



# The Cross

Cross Street A.M.E Zion Church



"A Church Where Everybody is Somebody and Christ is Lord of ALL"

**Conference Year 2016-2017**  
**MAKING THE "SHIFT" FROM**  
**"SERVE US" TO "SERVICE"**  
 Matthew 28:19-20  
 Building a Viable And Sustainable  
 Ministry 2020 And Beyond

**Lenten Season March 5 - April 15**  
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**Bass Reeves**  
**First African-American U.S. Deputy Marshal**  
**arrested 3,000 felons**

Bass Reeves was born in 1838 in Crawford County, Arkansas. He and his family were slaves of Arkansas state legislator William Steele Reeves. Bass took the surname of his owner, like other slaves of the time. Made to work alongside his parents, Bass started out as a water boy until he was old enough to become a field hand.

*(Bass on page 8)*



**Men's Day Celebration**  
 Sunday, March 26, 2017



**Sgt. Mark Matthews Dies; at 111,**  
**was Oldest Buffalo Soldier**

By Joe Holley, Washington Post Staff Writer  
 Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Retired 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Mark Matthews, 111, one of the last of the nation's legendary Buffalo Soldiers, died of pneumonia September 6, 2005 at Fox Chase Nursing Home in Washington.

Sgt. Matthews, who also was the oldest Buffalo  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

***Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow!***

It is our hope this letter finds you well and enjoying all of the Lord's Abundant Blessings during this 2017 New Year. In the spirit of Christ, I am soliciting your prayers, support and participation over the next several weeks/months as we celebrate Men's Ministry at The Cross!

We are on the move and the list of events planned are as follows:

- Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The Men's Ministry is hosting a ***"Passion For Fashion Extravaganza"*** Men's Fashion Show & Awards Dinner.

Donation: \$30.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 12 yrs. and under.

***We are asking that each adult man would be responsible for two (\$30.00 tickets) buy one and sell one! All ticket funds must be reported by the deadline of February 22, 2017 to Bro. John Weston, (860) 267-0896 or Bro. James A. Riddick (860) 347-2982 in order to accurately count the attendance for this affair.***

***Friday, March 24, 7:00 P.M. Men's Musical Extravaganza with Men Choirs, Soloist, and much more***

- Sunday, March 26, 2017, the church will be celebrating the annual Men's Day Anniversary during our Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. ***We need your support and we are requesting that each man and woman give a sacrificial offering of \$100.00, and 50 persons to join the pastor in giving \$200.00 toward the financial goal of raising \$20,000.00. Guest Preacher: Rev. Zaniel T. Young, Pastor Shrewsbury Ave. AME Zion Church Red Bank, New Jersey***

**This year our Men's Day theme is:  
"Heeding The Call To Christian Service"  
Looking For A Few Good Men!  
Psalm 37:23**

Our Spiritual Mission is to lead men into a personal relationship with Christ and help them to grow spiritually as faithful disciples, as loving husbands, caring fathers, trustworthy, committed and responsible Christian Leaders.

***In an effort to spiritually empower us, the Men's Ministry is prayerfully giving all active men in the church a (one dollar \$1.00) Spiritual seed offering; to sow/plant, grow and return (a hundred fold \$100.00) into a sacrificial Men's Day Offering (Matthew 13:1-8) as requested for Sunday March 26, 2017 during the Morning Worship Service.***

Again, during this New Year and Lenten Season, please remember Cross Street Church, its people, its Pastor and its mission in your daily prayers. I can do All things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)

Thank you for doing your part and your continued support as we work together to do God's Will for Cross Street.

Yours In Christ,

Rev. Moses L. Harvill, Pastor

Rev. William D. Wilson  
Men's Ministry Pastoral Oversight

Men's Day Co-Chairmen:  
Bro. Marvin Privott  
Bro. Woodrow James

**The fruit of the Spirit** abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman..."He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the "beauty of the Lord will be upon us" (Psalm 90:17) and "we shall bring forth fruit unto God" (Romans 7:4)."

**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT:LONG-SUFFERING (PATIENCE)**

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, LONG-SUFFERING, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." (Galatians 5:22,23)

LONG-SUFFERING is from the Greek word "makrothumia" which speaks of steadfastness of the soul under provocation. It means forbearance and patient endurance of any ill-treatment, without anger or thought of revenge. LONG-SUFFERING, or PATIENCE ("Hupomone") is the God-given ability of a Christian to remain upright in spite of overwhelming circumstances, tests and tribulations. It is a sweet attitude toward any trial that God permits in the life of the Christian. It is what enables the Christian to "give thanks in everything".

LONG-SUFFERING is a product of faith. We must believe that God is at work in our lives and that we will not be forgotten by the God to whom we have committed the keeping of our souls. LONG-SUFFERING grows where there is a continual awareness of God. God is faithful and will not allow evil to overcome us, but our trust must be anchored only in Him. It is inward peace, as well as outward control. How is LONG-SUFFERING produced? TROUBLE!! Trouble alone will make us impatient, but trouble connected with faith produces LONG-SUFFERING.

LONG-SUFFERING is also produced by knowledge, faith and hope. When we understand what is going on we can patiently await the outcome. LONG-SUFFERING does not stand alone, it supports and is supported by the other fruit of the Spirit, for without love, faith, hope, kindness, etc., one cannot be patient.

God's timing does not always coincide with our immediate plans, but LONG-SUFFERING offers opportunity for spiritual growth while waiting for God to intervene on our behalf. How do we recognize LONG-SUFFERING?

Look for persons who:

- have forgiving spirits. are enduring hardships, illness, or loss patiently
- are obedient to God, even under great persecution
- have control over their tempers and attitudes
- despite great difficulty remain Christ like.
- continue to praise and thank God in all things, whether good or bad.
- face tribulations head on and do not try to escape the trial or take matters into their own hands.

**WARNING**

Avoid the enemy of LONG-SUFFERING - impatience, which if allowed to take root leads to disobedience. Impatience is a direct stance against God.

