

THE CROSS NEWSLETTER

A church where everybody is somebody and Christ is Lord of all

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LOVE/GRACE

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"Why does God love us?"

This short question is among the most profound questions ever asked. And no human would ever be able to answer it sufficiently. One thing is certain, however. God does not love us because we are lovable or because we deserve His love. If anything, the opposite is true. The state of mankind since the fall is one of rebellion and disobedience. Jeremiah 17:9 describes man's inner condition: "The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. Who can know it?" Our innermost beings are so corrupted by sin that even we don't realize the extent to which sin has tainted us. In our natural state, we do not seek God; we do not love God; we do not desire God. Romans 3:10-12 clearly presents the state of the natural, unregenerate person: "There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." How then is it possible for a holy, righteous, and perfect God to love such creatures? To understand this we must understand something of the nature and character of God.

First John 4:8 and 16 tell us that "God is love." Never was a more important declaration made than this—God is love. This is a profound statement. God doesn't just love; He is love. His nature and essence are love. Love permeates His very being and infuses all His other attributes, even His wrath and anger. Because God's very nature is love, He must demonstrate love, just as He must demonstrate all His attributes because doing so glorifies Him. Glorifying God is the highest, the best, and the most noble of all acts, so, naturally, glorifying Himself is what He must do, because He is the highest and the best, and He deserves all glory.

Since it is God's essential nature to love, He demonstrates His love by lavishing it on undeserving people who are in rebellion against Him. God's love is not a sappy, sentimental, romantic feeling. Rather, it is agape love, the love of self-sacrifice. He demonstrates this sacrificial love by sending His Son to the cross to pay the

(God's Love on page 5)

"What is the definition of grace?"

The gospel message is the good news of God's grace, so it is important to know what grace is and to constantly seek to get a better view of what grace does in our lives.

Grace is an essential part of God's character. Grace is closely related to God's benevolence, love, and mercy. Grace can be variously defined as "God's favor toward the unworthy" or "God's benevolence on the undeserving." In His grace, God is willing to forgive us and bless us abundantly, in spite of the fact that we don't deserve to be treated so well or dealt with so generously.

To fully understand grace, we need to consider who we were without Christ and who we become with Christ. We were born in sin (Psalm 51:5), and we were guilty of breaking God's holy laws (Romans 3:9–20, 23; 1 John 1:8–10). We were enemies of God (Romans 5:6, 10; 8:7; Colossians 1:21), deserving of death (Romans 6:23a). We were unrighteous (Romans 3:10) and without means of justifying ourselves (Romans 3:20). Spiritually, we were destitute, blind, unclean, and dead. Our souls were in peril of everlasting punishment.

But then came grace. God extended His favor to us. Grace is what saves us (Ephesians 2:8). Grace is the essence of the gospel (Acts 20:24). Grace gives us victory over sin (James 4:6). Grace gives us "eternal encouragement and good hope" (2 Thessalonians 2:16). Paul repeatedly identified grace as the basis of his calling as an apostle (Romans 15:15; 1 Corinthians 3:10; Ephesians 3:2, 7). Jesus Christ is the embodiment of grace, coupled with truth (John 1:14).

The Bible repeatedly calls grace a "gift" (e.g., Ephesians 4:7). This is an important analogy because it teaches us some key things about grace:

First, anyone who has ever received a gift understands that a gift is much different from a loan, which requires repayment or return by the recipient. The fact that grace is a gift means that *nothing is owed in return*.

(Grace Defined on page 5)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

2025 -2026 Statement

LEVEL UP

...Operating in God's Next...

Scriptures

"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philipians 1:6

"I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me" is found in the Bible at Philipians 4:13

We are living in some difficult times. It is crucial that we are praying, serving, witnessing, advocating and motivating one another that we are Ambassadors of Christ!!!

It is my prayer that our goal every day to witness and offer Christ to Others!!!

The God in Us is Powerful and needs to be shared with the World!!!

We are so grateful and Thankful that God is calling us to Level Up...Operate in God's Next as we are on a mission to "Win Souls for Christ"

Level Up

Speaks to growth, elevation, and stepping into new spiritual authority.

It echoes the Christian journey of faith from surviving to thriving—especially in our maturing spiritually, developing and birthing meaningful Ministries in-house, at home and in communities that have historically always had to and are striving today to overcome adversity.

