

# THE GOOD NEWSletter

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# HE IS RISEN!

<sup>33</sup> When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. <sup>35</sup> The crowd watched, and the leaders scoffed. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is really God's Messiah, the Chosen One." <sup>36</sup> The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. <sup>37</sup> They called out to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" (Luke 23:33-37 NLT)

 $^{44}$  By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock.  $^{45}$  The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle.  $^{46}$  Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last. (Luke 23:44-46 NLT)

<sup>1</sup> But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. <sup>3</sup> So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> As they stood there puzzled, two men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? <sup>6</sup> He isn't here! He is risen...! (Luke <sup>24:1-6</sup> NLT)

# WEEKLY SERVICES FOR MARCH 2024

# WORSHIP SERVICE Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

In-Person or Livestreamed on Facebook.com; YouTube.com; and on our website, wearemtzion.com

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

# PRAYER & MEDITATION CALL Wednesdays from 12 noon to 12:10 p.m.

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

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### NO BIBLE STUDY

7 p.m. Wednesday is cancelled this month.

Instead, we are invited and encouraged to attend the Pastors' Council's Lenten Services.

(See Lenten Service schedule Inside.)

#### **In-Person Services**

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

Masks are optional.

Those who are <u>not</u> attending services in the sanctuary, can continue to worship via live streaming. (See article above.)

# HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS



| March 2Sis. Josie Ross               |
|--------------------------------------|
| March 3Bro. Ronnie Williams          |
| March 5Deaconess Deborah Jones       |
| March 6Bro. Alton King               |
| March 7Bro. Malik Coppedge           |
| March 8Bro. Zachary Caudle           |
| March 8Sis. Tiffany Hogan            |
| March 9Sis. Rhina Searles            |
| March 11Sis. Brianna Woodard         |
| March 12Bro. Bruce Brice             |
| March 15Sis. Rene Garner             |
| March 13Bro. Craig Godbolt           |
| March 16Sis. Keisha Lewis            |
| March 18Bro. Kyle Evans              |
| March 18Sis. Anja Middleton          |
| March 18Bro. Charles Winston         |
| March 19Sis. Vera Daniels            |
| March 21Bro. Daunte Cole             |
| March 23Bro. Rondell Walker          |
| March 28Bro. Michael Housey          |
| March 29Sis. Jacqueline Brown-Hazard |

# HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

| March 16 | Sis. Mable Kenney    |
|----------|----------------------|
|          | & Bro. Jasper Kenney |
| March 16 | Bro. Clycon Hinds    |

& Sis. Valerie Hinds

### **ASAP**

Author Unknown

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation differently, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way. Consider this...

There's work to do,
deadlines to meet;
You've got no time to spare,
But as you hurry
and you scurryA.S.A.P.—
Always Say A Prayer.

In the midst of family chaos
'Quality time' is rare.
Do your best;
let God do the rest.
A.S.A.P.—
Always Say A Prayer.

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear.
Slow down and
take a breather.
A.S.A.P.—
Always Say A Prayer.

God knows how stressful life is
He wants to ease our cares,
And He'll respond to
all your needs.
A.S.A.P.—
Always Say A Prayer.

ASAP: Always Say A Prayer - Salvation Wise

# MARCH 2024 MEETINGS

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

#### **JOINT BOARD**

The Joint Board will meet on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.
All Joint Board members should attend.

#### **DEACON MINISTRY**

The Deacon Ministry will meet on Saturday, March 9th at 10 a.m.
Deacons & Deaconesses should attend.

#### **MISSIONARY MINISTRY**

The Missionary Ministry will meet on **Saturday, March 16**<sup>th</sup> **at 11 a.m.** Missionary members should attend.

#### USHERS MINISTRY

The Ushers Ministry will meet on **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m.**All Ushers should attend.

#### Man Cave

Man Cave will meet on
Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m.
Scripture: 1 Peter 1
Topic: "Faith"
All Men are invited to attend.

