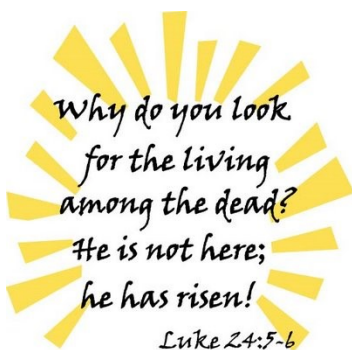


April, 2018



HE IS RISEN
celebrate the savior



Jesus' Death, Burial, and Resurrection

The most important series of events in the history of the world was the death, the burial and the resurrection of Jesus. By means of His death, Jesus fulfilled prophecy and bought man's freedom from slavery to sin. By means of His burial, Jesus removed any doubt that He had really died. By means of His resurrection, Jesus proved He had power over death. This assures us that if we truly trust and obey Jesus, He will one day raise us from the dead also. In fact the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest proof that He is indeed "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16-18; Romans 1:4). The death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord are the very foundation of the Gospel by which we are saved (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Luke tells us that when Pilate was unable to silence the crowd's cry that Jesus be crucified, he "gave sentence that what they asked for should be done" (Luke 23:24). Jesus was led out of the city to be crucified (Hebrews 13:12). He needed help to bear the heavy cross. Simon, a Cyrenian, was forced to help Him.

A great crowd followed Jesus to the place where He was crucified. Among them were the Jewish leaders who had demanded His death. Luke mentions the women who followed Jesus. They were the last to leave the cross and the first to come to His grave on the morning of His resurrection. His disciples also followed, but from a distance.

Jesus was taken to a hill called "Golgotha," the "place of the skull." Here the Son of God was nailed to a cross. On either side of Him were crucified thieves. This fulfilled the prophecy Isaiah had made 700 years before, "and he was numbered with the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12, KJV). Not content with having brought about His crucifixion, the leaders of the Jews mocked Jesus. The Roman soldiers also mocked Him as did the thieves who were crucified with Him. However, one of them repented. He knew Jesus was innocent. He asked the Lord to remember him when He came in His kingdom. Jesus replied, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:42-43).

Darkness came over all the land for three hours when Jesus died. An earthquake occurred. The great veil in the temple which separated the holy place from the most holy place was torn in two. Saints who were dead arose from their graves and walked about the city (Matthew 27:51-53).

(Continued--There's more)

I greet you in the matchless name of Jesus.

We thank the MT Zion family for celebrating our anniversary and overwhelming us with such thoughtful gifts.

April is the month we celebrate the greatest gift given. It came because Jesus paid the penalty for our sins and gave us the right to be children of the Living God. The greatest decision we have made was when we accepted Jesus, knowing in our heart that He died for us but did not stay dead. Christ is risen from the dead. If there is anything that should put some joy in your heart, clapping in your hands, dancing in your feet, and shouting in your mouth is when you hear the good news that Christ is risen. The resurrection of Jesus Christ proves that our faith is not in vain. The reason our ministry leaders don't quit is because of the resurrection.

The leaders in our Deacon ministry continue to lead with love while encouraging our brothers and sisters in Christ. The faithfulness of our Deaconess with their connections and home visits to those who are on the get well list continues to be inspirational and has speeded up their healing process.

Our Music ministry demonstrates what it means to let the Holy Spirit lead the worship. The anointing on the songs they sing is breaking strongholds. God continues to do a new thing with our Hospitality ministry which allows our guests to enjoy home cooked meals and fun time in fellowship. Our orderly Ushers need our support as we move toward a greeter ministry that will work beside them to welcome our 1st time guest. With the help of teachers, parents, mentors/role models, and other assistants and supporters, we are working to strengthen and grow our Youth Department. Our Youth ministry will meet after church on Sunday's and have pizza; hopefully some adults will come for coffee as well.

The Christian Board of Education keeps us busy moving us toward 21st century methods. Let's come out and participate in the upcoming leadership training on April 14. We have a new Bible study starting on Monday April 9th (11:30-12:30) on the danger of accepting the Doctrines of Jehovah's Witnesses.

