

# THE CROSS NEWSLETTER

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

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**HAPPY EASTER**

April-June 2025

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## "What is the meaning of Easter?"

Easter is the annual celebration of Christ's resurrection to life after His crucifixion and death. The day is also called Resurrection Sunday. The word *Easter* is related to the word *east*, which naturally points us to the sunrise, to new days and new beginnings.

For some, Easter is bereft of all but the secular meaning. For them, Easter is a time to dye eggs, hide them, and send children in search of them. It's a time to recite the myth of the Easter bunny and allude to his continuing escapades. It's a time of giving candy, taking pictures, eating Peeps, and feasting around the family table. It's a day to mark the start of spring and celebrate the rejuvenation of nature and the greening of the grass. Such observances of Easter, if they go no further than this, are a faint and feeble shadow of the real meaning of Easter; they are as empty as a plastic egg, as hollow as a chocolate Easter bunny.

Easter is a Christian holiday, and Christian celebrations focus on the true meaning of Easter: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Two thousand years ago, a man died on a cross, was buried, and three days later rose to life again. This fact—that a dead man came to life again and lives evermore—is why we celebrate Easter. The meaning of Easter is that the Son of God paid the price for our sins and rose again to reconcile us to God (see Romans 4:25).

Easter means that our greatest enemy, death, has been conquered. Easter means that our sins are forgiven and we are made right with God. Easter means that Christ is truly the King and Victor, seated "far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked" (Ephesians 1:21). The meaning of Easter is that Jesus is the Lord of new beginnings, new days, and new lives.

Easter means that the incomprehensibly great power of God was on full display at the Garden Tomb where Christ lay. That same great power that raised Christ from the dead now works in us who believe (Ephesians 1:19). The meaning of Easter is that God can move mountains, split seas, restore life, and roll the stone away.

Easter means the poor in spirit will possess the kingdom of heaven, the mourners will be comforted, the meek will inherit the earth, the seekers of righteousness will be filled, the merciful will find mercy, and the pure in heart will see God (see Matthew 5:3-8). The meaning of Easter is that the promises of God come true in Christ.

Easter means that we can proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, and recovery of sight for the blind. We can set the oppressed free and announce the year of the Lord's favor (see Luke 4:18-19). The meaning of Easter is that the gospel—God's Emancipation Proclamation—is to be heralded far and wide. Good news is meant to share.

Easter means that love is stronger than death. Love "burns like a blazing fire, like a mighty flame. Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away" (Song of Solomon 8:6-7). It was for love that God gave His only Son (John 3:16); it was for love that Christ died on the cross (John 15:13). It is for love that the risen Lord intercedes for His children (Romans 8:34). Easter is fraught with love.

Easter means there is hope for us, after all. As Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19).

[www.GotQuestions.org](http://www.GotQuestions.org)



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings In the Name of Our Lord and Risen Savior Jesus Who is the Christ!!!

Praise God Cross Street AME Zion Church Family!!!

Hallelujah! He is risen! On this blessed Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ—the foundation of our faith and the promise of new life. As we reflect on His sacrifice and victory over the grave, let us also turn our hearts toward the calling God has placed on each of our lives.

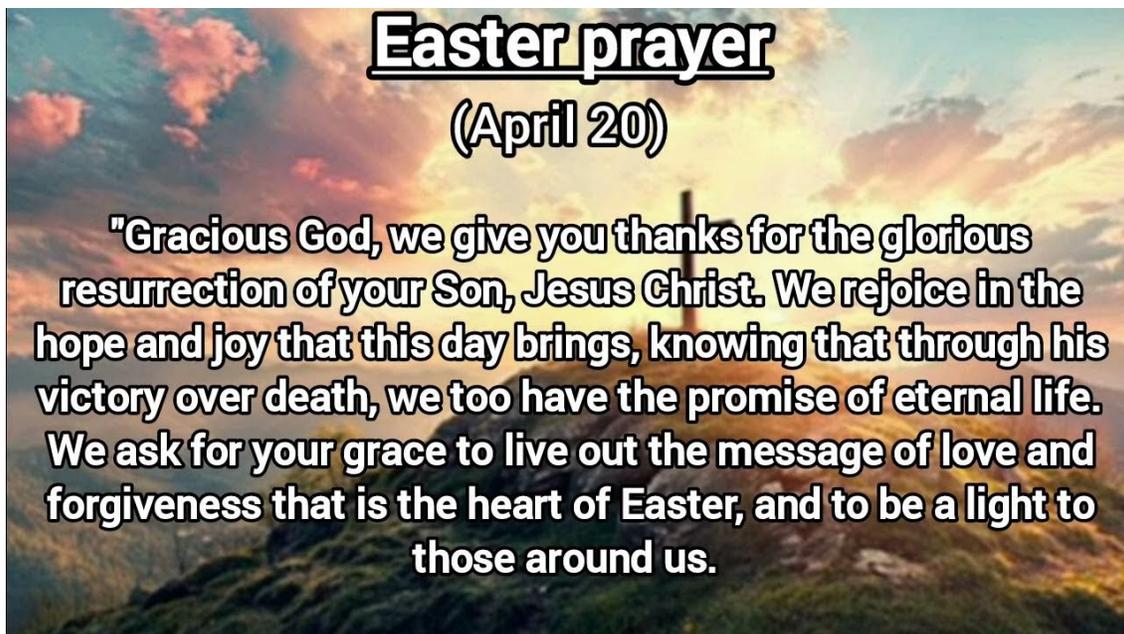
Easter is not only a moment of rejoicing but a divine invitation to step boldly into the next chapter of our spiritual journey. Just as Christ rose and ascended to fulfill His purpose, we too are called to rise—to level up spiritually and embrace the extraordinary plans He has prepared for us.