"Operating in God's Next..."

Requires us to lead and actively participate in a prophetic movement.

We are to be Ambassadors who are striving every day to build a stronger connection with God in pray to hear God's call and divine strategy that requires us to step out of our comfort zones. We are listening and striving to fulfill God's Assignment individually and as a Body of Christ!!! God has already and is continuing to prepare us to fulfill the plan that was formed in our Mother's Womb.

Winning Souls for Christ

Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.", reminds us that We are to be Witnesses. Anchor is in our call to evangelism and legacy. It's about multiplying impact and building a future rooted in faith.

Let's remember and undergird as we go to fulfill the mandate that Jesus gave to us through the second verse of the hymn "Lift Home Up". "Oh the world is hungry for the living bread, lift the Savior up for them to see. Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said: "I'll draw all people to Me."

Cross Street, "Let's Go!!!! Let's Grow Spiritually!!! Let's Pray "Without Ceasing"!!!! Let's Pack our Bible Study, Sunday School, Prayer Meetings, and Worship Services! Let's Move!!!! Let's Execute!!!! Let's Level Up!!!! Let's Operate in God's Next!!!! Let's be on a Mission to Win Souls for Christ!!!!

Humbly In Christ Service,

Rev. Robyn M. Anderson
Pastor, Cross Street AME Zoom Church

VISION: LEVEL-UP

WE ARE TRANSITIONING TO GOD'S NEXT!

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”
Isiah 43:19 (NIV)

Transitioning to God's Next
Honoring Our Past • Celebrating Our Present • Investing in Our Future!

The Vision Statement in four simple words

Members are to **GATHER**

Every member should attend faithfully a worship service every week. Christians are commanded to worship the Lord together. Read Acts 2:42-47. not only are we called to worship the Lord, but we are also to encourage one another when we gather together.

Members are to **CONNECT**

That's the word picture to describe locking hands and arms with others. We are called to connect together in a small group (ministry, organizations, class leader system, bible study, Sunday school, and others).

Members are to **GO**

The members should be involved in at least one ministry in the church each year. Many should be involved in ministries that got them involved outside the walls of the church. The Great Commission should be at the heart of what we do as part of the process of discipleship (Matthew 28:19-20).

Members are to **GIVE**

Every member should be a regular and faithful financial giver to the church. Jesus, Himself, said it best:
“wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be”
(Matthew 6:21).

Can We Live Forever?

When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered. Acts 17:32

It's risky to venture into the comments section of online news sites. Risky, but fascinating. Commenting on an interview with a millionaire endeavoring to live forever in this life, one reader posted this from Matthew 16:25: “Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” —Jesus.” reacting to that comment, another reader posted, “Wasn't there a book written about Him?” To which a third reader replied, “Yes, fiction.”

There are always those who will mock belief in Jesus. When the apostle Paul stood in a public forum to tell a large group of Athenians about Christ, results were mixed. “When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered” (Acts 17:31:32). Others, however, said, “We want to hear you again on this subject” (V. 32). And some believed (V. 34).

How others respond to the truth of the Bible is between them and God. But it's the claim that we can live forever in this life that's fiction. Our bodies are destined to die. In contrast, the Bible tells us of the one who is “the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6). Like Paul, it's our task to share with anyone who will listen what this Man has done for us. We can trust the Holy Spirit to do the rest. Tim Gustafson

How do you feel when others mock your faith? Why is it important to let them know what you believe about Jesus?

Dear Father, thank You for Your Son, who conquered death for us. I pray for those who don't believe in You, that Your Spirit will draw them to You

Today's Scripture: **Acts 17:29-34**

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

³² When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, “We want to hear you again on this subject.” ³³ At that, Paul left the Council. ³⁴ Some of the people became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.

