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Cross Street A.M.E Zion Church



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

"Making the Impossible Possible"

For with **God** nothing shall be
Impossible
Luke 1:37

Expecting Greater in 2016 !

Pastor & First Lady Appreciation Weekend

Friday, May 20th 7:00 pm
Ministers and Ministries Night

Sunday, May 22nd 10:00 am
Special Guest, Rev. Otis Harvill,
Pastor of Doers of the Word, Detroit, MI



Monday, June 6 - Sunday, June 12
New England Annual Conference,
Worcester, MA

June 26th
WOMEN'S Day
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CROSS STREET AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH



The Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church was founded by Reverend James Anderson in 1823. It is part of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion denomination that was established in 1796 in New York under the direction of James Varick, in first Bishop, The Reverend Jehiel Beaman, the son of a former slave from Colchester, became the first Pastor of A.M.E. Zion Church. An avid abolitionist,

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Happy Mother Day
May 8th

Happy Father Day
June 19th

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

THE A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was founded in 1796 by James Varick, He later became the first bishop. There were incidents of race and color discrimination, including segregation at the Communion Table and Water Baptism in the John Street Methodist Church in New York There was a strong

desire to worship as free men and as children of God, therefore, James Varick and with other members on leaving John Street were organized as the A. M. E, Zion Church.

AFRICAN defines the racial identity of the great majority of members of the

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April 29, 2016

Dear Church Family,

Thank you Cross Street Church Family for another exceptional day in the Lord. Let's give a shout-out to Anita Dempsey- White, Zumba circle of friends, church family, and our community partners for making the Women's Health Conference 2016 an overwhelming success. We were honored with the presences of Ernestine Shepherd who is 79 years young and the oldest female competitive body builder in the world. She inspired us all.

We are living out our theme for the year "Making the Impossible possible." We give thanks to our sponsors and vendors for helping to make this day a great success. The best is yet to come! Luke 18:27 Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God." Let's continue to work together as a Team. Together each accomplishes more. The sky is the limit to what we can have when we truly believe that God is able to make the impossible possible. Join us in prayer that the Lord will enlarge our territory for Women's Health Conference 2017.

I am honored to serve such a loving, caring, spirit-filled community of faith. I pray to see you and yours in service in May and June. Please invite your family and friends to attend our worship experiences. It's getting better. Hallelujah!

Much love to all.

Prayerfully Yours.....

Partners in the Faith,
Pastor Harvill

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

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: JOY

JOY is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It has its beginnings in God and is produced by Faith. It is based on the reality of God and His promises. **JOY** is not to be confused with happiness which is dependent upon favorable circumstances to sustain it.

The source of **JOY** must be the Lord. We are to share in the **JOY** of Christ by a daily walk with Him and a daily practice of rejoicing in the knowledge of Him and His salvation. Unlike worldly happiness, **JOY** often comes after great affliction and sufferings. **JOY** is the feeling Jesus had when he suffered for mankind.

look for **JOY** in -

- persons who in the midst of difficulty have a cheerful, peaceful spirit.
- persons who are "happy in the Lord"
- persons who get excited when they talk about the things of God
- persons who are looking forward to being with the Lord and sharing eternal **JOY**
- persons who love sharing the Gospel and enthusiastic about the salvation of souls
- persons who demonstrate **JOY** in their singing, praying, testimony, preaching, teaching, with musical instruments, praise and in their daily walk.

Read: Nehemiah 8:1; Psalm 16:11; Psalm 35:9; Psalm 66:1,2; Isaiah 29:19; 16:24, I Peter 1:3-8.

Remember to look for and acknowledge the signs of **JOY** within yourself.

WARNING

Watch for the enemy of **JOY** - worldly sorrow which, if allowed, will try to destroy your **JOY**.

Additional Scriptures:

Isaiah 12:1-6, Acts 2:28, Romans 14:17, Romans 15:13, Jude 1:24,25, Hebrews 1:9, Hebrews 12:2, 2 Corinthians 8:1-4

God's Provision Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

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



The Needs of Your Family

Key Scripture: *"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"* (Josh. 24:15).

Key Thought: "A happy family is but an earlier heaven" (Sir John Bowring).

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you are the one who sets the solitary into families,] and you have promised to be a Father to the fatherless.² I pray for my family, Lord, that you would ever watch over our comings and goings, and that underneath us we would always find your everlasting arms.³

Bless our family, Lord, and keep us safe from all harm.⁴ Plant your hedge of protection around us, and let us always dwell in safety Thank you for blessing our family with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.?

Help me to remember that our home will be built through wisdom, and by understanding it will be established.⁸ By knowledge shall all the chambers of our home be filled with precious and pleasant riches.⁹ Thank you, Father.

Your Word, O Lord, declares that the home of the righteous shall be filled with much treasure.¹⁰ In times of wickedness, you have promised that the house of the righteous will stand." Thank you, Father. I believe this promise, and I appropriate it for my home and family.

