

Mt. Zion Reporter

Mission: "To know Christ and to make Him Known"

Vision: "Bring them in, Train them up, Send them out"

October, 2018



Scriptures Relating to the Holy Spirit

The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you everything and make you remember all** that I have told you. (*John 14:26*)

"I am telling you the truth," replied Jesus, "that **no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit**. A person is born physically of human parents, but is born spiritually of the Spirit. (*John 3:5-6*)

When they finished praying, the place where they were meeting was shaken. **They were all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to proclaim God's message with boldness. (*Acts 4:31*)

Do not restrain the Holy Spirit; (*1 Thessalonians 5:19*)

God poured out the Holy Spirit abundantly on us through Jesus Christ our Savior (*Titus 3:6*)

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. (*1 Corinthians 12:7*)

But you, my friends, keep on building yourselves up on your most sacred faith. **Pray in the power of the Holy Spirit** (*Jude 1:20*)

In the same way **the Spirit also comes to help us**, weak as we are. For we do not know how we ought to pray; **the Spirit himself pleads with God for us** in groans that words cannot express. (*Romans 8:26*)

Peter said to them, "Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and **you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit**. (*Acts 2:38*)

Jesus drew near and said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: **baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit**, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

There is more detailed information about the Holy Spirit in this Reporter.



As seasons change, so do we.

The Holy Spirit gives us power to change from self to Christian disciples.



Leadership Training. One of the Inhouse Presenters. Well done, Mt. Zion. Photo gallery in next month's edition

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From the Pastor's



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other opportunity to discuss community relations with law enforcement and move forward with strategic action plans.

I greet you in the matchless name of Jesus:

September was a month of challenges and changes for our ministry. Our new members' social was started and our church family continues to grow closer to one another. We celebrated the homegoing of Mother Kingston with mixed emotions--wanting her back and happy and knowing that she is in her mansion in Heaven.

We are excited about the impact our new approach to leadership training will have on our disciple ministry. Our Health Ministry is in place to improve our health and positively impact our total well-being. We also have an opportunity to lead NPBC churches in this ministry. Let's support the Health Ministry workshop on October 19, at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Seattle.

We are having a problem in America with community and police relationships. Recently an ex-cop, Amber Guyger who killed her neighbor in his own home, was found guilty of murder. Our next PACT meeting will be 10/15 at the Martin Williams Center (MWC) will give community an-

God is the Great equalizer. The call on the Christian's life is to change this world and expand the kingdom of God based on our own transformed life. Eight principles from Pastor Thomas Brandy that we are led to reconsider:

- ◆ Transformed adults (18-40) are the future of your church.
- ◆ Everybody wants to be touched by the healing power of God
- ◆ Churches that provide multiple opportunities for fellowship change the paradigm
- ◆ Sound debt management is the key to thriving church development
- ◆ What matters most of all is how people feel following the worship service.
- ◆ Hands on mission work and involvement in ministry is more meaningful than mere belonging.
- ◆ People seeking self-worth give generously to express and celebrate their inner value.
- ◆ Jesus Christ is that revelation of the Trinity which directly addresses transformation.

As we move forward let's be intentional about coming to church and building relationships with seniors, youth, young adults, and new members.

The number one reason youth groups fail is that the adults themselves are not involved in regular faith development groups through the week. Senior ministry is critical as well. Deaconess Laverne Crumpton and Deaconess Betty Randle Hays will now assist Brother Frank Bowers with Senior ministry. We also need interested members to help.

We are helpless without Jesus. Even after Paul was converted on the Damascus road, he had issues. When he wanted to do good, he didn't always do what he knew was right. In times of stress he asked, "Who will rescue me from this body of death?" The answer: "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Stay connected and you will hear about our Outreach Ministry's plan to partner with Compassion International in the future for Global Discipleship.

Only Jesus can heal the sin sick soul. That is why He built the church.

The best is yet to come.

