

The Rising Mount Zion Voice

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Two things are hard on the heart--- running up stairs and running down people.



Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Ephesians 4:29
KJV



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All About Jesus Christ In The Spirit of Christmas

In the world that God created, the God-Child entered the world in a place where few would even notice. Nevertheless, the believers marvel at the humble entrance of the Eternal, Almighty Creator, God, into our world. The Savior of mankind, found lying in a manger (feeding trough), thus giving the shepherds a specific sign to guide them to the Christ-Child. No ruler was willing to abdicate their throne or open the gates to the palace to welcome the King of kings or the Prince of peace. God, who is omnipotent, omnipresent, and all righteous, longed to touch everyone—the beggar, the prostitute, the leper – while presenting Himself, a helpless infant. Isn't it ironic that common folks can never visit the palace (White House) of a newborn, uninvited, but kings, presidents, and princes can visit a manger without an invite? The most amazing truths of the Bible Christmas story revolve around events that make no earthly sense. The individuals -- the *Shepherds, Mary, and Gabriel* -- in the

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story are unlikely recipients of angelic declarations. Yet through ordinary people such as us, God creates extraordinary events:

- *The Shepherds* – Shepherds were seen as rough, uncultured, untrustworthy fellows. Because of their poor credibility, shepherds weren't allowed to testify in court. Yet, the first account of Christ's birth was from the shepherds, who were “glorifying and praising God” (Luke 2:20).
- *Mary* – What had Mary achieved in her 12-14 years to merit a greater honor and blessing than any other woman in the Bible? Mary's record is brief among that of Sarah, Naomi, Ruth, or Hannah. Basically, Mary fell into favor with God as He extended His grace to this young woman (*Luke 1:28*).
- *Gabriel* – when the archangel shared God's promise of a son, the aged temple priest, Zechariah, doubted God (Luke 1:18). Zechariah is struck mute. Yet, with faith, young Mary, humbly receives Gabriel's great proclamation, and responds, “May it be to me as you have said” (Luke 1:38). Mary's song, reflects the intimate acquaintance that she had with God (Luke 1:46-56).

Each year before or immediately after Thanksgiving, there is a spirit of Christmas that pervades and reflects on the actions of society – the ringing bells, twinkling lights, weary shoppers, busy merchants, beautiful decorations, delectable food, too many presents; and nostalgic Christmas music that wafts throughout the mall corridors. There is a difference between the present-day Christmas spirit designed to put everyone in a festive holiday mood; and the original Bible Christmas story which is a spirit in harmony with Heaven and stirs believers to the very depth of their souls. The divine Designer of the universe sacrificed everything to bring us back into a relationship with Him. Discovering the REAL Christmas message requires looking beyond all-too-familiar holiday experiences and be inspired to commemorate Christ's birth in a way that radiates God's amazing love to everyone around us. Even if we take worldly pleasures away, the story is still there. It is still true and our joy is still great! (*John 3:16*)

Remembering all of you this Christmas and praying your celebration brings a heart full of joy as you remember GOD'S AMAZING LOVE shown through His Son, Jesus.

From the Pastor's Desk...



Dear Zion Family!

In the peace of this glorious season of joy, I greet you, my Zion church family and friends in the goodness, greatness, and the graciousness of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the one who orders my steps in His Will, His Way and His Word. Celebrating 150 years of the existence of our church has rapidly brought us to the end of another year that has incorporated the wholeness of a livelihood. In spite of the challenges, celebrations and shortcomings, we've endured all, being grateful for the grace and mercy of God and the prayers and unwavering faith of the righteous. As we dare to go forth, it is my hope that we as a people of God will do so with vision, *the ability to imagine limitlessly in your mind and have victory in Jesus*, rather than by sight, *the ability to see things only in the present stage they are*. You see Zion, God cannot help us become our best self if we can't imagine it. We must learn to "Speak things as though they were" so that we are able to shift our focus to God and trust Him to drive our behavior through our spiritual organ, our heart. Our Sovereign God is our Stabilizer, our Strength, and our Shield who provides everything we need to stand for Him and against the tide of evil. Aren't you glad that He empowers us to work against injustice or to intervene on behalf of the vulnerable or the victimized and preserves our unique relationship with Him and one another? As people of God, we must never feel inadequate for the task at hand; or become paralyzed by thinking that we don't own the skills, experiences, references, or time to help others. Even if we don't think we have much to offer, why not adopt the attitude of servanthood? That is, seeking opportunities to make a difference in people's lives by simply doing what we can to serve others! Let us look past our struggles, put others before ourselves, model God's love, and demonstrate concern for others through simple acts of persevering love and a compassionate style that convey dignity and value to others. It is my belief that God wants our spiritual journey to be one of substance. Therefore, He provides for His people through His people. The good news is that God cares for us and He carries us to new heights of grace, security and restores courage and strength that help us sustain all circumstances and subsequently share a testimony of His faithfulness. Like many of you, I'm a witness that we can flourish in the face of hardships and controversies because of God's power at work in our lives. During our life's journey, we face many choices as to which direction to take. Many of the roads of life seem promising and attractive but God calls us to travel the way of discipleship and obedience to His Word that encourages us to follow Him instead of the world. We thank God that He gives us wisdom and boldness to follow His Way that makes all the difference in our lives and those we love! I'm confident that having Jesus in our life guarantees God's presence. No matter what, there's no need for a talisman such as a rabbit's foot or a good luck charm. Our journey is not and will not be without challenges but God's presence assures us that He is near and is functioning in our lives, in both the joys and the struggles. I can assure you, Zion that if we hear the Words of God, practice and obey them; we are building our lives on a steady, rock-solid foundation that's able to withstand any storms that may come our way. It is my prayer that God will help us to model the compassion of Jesus for others, and daily give thanks to Him!