This season of renewal is a chance for us to leave behind what holds us back and press into the fullness of His grace, power, and love.

Through prayer, faith, and action, let us commit to deepening our relationship with Him, growing in our service, and shining His light in our families, community, and beyond.

As we step forward into God's next, may the truth of Easter fuel our hope, courage, and joy. Together, let us proclaim the victory of our risen Lord and walk in the abundant life He has promised.

With Resurrection Joy and Love,  
Pastor Robyn Anderson



## VISION 2025: 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).

### THE BEST EVIDENCE

#### ***God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Acts 2:32***

Lee didn't believe in God, and he didn't believe in the resurrection of Jesus. But Lee was a journalist with an analytical mind. When his wife believed in Jesus, he decided to study her new faith for himself. After two years of research, he gave in—to God, to the resurrection, to faith in Christ.

The change in him was noticeable. After a few months, his five-year-old daughter said to his wife, “Mommy, I want God to do for me what he's done for Daddy.” and the daughter of Lee Strobel put her faith in Jesus too.

Many people refuse to believe in the resurrection. But reputable eyewitnesses saw the risen Jesus. One of those eyewitnesses, the disciple Peter, told a large crowd that King David was certainly dead and buried (Acts 2:29). Then Peter pointed to a prophecy David had made. “[David] spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah,” he said (V. 31). Peter concluded, “God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it” (V. 32).

The best evidence for the resurrection is the changed lives of the eyewitnesses, including Peter. At the crucifixion, the disciples had gone into hiding. Peter actually denied Christ (John 18:15-17, 25-27). Once they saw Jesus alive, everything changed. Filled with courage, they began to share the truth of the one great hope of the world—the risen Christ. Tim Gustafson

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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](http://www.crossstreetamezion.org)

CROSS STREET AME ZION CHURCH PRESENTS

### **Lancaster Show Trip & The Dutch Country**

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE [CROSSSTREETAMEZION.ORG](http://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](http://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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday School Church</b> 9:00 a.m. — 09:45 a.m. ALL CLASSES ARE IN PERSON</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adults</b> Sister Sylvia Pina / Brother Ken Simmons</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Children</b> Ms. Carolyn Smith / Rev. Grant.</p> <p>Any questions call: 860-490-3199 Gloria Malloy, Church School Superintendent.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Service</b> 10:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://zoom.us/j/959628798">https://zoom.us/j/959628798</a> Meeting ID: 959 628 798 (929) 205-6099, Code: 959628798#</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Facebook</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tell your family and friends from across the Country. We can be watched worldwide.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday — Friday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Daily Prayer</b> @6:00 am Dail-in Phone#: (978) 990-5105 Access Code: 204730#</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bible Study</b> Time: 7:00 p.m. Dail-in Phone#: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 562 367 770 Passcode: 596307</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prayer Meeting</b> 06:00 p.m. Dial-in Phones#: (978)990-5105 Access Code: 204730#</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Women’s Bible Study</b> Dail-in Phone#: (929) 205-6099 Meeting ID: 848 5162 1015 Passcode: 266443</p>
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### What do you believe about the resurrection of Jesus? How does that belief affect your life?

Father, I’m so grateful for the reality of Jesus’ resurrection that changes my life and gives me real hope.