Because I believe on your Son, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I know that you have saved me, and I claim your promise that you will save my household as well.¹² Thank you, Father, for all your abundant blessings in my life and the lives of my family.

References: (1) Psalms 68:6; (2) Psalms 68:5; (3) Deuteronomy 33:27; (4) Proverbs 29:25; (5) Job 1:10; (6) Psalms 4:8; (7) Ephesians 1:3; (8) Proverbs 24:3-4; (9) Proverbs 24:4; (10) Proverbs 15:6; (11) Proverbs 12:7; (12) Acts 16:31.

Taken from Bible Prayers for all your needs by Victory House

Giving God First Place

Key Scripture: *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty"* (Rev. 1:8).

Key Thought: You belong to God.

Prayer: Dear God, I realize I am not my own. I have been bought with a price - the price of the precious blood of Jesus.¹ I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless, I live; yet it is not I, but it is Christ who lives within me. The life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.² I embrace your Word which tells me that I am dead to sin, and my life is hid with Christ in God.³

Because of your great love, I am risen with Christ, and I will seek those things which are above, where Christ sits at your right hand.⁴ Father-God, I commit myself to giving you first place in my life at all times. I will seek first your kingdom, and your righteousness, and I thank you for taking care of me.⁵

Your Word declares that my heart will be found where my treasure is. Lord, I want you to be my treasure.⁶ You are the one God, the Father of all, and you are my Father. You are above all and through all, and in all believers.⁷ Help me, Father, to keep you first in my life, and to keep all the priorities of my life in line with yours.

Father, I am so honored to be your child, and I appreciate the presence of your Holy Spirit both with me and within me.⁸ Lord, it thrills me to know that you have first place in my life in the here-and-now, and I rejoice to know that this will continue throughout all eternity, and we will be together forever.⁹

You are my love, you are my life, you are my breath, you are my all in all.

References: (1) 1 Corinthians 6:20; (2) Galatians 2:20; (3) Colossians 3:3; (4) Colossians 3:1; (5) Matthew 6:33; (6) Matthew 6:21; (7) Ephesians 4:6; (8) John 14:17; (9) Revelation 19:6.



Sunday School is a Family Affair

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

Come Grow with US!

Gratitude is the best Attitude Saying Thanks

Devotional Reading: Colossians 3:12-17
Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19

KEY VERSE: Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.
Luke 17:15.

CENTRAL THOUGHT: gratitude -
Another Level of Faith

LESSON OBJECTIVE: To teach the value of gratitude as a part of faith development.

11) On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12) As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13) they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14) When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15) Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16) He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17) Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18) Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Lesson Introduction

Showing gratitude is a valuable part of our Christian nurturing and faith training. Teaching the young to say "Thank you" is more than a social grace; it is proper and expected behavior. It is the right thing to do. If it were not, Jesus would not have made an issue of the nine lepers who failed to display that anticipated courtesy and a norm of Christian behavior. Jesus would have simply said "Thank you" to the one who said "Thank you" to Him, and the matter would have been over.

However, it didn't happen that way. In today's lesson, we will discover how it did happen and why it happened as it did.

Lesson Outline

- I. The Call "to" Jesus: Luke 17:11-13.
- II. The Response "of" Jesus and the Samaritan: Vv. 14-16.
- III. A Final Response: "from" Jesus: Vv. 17-19.

Lesson Comments

I. The Call "to" Jesus: Luke 17:11-13.
Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, passing through a village so small and insignificant that the name isn't even recorded. But, what happened there is biblical history. Luke 17:12-13 offers several observations. Ten lepers approached Jesus as He entered the village. One should note that the ten kept their distance while calling out to Jesus saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

Other observations are also

noteworthy. First, the lepers kept their distance. They were not interested in spreading their misery as some are. They would not seek comfort or any relief in the suffering of others. The ten knew Jesus, for they called Jesus by name and title- "Jesus, Master." They also knew what they wanted and needed-mercy. In their plea, they were not selfish. Their words were, "Have mercy on us!" Nothing could help them but the mercy and grace of God. So this was their call "to" Jesus.

II. The Response "of" Jesus and the Samaritan: Vv. 14-16.

The response of Jesus was verbal. He saw them and said to them, "Go." They were directed to show themselves to the priest. But the operative word was "Go!" It was in the going that obedience, faith and trust were first manifested: "And as they went, they were made clean."

The obedience was in the going. The positioning of themselves to receive what God had for them was in the going. The cleaning was in the going. The discovery of the healing was in the going. In the going, one leper said that he was healed and he turned back. He had a God to praise and a Lord and Master to glorify. He had to prostrate himself at the feet of Jesus. He had to thank Him. He was only one, and was a Samaritan. However, he understood that to be grateful and to show it was a part of his faith.