**Additional Scriptures:** For a perfect example of LONG-SUFFERING, read the Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to see how Jesus exhibited LONG-SUFFERING.; Colossians 1:11, Colossians 3:13, Luke 8:15, Luke 21:19, I Timothy 6:11, 12, The Book of Job, I Peter 2:19,20, Hebrews 6:10-15, 1 Peter 3:17, James 5.

**God's Provision Prayer**

Great is your faithfulness, O God, my Father. Morning by morning new mercies I see. I know that your hands will supply all that I need. Thank you, Lord, for your loving care and supply in my life. I claim the promises of your Word today. I believe your Word, and I look forward to all you are going to do in my life.

You are Jehovah-jeer, my provider. You know exactly what I need, when I need it, and how my needs will best be met. Thank you for the delight you experience as you give me the desires of my heart. I love you, and you love me.

Thank you, Father, for your great mercies which are new in my life each morning. Your grace and loving favor are upon me

and within me. Indeed, your loving kindness is better than life to me. Thank you for always providing me with my daily bread, and so much more. I rejoice in you and in the knowledge that you are the God of more than enough.

Thank you, Father, for caring about me and my loved ones. I know you want all needs to be met, and you cannot fail in meeting them. I praise you for the wonderful realization that you do fulfill all your promises in my life.

Thank you for your word which will never return to you void. I claim the promises of your Word for me, my family, and our lives. I take my stand upon the solid promises of your Word, Father. Thank you for meeting my every need. Amen

## Spiritual Growth

**Key Scripture:** *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2)*

**Key Thought:** God’s Word is food for growth.

**Prayer:** Thank you, Father, for showing me that as I desire and drink the sincere milk of your Word I will grow spiritually<sup>1</sup>. All Scripture has been given by your inspiration<sup>2</sup>, and I want to live by every word that proceeds from your mouth<sup>3</sup>. I will study your Word so that I will never need to be ashamed, because I will know how to rightly divide your Word of truth<sup>4</sup>.

As I walk in the light of your Word<sup>5</sup>, Father, I will meditate upon your precepts, and give myself totally to them<sup>6</sup>. Speaking the truth in love, I will grow up into Christ in all things<sup>7</sup>. Father, I deeply desire to fully know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, so that I would be filled with all your fullness<sup>8</sup>.

I rejoice, O Lord, in the promise of your Word that tells me that I will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon<sup>9</sup>. My delight, dear Father, is in your Word, and in your Word I will meditate day and night. You assure me that this will cause me to be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, and whatever I do shall prosper<sup>10</sup>.

Thank you, Father, for helping me to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory forevermore<sup>11</sup>.

References: (1) 1 Peter 2:2; (2) 2 Timothy 3:16; (3) Matthew 4:4; (4) 2 Timothy 2:15; (5) Psalms 119:105; (6) 1 Timothy 4:15; (7) Ephesians 4:15; (8) Ephesians 3:19; (9) Psalms 92:12-13; (10) Psalms 1:2-3; (11) 2 Peter 3:18.



## REVIVAL

**Key Scripture:** *“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea” Habakkuk 2:14.*

**Key Thought:** Earnest prayer paves the way for revival.

**Prayer:** Lord God, thank you for all the promises of your Word which give me hope for revival. Your Word is alive and dynamic, and it is sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and joints and marrow, and it is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the human heart. <sup>1</sup> Let your Word have its work in my life, Father. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>2</sup>

I ask you to hasten the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your glory, as the waters cover the sea. <sup>3</sup> I know, dear Father, that it is not your will for anyone to perish. You want all people, everywhere, to come to repentance, and I believe your promises of revival. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, I will patiently watch and wait for your coming as a farmer waits for the fruit of the earth to come forth, after the early and latter rains. <sup>5</sup> Bring forth the latter rain of your Spirit upon earth, O God.

It excites me to anticipate the day when you will pour out your Spirit upon all flesh. Thank you for that stirring promise, Father. I believe it is imminent, and when it happens, the young men and women will prophesy, old men will dream dreams, and young men will see

visions. <sup>6</sup> You, Lord God, will make bare your holy arm for all the world to see, and all the ends of the earth will see your salvation. <sup>7</sup> I seek your promised revival, Lord.

When the revival fires you promise are ignited, Father, you will do a new thing in our midst. You will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. <sup>8</sup> Thank you, Lord God. You will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away. You will bind up that which was broken, and you will strengthen that which was sick. You will decree your judgment upon the people of the earth. <sup>9</sup>

Lord, I ask you to usher in the end-time revival you have promised to your people. I look forward to that glorious revival with zeal and faith. I believe it will cause all the ends of the world to remember you and to turn toward you. All the nations will worship before you, because your’s is the Kingdom, Father. <sup>10</sup> My Father in heaven, your name is hallowed. I pray that your kingdom will come, and your will shall be done, on earth as it is in heaven, for yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen. <sup>11</sup>

References: (1) Hebrews 4:12; (2) Psalms 51:10; (3) Habakkuk 2:14; (4) 2 Peter 3:9; (5) James 5:7; (6) Joel 2:28; (7) Isaiah 52:10; (8) Isaiah 43:19; (9) Ezekiel 34:16; (10) Psalms 22:27-28; (11) Matthew 6:9-13.

***Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy. Psalm 99:9***



## Sunday School is a Family Affair

8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. We have classes for all ages – 3 to 103  
 New Members Class meets at the same time.  
 (For Transportation Needs Please call the Church 860-344-9527)

### Come Grow with US!

#### INCREDIBLE!

**Devotional Reading:** Luke 24:1-12

**Background Scripture:** John 19:38-42;  
 20:1-10; 1 Peter 1:3-9

**Scripture:** John 20:1-10; 1 Peter 1:3-5,  
 8-9

**Key Verse:** *Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed. John 20:8*

**Central Thought:** We praise and glorify God for every aspect of creation.

**Lesson Objective:** To help believers understand how love overcomes death and doubt.

#### Lesson Introduction

Two days earlier, the future died and was buried. How could it be the One who promised so much, lay in a borrowed grave, waiting to return to the dust of the earth?

The lesson this Easter Sunday speaks to this question and to the matter of death and doubt. It's implied, based upon the reaction at the empty tomb by three followers of Jesus, that uncertainly existed. The lesson traces the activity of the three visitors at the grace.