For further study, read *Hunting for Resurrection Hope* at [DiscoverODB.org](http://DiscoverODB.org)

### TODAY’S SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:29-36

29 Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

36 Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.

### INSIGHT

In Acts 2:34-35, Peter quotes Psalm 110:1 in his Pentecost message: “The Lord said to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’” James Montgomery Boice, in his commentary *Psalms, Volume 3*, notes that this verse “is quoted directly or alluded to indirectly at least twenty-seven times,” making it the most quoted Old Testament verse in the New Testament. Peter was likely in the audience when Jesus quoted this psalm in Matthew 22:44 as He challenged the Pharisees’ understanding of the Messiah. While Christ was the son of David and therefore human, He was also David’s—He was Himself divine. Convinced of Jesus’ resurrection and exaltation to the Father’s right hand, Peter proclaimed that Christ is “both Lord and Messiah” (Act 2:36). Such is the message that believers in Jesus proclaim on Easter and every day. Arthur Jackson

EVENTS

*Mark Your Calendar*



*You're Invited*

## Etiquette Class

**DATE & TIME:**  
**Saturday, April 26, 2025**  
 Etiquette Class at 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 10, 2025**  
 Mom, Me, & Tea: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:**  
 Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church  
 440 West Street, Middletown, CT 06457

**COST:**  
 \$ 25 to attend both events

*Mom, Me, & Tea*  
 More details to come!

**Terri Bryant**  
 Certified Etiquette Consultant  
 The Swann School of Protocol





**Our Blood Saves Lives. Donate Today.**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Cross Street AME Zion Church**  
 440 West St, Middletown – Fellowship Hall



Scan to sign up

**Thursday, May 1st**  
**1:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

For an appointment, please contact:  
**1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**  
 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) – code **CROSSAME**

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1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org/OutBlood #Thank4BloodCell1 | #RedCrossBloodDrive

**SATURDAY'S IOAM - 12PM**

Reading  
*"Five Essentials for Intimacy"*

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

**cross street ame zion church**  
 Celebrating 200 Years of Service

**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**

**HAMPTON UNIVERSITY**

## YOUNG DIPLOMATS SUMMER PROGRAM

**WE BRING THE WORLD TO YOU SUNDAY, JUNE 22 TO SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025**

**ENROLLMENT OPENS MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025**

The Residential Experience

The Hampton University Young Diplomats Summer Program (YDP) provides a stimulating and enriching residential experience for high school (rising 10th - 12th grade) students from around the country on our beautiful campus. This year's exciting curriculum explores approaches to Leadership, Global Affairs, Media & Culture, Topics in African Culture, SAT Preparation and College Writing. Participants will learn through global communication how the United States and Africa respond to humanitarian issues. This learning experience will be fortified by a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit sites such as the U.S. State Department, African American Museum, MLK monument, and Potomac Mills Shopping Mall.

**EARLY ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: FRIDAY MARCH 21, 2025**

The \$1,500 early enrollment fee must be paid in full by March 21, 2025 by 11:59pm EST. If not paid in full, the enrollment fee increases to \$1,700.

**ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025**

**\*\* ALL FEES PAID ARE NON-REFUNDABLE \*\***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
 Director of Program  
 Director: Ms. Patra Johnson  
 Hampton University / Student Success Center (Hampton, VA, 23668)  
 Phone: (757) 727-9913 Email: [studentuccess@hampton.edu](mailto:studentuccess@hampton.edu)

**Program Activities**  
 Program topics and activities are subject to change. Activities are on a first come, first served basis.

**Curriculum**

- African Culture and Language
- Leadership
- Topics in African Culture
- Global Affairs
- Media & Culture
- SAT Preparation
- College Writing

**Cultural Enrichment Workshops**

- Elementary Swahili
- The Art of Debate
- Dining and Social Etiquette

**Recreation**

- Horserack Riding (Daily)
- Sailing (Daily)
- Tennis (Daily)
- Soccer (Daily)
- Bowling (Daily)
- Golf (Daily)
- Yoga (Daily)
- Microsoft (Daily)

**@HBCUALUM**

## HBCU Bound Scholarship 2025

**Deadline April 1, 2025**



**Requirements**

- ✓ Graduating High School Senior
- ✓ Plan to enroll at an HBCU in Fall of 2025
- ✓ Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ✓ Submit an essay on the "Importance of HBCU's in the 21st Century" (500 word min)

**The @HBCUALUM Scholarship Committee will award multiple book scholarships valued at \$1,000.00 USD to HBCU-Bound Graduating H.S. Seniors**

