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"A Church Where Everybody Is Somebody And Christ Is Lord Of All"



SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

8:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Sunday Church School
Is a Family Affair

Come Grow with US



Sunday, July 19
10:00 am
Pastor & First Lady Appreciation

WHY IS SUNDAY SACRED?

Scriptures: Genesis 2:2, Exodus 20:8, Exodus 31:13-16, Matthew 28:1-6 and Mark 16:1-8

Introduction: Many people are confused about Sabbath Day worship and Sunday worship. This lesson will clarify the question through God's word and refute confusion about why we worship on Sunday.

Lesson Aim: To understand that God's word is truth from Genesis to

Revelations, and to appreciate and celebrate God's **New Testament Covenant.**

The Sabbath is a holy day established by_ God. The word Sabbath means "rest." God sanctified the 7' day of the week, Saturday as the Sabbath, and declared it holy unto you. (Genesis 2:2; Exodus 20:8-11). God did not make a gentle suggestion for His people, the Israelites to rest from their own labors; instead, He mandated it.

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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, 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.

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July 1, 2015

Dear Church Family,

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father" John 14:12

We give thanks for the blessing of a new conference year. I am privileged and honored to serve the greatest church in all Zion. This is the year of Greater works. This is the year to allow the Holy Spirit to empower the "Body of Christ" to do great exploits for the Kingdom. Let's get fired up to do extraordinary works for the glory of God.

Our Goals for 2015 -2016

- Seek the power of Holy Spirit that we might do the Lord's work the Lord's way. (Acts 2:1-13)
- Lead others by example. Serve the Lord with gladness and excellence in ministry. Seek to grow spiritually. Commit to attending worship service every Sunday and all other worship services. Commit to Bible Study and workshops for spiritual growth. Commit to Evangelism (seek ways to bring at least 7 new persons in the Kingdom of God).
- Give your best in time, gifts, tithes and offering. Join the Pastor in the 15 for 2015 Ministry (contacting 15 persons to attend Sunday worship via phone calls, personal visits, cards, text messages, Facebook, and other social media). Partner with other ministries to bring about new growth in the "Body of Christ."
- Our Focus this year: Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Leadership, Evangelism and Generous Giving.

Ministries leading the efforts listed in parenthesis:

Increase Sunday attendance to 400 plus (Class Leaders, Evangelism & Steward Board)

Increase Sunday School to 100 plus (Sunday School Board, Christian Education Board, Children & Youth Ministry)

Increase Bible Study to 100 Plus (Christian Education Board & Class Leaders)

Develop 50 New Active Leaders (Pastor, Ministerial Staff & Christian Education Board)

Increase Tithers (Ministerial Staff & Steward Board)

Increase Fired Up To Freely Give Mortgage Fund Contributors (Fired –up to Freely Give Ministry, Trustees & Class Leaders)

Scriptures to Ponder:

Acts 2:1-13; Mark 1:9-12; Matthew 28:19-20; Leviticus 27:30; Psalm 24:1, 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; Acts 20:35; Gal. 6:9; John 3:30; Philippians 2.3

Partnering in Ministry

Assisting the Sunday Church School with continental breakfast @ 8:30 a.m.

Month of July – Welcome Courtesy Ministry

Month of August – Deaconess & Stewardess Board

Month of September – Steward Board

Month of October – Trustee Board

Month of November – Men's Choir

Month of December – Unity Choir

Month of January 2015 Senior Usher Board

Month of February Contemporary Ushers

Month of March Pastor's Aide Ministry

Month of April Worship & Praise Choir

Month of May Lay Council Board

Month of June Senior Ministry

Let's continue to work together in the Unity of the Spirit and in the bond of Peace. I know I can count on you to give your best of time, talents (gifts) and treasure (tithes). Much love to you and yours. Prayerfully yours....

Faithfully Yours,
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: **TEMPERANCE**

TEMPERANCE: Possessing power, strong, having mastery or possession of; self-control.