#### **SHE SHED FELLOWSHIP**

She Shed will meet on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. Scripture: Matthew 14:30-33 Topic: "Out Here Trusting God" All Women are invited to attend.

#### **CHOIR REHEARSALS**

MALE CHORUS

Wednesday, March 13th at 6 p.m.

#### MASS CHOIR:

Wednesday, March 27th at 6 p.m.

### Missionary Ministry's Easter Program

The Mt. Zion Missionary Ministry will hold an Easter Program at Mason Wright Assisted Living on **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 p.m.** The speaker will be our member, **Sis. Andrea "Mimmie" Dixon**. Everyone is invited to attend. Mason Wright is located at 74 Walnut Street in Springfield.

### A Play At Mt. Zion!

Coming this fall to the performing arts stage here at Mt. Zion, for the first time ever, is a gospel play entitled, "Grandma's Bible."

#### **Open Casting Call**

"Grandma's Bible" will not only be presented *at* Mt. Zion but will be performed *by* Mt. Zionites, which means...We need:

Actors
Actresses
Sound Engineers
Stagehands
Costume Designers

If you have the 'acting bug' or a passion to work in the field of drama, here's your opportunity! To audition for any of these positions, see Sis. Alonzetta Gabriel or Sis. Angela Westbrook at your earliest convenience.

### MOBILE FOOD TRUCK

The Western Mass Food Bank Mobile Food truck will be in the Union Street parking lot on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come and invite friends and neighbors to get free fresh produce.

### Time for Another Easter Egg Hunt!

Like last year, Mt. Zion is partnering with the Suez Temple No. 114 and Suez Court No. 149 to hold a community-wide Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will be held on **Saturday**, **March 30**<sup>th</sup> at **807 Wilbraham Road**, **Springfield**, **MA**. (Note: Sign-in begins at 10:30 a.m.; the Easter Egg Hunt starts at 11:00 a.m.)

Only a maximum of 250 children will be allowed to participate, so if you want to bring children (ages 3-12) to this fun-filled event, be sure to sign up in the Welcome Center.



#### YOUNG SCHOLARS RECOGNIZED

1st Term Marking Period: 2023-2024

Students in grades 1-12 who earned A's during the 1st marking period of the 2023-2024 school year, as well as college students, were recognized on Sunday, February 25, 2024, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. **Pastor White** presented fourteen (14) students \$5.00 for each 'A' they received (up to 5 'A's). A total of \$295.00 was awarded.

Congratulations to each of our Young Scholars & College Scholar for their hard work, perseverance, and results.

Keep up the excellent work!

| Student's Name           | Ministries                  | School                                   | Grade            | # of<br>A's |  |  |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Zachary Caudle           |                             | Pope Francis Preparatory School          | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 5           |  |  |
| Sophia Coppedge-Nicholas | Children's Church           | Bowles Elementary School                 | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 2           |  |  |
| Isaiah Garner            | Media Ministry              | High School of Commerce                  | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 2           |  |  |
| Marcus Garner, Jr.       |                             | Dupont Memorial Middle School            | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 4           |  |  |
| Kai Levi Motley          | Children's Church           | Springfield International Charter School | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 8           |  |  |
| Danielle Ware            | Children's Church Assistant | Baystate Academy Charter School          | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 6           |  |  |
| Gnelle Dillard           |                             | Baystate Academy Charter School          | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 7           |  |  |
| Darnell Broughton        | Children's Church & Choir   | Dryden Memorial Elementary School        | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 2           |  |  |
| Bernard Dillard          | Children's Church & Choir   | Springfield Public Day Elementary        | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 5           |  |  |
| Madisyn Hickson          | Children's Church & Choir   | Mary M. Lynch Elementary School          | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 5           |  |  |
| Ka'mar Johnson           | Children's Church           | Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 4           |  |  |
| Marley Johnson           | Children's Church           | Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 6           |  |  |
| Dreya Gullart            | Children's Church           | Alice B. Beal Elementary School          | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 6           |  |  |
| COLLEGE SCHOLAR          |                             |                                          |                  |             |  |  |
| Tracetta Caudle          | Junior Usher Ministry       | Springfield College                      | Freshman         | 5           |  |  |