The "Sweet Sixteen" Celebration of Pastor and People was such a blessed and amazing day in which I give God all glory and honor for allowing me to humbly serve this faith community for 16 distinguished years, an honorable privilege that I do not take lightly. I sincerely thank you, my people, for your support, love and generosity. May our God continue to order our steps as we go forth while being purposefully guided by His light!

This Christmas, let's worship and give thanks for God's ineffable Christmas gift to us--the lowly birth of JESUS, as we reflect God's love and the spirit of Christmas throughout the year!

Be Blessed...

Pastor Cyprian

Spratley Allen Missionary Circle

By Sister Valorie McBee

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."* Matthew 25:35-36 NRSV

The Baptist General Convention of Virginia - Area A Women's Ministry missionaries held its annual Week of Prayer on October 9. The special prayer service was hosted by Faith Community Baptist Church, Richmond, where the Rev. Dr. Patricia Gould-Champ is the Senior Pastor and Founding Visionary. Sister Linda Wingfield of Faith Community served as the worship leader. The main theme for this year was **Prayer for Unity in the Body of Christ – 1 Corinthians 12:12**.

The Spratley Allen missionaries and other Area A missionaries offered prayers under various sub-themes. The following thematic prayers with related scriptures were offered:

Quicken of the Holy Spirit in the Lives of God's People – *John 3:8, 14-26, Romans 8:4, Titus 3:6; 1 Corinthians 12:7* by Sister Irene Alexander (Fifth Baptist), **The Revelation of God's Word in the Lives of All Believers** – *Matthew 28:19, Psalm 19:1, John 3:6, 5:39* by Deaconess Helen Day (Rising Mount Zion), **Divine Wisdom and Knowledge in Teachers and Administrators in Our Schools, Churches, and Communities** – *Proverbs 2:6, 18:15, Psalm 119:66* by Deacon Priscilla Evans (Mt. Olive), **Renewed Commitment in Adhering to God's Voice and Vision** – *Jeremiah 33:3, 1 Samuel 3:10, Psalm 37:3-4, Proverb 20:27* by Sister Carolyn Wright (Pleasant Grove), **Protection of the Military and Countries Around the World in the Midst of Global Instability** - *Ephesians 6:11, Psalm 18:35-36, 32:7, 46:1, Hebrews 13:6, Isaiah 54:17* by Sister Pearline Cooke, (Mt. Vernon), **Commitment of Sinners, the Consecration of All Believers as Being Essential to the Body of Christ and Life of the Church** - *Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9, Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Peter 1:10-11* by Rev. Annie Mosley (First Shiloh – Chickahominy Association), **Support of Present and Future Leadership in the Local Churches, Associations, and State** – *2 Timothy 2:2, 2 Peter 1:3* by Rev. Ciarra Smith-Bond (Faith Community). Words of Encouragement were given by Deacon Renita Thornton, Area A Chairperson (Rising Mount Zion) and Closing Prayer by Rev. Ciarra Smith-Bond (Faith Community).

The residents of the Glen Burnie Rehabilitation and Nursing Facility were excited as always to see the Spratley Allen missionaries. On October 19, Missions Ministry members prayed for and read scripture to the residents. Together they sang songs and praised God for His grace and mercy. The residents were then ready for their bingo games as they welcomed the assistance of the missionaries.

The Daily Planet is a non-profit organization whose mission is *to provide accessible, comprehensive, and integrated quality health services to anyone regardless of their housing, financial, citizenship or insurance status*. They *envision a community where ALL are empowered to live healthy, enriched and stable lives*. The Spratley Allen Missionary Circle donated \$125 to the organization for bus tickets and hot and cold cereal for those in need. The RMZ missionaries also provided thanksgiving baskets with turkeys and all the trimmings to over 20 families, including families from Ratcliffe and Glen Lea Elementary Schools. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The Spratley Allen members mourn the loss one of our dear missionaries, Rev. Mary W. Holmes, who is now resting at peace with the Lord.

Before receiving there must be giving.
Lao-tzu

*"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.*

Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man".
Proverbs 3:3-4 NIV





Sick, Shut-in & Bereaved Families

For every matter there is a time and judgment.

