkins, Sister Betty McClendon, Sister April Nicholson Williford,



Sister Jennifer Wright, Sister Terri Collins, Veriginell Donaldson, Sister Betty McClendon and Brother Ernest Higginbothman. It is a blessing to have each of you as members of Purple Lily Usher Board.

We would like to wish a happy Birthday to our President Sister Annie Robertson, Sister Terri Collins, and Sister Zena Glover, Sister Shirley James, and Sister Mary Hardy.

A birthday celebration was held in the life center for our president, Sister Annie Robertson, on April 13, 2023. I must say that it was a joyous celebration. Happy birthday, Sister Robertson, and we hope you have many more.



Congratulations to Sister Linda Sanders and to Sister Shirley James. Sister Sanders retired from the James A. Haley VA Hospital on December 16, 2022 after 26 years of dedicated service. Sister Shirley James retired from Memorial Hospital after 24 years of dedicated service. Sister Sanders says that it was one of the best decisions she has ever made. Sister James declares that she should have done it sooner. This is a wonderful accomplishment for both! May you both go on and continue to enjoy the rest of your lives. May God continue to bless each of you. Also, congratulations to Mr. Charles Enigbokan on his graduation from Savannah State College located in Savannah, Georgia. Charles is the son of Sister Terri Collins. Charles received his Bachelors of Arts Degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Service Management. We are all very proud of him.

Most of us attended the Pastor Roundtree's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Tampa Brandon. Congratulations to Pastor and Sister Roundtree on their 10<sup>th</sup> year celebration here at New Mount Zion M. B. Church. We all had a glorious time in the name of Jesus.

Thanks to all of the Purple Lily Usher board members for attending the Bible Based Fellowship Church of Temple Terrace where Rev. Earl B. Mason is Pastor. They were celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary. Pastor Roundtree was the guest speaker. We were well represented and we all had a lovely evening in fellowship and praise.

Sending prayers out to our members who are out sick and members who are requesting prayer: Sister Ella Dunbar, Sister Elaine Smith, Sister Peggy Peele, Brother Vincent Sinclair and his wife, and Sister Mary Freeman. We want you all to know that we love you and that we are thinking about you.



If you would like to be a part of the Purple Lily Ushers, we will be more than happy to have you. We serve on the Third Sunday of each month. Our meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 P. M.

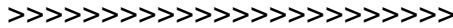
**Officers for the year 2023 are as follows:**

- President: Sister Annie Robertson
- Vice President: Sister Linda Sanders
- Captain: Sister Jennifer Wright
- Recording Secretary: Sister Mildred (Mia) Jenkins
- Financial Secretary: Sister Collins

Once again, if you are looking for a ministry in which to serve, the Purple Lily Ushers Ministry would love to invite you to come and join us. So until next time, may the Lord watch over each of you and may God continue to pour you out blessings that you won't have room to receive.



**YOUTH USHERS PRESENT A BARREL AND OVERFLOW BAGS FILLED WITH CEREAL TO OUR FOOD PANTRY.**



**PULPIT AIDE**

**Reported By President Sis. Laquandra Diggs**

We, the Pulpit Aide Ministry brings you greetings. This ministry is hard at work keeping the Pulpit looking nice for our church family and visitors each Sunday. At Christmas time, we beautif ed the Pulpit with festive Poinsettias. During the Easter Season and Mother's Day, we lined the Pulpit with Peace Lilies. If you are interested in joining the ministry, please see me for more information.



## HEALTH AWARENESS TEAM

**Reported By Sis. Joyce Brandon, RN,BSN**

### **Our Mission Statement:**

The Health Awareness Team will change the world while providing services to the ill, supporting bereaved families, and providing health education to promote wellness through the LOVE of Christ, one soul at a time (Mark 12:28-34). Some of our responsibilities include: participate in health and wellness initiatives; raise awareness of targeted health issues; create awareness about available wellness program resources; provide healthcare screenings to include acute illnesses as needed. In March, a well-attended program for Breast Health was presented by Beautiful Gate here at church. Participants stated it was very informative.

### **SCENES FROM WORKSHOP**



Tentative plans for information regarding trafficking are being looked at for future workshops. We continue to monitor for Covid. Covid is still the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death. As of this article, check ins are still being done for Sunday services. Masks are provided and printed information is posted throughout the church.



Sis. Joyce Brandon and Sis. Joyce McCray represented our ministry at the Ministries Fair on Sunday, April 30, 2023.