# The Pastors' Council of Greater Springfield 2024 Remaining Lenten Services

In-Person & Livestreamed at the Churches Listed

| Date                     | Preacher                                                                             | Location                                                                     |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday,               | Rev. Dr. Terrlyn Curry Avery                                                         | New Life Calvary Baptist Church                                              |
| March 6                  | Nev. Dr. Terriyii Gurry Avery                                                        | 981 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01109                                    |
| Wednesday,               | Rev. Jesse Williams, Jr.                                                             | Bethel AME Church                                                            |
| March 13                 | Rev. Jesse Williams, Jr.                                                             | 27 Pendleton Avenue, Springfield, MA 01109                                   |
| Wednesday,               | Rev. Angelo S. Dawson (Ret.)                                                         | Zion Community Baptist Church                                                |
| March 20                 | Rev. Aligelo S. Dawsoli (Ret.)                                                       | 1140 Roosevelt Ave. Springfield, MA 01109                                    |
| Wednesday,               | Day Taylon Languates                                                                 | Mt. Zion Baptist Church                                                      |
| March 27                 | Rev. Taylon Lancaster                                                                | 33 Oak Street, Springfield, MA 01109                                         |
| Good Friday,<br>March 29 | Rev. Gail Hill<br>Rev. Dr. Atu White<br>Rev. Maxine Moore<br>Rev. Dr. Dayhige Wright | St. John's Congregational Church<br>45 Hancock Street, Springfield, MA 01109 |

### **UBC CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The annual session of the UBC Congress of Christian Education will be held in person only on **Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Van Sickle Academy,** 1170 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Participants should arrive at 9:00 a.m. The Congress ends at 4:00 p.m. Lunch Break on your own from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Registration is \$25.00 per person; however Mt. Zion will subsidize \$10.00 for members.

<u>To register, contact **Dea. Steve Powell.**</u>

#### COURSE LIST FOR ANNUAL SESSION 2024

NOTE: Adults can take either one (1) All-Day Class, or two (2) classes, one in the Morning Session and one in the Afternoon Session.

#### ALL DAY SESSION (10:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.)

#### **ADULT CLASSES**

#### Course Title: Technological Church in the 21st Century \*

Bishop Robert G. Brown

**Course Description:** This course takes a look at the new way of operating our churches or ministries, efficiently and effectively in this post pandemic time.

#### Course Title: Reimagining the Deacons Ministry of Today's Church\*

Rev. Charles Hightower, Jr.

**Course Description:** This course reviews the historical institution of the Deacon & Deaconess Boards and considers a reimagined ministry as partners with the Pastor in strengthening today's local Baptist Church.

#### Course Title: Nouthetic Counseling

Rev. Dr. Larry Green, Sr.

**Course Description:** In this course, we will delve into its distinctive principles, methodologies, and the role of the counselor as a spiritual guide within the framework of biblical wisdom.

#### Course Tite: Integrity in Ministry

Rev. Ryan Tankersley

**Course Description:** The biblical definition of integrity is truth or the state of being true. As people of God, we must demonstrate truth. Having integrity in ministry is critical and failure to do so will ultimately lead to a disastrous outcome for all who are connected to the ministry. Thus, it is necessary that God's people continuously and authentically maintain the highest degree of integrity.

#### MORNING SESSION (10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.)

#### ADULT CLASSES

#### Course Title: Baptist Doctrine

Rev. Kenneth Simms

**Course Description:** This course examines the basic teachings of the Baptist Faith with simplicity and clarity. Students will explore each doctrinal position and the biblical basis for each doctrinal position taught in the Bible.

#### Course Title: Women in Ministry

Rev. Laura Reyes

**Course Description**: This course will deal with the Biblical function and role of women in ministry. Along with exploring the biblical concept of ministry in general, emphasis will be given to the working relationship of women in ministry with God and others, along with understanding and addressing the challenges faced, including issues of trauma.