INSIGHT

Acts 17 shows how Paul did all he could to share the good news of Jesus. Being Jewish, when in Athens he naturally engaged with the Jewish people and “God-fearing Greeks” who frequented the synagogue (V. 17). But he also went to “the marketplace” each day, where he met with “Epicurean and Stoic philosophers” (VV. 17-18). These two groups saw life very differently and gathered to debate those differences. Yet Paul sought common ground with them (VV. 22-23), creating a basis to tell them about the God who “gives everyone life and breath and everything else” (V. 25). Our task is to share the truth of the gospel with those who'll listen and then pray that the Spirit will draw them to Christ. Tim Gustafson

God's Eternally Beloved

**I have loved you with an everlasting love.
Jeremiah 31:3**

One of the most dramatic and mysterious love letters of all time was penned by composer Ludwig van Beethoven and was only discovered after his death in 1827. The hastily handwritten letter is full of passionate lines like, "My eternally beloved....I can only live either wholly with you or not at all." Tragically, it appears the letter was never sent, and his intended recipient remains unknown.

Beethoven's letter is treasured by readers who can identify with his desperate yearning for love. We seek love and fulfillment in many people, things, and experiences that cannot fully satisfy. But far greater than a fleeting romance is the love of God for His covenant people, to whom He showed great love for the sake of all people. Through the prophet Jeremiah, God declared, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness" (Jeremiah 31:3). Because of His great love, God promised a future of rest and favor (V. 2) and the restoration of anything that was broken (V. 4). Despite their repeated rejection and rebellion, God vowed to bring them back to Himself (V. 9).

Many years later, that same everlasting love motivated Jesus to endure death for sinners, even before we ever returned His love (Romans 5:8). We don't have to search for love or try to earn it. We're already loved with an everlasting love! Karen Pimpou

**In what ways do you look for love on earth?
How has God demonstrated His eternal love to you?**

Loving God, I'm so grateful for the way You pursue me with an everlasting love.

Today's Scripture: **Jeremiah 31:1-4, 7, 9**

¹ "At that time," declares the Lord, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people." ² This is what the Lord says: "The people who survive the sword will find favor in the wilderness; I will come to give rest to Israel."

³ The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. ⁴ I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt. Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful."

⁷ This is what the Lord says....⁹ They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father."

INSIGHT

God disciplined His chosen people because of their unfaithfulness. Jerusalem was destroyed and the Israelites exiled to Babylon (Jeremiah 1:14-16; 5:15-19; 6:22-23; 25:9-11). But once the discipline was complete, God brought them back from exile (30:8-17), restored their privileges as His chosen nation (V. 18-24), and, most important, restored the people to Himself (CH. 31). He did this because of His special love and unmerited mercy. God is "Israel's father and [Israel] is [his] firstborn son" (V. 9). He assured them, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness" (V. 3). God's discipline isn't inconsistent with His love, for "the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in" (Proverbs 3:12). We can be assured that God loves us and pursues us with His everlasting love. K. T. Sim

"What is the grace of God?"

Grace is a constant theme in the Bible, and it culminates in the New Testament with the coming of Jesus (John 1:17). The word translated "grace" in the New Testament comes from the Greek word *charis*, which means "favor, blessing, or kindness." We can all extend grace to others; but when the word *grace* is used in connection with God, it takes on a more powerful meaning. Grace is God choosing to bless us rather than curse us as our sin deserves. It is His benevolence to the undeserving.

Ephesians 2:8 says, "For by grace are you saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves." The only way any of us can enter into a relationship with God is because of His grace toward us. Grace began in the Garden of Eden when God killed an animal to cover the sin of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21). He could have killed the first humans right then for their disobedience. But rather than destroy them, He chose to make a way for them to be right with Him. That pattern of grace continued throughout the Old Testament when God instituted blood sacrifices as a means to atone for sinful men. It was not the physical blood of those sacrifices, per se, that cleansed sinners; it was the grace of God that forgave those who trusted in Him (Hebrews 10:4; Genesis 15:6). Sinful men showed their faith by offering the

sacrifices that God required.

The apostle Paul began many of his letters with the phrase, "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7; Ephesians 1:1; 1 Corinthians 1:3). God is the instigator of grace, and it is from Him that all other grace flows.

God shows both mercy and grace, but they are not the same. Mercy withholds a punishment we deserve; grace gives a blessing we don't deserve. In mercy, God chose to cancel our sin debt by sacrificing His perfect Son in our place (Titus 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21). But He goes even further than mercy and extends grace to His enemies (Romans 5:10). He offers us forgiveness (Hebrews 8:12; Ephesians 1:7), reconciliation (Colossians 1:19-20), abundant life (John 10:10), eternal treasure (Luke 12:33), His Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13), and a place in heaven with Him some day (John 3:16-18) when we accept His offer and place our faith in His sacrifice.