Pastor Johnson

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Women Helping and Ministering (WHAM)

Hello ladies...Here is some news from the district:

- The women of the EBDA will meet via **teleconference on Thursday, October 24, at 7 p.m.** Topics to be discussed are, but not limited to, auxiliary officer vacancies, next year's retreat, fellowship outings and collaboration with the EBDA Laymen. **Dial 615-313-5111, Access Code: 706682**, to join in the discussion.
- The **EBDA Fall Board Meeting** is **Saturday, October 26, at 9 a.m.** (see attached flyer). The meeting will be held at **Sinclair Missionary Baptist Church**, 4900 Auto Center Boulevard, Bremerton WA 98312.
- Our annual **Blanket, Testimony, Prayer & Praise Service** is **Sunday, November 10, at 3 p.m.** The service will be held at **St. Paul Baptist Church, 2225 South 19th Street, Tacoma WA 98405**, and is hosted by True Harvest Baptist Church. Get your blankets ready!

Mt. Zion Women's bible study has been changed to the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month, 10am to 11am in the fellowship hall. If scheduling conflicts arise we will notify everyone.

Thank you.

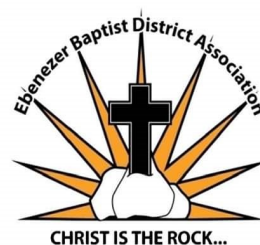
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Fall Board Meeting October 26, 2019

Executive Board Meeting at 8 a.m.
General Session at 9 a.m.

Reverend Dr. Frankie L. Coleman Sr., Moderator
Reverend Floyd Robinson, Vice Moderator

Sinclair Missionary Baptist Church
4900 Auto Center Boulevard
Bremerton, Washington 98312

Reverend Dr. Frankie L. Coleman Sr., Host Pastor

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Editorial:

My thoughts and opinions by Michaela Jahmorris Rosales

What is a blended family and what it means to me.

A blended family is so special. Eight years ago I joined my blended family. It hasn't always been easy and I'm still learning, but I wouldn't change a thing. The key is to accept and to love. Some may think it is hard to love someone who isn't blood related to you, but it's quite easy. You have to remember that you are not the only one accepting these kids into your life and they are also accepting you. Just as it's hard for you, it's hard for them.

Growing up I didn't have a stable family--growing up in foster care. But I thank God everyday for the family He has given to me and I thank my children for accepting



Mother and daughter

Are You Willing to Serve? It's time to fill Church leadership positions. If there are vacancies to be filled, they should be announced in the next week or two. If you are interested in applying to fill a vacant position or to work with a current leader in a succession planning role, contact Deacon Bill Cox (Nominating Committee Chair), Sis. Diane West (Trustee Board Chairperson) or Pastor Johnson. Plan to attend the annual business meeting on October 20 after morning worship to learn more about church operations.

Fall Harvest Party

Mt. Zion is having an inhouse fun night on October 31. No need for your children to get out in the neighborhood for trick or treat. Keep them safe. Bring them here where we will treat with love and fun and give a-ways. If you would like to be a part of the planning team, see Sis. Hope Atkins or Pastor Johnson.



Harvest Party 2018

Moving Forward

"Be strong and courageous, for the Lord will be with you wherever you go."



On Sunday September 1, 2019 we celebrated our youth who moved up to middle school and high school as well as one college graduate. It is always a joy to share accomplishments and celebrate good experiences.

David McClain (Ridgetop Middle School), Kenneth McClain (Central Kitsap High School) and Daniel Rosales (Olympic High School) are valued members of our church and they have all taken a big step in the education. David

is now a middle school student. Kenneth and Daniel are high school students. We wish them all the best and send them off with prayers for a good year.

Rev Felix Brown has graduated once again with another higher education degree. He received his master's degree in Biblical Studies from Covenant Bible Seminary in Tacoma this past May. He is not done yet. He will be continuing his education to receive another Master's in Divinity Studies before pursuing his doctoral degree.