#### YOUNG ADULTS (18-35)

#### Course Title: Young Adults in the Church

Rev. Cedrick Rucker

**Course Description:** This course will help young adults to identify ways that they can be involved and stay true to the mission of the church. The course deals with practical, simple ways of discovering the needs and interests of young adults, of focusing on appreciating the normal developmental process of this age group, and of studying the concerns and problems peculiar to them.

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#### MORNING SESSION (10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.) (CONTINUED)

#### TEEN CLASSES (13-17)

#### Course Title: God Chasers

#### Sis. Alana Fernandes & Dr. Min. Sheryl Fernandes

**Course Description:** This course will focus on the importance of connecting with God. There are so many things that young people seek after. Students will learn about pursuing God, and how to express their hearts to Him through worship in their own way.

#### Course Title: Discovering and Walking in Your Purpose

Bro. Joe Devoe

**Course Description:** Are you interested in learning about why God created you? This course aims to teach students to achieve the goals that God has for their lives. Students will be taught how to discover their unique purpose and will walk away knowing how they specifically can be a light in the world.

#### **TEEN & YOUTH CLASS (13-17 & 6-12)** (Combined Worship Experience and Conversation)

Course Title: Being Authentically You in Him \* (6-12 & 13-17)

Bro. Gabriel Luvan

<u>Course Description</u>: This course will bridge the gap between life and ministry in a corporate worship session. This course will help our young people embrace the uniqueness of who they are in Christ!

#### Youth Class (6-12)

Course Title: The Child That Has His Own \*

Sis. Dawn Dubose

**Course Description:** This lesson will speak to the Love of God for his "Children" and what the responsibilities of children should be when it comes to loving God in return.

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION (2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.)**

#### **ADULT CLASSES**

<u>Course Title:</u> That Blessed Book \* (The Bible & the African American Cultural Imagination) Rev. Dr. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes

Course Description: This course will illustrate the ways in which African American oral traditions, especially the spiritual, flag certain texts in the Bible that vince a "prophetic-apocalyptic" reading of the Bible.

#### Course Title: The Book of Psalms

Rev. Leroy Dixon

**Course Description:** This course provides an overview of the Psalms, guiding students through a general exploration and discussion of the meaningful insights of the Psalmists.

#### **YOUNG ADULTS (18-35)**

#### Course Title: Navigating the Post COVID Church \*

Sis. Shanice Maxwell

**Course Description**: COVID has come, and services have changed? We cannot go back, nor should we go back to some ways of old. In this course we will identify what the Post COVID Church looks like and how do we adapt the uncharted territories that now present themselves before us.

#### Course Title: God's Pattern for Leadership

Rev. Dr. Karen Rucks-Walker

**Course Description**: This Course will engage young adults in godly leadership practices, looking at God's specific design for authentic leadership. Through exploration of godly examples and discussion of effective practices, students will learn what is required to be a leader and further how to develop leadership qualities.

#### TEEN CLASSES (13-17)

#### Course Title: The New Age Church: What's in it for the Youth? \*

TBD

**Course Description:** This course will help youth and young adults to identify ways that they can be involved and challenge them to be true who God says that that are. It will help us better understand the dynamics of the new age church and what that now looks like. It will also help us identify the areas and ministries within our church to get and keep our young people engaged.

#### Course Title: Keeping it Real & Being Saved

Sis. Keasha Dubose

**Course Description:** This course aims to teach youth how to stay true to God when being exposed to peer pressure and the related temptations that they face each day. Students will explore Scriptures, examples and share experiences that teach them that with Jesus, they can be leaders and stand against peer pressure.

#### YOUTH CLASSES (6-12)

#### Course Title: Something New!

Sis. Elicia Thompson

**Course Description:** This course will help young people know and recognize that traditional worship is not the only way to worship.