It is our prayer that every member will find a Bible study group at MT Zion where they grow and become intentional about discipleship.

Again, thank you, MT Zion members, leaders, youth and community for being a tremendous blessing on our anniversary. We thank God for the consistent support and fellowship of the Saints.

From the Pastor's desk



The best is yet to come.

Pastor Richmond A.

April, 2018

Children and Youth Report

Submitted by Jacquie Curry, Program Director

Things do work better when we work together. I would like to thank all the parents and members who have worked with the youth programs. Pastor, teachers, workers, parents, ushers, choir, ministers, members and youth who are constantly helping out in various ways, your service is appreciated and your labor will not be in vain.



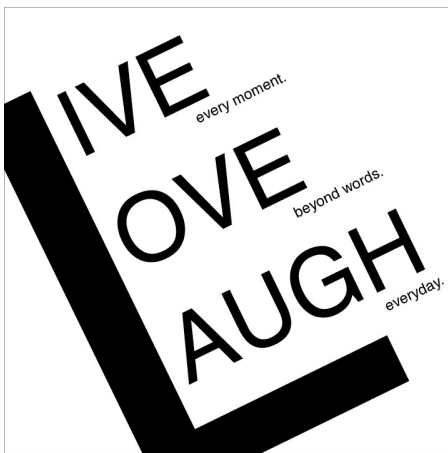
Our Easter program was a team effort. We hope that you not only enjoyed the program performance, but the message was one that either taught a lesson or did in some way resonant with you. **Because He Loved Us** was the name of the play. That is one of the first lessons we teach children in the Nursery and Junior Church. That is a never-ending lesson.

The youth always enjoy an egg hunt, so again thank you for your kind donations. Because we teach that Easter is not about the bunnies, eggs and chocolate, we have taken the last two months to teach about what Easter is all about. We want all the children and youth to know that Jesus loves them, who Jesus is and why and how He showed his love for us.

In the month of March, Kenneth and David McClain represented Mt. Zion in the Annual EBDA Oratorical Contest. They both were outstanding. You can look forward to hearing them recite their speech soon.

We are preparing for our 2018 Graduate program in June. If your youth is moving up from one school to another, i.e., middle school to high school OR graduating this year, please submit their name to Sis Jacquie Curry by April 22. If we have any college graduates, we are also looking to celebrate with you. Thus far the names submitted are Ethan and Zachary Taylor (moving up) and Felix Brown and LaVerne Crumpton graduating from college.

If you would like to work with our youth, ask "what can I do"?



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The Easter bunny walks into the store and asks the clerk, "do you have any pickled eggs?" "No," says the clerk. So the Easter bunny returns the next day and asks the clerk "do you have any pickled eggs?" The clerk replies "No, and if you ask me again, I'll tape you to the wall!" So the Easter bunny leaves and goes back the next day and asks the clerk "hey, do you have any tape?" The clerk says "no," in which the Easter bunny says "ok, then do you have any pickled eggs?"

Jesus' Death, Burial, and Resurrection (Continued)

Joseph, a wealthy man from Arimathea, asked permission from Pilate to bury the body of Jesus in his own new tomb where no body had ever lain before. This fulfilled another prophecy of Isaiah, "And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death" (Isaiah 53:9). Jesus was buried on Friday before the Jewish sabbath began at sunset (Luke 23:54). His body remained in the grave throughout Saturday.

On Sunday morning, the first day of the week, He arose from the dead! This fulfilled Jesus' own prophecies that he would be in the grave for three days (Matthew 12:40; 16:21; John 2:19). When the faithful women came with spices to anoint the body of Jesus, they found the tomb empty. Angels announced to them the wonderful news that Jesus had arisen from the dead. They took the good news to the apostles (Luke 24:10). Peter ran to the tomb and saw for himself that the Lord had indeed risen from the dead.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is good news because it provides forgiveness of sins, restores fellowship with God, gives hope in death, and the promise of eternal life. In order for one to receive these blessings, he must die to sin and arise to walk in newness of life. This is done when one obeys the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-5; 16-18).