TEMPERANCE controls when self is out of control. Steady, balance. TEMPERANCE enables the saint of God to praise Him in discipline or testing, trials and the battles of life.

In the Book of Nehemiah, the walls of Jerusalem were broken down and "a city, in ancient days, without walls, had lost its sense of identity and all its defenses. It was prey to every kind of enemy, natural, as well as human". (The Fruit of the Spirit; John w. Sanderson). A life that lacks self-control is similar to a city with broken down walls because it lacks defense and every conceivable evil seeks to enter in. An uncontrolled body and an uncontrolled spirit is at risk for destruction and spiritual decay.

How to cultivate the fruit of Temperance (Consider the athlete's self-discipline code):

1. Aim- run to win
2. Follow training rules - deny self of things that will hinder your winning.
3. Constant, sustained effort - have a well-defined goal: an intelligent manner of life and continue pressing toward the goal.
4. Remember, "You are not your own. You are brought

with a price" (I Corinthians 6:19,20)

5. Remember to call every faculty into obedience to Christ, to the glory of God.

6. Allow the Holy Spirit's leading in reminding you of who you are, who God is, where you came from, and where you are headed.

How to Recognize Temperance

Look for persons who:

- * have control over their bodies and do not indulge in harmful activities
- * have control over their spiritual life.
- * do not exhibit pride in less than godly goals
- * are not defenseless, but is fully dressed in the armor of God
- * is not angry, envious or covetous
- * shows spiritual growth and maturity
- * has a passion to be Christ like.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

Philippians 3:18, 19; Proverbs 16:32; Proverbs 25:28; Luke 15:11-13; I Corinthians

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

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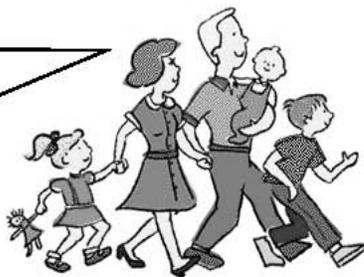
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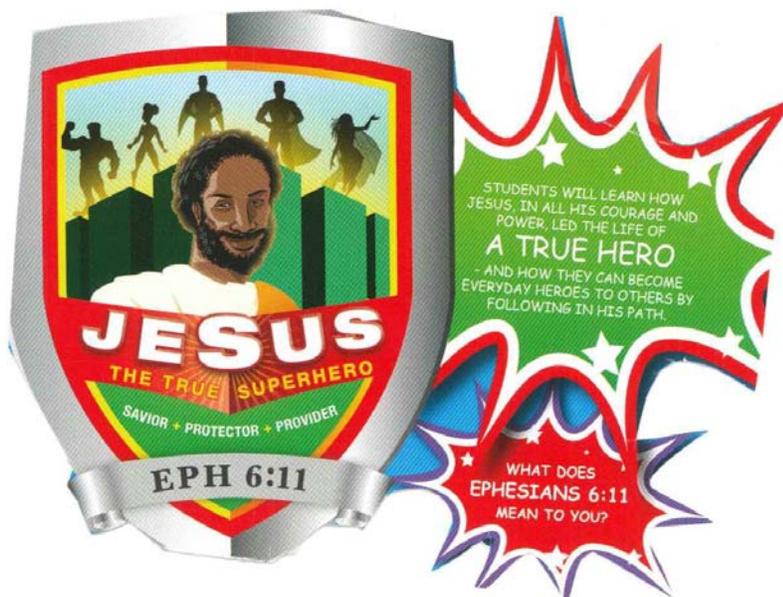
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Sunday Church School begins: 8:30 a. m.