**Submitted Sis. Joyce McCray, DNP, MSN/Ed,RN**  
**What is Mental Health?**

**Body**

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act, and helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices.

Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. Over the course of your life, if you experience [mental health problems](#), your thinking, mood, and behavior could be affected.

**Mental Health Conditions**

Mental illnesses are disorders, ranging from mild to severe, that affect a person's thinking, mood, and/or behavior. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, nearly one-in-five adults live with a mental illness.

Many factors contribute to mental health conditions, including:

- Biological factors, such as genes or brain chemistry
- Life experiences, such as [trauma](#) or abuse
- Family history of mental health problems

Some mental health topics include:

A Serious Mental Illness (SMI) is a mental illness that interferes with a person's life and ability to function. Despite common misperceptions, having an SMI is not a choice, a weakness, or a character flaw. It is not something that just "passes" or can be "snapped out of" with

**Early Warning Signs & Symptoms**

Not sure if you or someone you know is living with mental health problems?

Experiencing one or more of the following feelings or behaviors can be an early warning sign of a problem:

- Eating or sleeping too much or too little
- Pulling away from people and usual activities
- Having low or no energy
- Feeling numb or like nothing matters
- Feeling unusually confused, forgetful, on edge, angry, upset, worried, or scared; Yelling or fighting with family and friends

- Experiencing severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships; Having persistent thoughts and memories you can't get out of your head; Hearing voices or believing things that are not true
- Thinking of harming yourself or others; Inability to perform daily tasks like taking care of your kids or getting to work or school

Do you think someone you know may have a mental health problem? [Talking about mental health](#) can be difficult. Learn about common [mental health myths and facts](#) and read about ways to help you get the conversation started.

### **Tips for Living Well with a Mental Health Condition**

Having a mental health condition can make it a struggle to work, keep up with school, stick to a regular schedule, have healthy relationships, socialize, maintain hygiene, and more.

However, with early and consistent treatment—often a combination of medication and psychotherapy—it is possible to manage these conditions, overcome challenges, and lead a meaningful, productive life.

Today, there are new tools, evidence-based treatments, and social support systems that help people feel better and pursue their goals. Some of these tips, tools and strategies include:

- **Stick to a treatment plan.** Even if you feel better, don't stop going to therapy or taking medication without a doctor's guidance. Work with a doctor to safely adjust doses or medication if needed to continue a treatment plan. **Keep your primary care physician updated.** Primary care physicians are an important part of long-term management, even if you also see a psychiatrist. **Learn about the condition.** Being educated can help you stick to your treatment plan. Education can also help your loved ones be more supportive and compassionate. **Practice good self-care.** Control stress with activities such as meditation or tai-chi; eat healthy and exercise; and get enough sleep.
- **Reach out to family and friends.** Maintaining relationships with others is important. In times of crisis or rough spells, reach out to them for support and help.
- **Develop coping skills.** Establishing healthy [coping skills](#) can help people deal with stress easier.
- **Get enough sleep.** Good sleep improves your brain performance, mood and overall health. Consistently poor sleep is associated with anxiety, depression, and other mental health conditions.

**If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.** Call or text 988 or chat [988lifeline.org](#).

SOURCE: [What is Mental Health? | SAMHSA](#)



*“Though He brings grief, He will show compassion, so great is His unfailing love.  
Lamentations 3:32*

## **BEREAVEMENT**

### **Reported By President Sis. Jean Collins**

Zionites, the Bereavement Ministry certainly has been busy since November 2022 and presently 2023 with all the broken hearted and those who have and are still grieving. You see when death comes to a member of NMZ Church family or to an unchurched acquaintance, the Pastor and Bereavement Ministry always go in prayer and do whatever we can to console when needed. We try to recognize that when people, who are bereaved and experiencing a death of a love one and want to talk, we're here to listen on the phone or face-to-face as a source of encouragement. Because of the many demands placed upon our Pastor and the hectic pace of life in which we all live, the Bereavement Ministry realizes we are servants of God used to give our invaluable resources. Some resources such as: fellowshiping with the families; supportive at funerals, wakes, graveside services and repasses. Being there means we understand by communicating to the families that we care. In conclusion, we want our bereaved members to know that we remember how important their lives were with their love ones. We, as a church family, are so grateful to God for the time we all shared together with them. We want to dedicate this lovely poem to the bereaved families of the following Zionites:

This poem is entitled:”

### **We Remember Them**

At the rising of the sun and its going down,  
We remember them  
At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,  
We remember them  
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,  
We remember them  
At the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
We remember them  
As long as we live, they, too, will live;  
For they are now a part of us, as we remember them--  
*Sister Alberta Jackson, Sister Maybell C. Jackson –Breedlove,  
Sister Luvator Henry Nelson, Rev. Willie Kimbrough,  
Deacon Lawrence James Dixon, Sr.*

May the peace of Christ be with all during these times is our daily prayer.







