

THE CROSS NEWSLETTER

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

Volume 29 Issue 4

FORGIVENESS/CHRISTMAS

October-December 2025

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"What is forgiveness?"

Forgiveness in the Bible is a "release" or a "dismissal" of something. The forgiveness we have in Christ involves the release of sinners from God's just penalty and the complete dismissal of all charges against us (see Romans 8:1). Colossians 1:14 says that in God's beloved Son "we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." The Amplified Bible translates the last phrase like this: "the forgiveness of our sins [and the cancellation of sins' penalty]." God's gracious forgiveness of our sin is to be the measure of our gracious forgiveness of others (Ephesians 4:32).

To some people, forgiveness may seem like weakness or letting an undeserving person win, but it has no connection to weakness or even to emotions. Instead, forgiveness is an act of the will. Forgiveness is not granted because a person deserves to be forgiven. No one deserves to be forgiven. Forgiveness is a deliberate act of love, mercy, and grace. Forgiveness is a decision to not hold something against another person, despite what he or she has done to you.

What is forgiveness in relation to salvation?

Forgiveness is an integral part of salvation. When Jesus forgives us, our sins, trespasses, iniquities, and transgressions are erased, wiped off the record. Forgiveness of sin is comparable to financial debt being erased. When Jesus said, "It is finished," from the cross (John 19:30), He was literally saying, "It is paid in full" (*tetelestai* in Greek). Jesus took the punishment we deserved, so, when God forgives us of our sins, we are free; we no longer live under that debt. Our sins are wiped out. God will never hold that sin against us (Psalm 103:12).

It is impossible to have salvation without forgiveness. Salvation is God's deliverance from the consequences of sin. God's salvation in Christ is the ultimate example of extending forgiveness. God's forgiveness must be accepted through repentance and faith. Have you accepted forgiveness from God?

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"Why do we celebrate Christmas?"

Christians the world over celebrate Christmas in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. Various Christmas traditions have been associated with the celebration of Christmas, and different cultures celebrate different ways. The unifying factor is the historical fact that Jesus was born, c. 5 BC. The angel who appeared to the shepherds the night of Jesus' birth said, "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

We celebrate Christmas because, as the angel said, the birth of Jesus Christ is "good news." Good news is meant to be celebrated. In fact, the angel said the news of Jesus' birth would cause "great joy" and would be "for all the people"—the joyful celebration would be universal. People around the globe would be glad for this occasion.

We celebrate Christmas because, as the angel said, "A Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." The three titles the angel applies to Jesus are important. Jesus is the *Savior* who delivers us from sin and death (Matthew 1:21). He is the human *Messiah* (or Christ) who fulfills the Law and the Prophets, showing that God is faithful (see Matthew 5:17). And He is the divine *Lord* who has entered our world: the Almighty has taken on human flesh; God and man have been fused together in an indivisible, eternal bond; God is truly with us (see Matthew 1:23).

In celebrating Christmas, we celebrate the Savior, because we needed deliverance. We celebrate the Christ in whom all of God's promises are "Yes" and "Amen" (2 Corinthians 1:20). We celebrate the Lord who in humility took on "the very nature of a servant" for our sakes (see Philippians 2:6-8).

We celebrate Christmas with gift-giving because of the "incredible gift" that God gave to us (2 Corinthians 9:15). We celebrate Christmas by stringing lights because the Light of the world has come to us (John 1:4; Isaiah 9:2). We

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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**