For Transportation Needs Please call
the Church 860-344-9527



Sunday Church School meets from 8:30 a.m. **sharp** to 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. We have classes for all ages – from age 3 to 103. New Members Class meets at the same time. **Light breakfast is served each Sunday.**



JESUS THE TRUE SUPERHERO

EPH: 6:11 (SAVIOR, PROTECTOR, PROVIDER)

JULY 14TH - SUMMER TAN 6:00pm TO 8:00pm EACH Tuesday until August 11th

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 17TH - AUGUST 20TH (CLOSING)

BRING THE FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS

COME ON OUT AND JOIN US, BRING THE FAMILY, FRIENDS

FUN FOR EVERYONE, BECOME A SUPERHERO FOR CHRIST

CROSS STREET AME ZION CHURCH

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.



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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 nor cause pain!
 So God granted him what he requested.
 1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

30 day of Jabez prayer

Pray the Jabez prayer every morning, and keep a record of your daily prayer by marking off a calendar or chart you make especially for the purpose.

Write out the prayer and tape it in your bible, in your day-timer, on your bathroom mirror, or some other place where you’ll be reminded of your new vision.

Reread this little book once each week during the next month, asking God to show you important insights you may have missed.

Tell one other person of your commitment to your new prayer habit, and ask him or her to check up on you.

Begin to keep a record of changes in your life, especially the divine appointments and new opportunities you can relate directly to the Jabez prayer.

Start praying the Jabez prayer for your family, friends, and local church.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
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.
JEHOVAH – TSIDKENU	The Lord Our Righteousness	Jesus is the King who would come from David’s line, and is the one who imparts His righteousness to us.

Bible in a Year

July

1. Psalms 112-114	8. Psalms 137-139	16. Proverbs 15-18	24. Ecclesiastes 10-12
2. Psalms 115-118	9. Psalms 140-144	17. Proverbs 19-21	25. Song 1-4
3. Psalms 119	10. Psalms 145-147	18. Proverbs 22-24	26. Song 5-8
4. Psalms 120-123	11. Psalms 148-150	19. Proverbs 25-28	27. Isaiah 1-3
5. Psalms 124-128	12. Proverbs 1-3	20. Proverbs 29-31	28. Isaiah 4-6
6. Psalms 129-132	13. Proverbs 4-7	21. Ecclesiastes 1-3	29. Isaiah 7-9
7. Psalms 133-136	14. Proverbs 8-11	22. Ecclesiastes 4-6	30. Isaiah 10-12
	15. Proverbs 12-14	23. Ecclesiastes 7-9	31. Isaiah 13-15

AUGUST

1. Isaiah 16-18	8. Isaiah 37-39	16. Isaiah 61-63	24. Jeremiah 21-23
2. Isaiah 19-21	9. Isaiah 40-42	17. Isaiah 64-66	25. Jeremiah 24-26
3. Isaiah 22-24	10. Isaiah 43-45	18. Jeremiah 1-2	26. Jeremiah 27-29
4. Isaiah 25-27	11. Isaiah 46-48	19. Jeremiah 3-5	27. Jeremiah 30-32
5. Isaiah 28-30	12. Isaiah 49-51	20. Jeremiah 6-8	28. Jeremiah 33-36
6. Isaiah 31-33	13. Isaiah 52-54	21. Jeremiah 9-12	29. Jeremiah 37-39
7. Isaiah 34-36	14. Isaiah 55-57	22. Jeremiah 13-16	30. Jeremiah 40-42
	15. Isaiah 58-60	23. Jeremiah 17-20	31. Jeremiah 43-46

SEPTEMBER

1. Jeremiah 47-49	8. Ezekiel 15-18	16. Ezekiel 40-42	24. Hosea 5-7
2. Jeremiah 50-52	9. Ezekiel 19-21	17. Ezekiel 43-45	25. Hosea 8-10
3. Lamentations 1-5	10. Ezekiel 22-24	18. Ezekiel 46-48	26. Hosea 11-14
4. Ezekiel 1-3	11. Ezekiel 25-27	19. Daniel 1-3	27. Joel 1-3
5. Ezekiel 4-7	12. Ezekiel 28-30	20. Daniel 4-6	28. Amos 1-3
6. Ezekiel 8-11	13. Ezekiel 31-33	21. Daniel 7-9	29. Amos 4-6
7. Ezekiel 12-14	14. Ezekiel 34-36	22. Daniel 10-12	30. Amos 7-9
	15. Ezekiel 37-39	23. Hosea 1-4	