Source: <https://truthfortheworld.org/jesus-death-burial-resurrection>



All Leaders and future Leaders are encouraged to attend Leadership training on Saturday, April 14th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. The Guest Trainer will be Pastor Proctor from the Church on the Side of the Road Tukwila, WA.

Join Bishop Robinson, Emmanuel Apostolic Church, and the Bremerton Community for the grand opening of the Marvin Williams Recreation Center on April 7th from 10:00am to 5:00pm!

Attention, 2018 Graduates

If you are on schedule to graduate from high school or college this academic year, please submit your name and number to Sis Jacquie Curry by March 1, 2018. More information will be requested individually. The annual graduation recognitions will take place in June.

Music ministry: MESSAGE IN THE WORDS OF A SONG.

Song for April: "**He Will Remember Me**" by Eugene M. Barlett 1976

1. WHEN ON THE CROSS OF CALV'RY THE LORD WAS CRUCIFIED: THE MOB STOOD 'ROUND ABOUT HIM AND MOCKED UNTIL HE DIED. TWO THIEVES WERE NAILED BESIDE HIM TO SHARE THE AGONY, BUT ONE OF THEM CRIED OUT TO HIM "O LORD, REMEMBER ME".

2. O, WHAT A SHAME TO KILL HIM THERE ON THE RUGGED CROSS. BUT SUCH A DEATH WAS NEEDED TO RESCUE ALL THE LOST. HIS BLOOD WAS MADE A RANSOM TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE. I KNOW THAT I'M INCLUDED, AND HE WILL REMEMBER ME.

3. AT HIS DEAR FEET I'M KNEELING, MY SINS I NOW CONFESS. I BOW IN DEEP REPENTANCE; MY SOUL HE'LL SURELY BLESS. MY BLINDED EYES HE OPENS SO THAT THE LIGHT I SEE. AND WHEN I REACH THE PEARLY GATES, HE WILL REMEMBER ME.

CHORUS: WILL THE LORD REMEMBER ME WHEN I AM CALLED TO GO? WHEN I HAVE CROSSED DEATH'S CHILLY SEA WILL HE HIS LOVE THERE SHOW? O, YES HE HEARD MY FEEBLE CRIES, FROM BONDAGE SET ME FREE. AND WHEN I REACH THE PEARLY GATES, HE WILL REMEMBER ME.



*Music washes away from
the soul the dust of
everyday life.*

~Berthold Auerbach



The Music messages was submitted by Deaconess Betty Randle Hayes



Christian Education messages

To the 'tweens and teens that are reading through the Bible with me, I have a book marker for you and I'm praying that you are getting excited about Jesus as you read through the New Testament. Getting to know Jesus will allow you to fall in love with Him forever. Thank you for saying "yes" to reading with me. 2 Timothy 2:15.

To the young adults who said that they would read through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation with me (you know who you are) I pray you are still reading and finding new truths in God's Word. This will help you find your strengths and your weaknesses as you commit to applying His Word to your life. Be steadfast, 1 Corinthians 15:58.

Sis. Betty



WHAM'S CORNER:

- I would like to give a huge thank you to all the ladies that joined us for the Women in White evening of the Ebenezer Baptist District Association (EBDA) 39th Annual Session. Sis. Betty Randle-Hayes, Mother Dorothy Rabb, Sis. LaVerne Crumpton, Sis. Kim Brown, Sis. Jazz, First Lady Johnson and a special thank you to Frank Bowers the bus driver. What a glorious time in the Lord was had by all!