## A New Member

Joining Mt. Zion in February was:

SIS. TRACYE WHITFIELD

**Date Joined:** February 18, 2024 **Method:** Christian Experience

Welcome, Sis. Whitfield!

# Free Fitness Saturdays Continue in March

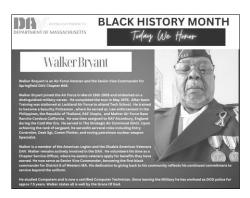
Due to the success of our free fitness classes in February, free fitness classes will continue in March.

Each Saturday this month, here at Mt. Zion, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. free fitness classes will be offered. Classes are for men, women, and children of all ages and abilities. Come out, enjoy good fellowship, and exercise.

### MEMBER RECOGNIZED

Last month, the DAV Department of Massachusetts' Facebook page recognized several service men and women in Honor of Black History Month. One of the honorees was our own, **Bro. Walker Bryant**, an Air Force Veteran and Senior Vice Commander for the Springfield DAV Chapter #68. He is a Trustee here at Mt. Zion. To read about him, go to Facebook DAV Department of Massachusetts

Congratulations, Bro. Bryant!



# **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME...** starts Sun., March 10, 2024.

Remember the adage:
"Fall back; Spring forward."
Set your clocks ahead one hour!

# A Salute to Black History Month

On Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, during our 10a.m. worship service, a "Salute to Black History" program was held. The 20-minute salute highlighted three (3) music genres (ragtime, jazz, & gospel), eight (8) African American inventors, and five (5) African Americans who in some way left their mark on the City of Springfield.

To everyone who helped make this program a success--the Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, volunteer adult speakers, prop donors, and everyone else,

**THANK YOU!** 

# **MONEY MOVE\$**

Mt. Zion is partnering with St. John's Congregational Church to present a Financial Empowerment Series, consisting of four (4) financial seminars, called "MONEY MOVE\$." Mark your calendars and plan to attend:

- 'Real Estate' at St. John's on Saturday, March 9th & Wednesday, March 13th
- 'Financial Fundamentals' at Mt. Zion on Saturday, June 15th & Wednesday, June 19th
- **'Estate Planning'** at St. John's on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, September18<sup>th</sup>
- 'Building Wealth' at Mt. Zion on Wednesday, December 4th & Saturday, December 7th

Saturday seminars are 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Wednesday seminars will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m.



### **MY STORY**

Each Sunday, at our 10 a.m. service, one member will take 2-3 minutes to recount their faith journey. Last month, we heard from three (3) Mt. Zionites who shared their journey to salvation. Each of their powerful testimonies can be heard on our website, wearemtzion.com, on the dates indicated below. We encourage you to listen to each.

Bro. Rocky Edge: February 4<sup>th</sup> Sis. Keturah Mahdi, February 11<sup>th</sup> Sis. Linda Parris, February 18<sup>th</sup>

If you would like to share your testimony, please see Min. James Coppedge to get on the schedule.

### **Building Our Future Together**

By Bro. Brian Ozenne

(This speech was given on January 21st at our Debt Free Kick-off. As we continue to strive to pay off our mortgage, hopefully it will remind you why.)

Dear Mt. Zion Family,

I stand before you today with excitement and a heart full of hope as we embark on a journey that will not only shape the future of our church, but also strengthen the bonds that unite us as community. We have a remarkable opportunity before us—a chance to free ourselves from the burden of debt and create a foundation or lasting impact.

Today, I want to talk to you about a vision—a vision that transcends the wall of this sacred place and extends into the lives of each and everyone one of us. It's a vision of a debt-free future, a future where the resources we channel into our mortgage can instead be directed towards fulfilling our mission and reaching out to those in need.

Just like the builders of old, who came together with a shared purpose to construct places of worship that would stand the test of time, we too have the power to shape our destiny. Our mortgage, while a financial commitment, is also a symbol of our dedication to the growth of our community and the spread of love and faith.