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

THE ARMOR OF GOD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Read the BIBLE in ONE Year

MAY

- 1 2 Chronicles 26-29
- 2 2 Chronicles 30-32
- 3 2 Chronicles 33-36
- 4 Ezra 1-4
- 5 Ezra 5-7
- 6 Ezra 8-10
- 7 Nehemiah 1-3

- 8 Nehemiah 4-6
- 9 Nehemiah 7-9
- 10 Nehemiah 10-13
- 11 Esther 1-3
- 12 Esther 4-7
- 13 Esther 8-10
- 14 Job 1-4
- 15 Job 5-7

- 16 Job 8-10
- 17 Job 11-13
- 18 Job 14-17
- 19 Job 18-20
- 20 Job 21-24
- 21 Job 25-27
- 22 Job 28-31
- 23 Job 32-34

- 24 Job 35-37
- 25 Job 38-42
- 26 Psalms 1-4
- 27 Psalms 5-8
- 28 Psalms 9-12
- 29 Psalms 13-15
- 30 Psalms 16-18
- 31 Psalms 19-21

JUNE

- 1. Psalms 22-24
- 2. Psalms 25-27
- 3. Psalms 28-30
- 4. Psalms 31-33
- 5. Psalms 34-36
- 6. Psalms 37-39
- 7. Psalms 40-42

- 8. Psalms 43-45
- 9. Psalms 46-48
- 10. Psalms 49-51
- 11. Psalms 52-54
- 12. Psalms 55-57
- 13. Psalms 58-60
- 14. Psalms 61-63
- 15. Psalms 64-66

- 16. Psalms 67-69
- 17. Psalms 70-72
- 18. Psalms 73-75
- 19. Psalms 76-78
- 20. Psalms 79-81
- 21. Psalms 82-84
- 22. Psalms 85-87
- 23. Psalms 88-90

- 24. Psalms 91-93
- 25. Psalms 94-96
- 26. Psalms 97-99
- 27. Psalms 100-102
- 28. Psalms 103-105
- 29. Psalms 106-108
- 30. Psalms 109-111

July

- 1. Psalms 112-114
- 2. Psalms 115-118
- 3. Psalms 119
- 4. Psalms 120-123
- 5. Psalms 124-128
- 6. Psalms 129-132
- 7. Psalms 133-136

- 8. Psalms 137-139
- 9. Psalms 140-144
- 10. Psalms 145-147
- 11. Psalms 148-150
- 12. Proverbs 1-3
- 13. Proverbs 4-7
- 14. Proverbs 8-11
- 15. Proverbs 12-14

- 16. Proverbs 15-18
- 17. Proverbs 19-21
- 18. Proverbs 22-24
- 19. Proverbs 25-28
- 20. Proverbs 29-31
- 21. Ecclesiastes 1-3
- 22. Ecclesiastes 4-6
- 23. Ecclesiastes 7-9

- 24. Ecclesiastes 10-12
- 25. Song 1-4
- 26. Song 5-8
- 27. Isaiah 1-3
- 28. Isaiah 4-6
- 29. Isaiah 7-9
- 30. Isaiah 10-12
- 31. Isaiah 13-15

Pentecost

Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church and reveals the descent or outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the believers in the upper room. (see Acts 2:1-4) The day of Pentecost also occurs fifty days after the Passover

The Season After Pentecost

The Season After Pentecost is sometimes referred to as Whitsuntide or Trinity season. This period has also been divided by some denominations into The Season After

Pentecost and Kingdومتide. When the period is divided, The Season After Pentecost covers 10-14 Sundays, and Kingdومتide covers 13-14 Sundays.

Color: Red is the liturgical color for the Season After Pentecost. Red is symbolic of loyalty, power, witness, Christian zeal, blood, fire, the work and ministry of the church, and the Holy Spirit.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
JEHOVAH - ROHI	The Lord is My Shepherd	The Lord protects, provides, directs, leads, and cares for His people. God tenderly takes care of us as a strong and patient shepherd.
JEHOVAH –SABAOTH	The Lord of Hosts The Lord of Armies	The Lord of the hosts of heaven will always fulfill His purposes, even when the hosts of His earthly people fail.
JEHOVAH –SHALOM	The Lord is Peace	God defeats our enemies to bring us peace. Jesus is our Prince of Peace. God brings inner peace and harmony.
JEHOVAH –SHAMMAH	The Lord is There The Lord My Companion	God’s presence is not limited or contained in the Tabernacle or Temple, but is accessible to all who love and obey Him.

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church and also establishes that the church is to be controlled by the descendants of Africa. Membership, however, is open to anyone, without regards to color, race, or creed. METHODIST provides the doctrinal base for the church. The early fathers did not have any problems with "Methodism", they had problems with persons who misapplied the teachings of "Methodism". EPISCOPAL establishes the method by which the church should be governed. ZION, the name most used in the Bible to describe the Church of God, is used to distinguish this church from other churches that came into existence during that same period of time.

