

SUNDAY JULY 5, 2026

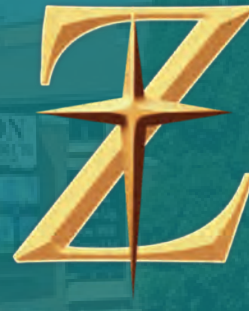
- A. DEVOTION NOT CONVENIENCE
- B. TURNING POINT - NEW BEGINNING
- C. PRIORITY - JESUS FIRST - MATTHEW 6:33

2. WHEN GOD INTERVENES

- A. REMOVES BARRIERS - HANDLES YOUR WORRY
- B. EXCEEDS YOUR EXPECTATIONS
- C. HE SPEAKS TO YOUR CONFUSION

APRIL 5TH, 2026

ROOTED. READY. RESILIENT.



MT. ZION —
VOICE

RESURRECTION

SUNDAY



BY SIS. DIANE JONES

On Sunday morning, April 5th, 2026, Mt. Zion Baptist Church was surprised when suddenly, there was absolutely no electricity! At many churches, panic would have set in. Some churches have been known to cancel services when the unexpected happens. But not Mt. Zion. There's a saying, **"Always Be Prepared,"** and Mt. Zion **aced** that assignment. Those of us arriving for the Fulfillment Hour Resurrection Program, (preceding our second worship service, for which our young students had spent endless hours rehearsing) we were surprised to see that we could not go into the sanctuary. We were met at the door by staff members, holding flashlights and guiding us down the dark corridor to the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast had been served to upwards of 300 people after first service, but because of this sudden power outage all over this part of the city, changes had to be made and implemented quickly. Without wasting a second, many members, led by the deacons and trustees, were busy collapsing the big round tables and lining up chairs forming rows, and making aisles for people to be able to get to each row. There was so much activity going on for about ten minutes, but we pulled it together in an organized manner. A stage area was set up, cameras were rolled in, a generator was set up outside, speakers got plugged in, and a tall Resurrection Cross was placed on the makeshift stage so that our youth could perform their play.

Talk about **RESILIENCE!** Everyone adapted so quickly and smoothly. We had a beautiful worship service, led by our wonderful choir, dressed in pastel colors. Pastor Moore's sermon, **"When Worship Turns into Witness,"** captivated the overflowing congregation, letting us know that when we seek Jesus, and when God intervenes awakening our faith, we have a testimony to witness to others. Following the sermon, we had **Holy Communion**, after which we were asked to make our way into the sanctuary for **Baptism**, witnessing several who went down into the water. And would you believe that as the last person came up out of the water, the **Electricity was Restored** and the lights came back on!! We were able to see and appreciate the beautifully adorned stage with pink and white chairs and the lively Easter lilies, which would have been a part of our morning service. However, **"Nothing Stopped Our True Worship!" PRAISE GOD!**



31st PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

BY SIS. SHAYLA SHELTON

The week of our Pastor and First Lady Moore's 31st Pastoral Anniversary was nothing short of amazing! The celebration began on Wednesday with Pizza with the Pastor and First Lady, where the youth of Mt. Zion, along with visiting youth, had the opportunity to break bread and spend time with their Pastor and First Lady. The room was filled with laughter, joy, and unforgettable moments as jokes were shared and connections were strengthened.



Friday night with First Lady Gwendolyn Moore was truly an experience—you just had to be there! The ladies came together for an evening full of celebration, fun, and fellowship. From delicious food to a lively hat fashion show, karaoke, and line dancing (yes, we Hustled!), the energy in the room was unmatched. The ladies truly showed up and showed out! Then came Sunday—and what a time we had in the Lord! The women adorned themselves in beautiful hats and fascinators, and everyone came dressed in their Sunday best. From the powerful preaching of Pastor Chevez Marshall during the first service, to the Staff Praise Team setting the tone for Fulfillment Hour, to the heartfelt presentations from our youth, every moment was impactful. The celebration culminated with Pastor Howard Earle delivering a powerful message on the legacy of our servant leader, Rev. Dr. Addis Moore. This entire week was a reflection of the love, leadership, and legacy of our Pastor. We thank God for a leader who sees God in us and calls us to our full, God-given potential with boldness, wisdom, and love. Pastor Moore, we celebrate you. May you continue to hold to God's unchanging hand. Happy 31st Pastoral Anniversary!



IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

BY SIS. KAMILLE GLEAVES

DR. JANEÉ STEELE



HER CALLING

For Dr. Janeé Steele, mental health care is about more than treating symptoms. It is about helping people feel seen, valued, and understood.