Ecclesiastes 8:6

God doesn't promise any of us that we will escape the turbulent seas of life; but He does promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us. His promise assures us that when He permits suffering, He also provides comfort; and only He can still our hearts and quiet our minds. Therefore through difficult times, stand still and trust God to lead you!

To each of our bereaved families and to those who have been hospitalized, undergone surgery, experienced a period of illness, or suffered other afflictions, know that Pastor Cooper, the Diaconate Ministry and your Zion family sincerely extend our genuine support, love, and deeds of kindness to you and your families. As a church family we reach out in sincerity, humility and love to all who are hurting and grieving. Know that together we can heal and grow in understanding and in the peace that is ours through Jesus Christ who knows our most painful moments and provides forgiveness, deliverance and hope in all situations.

- **Brother Donté Jones** mourns his cousin, *Sister Gail Laverne Ridley* and his aunt, *Sister Sabrina Jones*.
- **Brother Marvin Martin** and **Sister Chasity Adkins (Brother Jeffrey)** mourn his sister and her aunt, *Sister JoAnn Mosbly*.
- **Brother Glen Thomas (Sister Valerie)** and their daughter, **Sister Evette Thomas**, mourn his brother and her uncle, *Brother Frederick Lewis Thomas*.
- **Sister Doretha Lynch** and **Brother Norman Randolph (Sister Ceressa)** mourn her great granddaughter and his great-niece, *Young Miss Asia Wallace*.
- **Brother Kenneth McCowan**, his son, **Brother Kamari McCowan**, and **Deaconess Helen Day** mourn his grandmother, great-grandmother and cousin, *Sister Joan Greene*.
- **Sister Priscilla Lawson** and **Sister Brenda Finney** mourn her sister-in-law and mother-in-law, respectively, *Sister Fannie Louise Jenkins*.
- **Deaconess Delores Carter** and **Brother Don Carter (Sister Charita)** mourn their aunt, *Sister Alice Vaughan*.
- **Sister Lillie Dade (Brother Banks)** mourns her cousin, *Brother Keenan Cunningham* and her 100-year old aunt, *Sister Margaret Harper Parker*.
- **Sister Brenda Clark** mourns her step-mother, *Sister Sylvia Mabry McKensey*.
- **Sister Joyce Lynch, Trustee Duane Lynch (Sister Georgie)**, and a host of relatives/friends mourn her grandson, his nephew, relative/friend, *Brother Daniel Lewis*.
- **Sister Jane Allen** mourns her uncle, *Brother Cornelius Norvell*.
- **Brother Buster Peoples (Sister Brenda)** mourns his brother, *Brother Roosevelt Peoples*.
- **Deaconess Willnette Folly (Deacon Thomas)** mourns her sister-in-law, *Sister Gloria Russell*.
- **Young Miss McKinley Richards** mourns her cousin and dear friend, *Young Miss Maya Smith*.
- **Brother Clarence B. Miles, Jr.** mourns his father, *Brother Clarence B. Miles, Sr.*
- **Brother Michael Holmes, Brother Paul Holmes (Sister Pam), Sister Tara H. Abney (Brother Robert)**, and **Brother Melvin Webb** mourn their mother, her grandmother and his relative, **Rev. Mary W. Holmes**.
- **Deaconess Mary Hatcher (Deacon Richard)**, and **Sister Dannetta H. White (Brother James)** and their children mourn her brother and their uncle, *Brother Stanley Kirkwood*.
- **Sister Carolyn Robinson (Brother William)** mourns her mother, *Sister Honeywood Lawrence*.
- **Sister Arnetha Carter, Brother Terence Carter, and Sister Tiffany Carter-Ellis** mourn her sister-in-law and their aunt, *Sister Jackie Reynolds*.
- **Brother Clarence Greene (Sister Angela)** mourns his nephew, *Brother Valton Buck Pratt, Jr.*
- **Sister Kimberly Williams** mourns her brother, *Brother Justin Williams*.
- **Deaconess Ola R. Luck** and **Sister Sally Collins** mourn their nephew, *Brother Fentriss Woltz*.
- **Sister Vivian Minor** mourns her brother, *Brother Joshua Thomas*.
- **Sister Chloe Dunston** mourns her grandfather, *Brother Norman Dunston*.
- **Brother Sean Ingram (Sister Tanise)** and Family mourns his aunt, *Sister Mamie Fields.*,





Scouting At RMZBC

By Cheryl Thurston



At the beginning of the Cub Scout year youths in grades kindergarten through fifth grade are recruited. Several schools in the area were tapped: Glen Lea, Harvie, Jacob Adams, Arthur Ashe and Ratcliffe Elementary Schools. The new Cubs were welcomed in a Welcome to Our Pack Campout. Prior to that day the leaders taught them how to pitch a tent. Arriving on the Friday evening all the parents and boys pitched the tents on the front lawn of the Hartman Street side of RMZ. Wouldn't you know it, it was the first cold weekend we had in a while! Nevertheless, the parents, boys and leaders braved the elements after dinner, games, and cracker barrel and campfire stories. After waking up and cleaning the campsite they were treated to a hardy breakfast before leaving to start their day.