The A.M.E. Zion Church is called the "Freedom Church" and has had among its members such leaders as Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass. The A. M. E. Zion Church was also instrumental in the establishment of the Prince Hall Masons in America.

JOHN WESLEY 1703 — 1791



Millions of Methodists around the world celebrate the anniversary of John Wesley's "heart-warming" experience on Wednesday, May 24, 1738. This experience led to the organization of the Methodist Movement in England. Aldersgate Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday nearest May 24th. This is the date on which John Wesley was converted. On that Wednesday night, he found his way to a society prayer meeting on Aldersgate Street. Martin Luther's preface to the Epistle of the Romans was read which described the change God can make in one's heart through faith in Jesus Christ. Wesley records in his journal that he felt strangely warmed at about 8:45p.m. This was the turning point in his life where he was empowered by God to be very effective in a ministry, which touched thousands of lives and gave birth to the Methodist Movement.

Bits and pieces of information of interest to you- John Wesley never intended to form a church separate from the Anglican Church. The separation occurred as a result of his personally ordaining preachers destined for America after the Revolutionary War. When John Wesley had his "heart strangely warmed" on May 24, 1738, he was already ordained as a minister of the Anglican Church!

During his ministry, John Wesley rode over 150,000 miles on horseback, a distance equal to ten circuits of the globe along the equator. He preached over 40,000 sermons! John Wesley preached in the open air to audiences estimated in the tens of thousands after Anglican pulpits were closed to him. Sometimes he began preaching at daybreak or even before daybreak, and regularly, he preached three times a day.

Because of the enormous output of publications designed for the common man, John Wesley has been called "The Father of the Religious Paperback."

Sermons, tracts, pamphlets of every kind-numbering around 5000 items came from his pen! Wesley was a brilliant organizer and formulated a practical church organization that worked on many levels, from the repentant individual to the class, to the society, to the conference, to the church (or in the early days to Wesley himself). He stressed the involvement by laypersons on each level, and he differentiated his workers according to their gifts as exhorters, lay preachers, stewards, and the like.

The greatest success of Methodism was not among the rich and "successful" but among the poor; but ironically, simple commoners were often the very ones who persecuted Wesley and the open-air preachers most.

For all the power of his eyes and voice, John Wesley measured five feet three inches tall and weighed 128 pounds! From his death bed at the age of 88 he wrote forcibly against slavery. He died in 1791 and his followers at that time numbered 79,000 in England and 40,000 in America. Today, there are reported to be about 40 million Methodists worldwide. Good News Page 10 May 1999 Sauce: Christian History, 1131

JAMES VARICK 1750 — 1827

James Varick, the founder and first a Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, occupies a peculiar place in the history of the Black race in America. Destined by Providence, he was to lead a few devout men and women out of the John Street Methodist Church, New York City, to establish an independent local church for members of his race, which local church soon leaped the bounds of localism to be formed into a denomination which has grown to be one of the great religious bodies of the world.

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NYC and received his religious training there: He was granted the privilege to exhort and was later licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of John Street. Life in John Street was not all that Varick and his fellow Black worshippers felt it should be. Therefore, Varick is credited with being one of the leaders who separated from John Street in 1796 because of the way they were treated by whites in the church.

To sit in the gallery, to be forced to take Holy Communion last, to be denied the right to pray at the altar, and the unwillingness to ordain Blacks as deacons, were the conditions which produced the dissension. Thus, the African Methodist Episcopal Church was born out of prejudice and the fight, for justice, equality, and --human rights.

Varick was associated in the birth of a denomination by Francis Jacobs, William Brown, Abraham Thompson, Peter Williams, June Scott, Samuel Pontier, Thomas Miller, and William Hamilton. In 1799, a building was erected and dedicated on September 7, 1800, and called "Zion." It was located on the corner of Church and Leonard Street, New York City, only a short distance from the famous wall street.

Remembering that ordination was one of the problems, it is noted that Varick was not ordained as a deacon until 1806. He, along with Abraham Thompson and June Scott, received deacons' orders in 1806 and were the first blacks to be ordained in the state of New York.

This band of organized Blacks grew from

a small congregation of about thirty to an annual conference and then into a connection. It was the New York Annual Conference that elected James Varick as the first Bishop consecrated on Sunday, July 30, 1822. He presided over the next five annual conferences and charged men to go and "build a strong organization in the name of Jesus Christ."

Bishop Varick died at this home on Sunday morning July 22, 1827, and funeral services were held at Zion Church, New York City. His remains were carried to the Colored Union Cemetery in New Windsor, (now known as Woodlawn Cemetery), for interment.

Upon the completion of the present Mother AME Zion Church structure at 146 West 137 Street, New York City, a committee of the New York Conference headed by Bishop Josiah S. Caldwell had Bishop Varick's sacred ashes removed from the Woodlawn Cemetery and placed in a crypt beneath the sanctuary of the church in 1925.