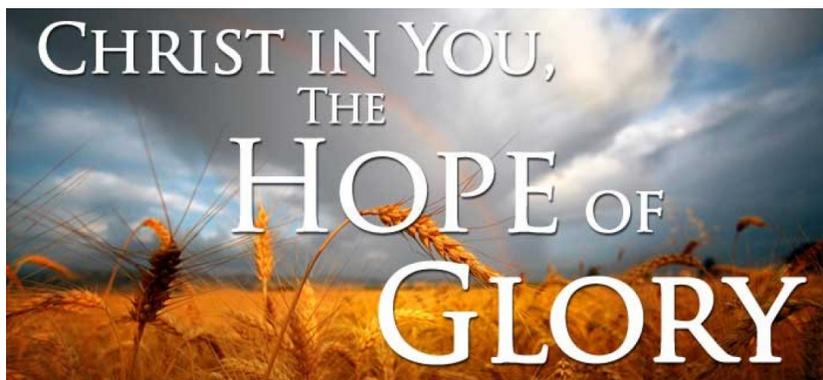
That's the word picture to describe locking hands and arms with others. We are called to connect together in a small group (ministry, organizations, class leader system, bible study, Sunday school, and others).

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).



"What is the true meaning of Christmas?"

The true meaning of Christmas is love. John 3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

The real Christmas story is the story of God's becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ. Why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Why was Christmas necessary? Because we needed a Savior! Why does God love us so much? Because He is love itself (1 John 4:8). Why

do we celebrate Christmas each year? Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by giving each other gifts, worshiping Him, and being especially conscious of the poor and less fortunate.

The true meaning of Christmas is love. God loved His own and provided a way "the only Way" for us to spend eternity with Him. He gave His only Son to take our punishment for our sins. He paid the price in full, and we are free from condemnation when we accept that free gift of love. "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

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A Humble Thanksgiving

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6

One Thanksgiving I called home to greet my parents. As we talked, I asked my mom what she was most grateful for. She exclaimed that she was most grateful that “all three of my children know how to call on the name of the Lord.” For my mother, who’d always emphasized the importance of education, there was something more valuable than her children doing well in school and taking care of themselves.

Her sentiments remind me of Proverbs 22:6: “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” While this isn’t a promise but more a wise principle, and many children do wander from God for at least a season of life, she and my father had strived to raise us to humbly, reverently love God (V.4)—primarily through example. Now, by His grace, they were able to see us grow older and benefit from a personal relationship with Him. As verse 2 says, God is “the Marker of All.” And although some children will respond to loving instruction in Christ, others might take longer perhaps to hear His voice. For those precious children, we continue to pray and rest in God’s timing.

Mom’s humble thanksgiving points to what’s most important in life. Reverently loving God yields spiritual riches for this life and beyond (V. 4). And while we can’t control what children will choose to do, we can rest in the hope that God will lovingly continue to work in their hearts. Katara Patton

How have you been shown the love of God? How do you reverently love Him?