As a licensed professional counselor, educator, researcher, author, and owner of Kalamazoo Cognitive and Behavioral Therapy, Dr. Steele has dedicated her career to helping others heal and grow. Since opening her practice in 2020, she has created a space where evidence based care and compassion work hand in hand. Her desire to start her business came from a deeply personal place. As a Black woman, she recognized the importance of providing services that acknowledge the unique experiences, strengths, and challenges within Black communities. She also wanted people to know they do not have to choose between their faith and quality mental health care.

MORE THAN A BUSINESS

Through therapy, clinical supervision, training, consulting, and published works, Dr. Steele reaches people far beyond Kalamazoo. Yet what brings her the greatest joy is watching others discover strengths they may not have recognized in themselves. I enjoy helping people grow, overcome challenges, and recognize strengths they may not see in themselves," she shared. "It is incredibly rewarding to watch people develop confidence, healing, and hope."

Balancing the responsibilities of clinician, educator, researcher, and business owner has not always been easy. Still, seeing the impact of her work on clients, students, and professionals across the country remains one of her proudest accomplishments.

FAITH & PURPOSE

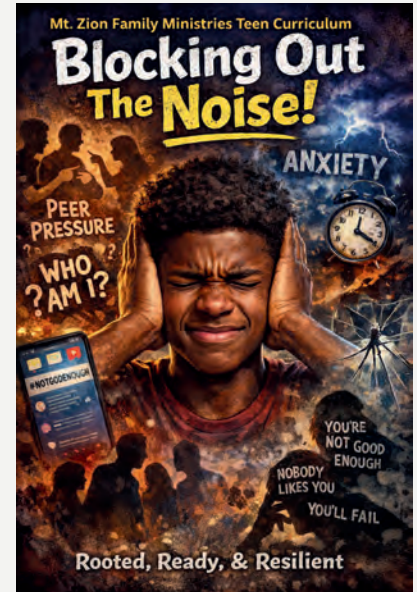
At the heart of everything Dr. Steele does is her faith. She believes knowing her identity in Christ allows her to remain grounded in her purpose and confident in her decisions. Looking ahead, she hopes to continue creating resources that help individuals and communities heal, thrive, and flourish. Through faith, service, and a passion for helping others, Dr. Steele continues to make a lasting impact, one life at a time.

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LIVING OUT LOUD: FAITH IN ACTION

BY DR. BETTY DENNIS



Over the past month, the youth of our church have been doing a fabulous job, demonstrating both their faith and their commitment to serving others. Through a new Wednesday night curriculum called **L.O.L! (Living Out Loud: Faith In Action)**, our young people are learning what it means to put their faith into action by reaching beyond the walls of the church and making a positive impact in the community. This outreach-focused program encourages students to be the hands and feet of Christ through meaningful acts of service and compassion. Their first outreach project involved creating faith-themed keepsakes, such as pillows, bracelets, keychains, and ornaments, for the residents of a local nursing home. This thoughtful act of kindness not only provided comfort but also reminded the residents that they are loved and valued. The youth poured their time, energy, and care into each customized item, demonstrating Christ's love in a tangible way.

The next project focused on supporting mothers and children served by the YWCA. The youth organized a donation drive, set up collection boxes throughout the church, and invited the entire congregation to participate. Through this effort, they collected much-needed items and showed how a community can come together to support those facing difficult circumstances. Their leadership and enthusiasm inspired others to get involved and make a difference. In addition to their outreach efforts, our middle and high school students have begun a new Sunday curriculum called "Blocking Out The Noise." This study addresses many of the real-life challenges that today's teenagers face, including anxiety, overthinking, loneliness, friendships, dating relationships, self-worth, and discovering God's purpose for their lives. Through biblical teaching, honest discussions, and practical application, students are learning to filter out the distractions and pressures of the world and focus on God's truth. We are incredibly proud of our youth and excited to see how God continues to work in and through their lives.



MOTHER'S CORNER

INTERVIEW WITH MOTHER HAYWOOD

BY SIS. ASHLEE FRANKLIN



My basis and strength of faith begins with my mother. My mother taught us not only how to pray, but also how important it is to do as a believer in God. Through out this life, I have learned that prayer is my weapon of warfare and also my place of comfort. God has promised me that he would never leave me nor forsake me. He has kept me through dangers seen and unseen, and It is because of situations that I have made it through in my life that I have the ultimate faith in Him. I also have confidence in God because He created me, He chose me, and He loves me! I want to encourage everyone to develop a strong prayer life and know that everything will work itself out, and when it does, know that God himself did it. Always remember that God can handle all things, so if you worry then you need to pray. However, if you do pray, then there is no need to worry!