The Season After Pentecost (Whitsuntide or Trinity)

The Season After Pentecost covers 10-14 Sundays. (May 25, to August 29, 2015)

The liturgical color is red for the Season After Pentecost.

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after the day of Pentecost. This Sunday emphasizes the three-fold manifestation of the Godhead (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit/Ghost): three and yet one. White is the appropriate color.

Color: Red is symbolic of loyalty, power, witness, Christian zeal, blood, fire, the work and ministry of the Church, and the Holy Spirit.

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.

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The Sabbath Has Two Purposes:

1. The Sabbath is a day commanded the Jews to rest from their own secular labors.

2. It is the 7th day of each week set aside to remember all that God has done for His people and to worship and praise Him for it.

The **Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent God** set aside a day out of each week for his people and sanctified it as holy. He knew humankind needed a day out of each week to relinquish our hurried, hustled lives of rushing and hustling. Therefore, He mandated this day for praise, worship, and thanksgiving to Him, so He could refresh and renew our spirits. Only God can make us holy, because He is holy and He said in His Word: "Be ye holy as **I am holy**." **Read: Leviticus 11:45-** "I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore, be holy as I am holy."

1 Peter 1:15-16- But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; v-16-For it is written: Be holy for I am holy.

The Sabbath Is A Sign Between God And Man:

Read:

- Exodus 31:13-18
- Isaiah 59:13-14

Question: What is the punishment for desecrating the Sabbath?

Further Study of the Old Testament Relating to This Sabbath Lesson:

- Exodus 31:12-18
- Leviticus 19:3; 30
- Ezekiel 20:12-20
- Isaiah 1:13; 58: 13-14;
- Isaiah 66: 23-24

Later in Old Testament times, the Jewish elders added their traditions to

the simple Sabbath Law; so much so, that the law became burdensome and even foolish for the people. Then, in the New Testament, Jesus came teaching against the Jewish elders and leader's traditions, but not against God's established Sabbath Law.

"New- moons" and "Sabbaths" refer to monthly offerings (Numbers 28:11-4) and weekly and special annual Sabbaths on the Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 16:31; 23, 34, and 39).

The people worshipped but did not feel sorry for their sins; so they continued offering sacrifices for forgiveness. But gifts and sacrifices mean nothing to God, when they come from someone with a corrupt heart.

Sacrifices were to be an outward sign of their inward faith in God. Many people today are like the Israelites of old, who placed more importance on the rituals of their religion than on the God they worshipped.

Now, to answer the question asked in the lesson topic, **Why Is Sunday Sacred?**

After the ascension of Jesus Christ, His disciples met on the ascension of Jesus Christ, his disciples met on the first day of each week for rest, praise and worship. The Jews celebrated both Sabbaths for awhile, but the Gentile Christians having never kept any such day before, celebrated only Sunday, the first day of the week was the day the New Testament Christians observed as the day Christ arose. Therefore, Sunday observance came into the church during "New Testament" times.

Read:

- Matthew 28:1-6
- Mark 16: 1-8;
- Luke 24:1-12
- John 20:1-9.

The Law written in Exodus 24:31 and Leviticus 19:9-10 prevented farmers from becoming greedy and ignoring God on the Sabbath, and these laws also protected laborers from being overworked. Deuteronomy 23:25 made provisions for travelers and for the poor among the people.

However, Jesus Christ came fulfilling the Prophets and the Law.

Read:

- Matt. 5:17-18;
- Luke 24:14-44

Question: Should we observe Saturday worship instead of Sunday?