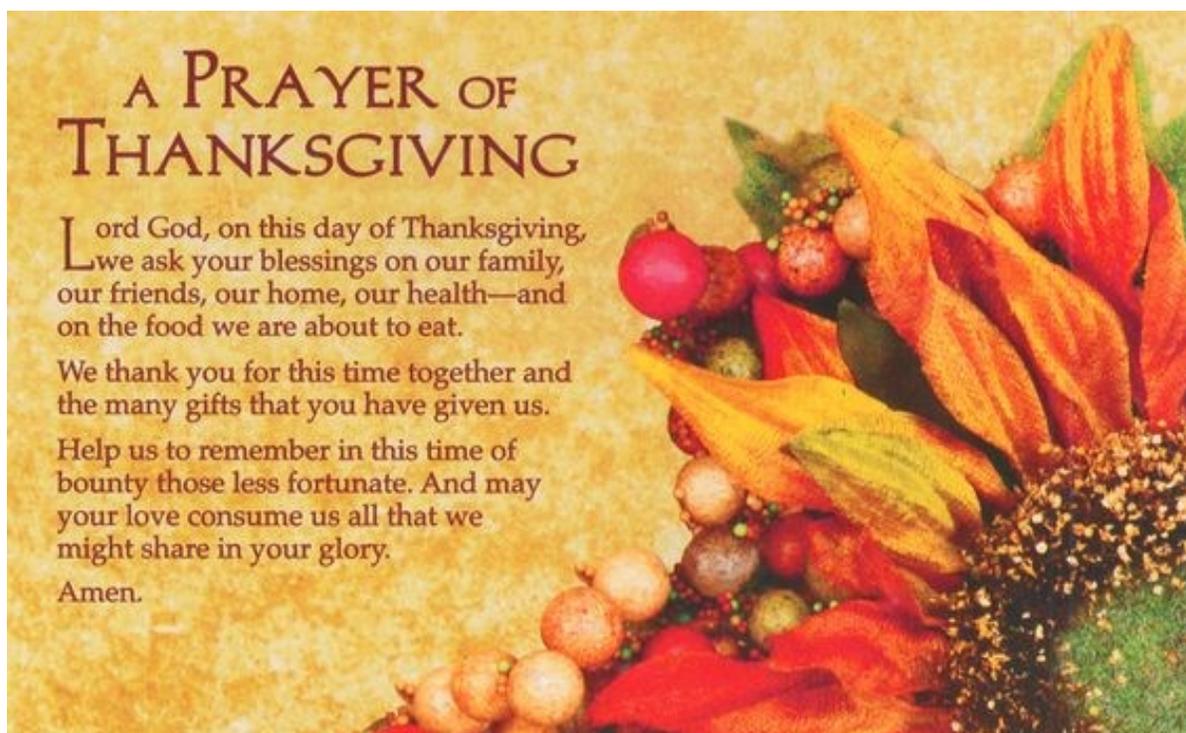
Dear God, please help me to love and disciple other well.
For further study, read God is Love at discoverodb.org

Today’s Scripture: **Proverbs 22:1-6**

- ¹ A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.**
- ² Rich and poor have this in common:
The Lord is the Marker of all.**
- ³ The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.**
- ⁴ Humility is the fear of the Lord;
its wages are riches and honor and life.**
- ⁵ In the paths of the wicked are snares and pitfalls, but those who would preserve their life stay far from them.**
- ⁶ Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they will not turn from it.**

INSIGHT

It’s fascinating that the man who collected or wrote most of the sayings in the book of Proverbs (King Solomon) is also believed to be the writer of Ecclesiastes. The proverbs essentially say, Do this, and get that result. Do wise things and get good results; do foolish things and pay the price. However, Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes, “With much wisdom comes much sorrow” (1:18). Yet in Proverbs he says, “Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding” (4:7). Ecclesiastes shows us the futility of life without God at the center; Proverbs instructs us how and why to live wisely. And so we live by the wisdom of the Proverbs: “A good name is more desirable than great riches” (22:1). And “humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor and life” (V.-4)—a truth that will see its full fruition in the next life. Tim Gustafson



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What is forgiveness of others?

Forgiveness is also an essential part of the life of believers. Ephesians 4:32 commands, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Similarly, Colossians 3:13 says, "Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." The key in both passages is that we are to forgive others as God has forgiven us. Why do we forgive? Because we have been forgiven!

The Bible tells us that we are to forgive those who sin against us. We keep no record of wrongs (1 Corinthians

13:5) but forgive as many times as necessary (Matthew 18:21-22). Refusing to forgive a person demonstrates resentment, bitterness, and anger, none of which are the traits of a growing Christian. Biblically, forgiveness is not just something that the offended person offers; it requires the offender to receive it, bringing reconciliation to the relationship.

God promises that, when we come to Him confessing our sin and asking for forgiveness, He freely grants it for the sake of Christ (1 John 1:9). Likewise, the forgiveness we extend to others should know no limits (Luke 17:3-4).