# SUNDAY SCHOOL



## Reported By Superintendent Deacon Keith Powe

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Sunday School classes are in session. The Sunday School staff of teachers have been meeting faithfully each week conducting our church school. All are invited to join us as we share in the study of the Word of God. Classes are held every Sunday at 9:30 AM, 8:30 AM on 5th Sundays. To our members who are unable to attend our in-church classes, the online virtual class is accessible on our NMZ community app.

Our most recent lessons focused on studies in the Gospels and the Book of Acts; highlighting Jesus' earthly ministry and the birth of the church after his death, burial, resurrection and ascension.

The lessons for June through August will focus on the "Righteous Reign of God" and his reign demands humankind's faithful obedient response. The lesson studies will include the books of Isaiah, Ezekiel, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Matthew, Romans, Galatians and I Corinthians. The quarterly theme is "God's Unfailing Love. Unit 1 will highlight "The Prophets Proclaim God's Power;" Unit 2 will focus on "Jesus Envisions the Kingdom;" Unit 3 is "God's Eternal Reign.

Our ministry was well represented as we honored our Pastor, First Lady and Family at his 10th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration.

We are thankful to God for our gifted, dedicated teachers and for each student that supports the Sunday School Ministry. We encourage you to join us as we serve to glorify our God! "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

2 Peter 3:18a



## DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE?

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up.

The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."



## **STUDENT SERVICES MINISTRY**

**Reported By President Sis. Kenya Jones**

**“The Learning Must Go On”**

Teachers spend an average of four to eight weeks every fall reviewing and re-teaching material that students have forgotten during the long summer break. Many students lose the equivalent of one to two months of reading and math skills during the summer and do not score as well on standardized tests as students who continue to learn during the summer. Simply put, each summer a student isn't learning adds up and can have a long-term impact on overall performance in school.

During summer vacation, the temptations are great for children to spend countless hours watching television, playing video games, or on the phone. However, with a little forward planning, the summer can be transformed into a time to stretch the mind, explore new hobbies, learn about responsibility and build on skills learned during the school year. That doesn't mean that children should be doing math and reading worksheets to preserve the skills all summer long. Summer is the perfect time for children to discover that learning is fun and can happen anywhere. You want them to understand that learning is fun and can go on all the time, anytime, anywhere, with handy materials, and not only based on the instruction of their classroom teacher. Summer is the perfect time to try out new things and discover interests that do not necessarily fit into the school curriculum. So allow your children that opportunity to explore, while also learning at the same time.

Learning can take place whether you are taking a trip to a far-off place or spending the summer in your own neighborhood. Be careful not to over-plan but do provide opportunities. In order to avoid boredom, a child must learn to be inspired and motivated on his or her own, to a certain extent. If we as parents always step in with a quick solution when they say that they are bored, Kids will never learn to develop their own resources. That is just not how it works. In addition, there are several websites where kids can access educational activities throughout the summer. Do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you need ideas or suggestions.



## SUNDAY CHURCH NURSERY

### Reported By Coordinator Sis. Sheila Wayne

Hello NMZ Family,

We are back in action in 2023 to watch your little ones! We are currently staffed for 11 A.M. service only until we have more volunteers to serve both services. Donations of snacks are always welcome. Types of snacks would include chips, raisins, fruit snacks, cereal bars, and cookies to name a few. Also, the little bottles of water are good for the children as well. We welcome you to use our services. Have your child come play, while you enjoy a peaceful worship service.

**We need helpers.** If you are interested in serving, please let me or one of the other nursery staff know. We welcome you! We look forward to seeing you and your children.

If you would like to serve or provide a donation, I can be reached at 813-789-7217; [sheila95@msn.com](mailto:sheila95@msn.com).