Grace is God giving the greatest treasure to the least deserving—which is every one of us.

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penalty for our sin (1 John 4:10), by drawing us to Himself (John 6:44), by forgiving us of our rebellion against Him, and by sending His Holy Spirit to dwell within us, thereby enabling us to love as He loves. He did this in spite of the fact that we did not deserve it. "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

God's love is personal. He knows each of us individually and loves us personally. His is a mighty love that has no beginning and no end. It is this experiencing of God's love that distinguishes Christianity from all other religions. Why does God love us? It is because of who He is: "God is love."

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Second, there is no cost to the person who receives a gift. A gift is *free to the recipient*, although it is not free to the giver, who bears the expense. The gift of salvation costs us sinners nothing. But the price of such an extravagant gift came at a great cost for our Lord Jesus, who died in our place.

Third, once a gift has been given, ownership of the gift has transferred and it is now *ours to keep*. There is a permanence in a gift that does not exist with loans or advances. When a gift changes hands, the giver permanently relinquishes all rights to renege or take back the gift in the future. God's grace is ours forever.

Fourth, in the giving of a gift, the giver voluntarily forfeits something he owns, willingly losing what belongs to him so that the recipient will profit from it. The giver becomes poorer so the recipient can become richer. This *generous and voluntary exchange* from the giver to the recipient is visible in 2 Corinthians 8:9: "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."

Finally, the Bible teaches that grace is completely *unmerited*. The gift and the act of giving have nothing at all to do with our merit or innate quality (Romans 4:4; 11:5-6; 2 Timothy 1:9-10). In fact, the Bible says quite clearly that we don't deserve God's salvation. Romans 5:8-10 says, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. . . . While we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son."

Grace does not stop once we are saved; God is gracious to us for the rest of our lives, working within and upon us. The Bible encourages us with many additional benefits that grace secures for every believer:

- Grace justifies us before a holy God (Romans 3:24; Ephesians 1:6; Titus 3:7).
- Grace provides us access to God to communicate and fellowship with Him (Ephesians 1:6; Hebrews 4:16).
- Grace wins for us a new relationship of intimacy with God (Exodus 33:17).
- Grace disciplines and trains us to live in a way that honors God (Titus 2:11-14; 2 Corinthians 8:7).
- Grace grants us immeasurable spiritual riches (Proverbs 10:22; Ephesians 2:7).
- Grace helps us in our every need (Hebrews 4:16).
- Grace is the reason behind our every deliverance (Psalm 44:3-8; Hebrews 4:16).
- Grace preserves us and comforts, encourages, and strengthens us (2 Corinthians 13:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; 2 Timothy 2:1).

Grace is actively and continually working in the lives of God's people. Paul credited the success of his ministry not to his own substantial labors but to "the grace of God that was with me" (1 Corinthians 15:10). Grace is the ongoing, benevolent act of God working in us, without which we can do nothing (John 15:5). Grace is greater than our sin (Romans 5:20), more abundant than we expect (1 Timothy 1:14), and too wonderful for words (2 Corinthians 9:15).

As the recipients of God's grace, Christians are to be gracious to others. Grace is given to us to serve others and to exercise our spiritual gifts for the building up of the church (Romans 12:6; Ephesians 3:2, 7; 4:7; 1 Peter 4:10).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN NEED YOUR CALLS, CARDS AND VISITS. ABOVE ALL, THEY NEED ALL OUR PRAYERS!

The **VAN MINISTRY** is rolling once again!!!

If you or someone you know needs a ride to Worship Service please call the church office by
Friday by 12:00 p.m. (NOON)

If you leave a message please be sure to leave **your name, number, and address for the pickup.**

For more information, visit our Website: www.crossstreetamezion.org

CROSS STREET AME ZION CHURCH PRESENTS

Lancaster Show Trip & The Dutch Country

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE CROSSSTREETAMEZION.ORG

FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Rev. Ella Perry or Earlene Grant
860-344-9527

WAYS TO GIVE

We thank you for your generous giving.