PARENTING TIPS



BY SIS. DANIELLE J. MOORE

Summer often gives us a break from the usual routines and offers something precious, extra moments together. In the midst of activities, vacations, and changing schedules, it can be easy to focus on doing more. I have found some of the most meaningful moments with my family are often the simplest ones. A conversation on our deck, a walk around the neighborhood or eating dinner together, these are the places where relationships grow.

As parents and caregivers, we may not always have the perfect words or solutions, but our presence speaks volumes. This summer, may you and I be ready to embrace the moments God gives us, rooted in His love, and resilient through every challenge. As we spend time with our children, may they catch a glimpse of the faithful presence of our Heavenly Father through us.



WellnessCORNER

RISK-TAKING MISSION AND SERVICE THROUGH OUR NURSE MINISTRY

BY DR. KELLIE SANDERS-KIZER

In **Acts 2:42–47**, we see a picture of the early church living out faith in practical, courageous ways. They devoted themselves to prayer and fellowship, shared what they had, and cared for one another so that no one was in need. This spirit of loving service continues today through ministries that embody Christ's compassion—one of these is our Nurse Ministry. In *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, we are reminded that risk-taking mission and service includes the projects, efforts, and work people do to make a positive difference in the lives of others for the purpose of Christ. Our Nurse Ministry lives out this calling by offering care, presence, and skilled service to those who are vulnerable, hurting, or in need of healing.

Animated by the Spirit of God in Christ, those who serve give generously of their time and abilities. Such service is truly the lifeblood of the body of Christ. Offering oneself in deliberate service to improve the conditions of others is rooted in more than 3,000 years of faith tradition. Nearly every page of Scripture shows people serving God by serving others. Nothing is more central to our faith identity and to the church's mission than transforming lives and circumstances by offering ourselves in God's name. Risk-taking mission and service often pushes people beyond their comfort zones, stretching them beyond familiar relationships and routines. Our Nurse Ministry does just that—bringing Christ's love into places of need and reminding us that faith becomes most visible when it is lived out in service.

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SERVING HANDS

A CAREGIVER'S STORY



BY SIS. SHONI PORTER

Caregiving is the act of providing physical, emotional, or financial support to someone who cannot fully care for themselves. My husband and I care for both my mother and our two children — placing us in the Sandwich Generation, sandwiched between the competing demands of aging parents and raising children at the same time.

The demands can feel relentless. BUT GOD. His Word is my GPS — guiding me turn by turn, rerouting me when needed, and carrying me through what I could not bear alone. By living Scripture — not just reading it — He provides boldness at doctor's appointments, confidence in hard moments, and the assurance that I am **rooted, ready, and resilient**.



Caretakers

Dea. Montrell Porter & Sis. Shoni Porter

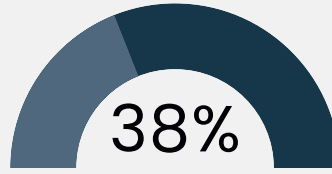


Souls added to the Body

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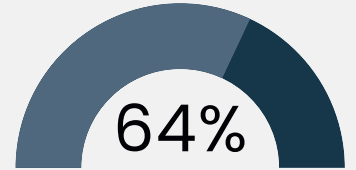
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LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER!



Weekly Target
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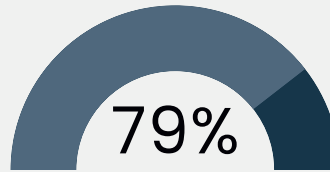
6 AM Prayer Call



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Weekly Target
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Join us for 6 am Wednesday morning prayer.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

JULY 13 - 16 - Chain Lake Annual Session (Mt. Zion)

JULY 14 - Pastor Addis Moore's 73rd Birthday

JULY 20 - 23 - Vacation Bible School

AUGUST

AUG. 4 - Primary Election

AUG. 17 - Church Nursing Home Visitation (Heritage Community of Kalamazoo)

AUG. 29 - NMA Community Carnival

AUG. 30 - Back to School Community Prayer Service

SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 6 - Grandparents' Day

SEPT. 7 - Labor Day

SEPT. 10 - CityLead (Mt. Zion Church)

SEPT. 13 - Promotion Sunday

SEPT. 19 - Church Reboot

SEPT. 20 - Back to Church Sunday

MT. ZION VOICE MINISTRY

Sis. Cassandra Bridges
Sis. Monica Banks
Sis. Nancy Buchanan
Dr. Betty Dennis
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