Learning about nature was experienced during a three-mile hike at Dorey Park in Henrico County where they observed turtles, snakes and frogs and were able to identify prints of other animals. The boys had to identify the different leaves as well. After the hike all enjoyed their bagged lunches before departing for their different destinations.

The Boy Scouts welcomed two new Scouts from the Cub Scout Pack at a Crossover Ceremony to begin this season. Welcome Kendall James and Kaleb Starks!

The Scouts have been busy all year with service projects. Starting this season was Life Scout Caleb Faulk whose Eagle Scout Service Project was to build a twelve-slot mailbox for the ladies at the Hilliard House for Women. Life Scout Ajon Orange's Eagle Scout project was to hold a Blood Drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. The Scouts combined the service project with a campout and started the Cooking Merit Badge. With the upcoming young new Scout, they demonstrated their cooking skills. For their meal they prepared pork chops, baked beans and salad. Cooking Merit Badge covers more than cooking. Additionally, it covers sanitation and first aid and different methods of cooking. The older Scouts were surprised at how delicious and well-seasoned the pork chops were.

The Boy Scouts went on a hike, walking the Old Dominion Trail which covers St. John's Church in Church Hill, 17th Street Market Place, Main St. Station, Richmond Slavery Reconciliation Statue (fenced in), Capitol Square, Governor's Mansion, Canal Walk, Tredegar Iron Walk (area under construction) American Civil War Center, World War II Memorial (area under construction) and Hollywood Cemetery.

In November, parents, friends of Pack and Troop gathered for a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Wouldn't you know it, again after having beautiful weekends, that weekend was the beginning of our cold weather! After the ceremony all enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies to warm up. Also in November the Boys went to Richmond Metro Zoo in Moseley, Virginia.

The Scouts received rank advancements and merit badges at the quarterly Court of Honor. Jordan Athy and Joshua Hines earned the Tenderfoot rank; Corbin Matthews and Aaden Turnbull earned their Second-Class rank. Joseph Logan earned the World Conservation Award. To receive this award, the scout must earn the Fish and Wildlife Management or Soil and Water Conservation, Environmental Science or Sustainability and Citizenship in the World Merit Badges. During the Summer Scouts earned a variety of other merit badges.

December 14, the Boy Scout Troop celebrated three Scouts for earning the Eagle Scout rank. They are Kendall Jones, freshman at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia, Melique Manning, sophomore at Huguenot High School and Justin Chamber, senior at Henrico High School.

Troop 525 welcomes boys to the Pack – kindergarten age to fifth grade/10 years and Boy Scouts from ages 11 years to 17 years old. Contact the church administrative office 804-643-0715, Cubmaster Harold Sayles or Scoutmaster Frank Thurston, Sr. 804-339-5566. Come join US!



Troop 801 ... A Girl Scout's Journey

By Michelle Shipman

Through leadership and sisterhood the mission of Girl Scout Troop 801 is to create new paths by exploring new things, expanding diverse friendships, and boosting their confidence to encourage a positive change connecting with friends, their communities and the world. Members of the troop and their leaders are constantly engaging in wholesome activities. Recently they participated in the following events:

- A trip to Scott's Addition Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 19 on the Arthur Ashe Boulevard in Richmond where the festivities included food, music, rides and a competitive costume party sponsored by Dave & Buster's.
 - The girls also experienced hands-on activities at the animal farm and petting zoo.
 - The Deep Run High School Robotics Team interacted with the girls showing off their talents with a robotic basketball player. The young scientists and inventors really inspired the girls with their robotic designs. These events highlighted the importance of **STEM learning (science, technology, engineering and math)**.
- On October 31 Troop 801 commemorated the birthday of Juliette Gordon Low (aka Daisy), the founder of the Girl Scout Program that originated in Savannah, Georgia. The scouting program introduced girls of all backgrounds into the outdoors, giving them the opportunity to develop self-reliance and resourcefulness. Locally, Girl Scouts celebrated Juliette Low's contribution with a campfire, eating S'mores cookies and singing songs. Our troop always looks forward to this annual family event at Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp every year.
- On Sunday, November 10, Channel 6 highlighted members of Troop 801 as one of the groups that was handing out water to runners/walkers participating in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer", an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society and had taken place on the previous Saturday, November 9.
- The troop traveled to the Moton Museum in Farmville, Virginia on Saturday, November 23. This national landmark and museum is the student birthplace of the American Civil Rights Revolution. The troop members were invited by Ambassador Scout Janaé Cooper (Pastor Cooper's niece) to support her in her Gold Award Project that resulted in her obtaining the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn--The Gold Award. Participating scouts received a patch that may be worn on their uniform.
- The Troop collected gently used and new coats in all sizes for the Kids Coat Drive and again teamed with the Puritan Cleaners that clean all coats before distribution.
- Troop 801 joined the American Cancer Society in honoring and celebrating cancer survivors and standing together to make a difference in the fight against breast cancer.
- Cookie sales begin January 2020 and the girls will begin their money management regiment. Let's support these young entrepreneurs meet their goals by supporting them as strong as ever this 2020 year!