The primary interest of our approach to this lesson is to understand how love overcame death and doubt as we continue our study of the impact of the love of God on those who believe and

who faithfully follow God.

#### Lesson Outline

I. **Resurrection or Robbery? John 20:1-10.**

II. **Divine Action/Human Reaction: 1 Peter 1:3-5.**

III. **The Outcome of Faith: 1 Peter 1:8-9.**

#### Lesson Comments

I. **Resurrection or Robbery? John 20:1-10.** What really happened at the tomb of Jesus? The scene unfolds in "double darkness." According to the text, Mary Magdalene arrives in the pre-dawn (in darkness). The second darkness alludes to her mood of mourning for the Master whom she had faithfully followed until He breathed His last breath. Grief, sadness, and sorrow only increase the emotional and spiritual darkness.

The empty tomb made the state of darkness more complete. Apparently, know where to find Peter and the other disciple (singular) whom Jesus loved, Mary Magdalene hurried to them saying, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him," (v.2). Does this sound like a faith statement or a fear statement? "They have taken" and "they have laid him." Is this resurrection or robbery?

Other considerations also validate the question. Pilate, based on security issues raised by the Pharisees, authorized the placement of guards at the tomb and the sealing of it. They

claimed that Jesus' disciples would steal His body stating that He had been raised from the dead, (Mt. 27:62-66). This action also raised the question of resurrection or robbery? However, confirmation of the resurrection would soon come as the risen Lord moved in and out among the disciples and other believers. Thoughts of robbery would pass into the night.

II. **Divine Action/Human Reaction: 1 Peter 1:3-5.** The action of God in the resurrection supplied and secured a living hope. Being born again, a new birth would become the new reality. In verse 4, the living hope is described as an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, unfading, and kept secure in heaven-protected by the power of God.

Now, believers must react to divine action. To secure the inheritance of a living hope in the resurrection through the power of God, our reaction must be one of faith, "...the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Heb. 11:1).

The inheritance is in place, sealed by faith as a required response to what God has done in the resurrection. This gift of salvation is ready. However, the revealing is set for a future time. God has done God's part; we must now do ours.

III. **The Outcome of Faith: 1 Peter 1:8-9.**

The ultimate outcome is yet to come.

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**Pray for all of our children, teens, young adults in this school years that God's hands will be upon them keeping them from all hurt, harm and danger. Also pray for all of our families, friends, and all of God's children.**

# THE ARMOR OF GOD

**EPHESIANS 6:10-18**  
 "... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." v. 10, 11

**The Shield of Faith** (Eph. 6:16)  
 Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

**Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace** (Eph. 6:15)  
 The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

**The Helmet of Salvation** (Eph. 6:17)  
 Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

**The Breastplate of Righteousness** (Eph. 6:14)  
 Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

**The Belt of Truth** (Eph. 6:14)  
 Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

**The Sword of the Spirit** (Eph. 6:17)  
 which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

**Ephesians 6:10-20 (New King James Version)**

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,<sup>[a]</sup> against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

## Read the BIBLE in ONE Year

<b>MARCH</b>	8 Judges 5-8	16 1 Samuel 8-10	24 2 Samuel 5-8
1 Joshua 7-9	9 Judges 9-12	17 1 Samuel 11-13	25 2 Samuel 9-12
2 Joshua 10-12	10 Judges 13-15	18 1 Samuel 14-16	26 2 Samuel 13-15
3 Joshua 13-15	11 Judges 16-18	19 1 Samuel 17-20	27 2 Samuel 16-18
4 Joshua 16-18	12 Judges 19-21	20 1 Samuel 21-24	28 2 Samuel 19-21
5 Joshua 19-21	13 Ruth 1-4	21 1 Samuel 25-28	29 Samuel 22-24
6 Joshua 22-24	14 1 Sam. 1-3	22 1 Samuel 22-24	30 1 Kings 1-4
7 Judges 1-4	15 1 Samuel 4-7	23 2 Samuel 1-4	31 1 Kings 5-7
 <b>APRIL</b>	 8 2 Kings 7-10	 16 1 Chronicles 7-9	 24 2 Chronicles 4-6
1 1 Kings 8-10	9 2 Kings 11-14	17 1 Chronicles 10-13	25 2 Chronicles 7-9
2 1 Kings 11-13	10 2 Kings 15-17	18 1 Chronicles 14-16	26 2 Chronicles 10-13
3 1 Kings 14-16	11 2 Kings 18-20	19 1 Chronicles 17-19	27 2 Chronicles 14-16
4 1 Kings 17-19	12 2 Kings 21-22	20 1 Chronicles 20-23	28 2 Chronicles 17-19
5 1 Kings 20-22	13 2 Kings 23-25	21 1 Chronicles 24-26	29 2 Chronicles 20-22
6 2 Kings 1-3	14 1 Chronicles 1-3	22 1 Chronicles 27-28	30 2 Chronicles 23-25
7 2 Kings 4-6	15 1 Chronicles 4-6	23 2 Chronicles 1-3	
 <b>MAY</b>	 8 Nehemiah 4-6	 16 Job 8-10	 24 Job 35-37
1 2 Chronicles 26-29	9 Nehemiah 7-9	17 Job 11-13	25 Job 38-42
2 2 Chronicles 30-32	10 Nehemiah 10-13	18 Job 14-17	26 Psalms 1-4
3 2 Chronicles 33-36	11 Esther 1-3	19 Job 18-20	27 Psalms 5-8
4 Ezra 1-4	12 Esther 4-7	20 Job 21-24	28 Psalms 9-12
5 Ezra 5-7	13 Esther 8-10	21 Job 25-27	29 Psalms 13-15
6 Ezra 8-10	14 Job 1-4	22 Job 28-31	30 Psalms 16-18
7 Nehemiah 1-3	15 Job 5-7	23 Job 32-34	31 Psalms 19-21

**Lent** is the period of time to reflect on the events that led Jesus to Calvary. Its begins with Ash Wednesday and covers a period of forty days (excluding Sundays) culminating with Holy Week (including Passion/Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). Lent is a time of fasting, sacrifice, and preparation.

