



THE MT. ZION MESSENGER

THE GOOD NEWSletter

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WEEKLY SERVICES FOR APRIL

Worship Service

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

In Person in the Sanctuary, or

Livestreamed on

Facebook.com; YouTube.com; or on our website,

wearemtzion.com

If you desire special prayer or would like to join Mt. Zion, call the Church at 413-785-5664 following service until 12 noon.

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#### **\*Prayer & Meditation Call**

**Wednesdays from**

**12 noon to 12:10 p.m.**

The Dial-in Number is (470) 480-9021.

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****Bible Study**

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

In-Person and Livestreamed on

Facebook.com; YouTube.com; or on our website,

wearemtzion.com

***There will be NO Prayer & Meditation Call, and NO Bible Study on Wednesday, April 5th.**

Both will resume on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

****Bible Study will be both in-person and livestreamed.**

IN-SANCTUARY SERVICES

In-Person worship services start at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday.

- Temperature checks are no longer taken.
- Masks are now optional.
- Social distancing is encouraged, especially while inside the building.

Those who are not attending services in the sanctuary, can continue to worship via live-streaming. (See article to the left.)

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

Easter is on Sunday, April 9th.

**Please join us for the
Resurrection Sunday Service
at 10:00 a.m.
as we celebrate
the Resurrection of our
Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.**

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- April 1-----Sis. Angela Westbrook
 April 2-----Bro. Alvin Parker
 April 7-----Sis. Michelle Fairman
 April 7-----Deaconess Wanda Powell
 April 8-----Bro. Brian Lawrence
 April 8-----Sis. Jean Frazier
 April 10-----Sis. Ebony Jordan
 April 11-----Sis. Lois Bass-Peterson
 April 16-----Sis. Rhonda Sherrell
 April 17-----Bro. Timothy Williams
 April 19-----Bro. Kimble Reaves
 April 21-----Sis. Chicana Cousby
 April 24-----Sis. Billie Jo Spears
 April 24-----Sis. Phyllis Tolbert
 April 27-----Sis. Tai Lanae Brantley
 April 29-----Bro. Elijah Washington

Since we are in the
Season of Lent, Renewal,
I want to share this
'Apache Prayer.'

*Submitted by
Sis. Andrea "Mimmie" Dixon*

Apache Prayer

Author Unknown



**May the sun
bring you
new energy by
day.**

**May the moon softly
restore you by
night.**



**May the rain
wash away
your worries.**

**May the
breeze
blow new strength
into your being.**



**May you walk
gently through
the world and
know
its beauty
all the days
of your life.**



APRIL 2023 MEETINGS

The following meetings will be
held in person at the Church:

JOINT BOARD

The Joint Board will meet on
Monday, April 10th at 6 p.m.
All Joint Board members should attend.

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### DEACON MINISTRY

The Deacon Ministry will meet on  
**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**  
All Deacons & Deaconesses  
should be present.

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MISSIONARY MINISTRY

The Missionary Ministry will meet on
Saturday, April 15th at 11 a.m.
All Missionary Ministry members
should be present.

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### Man Cave

Man Cave will meet on  
**Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**  
Discussion Questions:  
"What is Man's Purpose According  
to the Bible?" and  
"What Are the Responsibilities of  
Men?"  
All Men are invited to attend.

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SHE SHED FELLOWSHIP

She Shed will meet on
Friday, April 28th at 6 p.m.
Scripture: Luke 22:7-28
Topic: "Whose At Your Table?"
All Women are invited to attend.

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### USHERS MINISTRY

The Ushers Ministry will meet on  
**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.**  
All Ushers should attend.

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Baptism

For the first time since the start of the pandemic (March 2020) we will have baptism.

Please join us on **Tuesday, April 4th at 6:00 p.m.**, at **Third Baptist Church** where we will baptize several new members. Third Baptist is located at 149 Walnut Street, Springfield.

New Members

Joining Mt. Zion in February were:

BRO. RONDELL WALKER

Date Joined: March 12, 2023

Method: Candidate for Baptism

BRO. EDWARD DONIELL HOGAN

Date Joined: March 26, 2023

Method: Christian Experience

*Welcome Bro. Walker &
Bro. Hogan!*

Church Anniversary Assessment

Our 46th Church Anniversary will be celebrated next month on Sunday, May 21st. As a reminder, for this special milestone all Mt. Zionites are asked to give a \$246.00 sacrificial offering—a donation over and above our normal tithes and offering.

Please begin paying on your assessment now. You can use regular offering envelopes and write “Church Anniversary” on the outside.

Easter Egg Hunt!

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Suez Temple No. 114, and Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing are partnering together to sponsor a FREE community Easter Egg Hunt.



Date:

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Time:

Sign in at 10:30 a.m.

Start time: 11 a.m.