Dedication services of the crypt were held on February 1, 1926. "A bust and tablet to his memory are on the wall of the sanctuary, which is the shrine of Zion Methodism." Bishop James Varick left behind a legacy on July 22, 1827, that all of Zion must be proud of and remember as one of the important keys to our heritage. Sources: "Christian Year and Its Symbols" by Mary Loves and "The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church: Reality of the Black Church" by Bishop William Jacob Walls.

Beginning with a few members, it now numbers its members by the hundreds of thousands, and is an important factor in the pursuit of the work of the Christian religion among the inhabitants of the earth.

Who was James Varick? James Varick was the first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and was born in Orange County, near Newburgh, New York in 1750. His parents were slaves for the Varick family of Dutch descent. Varick was trained in the schools for Blacks of that day and learned the trade of shoe making. His shoe shop was at his home at No.4 Orange Street, which is now Baxter Street.

In the arena of the church, Varick joined John Street Methodist Episcopal Church,

CROSS STREET PASTORS: 1823 TO PRESENT

JEHIEL E. BEAMON
WILLIAM JONES
H.W. HUTCHINGS
MOSES MONZINGO
G.H.S. BELL
WILLIAM J. SMITH
I.T. BATTLE

SAMUEL ROBERSON
J.C. LODGE
J.B. SMALL
S.W. WELLER
E. HORTON BROWN
E. GEORGE BIDDLE
GEORGE F. GREEN

MARSHALL M. SMITH
REV. COLEMAN
THOMAS RIDDICK
WILLIAM DAVAGE
DAVID FOGG
GEORGE C. BATTLE
HEZEKIAH WILLIAMS

N. ROOSEVELT SCOTT
DOUGLAS LAWRENCE
MOSES L. HARVILL

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III. A Final Response “from” Jesus: Vv. 17-19

The final response came “from” Jesus. He asked a leading question in order to direct the conversation where He wanted it to go. It was obvious to most that there were ten lepers made clean. Where were the other nine? Only one returned to give thanks. Only one was taught the relationship between mercy, gratitude, and thanks. Only one was grateful and had the giving of thanks as part of his faith practice and tradition. I find it somewhat interesting, even amazing, that this one who returned was called “*this foreigner,*” (17:18).

Jesus, who started the conversation, then ended it saying to the Samaritan, “*Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well*” (17:19).

Lesson sidelights

We would be negligent and miss properly

emphasizing this call of faith by Jesus to those who were probably not counted among the faithful. Rather than risking this oversight, permit me this sidelight, Luke included it in the writing of a Gospel according to him. This is a call of faith with five primary points of light:

- ◆ They approached Jesus. Have you really approached Him?
- ◆ What were the circumstances? What name did you use-Jesus, Lord, Master
- ◆ He saw them.
- ◆ He sent them.
- ◆ He cleaned them.

Lesson Application

Could the Lesson Sidelights be a Lesson Applications for you? Would you try it and see? Have you really approached Jesus? What were the circumstances, and what were the results? What difference has it made? Are you sure? Have you called Him? What is your name for Jesus? I mean, what do you call Him?

Does He answer when you call? Has He seen you? Where? When? What happened? Did it make a difference? Has He sent you? Where? When? For what? Did you go? What has been the fruit of your labor? In other words, what have you produced? Has He cleansed you? Did He heal you? How are you doing now? Is it check-up time? Make your appointment today!

Have a little talk with Jesus. Approach Him. Call Him up and tell Him what you want and what you need!

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

God Wants Whatever You’ve Got

Rick Warren

“Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.” (John 6:5b-6 NIV)

Do you remember the story of Jesus feeding 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish? I think it’s amazing that out of 5,000 people, only one person brought a lunch. I’m thinking a lot of people were hiding a picnic basket under their robes because they didn’t want to share with anybody else. But one little boy offered the bread and fish that he packed for his lunch. He gave Jesus what little he had, and God used it not just to feed a lot of people but also to show them how much he cared and how powerful he is.

God always starts with what you have. You may not have much time. Your finances may not be worth much. You may not think you have much talent.

But you can give God everything in your life. Give him your heart. Give him your reputation. Give him your past, your present, and your future. It may not be much, but you can give him your five loaves and two fish.

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people to eat?’ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do” (NIV).

Jesus wasn’t sweating how to feed 5,000 people. He already had in mind what he was going to do. He saw the need long before they did. And he had a plan.

You need to understand this truth today: God always has the answer before you even know the problem. God is not sweating your unsolvable problem. It’s not too late in the day for Jesus. He saw your problem long before you did. He knew it was coming, and he already had a plan for it. God knows the solution to your problem before you even recognize it’s a problem.

So why are you worrying? Just admit you have an unsolvable problem, and then give God everything you have.

Talk It Over

When you face an unsolvable problem, is your first reaction to look at your own resources or God’s promises? Why?