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2. Text 73256 (Thecross)
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4. CASHAPP: \$TheCross440
5. Mail: P.O. Box 223, Middletown, CT 06457

6. Drop off on Sunday 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
7. Call the office for someone to pick up
8. Church outside Lockbox

(Note: you can find links on the website; www.crossstreetamezion.org/give)

Hope Line: 860-754-4606

The Cross Street Recovery Ministry's Hope Line is in operation 24 hours/day.
Call 860-754-4606 if you, a friend, or family member are in need of counseling or in crisis,
PLEASE dial the Hope Line. All information will be kept confidential.

*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
Rev. Gregory Winborne: 860-616-3834

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

Sunday School Church
9:00 a.m. — 09:45 a.m.
ALL CLASSES ARE IN PERSON

Adults

Sister Sylvia Pina / Brother Ken Simmons

Children

Ms. Carolyn Smith / Rev. Grant.

Any questions call: 860-490-3199
Gloria Malloy, Church School
Superintendent.

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/959628798>
Meeting ID: 959 628 798
(929) 205-6099, Code: 959628798#

Facebook

Tell your family and friends from across the
Country.
We can be watched worldwide.

Monday — Friday

Daily Prayer

@6:00 am
Dail-in Phone#: (978) 990-5105
Access Code: 204730#

Tuesday

Bible Study

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Dail-in Phone#: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 562 367 770
Passcode: 596307

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting

06:00 p.m.
Dial-in Phones#: (978)990-5105
Access Code: 204730#

Women's Bible Study

Dail-in Phone#: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 848 5162 1015
Passcode: 266443

*But God
demonstrates His
own love toward us,
in that while we were
still sinners, Christ
died for us.*

ROMANS 5:8

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EVENTS

Marriage Enrichment Ministry

will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day dinner for all married couples who would like to attend on **Saturday, February 14th at 3:00 p.m.** at the **Mongolian Hungry Bowl Restaurant** located at **3025 Berlin Turnpike** Newington, CT 06111

If you are able to join us please contact Carlton Malloy at 860-575-7385 or Gloria Malloy at 860-490-5199

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POPUF FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



*****DONATIONS NEEDED!*****

- Canned goods
- Pasta & Sauce
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Rice
- Cereal – (Cheerios/Cornflakes)
- Canned Tuna
- Granola bars/Nutri-Grain bars
- Beverages
- Toiletries
- Grocery gift cards
- Fresh fruits, veggies, & bread can be donated on the day of the pop-up.

We are also looking for donations of **new or gently used coats !!**



**YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS @
CROSS STREET AME ZION CHURCH
440 WEST STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457**

Cross Street Men's Ministry FASHION SHOW & AWARDS DINNER

Men of God CALLED TO LEVEL UP, BUILD UP, AND ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER!

February 28, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.

TICKETS:
\$30 for adults
\$10 for children (12yrs. and under)

Please see any of the Men of The Cross to purchase a ticket!!



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HARTFORD DISTRICT Leaders & LEGENDS Luncheon

Tickets and ads on sale now!!

WHEN & WHERE:
FEBRUARY 21, 2026 @ 11:30 AM
@ CROSS STREET AME ZION CHURCH

TICKET INFO:	AD INFO:
ADULTS: \$65.00	1/4 PAGE: \$25.00
CHILDREN: \$20.00	1/2 PAGE: \$50.00
	FULL PAGE: \$100.00

LEADERS & LEGENDS PAST AND PRESENT—PATRON LIST
~SINGLE: \$5.00 ~COUPLE: \$15.00

YOU CAN PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AND ADS EACH SUNDAY AFTER SERVICE IN THE VESTIBULE OR SEE SIS. JANICE PERRY

SATURDAY'S IOAM - 12PM

Reading
"Five Essentials for Intimacy"

440 West Street Middletown, CT 06457
Every 1st and 3rd Saturday




Marriage Enrichment Ministry

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

FACILITATORS
Brother Carlton Malloy & Sister Gloria Malloy




UNCF K-12 Education Fellowship

The UNCF K-12 Education Fellowship is a leadership and talent development initiative aimed at building a robust pipeline of high-achieving African Americans engaged in education in America. The program selects undergraduate juniors from historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to participate in a 10-week summer experience that includes leadership development, a paid internship with an innovative K-12 educational organization or school, and participation in an education reform case competition. Upon completion of the ten-week summer experience, Fellows have access to additional coaching and skills development aligned with K-12 career pathways during their senior year of college.