**Color:** Purple (violet or lilac) is the color used to denote royalty, praying, fasting, and penitence. It represents a symbol of the majesty of Christ, and Jesus' humanity, suffering, and fasting.

A guideline given by some money managers is as follows: Give 1/10 (tithe of your income to God). Put 1/10 in savings. Put 1/10 in an emergency account until three months of pay is set aside. Live on the remaining 7/10 with freedom to work towards giving as much as possible to God's work.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
<b>JEHOVAH –RAPHA</b>	The Lord Who Heals	God has provided the final cure for spiritual, physical, and emotional sickness in Jesus Christ. God can heal us.
<b>JEHOVAH - ROHI</b>	The Lord is My Shepherd	The Lord protects, provides, directs, leads, and cares for His people. God tenderly takes care of us as a strong and patient shepherd.
<b>JEHOVAH –SABAOTH</b>	The Lord of Hosts The Lord of Armies	The Lord of the hosts of heaven will always fulfill His purposes, even when the hosts of His earthly people fail.
<b>JEHOVAH –SHALOM</b>	The Lord is Peace	God defeats our enemies to bring us peace. Jesus is our Prince of Peace. God brings inner peace and harmony.

*(Bass from page 1)*

The water boy later becomes a Deputy U.S. Marshal. Bass Reeves arrested 3,000 felons, killed 14 men, and never shot himself. Among those he captured was Bob Dozier, a murderer and cattle and horse thief who eluded Reeves for several years before being tracked down and killed after refusing to surrender. He also hunted famed outlaw Tom Story for five years between 1884 and 1889, finally killing him in a gunfight.

Shortly Bass become a shooting expert; he was alleged to have incredible accuracy shoot with either hand. Reeves stood 6'2" in a time when men were much shorter, and he had very broad shoulders and large hands. He was a giant among men.

On May 10, 1875, because of his knowledge of the area and fluency in the Creek and Seminole languages, Reeves was recruited to work as a Deputy U.S. Marshal in the Indian Territory. Reeves was likely the first African-American commissioned as a Deputy U.S. Marshal west of the Mississippi.

*(Matthews from page 1)*

Soldier, was heir to a proud military heritage that originated with the black soldiers who fought in the Indian wars on the Western frontier. Historians say that the Cheyenne, Kiowa and Apache tribes bestowed the appellation because the soldiers' black, curly hair reminded them of a buffalo's mane.

Given Native American reverence for the sturdy animal of the Plains, the soldiers wore the nickname proudly – and with good reason. The Buffalo Soldiers won 20 Medals of Honor, more than any other regiment. They also helped lay hundreds of miles of roads and telegraph lines, protected stagecoaches, were involved in the military actions against the Apache chiefs Victorio and Geronimo and fought bravely in Cuba at the side of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders during the Spanish-American War.

Indian Territory was the most dangerous place for a U.S. Marshal to work. In the period before Oklahoma achieved statehood, over one hundred marshals were killed in the line of duty. Reeves had a reputation throughout the territory for his ability to catch outlaws that other deputies couldn't. He was known to work in disguise to get information and ensure the arrest of fugitives he wanted to capture. Reeves was known as shooting expert with his 45-caliber Colt Peacemaker.

He cut an imposing figure as he patrolled the 75,000 square miles of Indian Territory. He quickly gained a reputation as a tough and fearless lawman who managed to bring in outlaws thought to be invincible. Reeves traveled the long circuit with a wagon, cook, and often a posse. He carried chains to secure prisoners to the cart, as he sometimes had a dozen or more by the time he returned to Ft. Smith, where Judge Parker held court.

Although he arrested more than 3,000

Sgt. Matthews joined up at the end of the Buffalo Soldiers' colorful Western exploits. The regiments that made up the Buffalo Soldiers – the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> cavalries and 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> infantries – stayed together for years afterward, however, fighting in World War I and II and Korea. The all-black regiments were disbanded in 1952 after the Army desegregated.

Sgt. Matthews was born August 7, 1894, in Greenville, Ala., and grew up in Mansfield, Ohio. He rode horses starting when he was a child, delivering newspapers on his pony.

According to stories Sgt. Matthews told friends, family members and at least one military historian, he was 15 when he met members of the Buffalo Soldiers' 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry; they were visiting a Lexington,

felons, he was never harmed by gunfire. On one occasion he claimed to have brought in nineteen horse thieves, he captured near Fort Sill, Oklahoma. One famous outlaw, the notorious Belle Starr, allegedly turned herself in at Fort Smith, Arkansas when she heard that Reeves had the warrant for her arrest. He also captured Seminole outlaw Greenleaf, wanted for the murder of seven people and eluding capture for more than eighteen years.

Bass Reeves was noted for his evenhandedness, honesty, and integrity. He tracked down and arrested his own son after a two-week manhunt. His son wanted for the murder of his wife, was tried and convicted but later given a full pardon. Reeves also arrested his church minister for selling illegal alcohol.

Bass Reeves ended his incredible career as U.S. Deputy Marshal after more than 35 years in service. He earned his place in history by being one of the most effective lawmen in Indian Territory. He died on January 10, 1910, in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Ky., racetrack where he worked exercising the horses. When the soldiers told him that they rode horseback wherever they went, he decided he had to join up. Although young men had to be 17 to enlist, his boss concocted documents that convinced a Columbus, Ohio, recruiter that he was of age.

"I was 16 when I joined the Army to be a soldier," he told Parade Magazine in 2003. "I had to wait awhile before I could get on duty. But then they shipped me to the West."

Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where he was first stationed, was still using local Indians as guides. "I learned all the different rules, how to ride the different horses, how to jump and how to shoot," he recalled in the 2003 interview. "Every time I got in a contest where I shot at a target or

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(Matthews from page 8)

something, I usually won”

He served along the U.S.-Mexican border as part of Gen. John Joseph “Black Jack” Pershing’s 1916 expedition into Mexico, on the trail of Mexican bandit and revolutionary Pancho Villa. “I never met him,” Sgt. Matthews said in the Parade interview, “but I knew where he was at.”