What does it mean to give God something?

Why do you think God wants us to surrender what we have before he works a miracle?

(Cross Street from page 1)

he was not only a formidable leader of the church but extremely active in the small African American community in the City of Middletown and became an important leader in the abolitionist and temperance movements on a state-wide level. Due to his involvement, this church was called "The Freedom Church" by many people.

The original church was built in 1829. The members purchased land from a Mr. Henry Paddock and the church was constructed on Cross Street, which at this time faced Mt Vernon Street currently the site of the Science Center of Wesleyan University. The construction of this church was such a financial strain that the members were not able to pay the Reverend Beaman for his services as pastor. So Reverend Beaman and his son Leverett a shoemaker by trade, opened a shop on William Street in Middletown to support his family which consisted of his wife Fannie and their seven children. One of his sons, Amos, was ousted from Wesleyan for trying to obtain an education. He went on to become a well known minister and abolitionist. His daughter-in-law, Clarissa, founded the Women's Anti-Slavery and Temperance Movement of Women of Color.



The Church was rebuilt in 1867. Not much is known about the church activities during the years following 1867. It was reported that the church was boarded for many years. However, it was awakened under the leadership of the

Reverend George Biddle, a civil war soldier and an original member of the famous 54th regiment. Other pastors serving after Reverend Biddle were the Reverends Green, Coleman, and Riddick. In 1929, the church was moved to its present site due to the realignment of Cross Street. It was during this move that the church was named Cross Street. Under the leadership of 12 ministers, many renovations were accomplished. However in 1978, the 1867 church structure was torn down and a new building constructed on the same site under the leadership of Reverend Douglas Lawrence.

Cross Street and the A.M.E. Zion Church were formed before the Civil War forced an end to the institution of slavery. The

sole purpose for its formation was to secure a place for people of color to worship freely. Many men and women rose to this task and it is to their testament that in 1998, one hundred and seventy-five years later, we are witnesses to their dreams for we have endured by the power and faith of the Lord.

In May of 1993, the Rt. Reverend George W.C. Walker, Sr., appointed the Reverend Moses L. Harvill as the Pastor of the Cross Street Church. Under his leadership the Church continues to grow spiritually, numerically, and financially. The Church and parsonage mortgages have been liquidated. The Church has purchased two vans, new state of the art Hammond organ, audio system, computers and copier and other office and Church equipment. Pastor Harvill has launched the Vision 2000 campaign for the building of our faith, ministries and new Church. We give God all the glory for the things he has done as we celebrate 191 years of Christian Service.

On December 23, 2007, we rejoice in the miracle on West and Wadsworth Street by opening the doors to the New Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church.

On April 20, 2008, Cross Street celebrated the 185th Church Anniversary and the dedication Celebration of the New Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church.

The Right Reverend George E. Battle, Presiding Bishop and Mrs. Iris Miller Battle, Missionary Supervisor was so very thankful that God has afforded us the opportunity to share and participate in this auspicious occasion. Look at what God has entrusted to the members of this Church; to the community in the City of Middletown; to the State of Connecticut; and especially to the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. My heart and I pray that your hearts cannot fully express the gratitude we feel for how God has provided and for how He has worked through all of us to meet the needs of those we now serve and the many who will come that we will assuredly serve in the future.





Cross Street AME Zion Church
440 West St. Middletown, CT. 06457 860-344-9527
Rev. Moses L. Harvill, Pastor

Theme: HE Promises, HE Plans, We Pray, We Prosper

Scripture Jeremiah 29:11

Financial Goal \$20,000

Women and Men requested to give \$100.00
Pastor requesting 50 Persons to join Him and First Lady in giving \$200.00

Chair: Eledia Harvill

Co-Chairs/Team Leaders: Kim Burnett, Cheryl Holley, Etta Folk, Glenteen James,
Fran Lawrence, Bertha Parker, Sylvia Pina, Damita Privott, Belinda Rosemond
Tammie Thompson, Janice Watson, Cassandra Winborne, Donna Yopp, and Carol Bobb

Advisors: Mary Lou Copper, Carolyn Smith, Anita Dempsey White and Eledia Harvill



Women's Day

Sunday, June 26, 2016 -

10:00am

Guest Preacher: Min. Terri Harvill
Church of the Highlands/Birmingham, Alabama

Biographical Sketch For:
Minister Terri A. Harvill



Minister Terri Harvill is a native of Birmingham Alabama. She is the daughter of Rev. C Howard and Mary Ann Nevett. She is a product of Holy Family Catholic Schools.

She received her bachelor's degree (Public Administration) in 1995 from Talladega College, where she was Ms. Talladega College 1994-95. She received her master's degree (Organizational Management) from Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts in 2007.

She presently serves as a District Vice President for the Birmingham YMCA in Birmingham, Al. where she oversees 5 operations branches and leads the Youth Development work of the association. She is also a national faculty trainer for the YMCA of the USA.