## SOME YOUTH NEWS

- During the month of February (Black History Month), our youth refreshed and introduced us to key Black Americans in the history of the United States of America. Under the leadership of Sis. Joan Fraiser (**Drama Ministry** Advisor), each youth elegantly shared some historical facts. We must not let our history fade but keep us all mindful of the harsh paths our ancestors took and are still taking to present us as a people created with the same love as God has created all males and females. During the year, Sis. Fraiser has continued to give drama leadership to our youth for special occasions.
- The **Youth Choir** returned to ministering on the Fourth Sunday, February 26 with excitement and praise. These talented young people continue to fill our hearts with a powerful ministry through songs of praise.
- The **Youth Ushers** presented a barrel of cereal to our church's Food Pantry on Sunday, February 26. Under the leadership of Sis. Yama Gooding, our Food Pantry Coordinator, Bro. Jerry Chatman, thankfully accepted the labor of love from these young people.









**Reported By Coordinator Bro. Ron Washington**

Our ministry has been extremely busy keeping our members and visitors safe while they are worshipping in the House of the Lord. When members do not desire to walk to the Sanctuary, we provide them rides on our golf carts as a convenience. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact me.

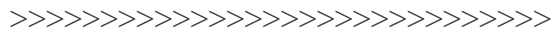


**SENIOR WOMEN**

**Reported By President Sis. Linda Cook**

The focus goals for the Senior Women’s Ministry are as follows: Evangelism, Education, Missionary Outreach with Fellowship, and Workshops with Fellowship. The Senior Women of New Mount Zion continue to work with the National, State, as well as District Congress in keeping God’s commandments serving at home and abroad. Recently, we have participated in the Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida and the National Baptist Convention Home Mission Conference in St. Petersburg, as well as attending Congress #4s Programs.

Our mission members always visit the sick and the shut-in and pray with those who are in need of comfort. Last, but not least, we enjoy working as volunteers in Clym’s Clothes Closet. Not only do we fellowship with others not in our local mission, we enjoy fellowshipping with one another in the celebration of birthdays every three months. This is a great way for us to enjoy one another. Our fulfillment comes knowing we are first doing what God has commanded. For more information concerning this mission, please contact me.



**“STANDING ON THE PROMISES”**

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Through eternal ages let His praises ring,  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him eternally by love's  
strong cord, Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing on the promises I shall not fall, List'ning every moment to the Spirit's  
call. Resting in my Savior as my All in all, Standing on the promises of God.



## **WOMEN'S INTERMEDIATE MISSION**

### **Reported By President Sis. Sheila Wayne**

The WIA (Women's Intermediate Auxiliary) is in full swing in 2023. Our ministry has returned to meeting monthly at the church on the First Saturday of every month at 10:00 A.M in the conference room. I, Sheila Wayne, am the new President, and the Vice- President is LaTanya Hayes. We want to take our mission to the next level with the fellowship of Women ages 35-60. Our First outreach of the year is gift bags for the Homeless. We have other outreaches lined up for the year along with our Annual Prayer Breakfast in November. Our first Fifth Sunday Mission Fair was also a success. We look forward to fellowshiping with all the new ladies. See you at our next meeting.



## **CLYM'S CLOTHES CLOSET**

### **Reported By Coordinator Sis. Yvonne Douglas**

#### **"When I was naked, you clothed me."**

Clym's Clothes Closet, at New Mt. Zion Church on Columbus Drive, is the talk of the town. We are open once per month to serve our church and community on the Monday after the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday for 3 hours unless a holiday is involved. Our hours are 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. Distribution on the grab tables starts at 9:45 a.m. All items in our clothes closet are free. The first hour is always hectic on distribution day and we love it. We always enjoy making our patrons happy.

We participated in the Spring Ministry Fair at NMZ and gained five new volunteers. We donated to the Allen and Sherryl Cusseaux Heart Impact Campaign, and we are so happy for the Cusseaux family.

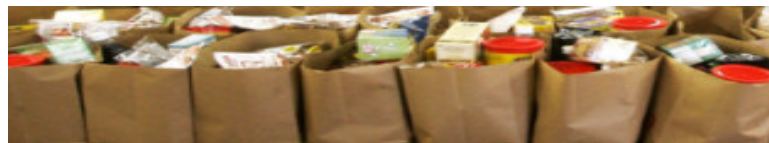
The clothes closet team asks that you call the church office at 813 248-8101 or Sister Douglas at 813 505-1108 if you have a donation. Do not leave donations on the porch or at the church. Someone will be at the clothes closet on Sundays for about 15 minutes after the afternoon benediction to receive your donation. Random donations are not taken at the church because we do not want to be overwhelmed with too many clothes and not