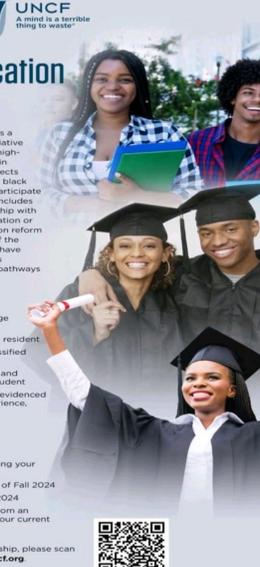
ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST:

- Have at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- Must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident
- Must be enrolled at an HBCU and classified as a Third Year Student (Junior)
- Demonstrated leadership experience and community service while a college student
- Have an interest in K-12 education as evidenced by academic, paid or volunteer experience, and/or extra-curricular activities.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Complete the online application
- Submit a personal statement describing your interest in K-12 education
- Submit a current resume, updated as of Fall 2024
- Submit a recent transcript as of Fall 2024
- Submit a letter of recommendation from an administrator or faculty member at your current institution

To learn more and apply for this fellowship, please scan the QR code or contact k12fellow@uncf.org






2025 ZNEF Chairman's Scholarship

\$150,000



The Zeta National Educational Foundation is a proud affiliate of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated.



Adiva McQuarter, Ole Miss 2024 Recipient

Criteria

The ZNEF Chairman's Scholarship offers financial assistance to a female high school student to cover undergraduate and graduate tuition up to and not to exceed \$150,000 total. The student must demonstrate a moderate to significant need for financial assistance in attaining her educational goals.



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Submit your bill each semester!



Focus on your studies!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2026

Every Tuesday, @ 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099

Meeting ID: 562 367 770

Passcode: 596307

Monday, February 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

1st Monday Prayer Meeting

Dial-In Phone#: (978) 990-5105

Access Code: 204730#

Wednesday, February 4 @ 7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study via Zoom

Dial-In Phone#: (929) 205-6099

Meeting ID: 204730#

Passcode: 266443

Sunday, February 8 @ 10:00 am

MASS MEETING FOR CLASS ADMINISTRATORS, CLASS LEADERS, & CLASS MEMBERS following morning worship

Wednesday, February 11 @ 6:00 p.m.

Steward & Trustee Boards

Monthly Zoom Meeting

Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099

Meeting ID: 912 137 200

Passcode: 633219

Thursday, February 12 @ 12:00 p.m.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

here at The Cross in the Fellowship Hall.

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Friday, February 13 @ 10:00 am

POPOP FOOD PANTRY

Here at the Cross

Saturday, February 14 @ 11:00 am

Missionary Meeting

Thursday—Saturday, February 19-21

Hartford District Conference

Hosted by: Cross Street AME Zion Church

Saturday, February 28 @ 5:00 p.m.

Men's Fashion Show & Awards Dinner

March 2026

Every Tuesday, @ 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099

Meeting ID: 562 367 770

Passcode: 596307

Monday, March 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

1st Monday Prayer Meeting

Dial-In Phone#: (978) 990-5105

Access Code: 204730#

Every Thursday, March 5, 12, 19, 26

@ 6:00 p.m. —8:00 pm

Grief Share

Grief Recovery Support Group

Wednesday, March 11 @ 6:00 p.m.

Steward & Trustee Boards

Monthly Zoom Meeting

Dial-In Phone#: (929)205-6099

Meeting ID: 912 137 200

Passcode: 633219

Thursday, October 9 @ 12:00 p.m.

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Friday, March 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

Men's Gospel Concert

Saturday, March 14 @ 9:00 a.m.

Men's Wellness Breakfast

Saturday, March 14 @ 10:00 am

Missionary Meeting

Sunday, March 15 @ 9:00 am

Men's Day

Friday, March 20 @ 6:00 pm

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 28 @ 12:00 pm

Women's History Month Brunch

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Vision: Level-Up

....OPERATING IN GOD’S NEXT....

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 on 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 set-
tled 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 dark-
ness, 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.

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