A Shadow of God's Reality:

The Law served as a shadow of the reality of things to come in the person of Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son.

Read:

- Matthew 5:17-22
- John 20:1; 19
- Matthew 22:34-40

Scriptures for Study

- Galatians 4: 10 - 11
- Mark 3: 4,
- Colossians 2: 16 - 17,
- Hebrews 8: 7 - 12,
- Revelations 14: 13

Remember, the Lord said, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of man is even Lord of the Sabbath." (Mark 2: 23 - 27)

Study Scriptures

- Mark 3: 4; 2: 27 - 28,
- Luke 6: 5,
- John 5: 17 -24,
- Acts: 13: 4; 16: 13; 18: 4

(Church from page 1)

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 180 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 Pastors: 1823 to Present

JEHIEL E. BEAMON, WILLIAM JONES
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 G.H.S. BELL, WILLIAM J. SMITH
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WORDS TO LIVE BY

Good morning, Heavenly Father. Good morning, Lord Jesus. Good morning, Holy Spirit.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Dear Lord, thank you for the night's rest you gave me. I am grateful for the renewed energy and enthusiasm it has brought. Accept my gratitude for bringing me to the beginning of this new day. I accept it as a precious gift from you. May I use it minute by minute to do your Will. Guide me in every problem I face, every problem I face, every decision I make this day. Help me to treat everyone kindly, fairly and thoughtfully. If I should forget you during day, please do not forget. Amen.

Father, I pray that I may live this day in Your presence and please You more and more. Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow You. Holy Spirit, I pray that this day You will fill me with Yourself and cause Your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons in one God, have mercy upon me. Amen.

“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)

I believe this is going to be a wonderful day. I believe I can successfully handle all problems that will arise today. I feel good physically, mentally, emotionally. It is wonderful to be alive. I am grateful for all that I have had, for all that I now have and for all that I shall have. Things aren't going to fall apart. God is here and He is with me and He will see me through. I thank God for every good thing.

IT DEPENDS ON WHOSE HANDS IT'S IN!

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.

A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.

A baseball in Mark McGwire's hands is worth \$19 million.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.

A tennis racket in Pete Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.

A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy.

A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.

Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

As you see now it depends on whose hands it's in.

So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands because –

It depends on whose hands it's in. »

Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church

Recovery Ministry

Maintaining Sobriety on a Biblical Foundation

Twelve-Step Bible Study Program

Cross Street A.M.E. Zion Church Recovery Ministry is designed to help hurting people who suffer with addiction, are in addiction remission or are maintaining sobriety from addiction. It is made up of regular folks like you and me, who are on a journey toward wholeness; seeking recovery from addiction and celebrating God's healing power from life's hurts, habits and hang-ups. Trained leaders provide safe, confidential, non-judgmental, Christ-centered groups where people can grow, learn, share and find hope from addiction.

Every Friday

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

Transportation is provided.

*** Must call prior to Friday to request.***



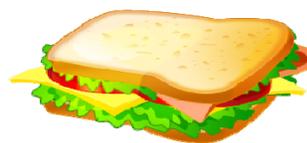
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Church Office @ 860-344-9527 * Rev. Gregory Winborne @ 860-754-4606 * Sister Tawana Bourne @ 860-834-1220

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John 8:36

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."



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PARENTS! Send your children to a safe, supervised area for a **FREE** healthy lunch and fun with friends! All sites open **Monday-Friday June 22-August 21.** No advance registration is required!

Where's Lunch? Check out these Middletown spots!

Church of Holy Trinity: 381 Main Street

Breakfast 10-11 am/Lunch 11:30 am-1 pm. Activities 10 am-1 pm

Traverse Square Community Room

Snacks 10-11 am/Lunch Noon-1 pm. Activities 10 am-1 pm

Maplewood Terrace Community Center

Snacks 10-10:30 am/Lunch 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Activities 10 am-1 pm

Note: There will be NO lunch on July 3th
Possible activities include crafts, games, and fitness activities.