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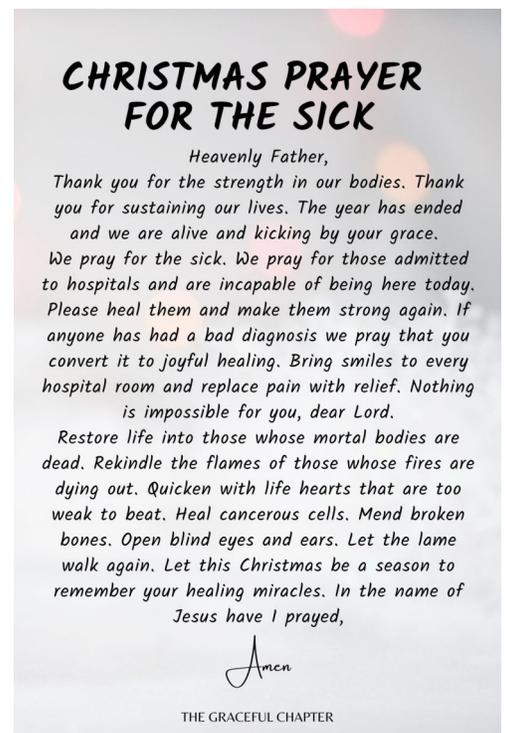
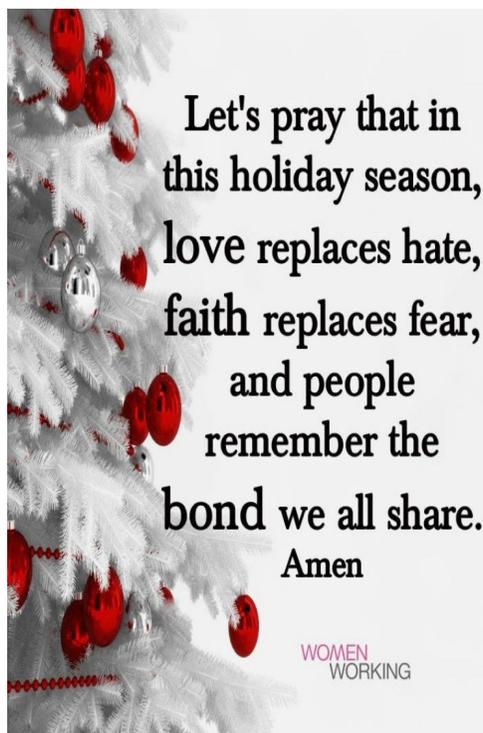
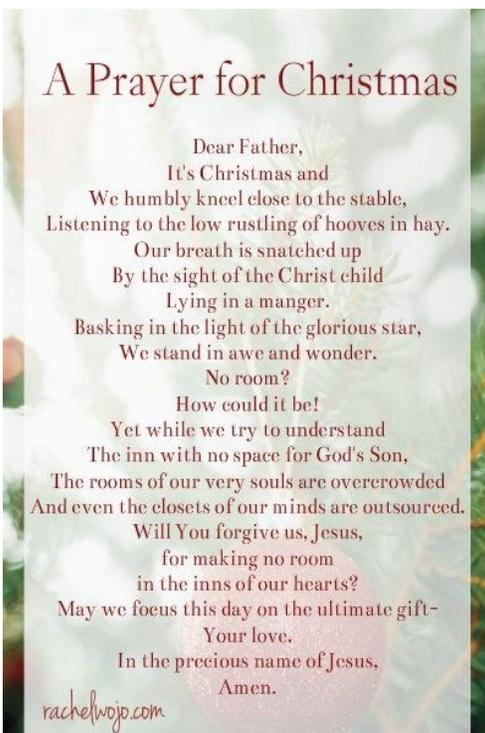
celebrate Christmas with carols and choirs because they are expressive of joy and follow the examples of Mary and Zacharias and Simeon and the angels, all of whom extolled the Lord in poetry (Luke 1-2). We celebrate Christmas by decorating evergreen trees with stars and angels and tinsel because of the eternal life Jesus brings (John 4:14)—and stars and angels and beauty were all associated with Jesus' birth.