In 1931, he was assigned to Fort Myer, where he trained recruits in horsemanship, helped tend the presidential stable for Franklin D. Roosevelt and played on the polo team. Ten years later, although he was in his late forties when the United States entered World War II, he saw action on Saipan in the South Pacific. He retired from the Army in 1949 and became a security guard at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. He retired a second time, as chief of guards, in 1970.

In retirement, he liked to fish. He also enjoyed sitting on the front porch and telling tales about the old days out West

and the not-so-old days in the Pacific during World War II, often to neighborhood kids who came around and sat at the knee of a man who had experienced an adventure-novel’s worth of stirring chapters in U.S. history.

He spent time with the children, enjoyed looking after them. He took them fishing with him, made sure they got to school, took them in if they needed a place to stay. “They called him Daddy,” daughter Mary Matthews Watson recalled.

He met with President Bill Clinton at the White House, and in 2002 marked his 108<sup>th</sup> birthday by meeting with Secretary of State Colin Powell, who for many years campaigned for a monument honoring the Buffalo Soldiers. In 1992, Powell, then-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, dedicated the monument at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., birthplace of one of the regiments.

Believed to be Washington’s oldest man – the District’s Office on Aging lists a woman, Corrine Taylor, as slightly older – he had lived with his daughter in the

same Northwest neighborhood for more than half a century. He had been in good health until recently. Before he began to lose his eyesight to glaucoma about 10 years ago, he enjoyed reading his Bible daily. He was a former member and trustee of Trinity AME Zion Church in the District, a member of Prince Hall Masonic Temple and a member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Horse) Cavalry Association.

His wife, Genevieve Hill Matthews, died in 1986. They had been married 57 years. A daughter, Shirley Ann Matthews Mills, died in 1988.

In addition to Watson, of Washington, survivors include two other daughters, Gloria J. Matthews, also of Washington, and Barbara Jean Young of Dacula, Ga.; a son, Mark Matthews Jr. of Hyattsville; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

“I did it all,” Sgt. Matthews told The Washington Post a few years ago. “Yes, I was here.”

## HOLY WEEK



### HOLY WEEK

The key to many customs and traditions in Lent is what down through the ages has come to be known as

Holy Week, the last week in Lent. It has become a tradition to trace the activities of Jesus that led to the cross of Calvary. Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday** as a reminder of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The people along the roadside waved palms and shouted “Hosanna” the Hebrew word for “save now.” (See Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:28-40, and John 12:12-19.) Many churches today bless the palms and distribute them in the form of crosses to be worn by the worshippers.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday lifts up the event of the Lord’s Last Supper that was celebrated in the Upper Room at the time of the Jewish Passover. It is the basis for the

establishment of sacrament of Holy Communion. Historically, the Passover marked the Israelites’ departure from Egypt when the final plague was cast upon the Egyptians to smite the first born dead (Exodus). The Hebrews received special instruction to kill a lamb the or goat for each household and to sprinkle the blood on the doorpost and the life of the first born would be spared. Every Jew/Hebrew was required to celebrate the Passover, and the Lord’s Last Supper was Jesus’ observance of the Passover. However, Jesus brought new meaning to this event as it commemorated Israel’s deliverance from Egyptian bondage – all of humanity was delivered from sin.

The Lord’s Supper was the last meal that Jesus shared with the disciples before going to Calvary. It occurred on what is called Maundy Thursday. “Maundy” is a variation of the Latin word “mandatum” meaning “commandment” (see John 13:34). The significance of God’s love



### Maundy Thursday

for humanity comes forth in this act because it was and is through Jesus’ blood and body that persons are redeemed.

Therefore, the new commandment requires persons to love one another just as God loves all persons. The Latin word “Mundo” means to wash, and some claim this is how Maundy Thursday came into being, since Jesus washed the disciples’ feet on that day. Some denominations and congregations still carry out the practice of washing feet before Holy Communion, at least on Holy Thursday.

Yet another tradition credits the name to the word “maund” for basket and the practice of giving baskets of goodies to the poor. Whatever the source, Maundy Thursday is practiced in just about every Christian church with either a love feast

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It arrives with the Kingdom of God in the last days. But a foretaste of glory divine can be experienced in the spirit. These concluding verses are commentaries on our faith. They speak to the end results, the ultimate effect, the conclusion of the matter. Two very important points are made that reflect the quality of our faith. First, Peter comments on the ability to love Jesus without having seen Him. There is an adage that says, "Seeing is believing," Not so in this instance. Faith is a conviction from within; it is of the encounter of things of the spirit. Eyes can be deceived. They can fool you. Things of the heart and soul have no deceit in them.

Peter's second comment tells us that belief in Jesus and rejoicing in Him are not based on seeing Him. Do you not know that I have never seen the wind and yet I believe in it? I can feel it, see the effects of it, and benefit from it! But I have never seen it!

Your joy can be indescribable by believing in Jesus. Possibilities are unlimited by believing in Him.

"only believe, Only believe, all things are possible If you only Believe." ("Only Believe," by Paul Rader)

**Lesson Sidelights**

It may be of interest to some to know that no consensus of opinion exists

regarding the identification of the "beloved disciple." While it is commonly accepted that the Apostle John was that special apostle for whom Jesus felt so dearly, it is by no means unanimous. While the case for John is strong, relevant information is offered on behalf of Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha. Interestingly, all of the cited sources are from John (11:3,5, and 35). In summary style, there is a message from Mary and Martha to Jesus stating: "Lord, he whom you love is ill," (John 11:3). Of course, they were speaking of their brother Lazarus. Verse 5 affirms that Jesus "loved Martha, her sister and Lazarus." Then in verse 35, we witness Jesus weeping at the tomb of Lazarus. Thus, could Lazarus have been the disciple whom Jesus loved?

The argument for John rests upon such Scriptures as: 1) John 13:23 - "One of His disciples - the one whom Jesus loved - was reclining next to him." 2) John 19:26 - When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing next to her..." 3) John 21:7 - "That disciple whom Jesus loved, said to Peter, 'It is Lord!'"

**Lesson Applications**

The matter would not have been studied, discussed, and debated if John, the writer of this Gospel, had identified himself. But for his reasons, he chose not to, and the discussion goes on.