Place:

Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing
807 Wilbraham Road
Springfield, MA 01109

Ages:

3-12 years old

If you have not already done so, please sign up TODAY. The sign-up sheet will be in the Welcome Center following service. For questions, or if you would like to donate plastic eggs or individually wrapped candies, see Youth Ministry Leader, **Sis. Pam Medlock.**

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Pastor White will be covering some of our favorite Bible verses in Bible Study and during his sermons on Sunday morning a little later this year. To prepare, he needs to know what they are.

If you have a favorite Bible verse that you would like the Pastor to consider for this upcoming series, please write your name and the Bible verse (Book, chapter, & verse) on a sheet of paper, and submit it to **Sis. Wanda Powell** by **Sunday, April 16th**. Please submit one (1) verse only.



Children, ages 5 to 11, are invited and encouraged to attend Children's Church on the 2nd Sunday of this month, **Easter Sunday, April 9th at 10 a.m.**

Children's Church is a worship experience for our young attendees, filled with learning activities, crafts, and snacks. The Youth Ministry is in charge of Children's Church.

If you have questions or want to volunteer to help, or if your child has any food allergies, please see Youth Ministry Leader, **Sis. Pamela Medlock.**

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE "STOP GAPS"

Last month, you were given a list of nine words and asked to insert them in their correct position in Galatians 6:8-10. Unlike previous puzzles where you had to wait until the following month to check your answers, this month you could simply read Galatians 6:8-10. If you did not go to the Bible for the answers, the words/answers are underlined below:

Galatians 6:8~ For he that soweth to his FLESH shall of the flesh reap CORRUPTION; but he that soweth to the SPIRIT shall of the Spirit reap life EVERLASTING.

Galatians 6:9~ And let us not be WEARY in well doing; for in due SEASON we shall reap, if we FAINT not.

Galatians 6:10~ As we have therefore OPPORTUNITY, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the HOUSEHOLD of faith.

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE: "BIBLE BOOK FINDS"

Hidden among the scrambled letters below are at least sixteen (16) books of the Bible. This month let's see how many of them you can find. There are a couple of rules to follow, but note, none of the examples are part of the answer. The rules are:

1. Books that have the same name, like '1 & 2 Kings,' or 'Peter 1 & 2,' etc., should only be counted as one book.
2. Letters can be used multiple times in a name, like the 'e's in 'Ezekiel' or the 'k's' in 'Habakkuk.'

A B E H I J M N O R S T U

Good luck! Answers will be in next month's newsletter.

DO WE REALLY NEED MORE?

Written by Sis. Andrea Dixon

In addition to **Sis. Patrice Caudle's** presentation at February's Missionary Ministry's Prayer Breakfast, "*Matters of the Heart*," which was awesome and very informative, I have a short clip from Dr. Dean Ornish that I want to share with my Mt. Zion Family. Stay healthy and safe! **Sis. Mimmie**

If you see yourself as fundamentally lacking and separate and you believe. "If only I had _____, I'd be happy," then ambitiousness, competitiveness, & time urgency logically follow.

"The more I get, the happier I'll be. The more other people get, the less there is for me. If someone else gets happier, then I'll be sadder. I can't waste time relaxing—I'll be missing a chance to get more..." Finally, the heart whispers, 'You can stop now!'

"Stress, Diet, and Your Heart," by Dean Ornish, MD

REMAINING PASTORS' COUNCIL OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD'S 2023 LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

SERVICES BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAMED ON WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THEPASTORSOUNCIL

DATE	PREACHER	CHURCH	LOCATION
Wednesday, April 5 th	Rev. Dr. L. A. Love	Mission Church Ministries	20 Bowdoin Terrace, Springfield, MA
GOOD FRIDAY April 7 th	Rev. Paul Starnes Rev. Jesse Williams, Jr. Rev. Robert Carter Rev. Maxine Moore Rev. Samuel Saylor Bishop Andrew Daubon Rev. J.P. Morgan, Jr.	St. John's Congregational Church	45 Hancock Street Springfield, MA

A THANK YOU NOTE



On the Front: *With All Our Thanks.*

We want you to know that we're grateful for your kind and considerate way, And we thank you for being so special...

Inside: *It means more than we can ever say.*

Personal Note: *To Mt. Zion Family and Missionary Family,*

Thank you for all the phone calls and cards. We are so grateful for your thoughts and prayers.

Sis. Elaine Clough

Something to Think About: 'A Note from GOD'

Good Morning. This is God.

Today, I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help.

If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, DO NOT attempt to resolve it by yourself. Kindly place it in your "Something for Jesus To-Do Box," and address it to MY Name, not yours. Once the matter is placed in the box, DO NOT hold on to it or attempt to remove it. Holding on or removal will only delay the resolution.

Rest, my Child, and remember...I am only a prayer away.

Author Unknown