In celebrating Christmas we celebrate the love and condescension of God. In Texas in 1987, a toddler by the name of Jessica McClure fell into an eight-inch well casing. Down she went, becoming stuck twenty-two feet below ground. Once people discovered that "Baby Jessica" was in the well, they took immediate action. They didn't tell her to find a way to climb back up, and they didn't just shout happy thoughts to encourage her. No, *they went down to where she was and got her*. They did whatever it took. Rescuers worked nonstop for fifty-eight hours to free her.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve fell. Down they went, dragging all humanity with them into the darkness and death of sin. And what did God do? He did not tell us to find our own way out of the mess we were in, and He did more than shout down happy thoughts to us from heaven. No, *He came down to where we were and got us*. That's what Christmas is all about—God's coming down to rescue us, to do whatever it took to deliver us from sure death.

When even one person is in a life-threatening situation, we understand what has to be done. When God looked down at our sinful planet, He saw a whole world of people in mortal danger. We celebrate Christmas because it was at Christmastime that the Rescuer of all mankind came to save us from the hopeless situation we were in. God did not stay in heaven; He came down to where we are.

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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

1. Realm, (Realm: <https://onrealm.org/TheCross/-/give/> TJXKDEVIXE)
2. Text 73256 (Thecross)
3. PayPal
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

A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.

Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.

We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.

We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.

And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.

Amen

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EVENTS

Grieving the loss of someone close to you?

Find comfort and support at

GRIEF SHARE®

A 13-week grief support group
You can join at any time!

For more information about the program visit griefshare.org

Every Thursday (except Thanksgiving)
September 18th - December 11th 2025
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

@ 440 West Street, Middletown, CT 06457
Phone: (860) 344-9527
Email: griefshare2023csc@gmail.com
Contact us today if you would like to attend.

OCTOBER 5, 2025 @ 10:00 A.M.

We Appreciate You Pastor Sunday

Join us for worship, food, & fellowship as we celebrate the shepherd of this house by showering her with love, appreciation & gifts from the heart!!!

THE MEN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS

Breakfast & A Movie

Saturday, October 11, 2025
9:00 A.M.

CHRIS FABRY
THE FORGE
THE KENDRICK BROTHERS

THE MEN'S MINISTRY IS INVITING ALL THE MEN OF THE CROSS TO JOIN THEM IN FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & A MOVIE!!!!

THE FORGE is a 2024 American Christian drama film that follows 19-year-old Isaiah Wright as he navigates life, faith, and personal responsibility under the mentorship of Joshua Moore, the owner of Moore Fitness.

Keep yourself SAFE

Get your vaccines here

Flu Vaccine available for ages 5 and up
Covid Vaccine for ages 12 and up

You GOT this

Flu and Covid vaccinations
Tuesday, October 14th 2025
&
Wednesday, November 12th 2025
4 pm - 7 pm

Cross Street A.M.E Zion Church
440 West St Middletown Ct 06457

For more info Please contact
(860) 344-9527

STOP & SHOP Pharmacy

OCT 30-31
TWENTY TWENTY FIVE

NORTH EASTERN

EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE

Stamford Marriott Hotel & Spa
243 Tresser Blvd, Stamford, CT
\$149/Night Until October 15th

Register and Reserve Your Room Using The QR Code Above

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Bishop George D. Crenshaw, *Presiding Pastor* Mrs. Laurena H. Crenshaw, *Missiary Supervisor*

CROSS STREET A.M.E ZION CHURCH

THE PLUG

STAY CONNECTED, STAY CHARGED, STAY ROOTED.

A YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY WHERE FAITH MEETS REAL LIFE.

COMING SOON!

- CONNECT WITH CHRIST AND EACH OTHER
- RECHARGE SPIRITUALLY AND MENTALLY
- THRIVE IN PURPOSE, COMMUNITY, AND REAL LIFE

Scripture Anchor. "I am the vine, you are the branches..." — John 15:5

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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

cross street ame zion church
Celebrating 200 Years of Service

UNCF K-12 EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP

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

ZNEF

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.