**APPLY: THEHBCUALUM.COM**

**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](mailto: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.

**Avia 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](http://www.znef.org) **APPLY NOW**

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL

Monday, April 7 @ 7:00 p.m.  
**1 MONDAY PRAYER MEETING**  
Dial-In Phone#: (978) 990-5105  
Access Code: 204730#

Tuesday, April 8 @ 7:00 p.m.  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
(Every Tuesday)  
Dial-In Phone#: (929) 205-6099  
Meeting ID: 562 367 770  
Passcode: 596307

Wednesday, April 9 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**STEWARDS & TRUSTEE BOARDS**  
Monthly Zoom Meeting  
Dial-In Phone# (929) 205-6099  
Meeting ID: 912 137 200  
Passcode: 633219

Thursday, April 10 @ 12:00 pm  
**SENIOR LUNCHEON**  
Hereat The Cross in the Fellowship Hall.  
We invite all of our Seniors to come out for  
some good food, fun, fellowship!!

Friday, April 11 @ 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.  
**AI TRAINING**  
See page 6 for more information

Saturday, April 12 @ 11:00 a.m.  
**MISSIONARY MEETING**

Sunday, April 13 @ 10:00 a. m  
**PALM SUNDAY**

### MAY

Thursday, May 1 @ 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.  
American Red Cross  
**BLOOD DRIVE**

Saturday, May 3  
**ZUMBA FUNDRAISER**

Monday, May 5 @7:00 p.m.  
**1 MONDAY PRAYER MEETING**  
Dial-In Phone#: (978) 990-5105  
Access Code: 204730#

Tuesday, May 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 7:00 p.m.  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
(Every Tuesday)  
Dial-In Phone#: (929) 205-6099  
Meeting ID: 562 367 770  
Passcode: 596307

Wednesday, May 7 @ 7:00 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY via ZOOM**  
Dial-In Phone# (929) 205-6099  
Meeting ID: 848 5162 1015  
Passcode: 266443

Saturday, May 3 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY**  
Meeting every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the  
month in Pastor's Study

Saturday, May 10 @ 11:00 a.m.  
**MISSIONARY MEETING**

Saturday, May 10 @ 2:00 p.m.  
**MOM, ME, & TEA**  
(High Tea Event)

Wednesday, May 14 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**STEWARDS & TRUSTEE BOARDS**  
Monthly Zoom Meeting  
Dial-In Phone# (929) 205-6099  
Meeting ID: 912 137 200  
Passcode: 633219

Friday, May 16 @6:00 p.m.  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Saturday, May 17 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY**  
Meeting every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the  
month in Pastor's Study

Sunday, May 18 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**WOMEN'S DAY**

Tuesday, May 20  
**PASTOR'S BIRTHDAY**

Friday, May 23 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Saturday, May 31 @ 11:00 a.m.  
**WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING**

### JUNE

Monday, May 5 @7:00 p.m.  
**1 MONDAY PRAYER MEETING**  
Dial-In Phone#: (978) 990-5105  
Access Code: 204730#

Tuesday, June 3, 10, 17, 24, @ 7:00 p.m.  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
(Every Tuesday)  
Dial-In Phone#: (929) 205-6099  
Meeting ID: 562 367 770  
Passcode: 596307

Wednesday, June 4 @ 7:00 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY via ZOOM**  
Dial-In Phone#: (929) 205-6099  
Meeting ID: 848 5162 1015  
Passcode: 266443

Saturday, June 7 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY**  
Meeting every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the  
month in Pastor's Study

Wednesday, June 11 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**STEWARDS & TRUSTEE BOARDS**  
Monthly Zoom Meeting  
Dial-In Phone# (929) 205-6099  
Meeting ID: 912 137 200  
Passcode: 633219

Friday, June 13 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Saturday, June 14 @ 11:00 a.m.  
**MISSIONARY MEETING**

Friday, June 20 @ 6:00 p.m.  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Saturday, June 21 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRY**  
Meeting every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the  
month in Pastor's Study

Sunday, June 29 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**GRADUATION CONVOCATION**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VIST CROSSSTREETAMEZION.ORG**

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



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ZION CHURCH**  
Organized in 1823

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

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Presiding Elder

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Missionary Supervisor

**The Right Reverend  
George Crenshaw**  
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Rev. James Battle  
Rev. Myrtle Turner  
Rev. Gregory Winborne  
Rev. Joyce Johnson  
Rev. Earlene Grants  
Sister Felicia Freeman

**Vision: Level-Up**

**WE ARE TRANSITIONING TO 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**