The theme for our program was **Moving Forward** and the scripture was Joshua 1:9: "Be strong and courageous, for the Lord will be with you wherever you go." The speaker for the ministry moments was a past member of Mt. Zion and is the son of Terri Neloms. D'Wayne Ward attended Mt. Zion as a youth and grew up as a member of Mt. Zion. He spoke to the youth and church about not allowing obstacles get in your way, about putting God first and always remembering what you been taught: God will carry you forward.

Submitted by Jacquie Curry, Youth Director



MT. ZION PRAYER LINE:

Reminder: The Mt. Zion Prayer Line is available on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 5:30 a.m.

The call in number is: 605-472-5498

Access Code: 849391

It's easy...dial in...tap in the access code and be united with other Mt. Zion members, Deacons, and Pastor Johnson for prayer.

Health Ministry Meeting:

The Health Ministry Committee will meet on the **1st Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.**

NPBC Presents - Health Ministry Workshop: Shiloh MBC of Seattle – Saturday, October 19, 2019:

Come out and join Pastor Johnson as we learn how we can educate, empower and encourage our brothers and sisters in our communities towards a healthier lifestyle.

Read the weekly Mt. Zion Announcements for more scheduled events. If you are not receiving the weekly announcements, contact Sis. Diane West or Sis. Collette Brooks.

Remember to support our vision continuously: Bring them in (invite so they can hear God's Word and accept Him as Savior), train them up (teach them how to be disciples) and send them out (to be disciples and to bring others in). Everyone is asked to continuously invite others to church and to intentionally reach out and build relationships both in and outside the church.

PYA – PACT Meeting – Tuesday, October 15, 2019:

Join other community members for a conversation dealing with hate crimes and domestic violence. Guest presenters will be Chief Jim Burchett, Bremerton Police Department and Sheriff Gary Simpson, Kitsap County Sheriff. Meeting will take place at the Marvin Williams Recreation Center, 725 Park Ave, Bremerton, WA at 5:30 p.m.

New Members orientation sessions are now being held on the 3rd and 4th Wednesday evenings, at 5:30 p.m.. There is an open invitation for all to attend. Leaders are encouraged to attend to assist in sharing information. The Deacons are also working with other auxiliaries to sponsor a "get acquainted" social each 3rd and 4th Sunday immediately after morning worship. It is important that we all get to know one another and each help members feel welcomed to the family and become engaged in the work of the Church.

We are asking all to commit to regularly attending at least one Bible study group. Your options are Sunday morning (classes for all ages), Monday mornings (young adult focused), Wednesday night (integrated) and Saturdays (a class for male and a class for female). Read the weekly announcements for more specific information.



New Day Ministry presents evening of praise in song. Our own, Sis. Collette Brooks, was one of the presenters.

Census 2020--National Census day is April 1, 2020. This is the key date for the count. When completing the census, you'll note where you are living on April 1, 2020. By April 1, households will receive an invitation to participate in the census. You will have three ways to respond: online, by phone, by mail. This is the first time for the option to respond online .

The results of the census determines congressional representation as well as federal funding for states and communities. The goal is to count every inhabitant of our county. These statistics are used to distribute billions of federal funding for roads, schools, housing, human services, and more. If our communities are not fully counted, we won't get our share of federal funds. A complete and accurate count is critical. (The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790).

You will hear more about the census as time gets closer. Address verifications are completed in our area. Communication is essential. Non profit organizations are being asked to help distribute the importance of completing the census. If you would like more information, feel free to visit www.washingtonnonprofits.org/2020Census or you may speak with Linda Yerger or Sharee McClain for more resource information.

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Thank each and every person who donated to the Back to School Shoe Purchases. The children were happy and felt the love. It is always a blessing to give and we thank you and pray that you all know how much you are appreciated.



Children and Youth Report

Submitted by Jacquie Curry,
Youth Director



October, 2019

What is the role of the Holy Spirit? Who is the Holy Spirit? Why do I need the Holy Spirit? For many people, the person of the Holy Spirit raises many questions. The Bible clearly explains who the Holy Spirit is and what role He can play in our lives.