Imagine, my friends, a future where every dollar we contribute to this campaign is not just a payment towards a loan but a step toward securing legacy. A legacy that will speak volumes about our commitment to the values that bind us together. We have the power to create a space where future generations will find solace, hope, and inspiration. But to achieve this vision, we must come together as one, a united force working towards a common goal. It's not just about finances; it's about the strength of our collective will. Each one of us plays a crucial role in this endeavor, and every contribution, big or small, is a building block towards our shared dream.

Let's not see this campaign as a mere financial obligation, but as an investment in something far greater—the spiritual home for ourselves, our children, and generations yet to come. As we embark on this journey, let the flame of passion burn within us, driving us to exceed our own expectations. Together, we can create a debt-free haven, a place where the spirit of community and the love of the divine flourish. Let us be the architects of our own destiny, breaking the chains of debt and embracing the freedom to fully embrace our mission.

I ask you to join hands with me, with each other, and with the divine guidance that has brought us together in this sacred space. Let's make the next two years a testament to our unity, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the vision we share.

May our collective efforts pave the way for a future filled with blessings, abundance, and the everlasting joy that comes from building our future together. Thank you and let us march forward hand in hand towards a debt-free tomorrow.

#### LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE: BLACK HISTORY FACES

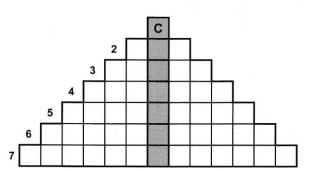
Last month, we did a little something different with the puzzle. Photos of 24 famous historical African Americans were posted outside the sanctuary and members were asked to identify them. Everyone who correctly named all the figures would win a prize.

The Newsletter Staff thanks everyone who took time to look at the photos and to those who entered the contest. Even if you didn't win, we hope you learned about or at least was reminded of some of our history. Congratulations to **Sis. JoAnn Lawson**, who was the only person to correctly identify all 24 figures! Please stop by and see the answers.

#### THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE: PYRACROSS

Solve the clues on each level of the pyramid and reveal the word in the central column of bricks. Answer will be in next month's newsletter. Here are the clues:

- 2. For what reason?
- 3. Ulysses Simpson \_\_\_\_\_\_, 18<sup>th</sup> president of the USA.
- 4. Island country in the Persian Gulf off the coast of Saudi Arabia
- 5. Country, capital Lobamba
- 6. Body of water to the east of Italy (8,3)
- 7. US Writer and poet noted for her sharp wit (7,6)



#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY NEPHEW

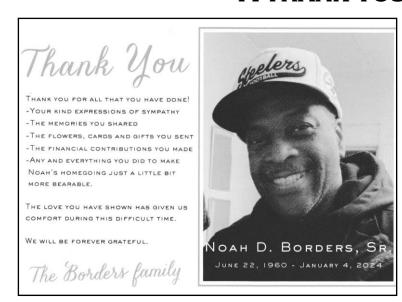
Immanuel David Barbee [5/5/95-1/23/24] Written by Sis. Andrea Dixon

#### In the words of Immanuel:

"May we as witnesses to this tale learn to honor the cycle of life and death, cherishing the memories of those who have departed while embracing the precious moments of our own existence! And may we find solace in knowing that even in death's embrace, the spirit lives on forever intertwined with the infinite threads of the cosmos."

These words were written by a brilliant man! Their minds are sharp. Perhaps, we're not in tune to "this" world! Thank you, Mom, Cheryl Barbee, for giving the permission to reprint Immanuel's words.

#### A THANK YOU CARD



Front: Thank You

- THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE!
- YOUR KIND EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY
- THE MEMORIES YOU SHARED
- THE FLOWERS, CARDS, AND GIFTS YOU SENT
- THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS YOU MADE
- ANY AND EVERYTHING YOU DID TO MAKE NO-AH'S HOMEGOING JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE BEARA-BLE.

THE LOVE YOU HAVE SHOWN HAS GIVEN US COMFORT DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

WE WILL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL.

The Borders family