**For more information,
dial 860-347-4465 OR 2-1-1**

Lunch is prepared by:



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REVIVAL

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

Key Thought: Earnest prayer paves the way for revival.

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

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

It excites me to anticipate the day when you will pour out your Spirit upon all flesh. Thank you for that stirring promise, Father. I believe is imminent, and when it happens, the young men and women will prophesy, old men will dream dreams, and young men will see visions. ⁶ You, Lord God, will make bare your holy arm for all the world to see, and all the ends of the earth will see your salvation. ⁷ I seek your promised revival, Lord.

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

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

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



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

THE CYRUS CYLINDER

READ: Ezra 1:1-4

*The Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia
Ezra 1:1*

In 1879, archaeologists discovered a remarkable little item in an area now as Iraq (biblical Babylon). Just 9 inches long, the Cyrus Cylinder records something the King Cyrus of Persia did 2,500 years ago. It says the Cyrus allowed a group of people to return to their homeland and rebuild their “holy cities.”

It’s the same story told in Ezra 1. There we read that “the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia” to make a proclamation (v.1). Cyrus said he was releasing the captives in Babylon to go home to Jerusalem, re-establish their homes, and rebuild their temple (vv 2-5). But there’s more to the story. Daniel confessed his sins and his people’s sins and pleaded with God to end the Babylonian captivity (Dan.9). In response, God sent an angel to speak to Daniel (v.21). Later He moved Cyrus to release the Hebrews. (see also Jer. 11-12, 39:10)

Together, the Cyrus Cylinder and God’s word combine to show us that the king’s heart was changed and he allowed the exiled Hebrews to go home and worship.

This story has great implications for us today. In a world that seems out of control, we can rest assured that God can move the heart’s of leaders. We read in Proverbs 21:1 that “the king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord.” and Romans 13:1 says that “there is no author except from God.”

The Lord, who is able to change our own hearts as well as our leaders’, can be trusted for He is in control. Let’s ask Him to work. - Dave Branon

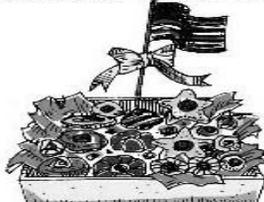
Father, the world seems out of control. We know You are sovereign over everything. We pray that Your will be done in the hearts of our leaders.

Rather than complain, pray

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**and their families
with Prayers, Cards, & Letters**

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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
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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

Monday, June 22 – Friday, August 21.

FREE LUNCH

PARENTS! Send your children to a safe, supervised area for a

FREE healthy lunch and fun with friends! All sites open.
 See page 12

Friday, July 3

Recovery Ministry

See page 11

Sunday, July 5

Welcome & Courtesy Ministry will be serving food following morning worship.
 All are welcomed to attend

Saturday, July 11

11:00am -1:00pm

Missionaries & Buds of Promise Fun Event

Saturday, July 11

6:00pm -8:00pm

Summer Tan

See Flyer

Friday, July 17 – Saturday, July 18

Hartford District Christian Education Convention

to be held at Mount Olive A.M.E. Zion Church, Waterbury

Sunday, July 19

10:00 am

Pastor & First Lady Appreciation

All Choirs singing-Combined ushers on duty. All ministry officers and members please be in attendance.
 Presiding Elder McKenzie of the Boston District, special guest preacher.

Thursday, July 30

6:00pm

Service of Recognition

for Job Program Participants

Sunday, August 9

Youth Day

Saturday, August 15

Church Cookout

Saturday, August 22

Cultural Bazaar

More information to follow

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, some-
 how!

God’s Word

*For the word of God is quick, and power-
 ful, and sharper than any two-edged
 sword, piercing even to the dividing asun-
 der 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

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 nor cause pain!”** So God granted him what he requested.
 1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

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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