The "Sweet Sixteen" Celebration

By Deacon Mary Kemp

Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ...Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:13-15 NIV

The spirit of the Lord lingered in the atmosphere of the Rising Mount Zion church family who celebrated its pastor, Dr. Roscoe D. Cooper III, "Sweet Sixteen" Anniversary. God's grace and mercy have sustained this moral relationship between Pastor & People for sixteen blessed years. The special occasion took place on Sunday, October 6, during both morning worship services and shall be indelibly remembered as a day of CELEBRATING 16 YEARS · GROWING STRONGER · GOING DEEPER · REACHING HIGHER.

Serving at the 8:15 and 11:15 morning worship hours respectively were: Mrs. Sally Collins and Rev. Rosemary Morris were the Worship Leaders; Mrs. Collins and Mr. Everette Taylor led the Call to Worship; Mrs. Sharon Glover and Rev. Morris offered the Prayer of Invocation; Mrs. Veronica Jackson and Mrs. Niani Winn read the Tribute to Our Pastor; and Mr. Troy Washington and Ms. Vivian Minor introduced the guest evangelists. The talented voices of the Mass Choir, accompanied by the Zion musicians, rendered amazing, breath-taking songs, choosing to insert Pastor Cooper's name in the sermonic song, "He Knows Your Name". The Adult & Teen Praise Dancers captured everyone's attention with their angelic rhythmic performance. At the end of each worship service, Deaconess Mary Hatcher and her family catered and served a repast that was nutritiously filling, plentiful, delicious and beautifully displayed in the spacious church vestibule where Pastor Cooper was able to greet and mingle with parishioners.

In addition to the already blessed day, the real fulfillment came through the Word of God. Both keynote speakers delivered a very compelling, prolific and inspiring sermon that captivated and engaged the audience. Our 8:15 morning evangelist, the Rev. Dr. Emanuel Charles Harris, Pastor of the Jerusalem Baptist Church, Manakin-Sabot, Virginia and President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Richmond and Vicinity chose the scriptural text, Psalm 133:1-3, and entitled his sermon, "Let's Do This Together". Dr. Harris purposely compared the movie, Drum Line, starring Devin to the success of a church (Rising Mount Zion). Just as Devin learned, one person, no matter how talented, cannot do the job alone. Likewise, it takes more than one Christian to do God's work. Everyone has to put aside his individual talent and work together in order to transform and/or succeed! Other poignant points were:

- There must be unity, not uniformity! Uniformed folk do some crazy stuff. They aren't necessarily unified in spirit, don't have common goals, put Jesus on the Cross. They murder, cheat and do strange things.
- Unity proclaims one faith, one Baptism, one spirit. It is invaluable, priceless, honorable, reverent, and directed by God.
- Unity in worship is to be aware of God's presence.
- Unity in praise is an oral proclamation.
- Worship inhales; praise exhales. (A comment once spoken by Dean Kinney?)

In conclusion, Dr. Harris asks, "Why are we so divided when we claim to serve the same God, Healer, Protector and Creator? Irrefutably, Dr. Harris reminded Pastor Cooper that regardless to his ability and desire to be one of God's called powerful messengers he cannot do God's work alone! Pointedly, he addressed the congregants stating that no one can do God's work alone because it is too widespread! Therefore, everyone, naming Pastor and People, must work together in unity in order to go forth doing the mighty works of God!

The Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ivey Green, Executive Minister of the First Baptist Church of South Richmond and the Immediate Past President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Richmond and Vicinity was the guest evangelist for the 11:15 a.m. worship service. Dr. Green was sanctioned through her chosen scriptural reading, Luke 4:14-20, and readily entitled her message, "You Are on Assignment". She affirmed that although Pastor Cooper is one of God's spokespersons, he is forever on an assignment. Yes, the demand of God's work can cause His chosen ones to grow weary sometimes. Nonetheless, leading a church is not a do-drop-in job, but rather it's an assignment authorized by God to lead a church in these tough times. Pastor Cooper, since the spirit of the Lord has anointed and chosen you for this place, at this time you must realize and adhere to the following:

- Keep your assignment, remain committed and don't give up. God is with you.
- Take a firm stand.
- Remember your assignment is not to always make people feel good. Sometimes you have to disturb, shake-up, and speak out on issues.
- Be an ambassador for the Lord.
- Know that you are church elected; God assigned!
- Take care of all people regardless to their status in life.
- Return to the basis of your assignment.
- Have a sense of moral obligation to bring peace and unity.
- Know always that JESUS is the answer! He came and went to work. He has called you to do the work of the Lord.
- Learn from Christ then make Him known -- SPREAD the GOOD NEWS!