The only appropriate response to what

God does in us, with us, to us, and for us is a faith response. God's deeds of service caring for us and the sacrifices of God's Son saving us, must not go without a reply. God's action requires a reaction that must be "in faith" and "by faith." "In faith" means the category, the state of, according to and requirement of. "By faith" addresses means and manner, the how to.

Faith is an enabler. It authorizes and permits God to do God's work on, in, with, and, for us. It is an open-door invitation. Faith empowers us to believe in God, work with God, and wait on God, even until time ends. It allows us to see what we don't see; and to have now, what is yet to come.

It pulls us beyond where we say we are not able to go. It allows us to see obstacles for the opportunities they are. It allows us to claim our golden slippers when our feet are still bare. Faith allows us to behold the face of God, even when we have no sight. By faith, we have a ticket to glory and a reserve seat in the Kingdom! Good Friday and Easter Sunday have taken care of that. Now tell us about your faith!

From The Young People-Adult Quarterly (Ages 18 and up) International Sunday School Lessons for Christian Teaching

**G**reat is your faithfulness, O God, my Father. Morning by morning new mercies I see. I know that your hands will supply all that I need. Thank you, Lord, for your loving care and supply in my life. I claim the promises of your Word today. I believe your Word, and I look forward to all you are going to do in my life.

You are Jehovah-jeer, my provider. You know exactly what I need, when I need it, and how my needs will best be met. Thank you for the delight you experience

as you give me the desires of my heart. I love you, and you love me.

Thank you, Father, for your great mercies which are new in my life each morning. Your grace and loving favor are upon me and within me. Indeed, your loving kindness is better than life to me. Thank you for always providing me with my daily bread, and so much more. I rejoice in you and in the knowledge that you are the God of more than enough.

Thank you, Father, for caring about me

and my loved ones. I know you want all needs to be met, and you cannot fail in meeting them. I praise you for the wonderful realization that you do fulfill all your promises in my life.

Thank you for your word which will never return to you void. I claim the promises of your Word for me, my family, and our lives. I take my stand upon the solid promises of your Word, Father. Thank you for meeting my every need. Amen

*(Holy Week from page 9)*

or Holy Communion being participated in by all. One cannot but help call to mind the celebration of the feast of the Passover by Jews. Christians celebrate similarly, for this is in remembrance of the Lamb of

God who willingly shed blood for the sins of the whole world.



## GOOD FRIDAY

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Most authors agree that the term "Good Friday" evolved from "God's Friday." It is one the three days that many persons make an effort to attend church, the other being Easter Sunday and Christmas Day. Services in most churches last about three hours since generally, the seven last words of Jesus are used.

The Seven Last Words are:

- ◆ "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34
- ◆ "Today, you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43
- ◆ "Woman, here is your son, ... Son, Here is your Mother." John 19:26-27
- ◆ "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani? My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Mark 15:34 and Matthew 27:46
- ◆ "I am thirsty." John 19:28
- ◆ "It is finished." John 19:30
- ◆ "Father, into your hands I commend My Spirit." Luke 23:46

More and more today, however, times and length of services are being arranged to meet the working schedules of most parishioners. Good Friday represents the day of that dreadful crucifixion and is not just a day of mourning. It is a day of remembrance of the events of the day, especially the time Jesus hung on the cross. It is appropriate to leave the altar bare and use no liturgical color.

However, if desired, black may be used. In many countries, the old practice was (and in some instances still is) not to cook on Good Friday. Rather, one drinks some beverage and eat hot cross buns. Like most other customs and traditions, cross

buns have pagan origins. According to Rudolph Brasch, it was part of a pagan festival of bread offered to idols at spring time. Horns were stamped on the buns. This, however became the mark of the cross. It not only was a symbol, but served a practical purpose. When these buns were used in love feasts, it was easier to divide one into four pieces.



### EASTER

Easter Sunday commemorates the glorious resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It is the other highest point of the Christian Year. Thus, joy and celebration engulfs the season as the Christian Church rejoices in the fact of the resurrection and its meaning to the Christian faith, hope, and life. Many wonder why Easter occurs on various Sundays from year to year? Easter does not occur on a set day like Christmas because it is determined by the moon and the seasons in nature. Thus, for most Protestants and Roman Catholics, Easter falls on the Sunday near the beginning of Spring, which is also after the first full moon. Because of the fluctuating cycle, Easter Sunday can occur anywhere between March 22 and April 25.

Therefore, Easter is a determining factor in the cycle that sets the beginning and end of some of the seasons. The number of days in the season of advent (four Sundays weeks prior to Christmas), Christmas / Christmastide (from Christmas day to the day before Epiphany -January 6, twelve days), Lent (forty days, excluding the Sundays), and Eastertide (fifty days), are constant seasons in terms of length. The Season After Epiphany, The Season After Pentecost, and Kingdomtide experience the variation from year to year.

Easter has been described as the oldest festival of the church. It truly is the key to Christianity, since it emphasizes the redemption of humans. Note that in the early Christian Church, the word used for Easter was *Pascha*. This is from the

Hebrew word for Passover. The closeness and similarity between the Jewish Passover and the celebration of Lent and Easter should be recalled and remembered. The Jews observed the *Passing Over* of the houses of the Israelites who had the blood of the lamb smeared upon the posts of their houses, by the death angel during their sojourn in Egypt. This was the final plague before Pharaoh agreed to let God's people, the Israelites go. For Christians, the blood that saves persons from eternal damnation is the blood of Jesus, shed upon the cross at Calvary. Easter, like the word Lent, has nothing to do with the reason for celebrating these occasions. Rather, Easter comes from the name of an Anglo-Saxon spring goddess, *Eostre*, whose festival was observed at the spring equinox. Easter is indeed THE DAY of the days in the church calendar. This is the day that celebrates Christ's resurrection from the grave. Without the resurrection, there would be no Christian Church. This is why many Christians moved their day of worship to Sunday. So, not only is it a day of worship, but a little Easter, when persons remember that Christ rose from the dead. (See Matthew 28:1-7, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, and John 20:1-10.)