- Attend any accredited college!
- Submit your bill each semester!
- Focus on your studies!

Visit Our Website www.znef.org **APPLY NOW**

1802 Vernon St. NW Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20009

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2025

Wednesday, October 1 @ 7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study via Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 848 5162 1015 **Passcode:** 266443

Thursday, October 2 @ 6:00 p.m.

Grief Share

Every Thursday until December 11th

See Page 8 for more details.

Saturday, October 4 @ 10:00 a.m.

Marriage Enrichment Ministry

Sunday, October 5 @ 10:00 a.m.

We Appreciate You Pastor Sunday

Food & Fellowship will follow service!

Monday, October 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

1st Monday Prayer Meeting

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

Access Code: 204730#

Wednesday, October 8 @ 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.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

here at The Cross in the Fellowship Hall.

We invite all of our Seniors to come out for some good food, fun, and fellowship!!

Saturday, October 11 @ 12:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast & a Movie

here at The Cross in the Fellowship Hall.

The Men's Ministry is inviting all the MEN of The Cross to join them in food, fellowship, & a movie!!!!

Sunday, October 12

Women's Ministry Meeting

following morning worship

Tuesday, October 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME

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

Meeting ID: 562 367 770 **Passcode:** 596307

Sunday, October 27th @ 3:00 p.m.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Thursday-Saturday

October 30th - November 1st

NORTH EASTERN EPISCOPAL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

@ STAMFORD MARRITOTT HOTEL & SPA, STAMFORD, CT

See Page 8 for more details.

November 2025

Sunday, November 16th @ 10:00 a.m.

Family & Friends Day

Guest Preacher: Bishop George Crenshaw

Presiding Prelate of the North Eastern Episcopal District

Saturday, November 22nd

Women's Ministry Holiday Bazaar & Craft Fair

December 2025

Tuesday, December 2nd @ 6:00 p.m.

NEED 2ND CHECK-UP MEETING

Hosted: VIRTUALLY

Saturday, December 6th

Lay Council Annual Awards Banquet

HOST: CROSS STREET A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

MIDDLETOWN, CT

Saturday, December 13th @10:00 a.m.

3rd Missionary Mass Meeting & Bud's Round-Up

HOST CHURCH:

SPOTTSWOOD AME ZION CHURCH, NEW BRITAIN, CT

Sunday, December 21st

Mother Annie Hunter Christmas Dinner

FOR MORE INFORMATION VIST CROSSSTREETAMEZION.ORG

The Cross Street Newsletter is published Quarterly (January, April, July, October). It can be found on our website: crossstreetamezion.org and in the front lobby of the church.

If you would like a PDF copy sent to you, email your request to: ken462012@gmail.com.

If you have an article or information (word count 1000 - 1500 or less) for current and future publications, the deadline is the first of February, May, August, and November.



**CROSS STREET A.M.E.
ZION CHURCH**
Organized in 1823

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Middletown, CT 06457
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Fax: 860-344-1740

crossstreetchurch@snet.net
www.crossstreetamezion.org

Worship Service — 10:00 a. m.
Sunday School 9:00 — 09:45 a.m.

Rev. Robyn M. Anderson
revrmanderson@gmail.com

The Rev. Dr. Moses L. Harvill,
Presiding Elder

Mrs. Laurenna Crenshaw
Missionary Supervisor

**The Right Reverend
George Crenshaw**
Presiding Prelate

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Rev. William D. Wilson
Rev. Ella Frances Perry
Rev. Karen Nesmith
Rev. James Battle
Rev. Myrtle Turner
Rev. Gregory Winborne
Rev. Joyce Johnson
Rev. Earlene Grants
Sister Felicia Freeman

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