During her 24 years of service for the YMCA, she has received several local and national honors and awards, including being a Birmingham 2014 Best in Minority Business Award recipient and 2014 Inaugural City of Birmingham's Civil Rights Humanitarian Award recipient. She is a leader in the community and serves as a liaison for many community partnerships and collaborations including federal initiatives such as President Obama's Communities Putting Prevention to Work Community grant, the REACH grant and Alabama's Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities initiative. She is currently helping to lead Jefferson County's Health Action Partnership Healthy Children and Youth Public Health Advised Fund Project, United Way Bold Goals, Michelle Obama's "Let's Move Outside" Initiative on public lands and serves on the City of Birmingham's Northeast Birmingham Area Framework Plan Steering Committee.

She is a licensed realtor and co-owner of Positive Development, LLC. and Positive Plumbing and Gas alongside her husband. She was licensed as a minister of the gospel in the ministry of the Mount Zion Full Gospel Baptist Church in Birmingham Al. under the leadership of Senior Pastor, Overseer Awalski M. Moore in 2005 where she served as the Pastor of Business Affairs for the ministry. She is currently an active part of the Church of the Highlands ministry in Birmingham, Alabama. She is passionate about helping people and serving those who have been written off by society. Her motto isBut God!

She serves on several boards including Eastside Mental Health Center, Hands @ Play and Anointed Homes Art Gallery. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She does motivational speaking and seminars across the national for spiritual and secular organizations and forums. She is the wife of Omar Harvill Sr., is second mother to Omar Jr., Kolby, and Noah Harvill and mother of 3 year old Kerrin Harvill.



WOMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE

6th Annual Women's Health Conference; was an extension of a Zumba Fitness program. This Event was held on April 23, 2016 at Cross St. AME Zion Church. The Key Note speaker this year was Ernestine Shepherd. She is the oldest Body Builder in the World, Featured in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Last year's event attracted over 500 women from all over the state of Connecticut. This event was so powerful and had such a tremendous impact on the women of the community and abroad. There were so many health concerns expressed and many answers were presented via special speakers and through the venue of specialty vendors. Such vendors included free massages by licensed massage Therapist, Screenings provided by Middlesex Hospital, early breast and cervical cancer detection by

the Middletown Community Health Center, dental screenings , high blood pressure and diabetes screening by the Middletown Department of Health and The American lung Association just to name a few. Motivational speakers included the following: a gastroenterologist, cardiologist, nutritionist, psychologist and a beauty consultant.

Sponsors from last year included: Middlesex Hospital, Doolittle Funeral Home, Lino's Market in Durham Ct, Middletown Press, CVS main St. Extension and Price Chopper.

As the journey continues, the 6th Annual Women's Health conference is no longer traditional; this year they have a new theme: "Outward in 2016". They open up with Cycling offered by Durham Fitness,

performed by instructor Kristin and concluding with a fitness class.

Last year they had over 52 plus vendors. This year the following vendors will be participating: ABC Women's Center, Home Goods/Bedding, Gourmet Organic, Middlesex YMCA, Women's Accessories, Qivana, Thirty One Gifts, The Total Women, Custom Fitting Bras, Hypnosis, 99 Round Middletown, Hearts, hands &Homes, Avon, Sykes Family Chiropractic, Simply "She" Boutique, Aids Connecticut, Dawn Foss Author, Walgreens, The Department of Children and Family, Tracy Lynn Jewelry and the Domestic Violence Group and many others.

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Ernestine Shepherd

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BIOGRAPHY

Ernestine Shepherd is a fitness guru in her own right whose mantra for the past 20 years has been “Determined, Dedicated, Disciplined – To be fit for life.” She believes that it is never too late to become physically fit.

At the age of 56, she began working out at Coppin State College with her sister. The story goes that she and her sister were displeased with how they looked in

swim suits and decided to do something about it. They began to train vigorously but unfortunately, her sister succumbed to a brain aneurysm. However, Ernestine Shepherd decided to work even harder and vowed to carry on in her sister’s memory.

Ernestine Shepherd has been married for 58 years and is the mother of a 57-year-old son, and has a 17-year-old-grandson.

Ernestine Shepherd is truly an inspiration to all who meet her. Her fashion is above reproach. She is easily recognized by her gray, pushed-back hair, with a long braid extending down her back, not to mention her colorful outfits embossed with her mantra, and decorative high heel tennis shoes.

Two of her favorite songs are, “Here I Am Lord,” and “This Little Light of Mine.” Her “little light” is her energy and eagerness to take time out from her busy schedule to hold classes for seniors at her church, various community organizations, and particularly at the Energy Wellness and Fitness Center. Her favorite Bible verses are 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13 and the 23rd Psalm. Ernestine Shepherd strongly believes that it is extremely important that Christians actively live out their faith. When life is good, human faith is up. When life is gloomy, human faith disappears. Faith endures all trials and tribulations, and there is no other choice but to succeed.