The observance of Lent would have no meaning if it were not for that victorious first Easter. The crucifixion without the resurrection would not be a victory and would destroy the essence of the Christian faith and God's redemptive act. To be resurrection signifies that something or someone who was dead has return to a living state. Christ's resurrection was a demonstration of that fact and a revelation of God's power over sin and death. Thus, the agony and tragedy of the cross was transformed into a joyous celebration and God's fulfillment of the covenantal promise was affirmed. ALLELUIA! Jesus arose as a "mighty triumph over His foes" and lives forever. The liturgical color for Easter/Eastertide is white, symbolizing purity. Along with white, gold is often used to give emphasis to this most holy day of the church year.





**The Hartford District  
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**Nominee  
Celeste "Celestine" Vereen**

The Blessing Of This Life Began August 31, 1940, In Lamar, South Carolina. Celeste Sansbury Vereen Was The Oldest Of 2 Children, Born To Mr. James And Mrs. Gertrude Sansbury.

At The Age Of 5, Her Family Relocated To Middletown, Conn. Celeste Completed Her Early Education In The Middletown Public School System.

In 1955 She Joined Cross Street And Was Baptized Under The Leadership Of Rev. William Davage. Her 62 Years Of Being, Faithful, Responsible And Accountable, Has Set Forth Great Expectations For All Those Who Work With Her, And Follows Her Examples.

She Was Married To Billy Vereen, And From This Union They Are The Parents Of 5 Children, 7 Grand Children, And 5 Great Grands. She Has Instilled In Her Children, A Work Ethic That Surpasses To None; She Lives By Her Favorite Scripture Exodus 20:17, The Commandments, And Has Shared Her Favorite Gospel Song Is "In The Upper Room" By Mahalia Jackson.

If We Could Design, Create, Manufacture, Market, And Sell, The Gift Of Helps, The Lord Has Blessed Celestine With, Our Denomination Would Be Of Greater Service. The Gift Of Helps, Is Shared In 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:28. It Is Defined As A Practical Aide And Support To Pastors And Their Vision. Since This Is One Of The Spiritual Gifts From The Holy Spirit, Those With This Gift Have The Unique Ability To Identify Those With Struggling Doubt, Fears, And Other Spiritual Battles. They Move Towards Those With A Spiritual Need With A Kind Word, With A Understanding And Compassionate Demeanor.

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Celestine Is The Catalyst Of This Definition. Her “Hand Print” Is On Everything That Is Shared, And Accomplished At Cross Street.

Celestine Is Known To Be “The Hardest Working Woman At The Cross”

This Quality And Spiritual Gift Has Exemplified And Helped To Nurture, And Instill In Many Church Members, A Mind To Work, With Loving More, Giving More, And Serving Greater.

Currently Celestine Is Involved In The Following Ministries.

- ◆ WH&OMS Parent Body 1
- ◆ Life Member
- ◆ Culinary Ministry
- ◆ Senior Usher Board
- ◆ Pastor’s Aid Ministry
- ◆ Class Leader
- ◆ Tutorial Program
- ◆ Sunday School
- ◆ Women’s Ministry
- ◆ Events Ministry
- ◆ Food/ Bread Ministry
- ◆ Senior’s Ministry

There Is An Old Saying That Idle Hands, Are The Devil’s Workshop. Well, Our Honoree Is Never The One To Sit Idly By. She Exemplifies The Statement, “Whatever Your Hands Find To Do, Do It.”

Perhaps, It Is A Visit To Our Sick And Shut In, Or A Card And Phone Call To A Member In Need. As Pastor And First Lady’s Class Leader, She Checks On Them Weekly; Most Likely She Is One Of The First To Offer Food To The Hungry, And A Helping Hand To Those Who Have Lost Their Way. For We Know, Where Our Treasure Is, Our Hearts Will Be Also.”

Her Love For God, Does Not Hinder Her To Just Serve At Cross Street. Wherever The Need Is, You May Find Celestine Lending A Helping Hand.

**Our Nominee Is A Woman Of Excellence Because...**

She Does More Than Believes, She Practices,  
Does More Than Cares, She Helps,  
Does More Than Dreams, She Works  
Does More Than Reach, She Inspires  
Does More Than Gives, She Serves.

So On This Day, April 1, 2017, We Honor And Salute This Blessed Woman Of God,

Humbly Submitted,

Pastor Moses and First Lady, Mrs. Eledia S. Harvill  
March 11, 2017



### *The Beauty of Holland*

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability – to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous trip – to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum, The Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very, very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later the plane lands. The flight attendant comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!?" you say, "What do you mean Holland? I signed up for Italy. I'm supposed to be in Italy! All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's a change in the flight plan. They landed in Holland and you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guidebooks. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there awhile and catch your breath, you begin to look around, and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills. Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy, and they're bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life you will say, "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain will never, ever go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss.

But if you spend your life mourning the fact you didn't go to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland.

**CROSS STREET A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**  
*Middletown, CT*

# **Men's Day Celebration**

## **Sunday, March 26, 2017**

### **10:00 A.M.**

**Bro. Marvin Privott, Chair**  
**Bro. Woodrow James, Co-Chair**

**MEN'S DAY THEME:**

*"Heeding the call to Christian Service" Looking for a Few Good Men!*  
*Psalm 37:23*



**Guest Preacher:**

**REV. ZANIEL T. YOUNG, Pastor**

Shrewsbury Ave. A.M.E. Zion Church  
Red Bank, New Jersey

**Team Leaders to be Announced!**

**Our Goal : \$20,000.00**

All Men & Women requested to give \$100.00 and  
50 persons requested to join the Pastor in giving \$200.00.

*You can start giving small amounts today to help you reach your goal for giving.*

**UPCOMING MEN'S DAY ACTIVITIES**

- † March 24 7:00 P.M. Men's Musical Extravaganza  
guest choirs, soloists, and much more
- † Check us out in The Fall (season) for the Men's Health Conference

# MEN AT THE CROSS

### HE UNDERSTANDS AND CARES

READ: Isaiah 53:1-8

*Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering. Isaiah 53:4*

When asked if he thought that ignorance and apathy were problems in modern society, a man joked, "I don't know and I don't care."