enough space in our clothes closet or not enough volunteers to keep things moving. Sometimes you can bring your donations to the Noon Bible class and Sister Cook or Sister Priester will meet you in the clothes closet after the class. It is always best to call first. Monetary donations are accepted to purchase toiletries. We have plenty of hangers and bags so do not include those with your donations. Sorting days are usually Wednesdays. Volunteers will be notified via email or phone. That will, also, be another opportunity to bring donations; please call first. The display room is beautiful, and the clothes are rotated and given away to our patrons as Christmas presents or other special occasions upon request. Our clothes closet needs more men's sizes 34, 36, and 38 pants. We have lots of men's suits and adult diapers. We are still practicing social distancing. The patrons are so grateful. The clothes closet ministry is a close-knit group of servants. Because of the donations from our NMZ family, we are able to bless others in a mighty way.

**UPCOMING DISTRIBUTION MONDAYS**

**June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25,  
October 23, November 27, December 28**

**FOOD PANTRY**



**Reported By Team Member Clara Wardlow**

The appeal was made and the New Mount Zion Family answered in a loving way. It is because of the outpouring of love for our fellow community that nonperishable foods and funds have been donated to relaunch our church's Food Pantry. Under the leadership of Bro. Jerry Chatman and Bro. Percy Weatherly, this ministry relaunched on Thursday, January 26, 2023. As a means of preparing for distribution, the ministry prepares the food bags on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays followed with distribution on that 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Not only are food bags prepared for those who have homes, but special bags are prepared for those who are homeless. One of the key focus scriptures is **“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?” 1st John 3:17**

Yes, this ministry is changing the world through the love of Christ one soul at a time by sharing food bags of love. Upcoming distribution days are:

**2nd AND 4th THURSDAYS 10AM TO 1PM**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATES</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>July</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>August</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>September</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>October</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>November</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> and *30<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>December</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>

If you would like to donate to this ministry, there is a nonperishable food collection barrel in the entrance of the Family Life Center. Monetary donations can be earmarked to the Food Pantry Ministry, too. Also, if you know of anyone who can benefit from food donations, please inform them of our distribution dates. This ministry is able to bless others because of your generosity.



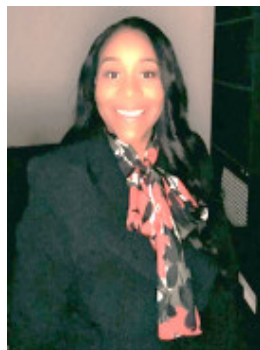
## **Social Services Ministry**

**Reported By Sis Miriam Mitchell, Coordinator**

### **Meet the Social Services Ministry Team**



Miriam Mitchell



Sharae Smith



Claudia Terrell



Patti Bonner

Jesus showed his disciple it is possible to experience peace in the face of a storm. When a squall came up, as He and the disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee, Jesus arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea “Peace be still” and the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Storms and squalls of all kinds arise in our world. You can gain some peace by calling on one of our team members for housing, community resources, and now even job referrals.

The Corporation to Develop Communities (CDC) has teamed up with the Social Services Ministry to provide assistance with referrals for jobs in the community.

Their resources are invaluable and New Mt Zion is excited to have them on board. The CDC provides training in various areas, in addition to GED training and testing. Don’t miss out on this opportunity; call or email the church office for additional information and you will be provided contact information to give you some needed peace. Peace in the time of turmoil, frustration can leave your emotions fresh bait for the devil; so take advantage of these opportunities.



## “LOOKING TO JESUS: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF HEBREWS” Word Search

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# UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

## The 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of The Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. (March 20-23)

After meeting virtually during the extreme Covid years, this convention resumed in-person sessions on Monday, March 20 with St. John Progressive being the host church where Pastor Bartholomew Banks serves as Pastor. Pastor Banks, also, serves as the Convention's State President. Our church family gave leadership at 7PM Worship on Tuesday, March 21 for the Educational Emphasis Night.

### Our Unity Choir and Ushers served.



Pastor Roundtree allowed our Heavenly Father to use him as an earthly vessel to proclaim the Word of God on a State Level, as he always blesses us with God's Word at home. His sermon was taken from Act 4:5-6-14 with emphasis on Verse 13. The memorable title was, "Schooled by Fools." God makes a habit of calling the disqualified, but he qualifies the called.



New Mount Zion assisted in filling the Sanctuary from the front to the back and from aisle to aisle.



Lady Roundtree with Sisters Scott, Beard, Douglas, Johnson, and Wright.



The New Mount Zion Family stands to be recognized.