Overall, her most inspirational song is

“One Moment in Time,” by Whitney Houston. To paraphrase the song, Mrs. Shepherd says, “Life is a race against destiny, but we are all given that one moment in time to be the best that we can be.”

HIGHLIGHTS

- Television appearances in 2013 and 2014: Oprah, Katie Couric, Anderson Cooper, CNN and Prevention Magazine Online.
- Currently featured in “Ripley’s Believe it or Not!” book as Granny’s Six-pack.
- Guinness World Records Winner as “Oldest Female Bodybuilder”, received award in Rome, Italy March 2010.
- Appeared on ABC News Good Morning America Show, Inside Edition, 700 Club and The Mo’Nique Show.
- Model in numerous fashion shows.
- Competes in seven 5K, 10K and marathon runs coming in first place for age group.
- Featured in Essence Magazine in 1991, Jet and Ebony Magazines 2009 – 2010.
- Motivational speaker for various organizations citing the benefits of healthy living and being physically fit.
- Competes ever year in the Capital Tournament of Champions (Bodybuilding) in the Washington, DC area.







NOT FORGOTTEN

READ: Isaiah 49:13-21

I will not forget you! Isaiah 49:15

At her mother's 50th birthday celebration with hundreds of people present, firstborn daughter Kukua recounted what her mother had done for her. The times were hard, Kukua remembered, and funds were scarce in the home. But her single mother deprived herself of personal comfort, selling her precious jewelry and other possessions in order to put Kukua through high school. With tears in her eyes, Kukua said that no matter how difficult things were, her mother never abandoned her or her siblings.

God compared His love for His people with a mother's love for her child. When the people of Israel felt abandoned by God during their exile, they complained: "The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me" (Isaiah 49:14). But God said, "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Through she may

forget, I will not forget you!" (V. 15).

When we are distressed or disillusion, we may feel abandoned by society, family, and friends, but God does not abandon us. It is a great encouragement that the Lord says, "I have engraved you on the palms of my hands" (V.16) to indicate how much He knows and protects us. Even if people forsake us, God will never forsake His own. --Lawrence Darmani

*Thank You, Lord, that I am Yours forever.
I'm thankful that I won't have to walk through any
experience alone.*

God never forgets us.

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Crises/Emergency: Cell phone 860-754-4606

Cross Street Recovery Ministry the "Hope Line" is in operation 24 hours per day. Please call 860-754-4606 if you, a friend and/or a family member are in need of counseling and/or are in crisis, **PLEASE** dial the "Hope Line". All information will be confidential.

CROSS STREET MINISTRY OF RECOVERY

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

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

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

2nd Sunday Senior Usher Board Meeting (following service)
Youth Meeting 1st & 4th Sunday's (following service)

Monday

7:00-9:00 p.m. Bible Study, Eddy Shelter
6:00 p.m. Zumba
7:00 Media Ministry (1st and 3rd of month)

Tuesday *Special Prayer for Pastor Harvill*

6:00—7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting and bible study.

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Zumba
6:00 p.m. Ministerial Staff (1st of month)
7:00 p.m.. Praise & Worship Choir rehearsal,
8:00 p.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Steward Board
7:00 p.m. Trustee Board (2nd of month)
7:00 p.m. Unity Choir Rehearsal

Friday *Day of Fasting*

6:00 p.m. Vision Choir (3rd & 4th of month)

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Cross Street Recovery Ministry (room 2)

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Pastors Aide (2nd)
11:00 a.m. Security Ministry Meeting (2nd Saturday of month)
12:00 noon Missionaries (2nd Saturday of month)

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 8
Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 10 - 7:00 p.m.,
4th Quarterly Conference
All Quarterly Conference Reports due by May 8th

Sunday, May 15 - After Service
Spiritual Sweetness Bake Sale

Pastor & First Lady 23rd Appreciation Weekend
Friday, May 20 - 7:00 p.m.
Ministers and ministries night

Sunday May 22 – 10:00 am
Morning Worship Service
Special Guest Rev. Otis Harvill, Pastor of Doers of the Word, Detroit, MI

Monday, May 23 – 7:00 pm
Women's Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 26 – 7:00 pm
Women's Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 28 - 9:00am-3:00pm
Princess Spa (Ages 13-18) Ticket Price: \$25.00

Thursday, June 2, - 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Women's Bible Study

Monday, June 6 - Sunday, June 12
New England Annual Conference, Worcester, MA

Sunday, June 19
Father's Day

Sunday, June 26 – 10:00 am
Women's Day
Guest Preacher: Min. Terri Harvill
Church of the Highlands/Birmingham, Alabama

Doxology

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

Jude 24-25



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"I am a Christian"

By Maya Angelou

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

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



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

The Jabez Prayer

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

"God's Word

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

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

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

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

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

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

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