We, the Zion family, are eternally grateful to God for sending to us one of His chosen shepherds after His own heart who leads us with divine wisdom, forward vision, and clarity in understanding His Word. Additionally, we thank God for blessing Pastor and People for sixteen renewing and transforming years and for the guest evangelists who delivered powerful and meaningful messages that inspired us to work together on our God-given assignment, knowing that God's work is too great for one person to do alone. It is our prayer that God grants us grace to walk in His light, humble spirits to worship in the fullness of His glory, faithful hearts to serve Him and constant joy to bless and inspire others to follow His Way!

**PASTOR and PEOPLE of ZION,
If, united when our assignment is done as to the Lord,
His work will surely bring us great reward!
Let's continue to do this together!**

The ***RESOURCE*** Page...

Managing Stress

Stress is a certain set of changes that people undergo in situations that they appraise as threatening to their well-being. Physiologically, these changes cause the nervous system and endocrine system to speed up heart rate, pulse rate and increase blood pressure. Stress can adversely affect our immune system and make us more vulnerable to infection and disease. Cognitively, the amount of stress that each individual experiences depends on how one appraises a situation or event in his/her life. Stress is universal across cultures, ages, gender; it is both normal and abnormal, both rational and irrational, it occurs through every day hassles and during a major life crisis. The World Health Organization classifies "Burnout" as a result of chronic workplace stress.

The circumstances that induce stress responses are called stressors. There are stressors that one cannot control and those that are within one's control. The key to coping with stress is learning to tell the difference in what one can control and what one cannot. Making changes within oneself is a beneficial first step by changing one's thought process or way of thinking. Changing interpretations and perceptions of what happens in one's life can change feelings.

Coping Skills

1. Emotion-focused coping is effective for uncontrollable stressors. However, one can control how he responds to the situation by understanding self and perhaps changing his attitude.
2. Problem-focused coping is effective for stressors that one can control such as not taking on too many responsibilities particularly during the holidays, controlling anger, developing good planning skills, practicing good communication skills.
3. The cognitive coping strategies may include stopping negative thoughts (replace with positive thoughts), changing maladaptive beliefs or behavior that result in dysfunctional and non-productive outcomes that are more harmful than helpful, and by learning about stress and its management as listed below.

**There are different strategies and skills, techniques and/or approaches to managing stress.
Choose the stress management tools that will best work for YOU.**

Spiritual and/or Inspirational

- Develop your prayer life.
- Connect with a greater power outside of yourself. When things are not within your control, it helps to have faith and a spiritual connection. Involve yourself in practices that uplift your spirit.
- Keep a gratitude list.
- Explore surrender. Learn how to change what you can, let go, and know the difference.
- Explore whether you need to forgive yourself or others. Love and compassion keep us connected.
- Learn a meditation practice.
- Read inspirational materials, and choose to watch or listen to uplifting media programs.
- Watch animals to learn more about the ways of the natural world to help you develop more realistic expectations about change, growth, protection.
- Look for role models to your stress.
- of people who have serenity.
- Assess whether childhood teachings add

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Physical

- Exercise at least 20 minutes 3 times a week.
- Practice deep breathing and deep muscle relaxation.
- Learn a moving meditation.
- Volunteer to use your athletic ability to help a good cause.
- Get a massage.
- Make your environment reflect calmness.
- Get a physical. Take good care of yourself.

Intellectual

- Do cognitive restructuring by replacing negative self-talk with positive self-statements.
- Practice "thought stopping" when you feel yourself worry or obsess, contain your thoughts.
- Assess whether you are bored in your life.
- Practice time management.
- Set aside time to think about problems that need to be addressed and explore possible solutions.
- Do daily affirmations.

For information on stress management workshops, contact Valorie McBee (804) 387-9592 or vmcbee@verizon.net.

I Meet God In the Morning

By Helen Steiner Rice

*I meet God in the morning,
And go with Him through the day,
Then in the stillness of the night,
Before sleep comes I pray
That God will just take over
All the problems I couldn't solve,
And in the peacefulness of sleep
My cries will all dissolve...
So when I open up my eyes
To greet another day,
I'll find myself renewed in strength
And there will open up a way
To me what seemed impossible
For me to solve alone,
And once again I'll be assured
I am never on my own.*

Rising Mount Zion CH RCH needs U

The principle celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church was held in May 2019. However, the postlude activities were extended June through December. Each Sunday, except on second Sundays, a highlight of a different ministry was displayed on the church screen during both morning services and was accompanied by a prerecorded narrative and related ministry pictures. *Sister Deborah Andrews* and *Brother Melvin Webb* were the narrators for alternating weeks; pictures were taken and/or received from various church members, put on individual disks by *Brother William Kemp, Jr.* and *Trustee Jerry Branch*, and timely given to the Multi-Media Ministry. The mission of each ministry, familiar faces, showing members actively participating in their various activities, and of course an invitation to join the ministry were emphasized. Get in where you fit in! Just choose a ministry or ministries, knowing that there's at least one ministry in which YOU can fit! The following voluntary ministries of the church are listed in alphabetical order:

- **Bereavement Ministry** – *Rev. Harold Sayles*
- **Children's Church** – *Sister Kimberly Robinson*
- **Choirs/Musicians** – *Sister Amber Hughes*
 - Inspirational Choir - *Sister Joyce Thompson*
 - Mass Choir – *Sister Jonette Meade*
 - Male Chorus – *Brother Don Carter*
 - Small Ensemble Choir – *Sister Catherine Street*
 - Youth Choir – *Sister Amber Hughes*
- **Christian Education Ministry** - Church School on Sundays, Special Educational Sessions and/or Discussions) – *Sister Kimberly Robinson*
- **Cub Pack/Boy Scout Troop 525** – Scoutmaster Trustee *Frank Thurston, Sr.*, Cubmaster *Rev. Harold Sayles*
- **Fine Arts Ministry** - *Sister Amber Hughes*
- Adult & Youth Praise Dancers - *Sister Jaime Robinson*
- Drama – *Sister Catherine Street*
- Steppers –*Sister Princess Allen & Sister Jodie Allen*
- **Girl Scout Troop 801** – Deaconess *Carol Stovall-Johnson*
- **Hospitality Ministry** – Deaconess *Mary Walker*
- **Intercessory Prayer Ministry** – *Rev. Rosemary Morris*
- **Joint Ushers Ministry** – Trustee *Marion McMackle, Jr.*
 - Joseph Smith Memorial Ushers – *Sister Cheryl Thurston*
 - Kavanza Smith Memorial Ushers– *Sister Marva Harris*
 - Male Ushers – *Brother Clarence Kizzie*
 - Senior Auxiliary Ushers – *Sister Narcissa Best*
 - Youth Ushers – *Young Miss Chayla Robinson*
- **Men Ministry** – Deacon *Lorenzo Doswell*
- **Multi-Media Ministry** – Trustee *Duane Lynch & Trustee Corey Mickleberry*
- **Nurses Ministry** – *Sister Patricia Oliver*
- **Pastor Aide Ministry** – Deacon *Mary Kemp*
- **Security Ministry** – Trustee *Jerry Eberhardt*

- **Senior of Zion Ministry – Sister Althea Lewis**
- **Sheepfold Ministry – All Deacons**
- **Spratley Allen Missionary Circle – Sister Pauline Holmes**
- **Sunday Morning Breakfast Ministry – Brother Al Davis & Trustee Jerry Branch**
- **Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study – Deacon Richard Hatcher, Jr.**
- **Transportation Ministry – Trustee Murley Richardson, Jr.**
- **VOICE Newsletter Ministry -- Deacon Mary Kemp**
- **Women's Ministry --- Sister Cynthia Snead**
- **Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Adults – Pastor Roscoe D. Cooper III, Deacon Mary Kemp & Sister Derith Hatcher**
- **Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Kids – Rev. Blanche Faulk**

Any individual interested in becoming a member of a ministry should call the church office (804-643-0715); give your name, the ministry of interest and a contact number for the president/chairman to contact you.

The **Servant Leadership Ministry** is composed of the **Deacons, Deaconesses and Trustees** and under the guidance of the **Pastor, Dr. Roscoe D. Cooper III**. Its members are selected, interviewed and voted upon, ordained or consecrated and serve as a valuable asset who assist and support the Pastor in implementing the abundant works of the church.

- The **Deacons** who are the spiritual leaders who aid the Pastor; lead the Sheepfold Ministry that readily contact, visit, and offer prayer, reliable advice and comforting deeds to members. Additionally, they extend the hand of discipleship, perform the acts of Baptism, serve Communion, and bestow heartfelt condolences to individuals/families in the church membership who are confronted with illness, death and other afflictions. *Deacon Lorenzo Doswell – Chairman, Deacon Mary Kemp -- Vice chairman*
- The **Deaconesses** assist the Deacons in fulfilling various spiritual church duties; ready the Communion table, provide hygienic Baptism and Communion items and tangible objects that ensure welcomed comfort and benefits to the parishioners. *Deaconess Carol Stovall-Johnson – President, Deaconess Mary Walker -- Vice President*
- The **Trustees** guarantee the cleanliness and attractiveness of the church physical interior and exterior edifices; grounds/landscaping, and transportation vehicles, as well as maintain and keep in good order the financial furtherance of the church. They also provide security and availability to the church buildings for meetings, rehearsals, programs/activities and make sure the buildings are secure before departing. The chairman is pretty much on duty twenty-four hours because he is the first person contacted when there's a concern/problem at the church. *Trustee Franklin Thurston, Sr. – Chairman, Trustee Jerry Branch – Vice Chairman*

*...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many
Matthew 20:28 NIV*



SPOTLIGHT on.....