The Holy Spirit wants to speak to us, especially by God's Word

When Jesus took leave of His disciples, He said that He would pray that the Father would send them the Holy Spirit. ***"The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."*** [John 14:25-26](#). So the disciples needed the Holy Spirit to be reminded of what Jesus had said to them when He was on earth.

Now the role of the Holy Spirit is to speak to us through the Bible – the Word of God – in exactly the same way. That's why it is so important to read the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps us to understand what we read. And later, in many situations, the Holy Spirit will teach us and give us light, especially by reminding us of those very words from the Bible.

The Holy Spirit wants to teach us who Jesus really is

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth ... He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you." [John 16:12-14](#).

When Jesus was on earth, a huge work of salvation took place in Him. He opened up a new and living way for us. He is our [High Priest](#), [our forerunner](#), who is able to understand and help us in our struggle. You can read about this in the letter to the Hebrews; take time to read this and pray that the Holy Spirit will speak to you and explain what you are reading. The Holy Spirit has many things to say to us about who Jesus is and what it means that He lived here on earth as a man.

The role of the Holy Spirit: to give us strength and help in our fight against sin

Before He returned to heaven, Jesus said, ***"...you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit ... But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."*** [Acts 1:5-8](#). ***"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit ..."*** [Ephesians 4:30](#). In our **flesh ...** (our human nature) there are forces that are much stronger than ourselves. **Paul says: "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh ... those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."** [Galatians 5:16-25](#). The Holy Spirit will strengthen us, so that every time we are tempted, we do not yield to the lusts of the flesh.

The Holy Spirit wants to live in our hearts. He wants to speak to us through the Bible. But who reads the Bible with a genuine longing? The Holy Spirit wants to empower us, but who wants to use that power to fight against the flesh with its passions and desires? The role of the Holy Spirit is to help us so let us not grieve Him, but listen to Him and obey Him.



Welcome to

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AMEN!

Q: Why do they say 'Amen' at the end of a prayer instead of 'Awomen'?

A: The same reason they sing Hymns instead of Hers!

The Monkey

One day the zoo-keeper noticed that the monkey was reading two books - the Bible and Darwin's The Origin of Species. In surprise he asked the ape, "Why are you reading both those books?" "Well," said the monkey, "I just wanted to know if I was my brother's keeper or my keeper's brother."



Join us for Sunday School

This Quarter's Subject:
"Responding to God's Grace"

This Unit's Topic: "Responses to God's Faithfulness"

October 6: Do as You're Told (Deuteronomy 4:1-8. 12-13) This lesson allows us to explore the transition of leadership between Moses and Joshua. This lesson of God's faithfulness will help us reflect on our covenant relations with Him and remind us of His expectation of obedience. God expects us to be obedient to His commandments and statutes.

October 13: Doing Right Pays Off (I Kings 17:1-24) This lesson will show us how we can be blessed and we can bless others when we trust and rely on God. Faithful obedience, even in hardship, is always the right thing to do. There are circumstances that arise in our lives that we cannot control. What we can control is how we react to them.

October 20: Just Say the Word (Luke 7:1-10) This lesson allows us to find similarities in the midst of diversity of culture and diversity of purpose. Living in a diverse world offers all of us the opportunities to learn about, appreciate and support the good in others while remaining authentic and true to our faith. Trust in God defies culture, education, affluence and race.

October 27: Extravagant Love (Luke 7:36-50) All of us have sinned and are in need of forgiveness. Among all the differences that exists between people is the common denominator of sin, and the ever present need for forgiveness. Jesus often gave time and attention to the people that others considered outcast, unclean, and unworthy to be a part of society. In this lesson we find Jesus using this opportunity as a teaching moment.

Join us for Spiritual enrichment at 9:45 each Sunday. We have open discussions on how current life issues relate to the scriptures and lesson topics. There are teachers available for children classes. Study, join us weekly for discussion. Commit to attending at least on Bible Study class each week. Check the weekly bulletin and announcements for other Bible Study groups.