- For all the ladies that went to the Transformed Woman Conference in support of the ladies of Reho-both New Joy Ministries, I appreciate you so much for representing Mt. Zion WHAM in full effect. We had a table and a half: Mother Rabb, Sis Nell & Rev. Stewart, Sis LaVerne, Sis Diane, Sis Marilyn, Sis Marissa and guest, Sis Paulette, Sis Theo, and Sis Collette. Also, our old friends Jessie and Chantal joined us. The analogy of how the butterfly goes through many stages and a painful process from larvae, to caterpillar to butterfly...likewise when God wants to transform us as Christians we must go through a process as well to become what he wants us to be. And when others interfere with the process, even if they are trying to help, they may be handicapping that brother or sister that's in the midst of their spiritual metamorphosis.



-Women's Bible Study for April will be cancelled. WHAM invites you to attend the NPBC 10th Annual Five Finger Prayer Breakfast at Mt. Zion Seattle on April 28th, from 9am - 11am, \$12.00. I am honored to be one of the presenters and hope that you will join us. We are planning to take the bus on the ferry so please contact me if you'd like to attend. Men are welcome.

"5 Fingers of Prayer"

1. Your thumb is the nearest to you, so pray for those who are closest to you. **(this is the one that I've been asked to do).**
2. Index finger – pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal.
3. The middle finger – pray for our leaders, that they receive God's guidance.
4. Ring finger – our weakest finger, so pray for those who are weak, troubled or in pain
5. The little finger – the smallest finger, to remind you to pray for yourself.

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You're Invited

New Day Ministry's 2018 Anniversary Dinner

Join us for an evening of great food an excellent silent auction and fun!

Saturday, April 14

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Olympic College - Bremer Student Center (BSC)

1600 Chester Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98337

Dinner tickets are \$25 per person

Contact David Stewart at 206-384-1858 to purchase your tickets

Thank you for your support!



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*You create stress in your life by getting angry,
and you can instantly remove
that stress by granting forgiveness.*
- Jonathan Lockwood Huie

*Let there be peace on earth.
And let it begin with me.*
- Jill Jackson Miller

*We must learn to live together as brothers
or perish together as fools.*
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

*We must, indeed, all hang together or,
most assuredly, we shall all hang separately.*
- Benjamin Franklin

*We must teach our children to resolve
their conflicts with words, not weapons.*
- William J. Clinton

*The world has always been in an uproar,
and it always will be.
Choose Peace. Choose to live with Peace.
Choose to interact peacefully with everyone -
especially those whose instinct is not to be peaceful.*
- Jonathan Lockwood Huie



Join Us for Sunday School

Spring Quarter: Acknowledging God

This quarter focuses on ways God's people have acknowledged the greatness of their God.

April, Unit II: All Glory and Honor

The lessons from the books of Luke and John deal with how Jesus' resurrection opened the way to honor God. The visions in the book of Revelation praise God with majestic symbolism.

April 1: Guess Who? (Luke 24: 1-35)

The challenge of this lesson is to demonstrate our profession of the risen Christ by unquestioningly believing and applying His Word. If His church is to effectively carry out His commission, the focus must be on developing disciples who know and practice the Word of God.

April 8: Taking Directions (John 21:1-14)

Peter and the six other disciples toiled all night **unsuccessfully** trying to catch fish because Christ had called them to the higher ministry of catching men. We will not experience fruitful ministries unless we are where God wants us to be and submit to follow His directions.

April 15: Feeding Time (John 21:15-25)

Our world is filled with people in need of being loved. If our relationship with Christ is genuine and He is the focus of our love, the becomes the conduit through which our love for Him will motivate us to demonstrate love for others through compassion and sincere empathy.

April 22: Together Forever (Revelation 4)

We were created to worship God and enjoy fellowship with Him now and throughout eternity. We should go to the Word of God and rediscover what He considers the kind of worship that is acceptable to Him. Revelation 4 is a excellent starting place.

April 29: A World of Joy (Revelation 5:6-14)

Joy is an attribute of an inner contentment not dependent on circumstances. The realization that God is in complete control of all things is a source of hope and inner contentment.

Traditional (from the SS book) classes are scheduled every first, second, and third Sunday. Join us as we discuss these topics in depth. Corporate Prayer is held on 4th Sundays; Sunday School lesson is reviewed based on time allowed. Fifth Sunday we have Bible Bowl.

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