I suppose many discouraged people feel that way about the world today and the people in it. But when it comes to the perplexities and concerns of our lives, Jesus fully understands, and He deeply cares. Isaiah 53, an Old Testament prophecy of the crucifixion of Jesus, gives us a glimpse of what He went through for us. "He was oppressed and afflicted...led like a lamb to the slaughter" (v.7). "For the transgression of my people he was punished" (v.8). "it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand" (v.10).

On the cross Jesus willingly bore our sin and guilt. No one ever

suffered more than our Lord did for us. He knew what it would cost to save us from our sins and, in love, He willingly paid it (vv.4-6).

Because of Jesus's resurrection from the dead, He is alive and present with us today. Whatever situation we face, Jesus understands and cares. And He will carry us through.

-David McCasland

**Lord**, we give thanks for Your knowledge of our circumstances and Your care for us. Today we want to walk with You and honor You in all we do.

*He is not here; He has risen! Luke 24:6*

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*We can't but through God, all things are possible. How might we pull on God's strength to help each other recover?*

**Let the spirit of God work for you in a Mighty, Mighty Way**

For more information contact:  
Church office 860-344-9527.or  
Rev. Gregory B. Winborne: Days: 860-616-3834

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

<p><b>Sunday</b>  <b>8:30 a.m. Church School</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</b></p> <p>2nd Sunday Senior Usher Board Meeting (following service)                  Youth Meeting 1st &amp; 4th Sunday's (following service)</p> <p><b>Monday</b>                  7:00-9:00 p.m. Bible Study, Eddy Shelter                  6:00 p.m. Zumba                  7:00 Media Ministry (1st and 3rd of month)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> <i>Special Prayer for Pastor Harvill</i>                  6:00—7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting and bible study.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b>                  6:00 p.m. Zumba                  6:00 p.m. Ministerial Staff (1st of month)                  7:00 p.m.. Praise &amp; Worship Choir rehearsal,                  8:00 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Thursday</b>                  6:00 p.m. Steward Board                  7:00 p.m. Trustee Board (2nd of month)                  7:00 p.m. Unity Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> <i>Day of Fasting</i>                  6:00 p.m. Vision Choir (3rd &amp; 4th of month)                  6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Cross Street Recovery Ministry (room 2)</p> <p><b>Saturday</b>                  10:00 a.m. Pastors Aide (2nd)                  11:00 a.m. Security Ministry Meeting (2nd Saturday of month)                  12:00 noon Missionaries (2nd Saturday of month)</p>
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## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Friday, March 24 ☞ 7:00 P.M.  
**Men's Musical Extravaganza**  
 Guest choirs, soloists, and much more

Sunday, March 26 ☞ 10:00 a.m.  
**Men's Day Celebration**

Saturday, April 1 ☞ 5:00 p.m.  
**Dance Ministry Celebration**

Sunday, April 2 ☞ 4:00 p.m.  
**Pastor Harvill will be preaching** at Columbus Ave., Boston Ma,  
 Unity Choir & Men's Choir singing &  
 Combined Ushers serving.

Saturday, April 8 ☞ 9:00 a.m.  
**Check-up Meeting**

Sunday, April 9 ☞ 4:00 p.m.  
**Pastor will be preaching** at Blackwell,  
 Hartford,  
 Men's Choir & Children choir singing,  
 Contemporary Ushers serving.

Thursday, April 13 ☞ 7:00 p.m.  
**Maundy Thursday Celebration.**  
 Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church,  
 Hartford,  
 Bishop Dennis V. Proctor, Guest Preacher

Friday, April 14 ☞ 12 noon  
**Good Friday Service.** New Jerusalem  
 Christian Church  
 United choir singing

Sunday, April 16 ☞ 10:00 a.m.  
**Easter Sunday**  
 All Choirs Singing

Saturday, April 22 ☞ 9:00 a.m.  
**YouthMax Plus Conference**

Saturday April 29 ☞ 9:00 a.m.  
**Women's prayer breakfast**

Sunday, April 30  
**Missionary Tea** following morning  
 worship

Saturday, May 6  
**College Fair** in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 7  
**Celebrating National Nurses week** with a luncheon.  
 First time event at Cross Street. Invite  
 persons in the nursing field to join you.

Sunday, May 14  
**Mother's Day**

Sunday, May 21  
**Pastor & First Lady Appreciation**

Wednesday - Sunday, June 7-11  
**173rd New England Annual Conference**  
 Cross Street is the Host Church

### Doxology

*Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*

Jude 24-25



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**"I am a Christian"**

By Maya Angelou

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."  
I'm whispering "I was lost,  
Now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I don't speak of this with pride.  
I'm confessing that I stumble  
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not trying to be strong.  
I'm professing that I'm weak  
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not bragging of success.  
I'm admitting I have failed  
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I still feel the sting of pain.  
I have my share of heartaches  
So I call upon His name.

When I say ... "I am a Christian"  
I'm not holier than thou.  
I'm just a simple sinner  
Who received God's good grace, somehow!

**The Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



Then the Lord answered me and said:  
Write the vision and make it plain on tablets,  
that he may run who reads it.  
Habakkuk 2:2

**The Jabez Prayer**

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying,  
**"Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!"** So God granted him what he requested.  
1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

**"God's Word"**

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"*  
Hebrews 4:12

**Prayer:** Forever, O Lord, your Word is settled in heaven. I bless you because you have given me rest according to all that you have promised to me. Not one word of all your good promises has ever failed. In light of this truth, I will walk in your Word at all times. I love your Word, Father, it is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. All of your words are pure, O God, and you are a shield to me. Lord God, your way is perfect, and

your Word is tried. You are a shield and a mighty buckler to me as I trust in you. With your Word you made the heavens, O Lord. all of your promises are yes in Christ, unto your glory, O God. You have spoken through your Word since ancient times, in order to give light to those who sit in darkness, and you guide my feet in the way of peace.

Your Word is quick, alive, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It pierces even to the dividing asunder of my soul and spirit, and of my joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of my heart.

Father, I am thankful for your Word, and I will endeavor to walk in the light of your Word all the days of my life.

**If you were to die today, do you know where you will spend eternity ???**

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