Ola R. Luck

By Patricia L. Royal



In Pittsylvania County, Virginia on July 4, 1931 the Luck family celebrated far more than Independence Day. Blessed by God, Deacon Charlie and Georgia Luck welcomed their fourth child into the world. They chose to call her Ola Ruth. She enjoyed a happy childhood as she frolicked in the fields, picked apples from the trees and plucked delicious melons directly from the vines. Eventually, ten other siblings would be added to this family. At the age of six she stepped on the first rung of the ladder of her life-long pursuit of education by attending a one-room school with one teacher who taught all the children, grades one through seven. With loving parents ever behind her she continued her studies in the public school systems of Pittsylvania County and the City of Danville, Virginia. She was graduated from the Southside High School in 1949 and attended Virginia State College (now Virginia State University) and was graduated in 1955. She pursued graduate studies at New York University and Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU).

After graduation Ola embarked upon a highly successful career as a librarian at the Union High and Caroline County High Schools in Caroline County, Virginia where she established deep and abiding relationships with her co-workers and her students for 32 years. To this day she continues to receive calls, visits, letters and gifts from her former students. Having received multiple awards during her career, upon retirement she continued in service on the Mayor's Commission of Richmond, the Board of SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) and the Northside Civic Association. While grateful for her accomplishments, she knows her power comes not from her résumé, but from our Heavenly Father who loves and cares for all.



At the age of 11 she was baptized at the Bethel Baptist Church where her father was a deacon and her mother worked tirelessly in the Missionary Circle. Throughout her life she followed her parents' teaching to always put God first in her life. In Caroline County she served for several years as a faithful member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school and served in other ministries. After she moved to Richmond she joined the Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church family where she has been a faithful member since 1979. Soon thereafter, she was selected and consecrated as a member of the RMZ Deaconess Ministry. Deaconess Luck has truly given her all in supporting the church ministries and advancing the work of the Kingdom. She has served as an able chairperson and cooperative member of many ministries. Of her several years serving as Sunday school teacher five were as superintendent of the Zion Sunday school. In addition, she is a long-standing member of the Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church Deaconess Ministry, Coordinator of its Mid-Week Services, and an editor of the RMZ VOICE Newsletter staff. Additionally, she served faithfully as a member of the RMZ Trustee Ministry.

Addressed in many ways--Deaconess Luck, Aunt Ola, Miss Ola, and dear Ola Ruth--she has always been a beacon of honor in her personal, social, professional and spiritual life. She has been a model of service believing whole-heartedly that it is more blessed to give than to receive as written in her favorite scripture: *Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38 (KJV)*

As the first-born of Aunt Ola's nieces and nephews, I, Patricia L. Royal, extend on behalf of our family to Pastor Cooper, the RMZ church family and the VOICE Newsletter staff our gratitude for your bestowing this honor upon our loved one...

**Librarian - Deaconess - Trustee
Editor - Dedicated Member
Servant Leader - Friend**

Deaconess Ola R. Luck



By Dr. Cheryl Jordan-Sayles



Fighting Off The Common Cold

An upper respiratory infection also known as a “URI” or common cold refers to an infection of the nose, sinuses, or throat. Most common colds are caused by viruses and usually will take 3 to 10 days to improve. Antibiotics generally are not needed since they do not work to treat viruses and are used to treat an infection which is caused by bacteria.

Symptoms include sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, headache, cough, and congestion. Fever if present is usually low grade. The common cold is spread to other persons from the cough and sneeze which produce airborne droplets and by direct contact of touching a contaminated surface. Being in cold weather does not cause the common cold but cold weather does promote close contact which increased the chances of catching an infection from someone who does have a cold. The mucous may be thick and yellow or green in color and does not necessarily indicate a bacterial infection.

Treatment for the common cold includes home remedies and over the counter medicines to help relieve symptoms. Home care measure to help with symptoms includes:

- Drink plenty of fluids, enough so that your urine is light yellow or clear like water. Choose water and other caffeine-free clear liquids until you feel better
- Take an over-the-counter pain medicine, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol), ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), or naproxen (Aleve) can help with headache and the general feeling of not feeling well.
- Salt water gargles and throat lozenges can help relieve sore throat pain.
- Cough syrup and decongestant can help with the congestion. However be certain to avoid medications that may elevate blood pressure or blood sugar if you have hypertension or diabetes.
- Get plenty of rest.
- Keeping the room temperature comfortable and not too warm or dry. Using a cool mist humidifier can put moisture back in the air and help loosen the congestion.
- Do not smoke or allow others to smoke around you. Smoking increases your risk of getting an URI.
- Wash your hands often to help prevent the spread of the infection
- COVER YOUR COUGH AND SNEEZE. Try to cough and sneeze into a tissue and then discard right away in the trash, then wash your hands to prevent spread of the infection.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces in your house if someone has the common cold to help cut down on the spread of the virus.
- Stay away from people who are sick with the common cold is the best defense against getting sick with the common cold.
- Lastly see a doctor if symptoms do persist greater than 10 days or should worsen with high fever, chest pain, shortness of breath or wheezing. Also see a doctor sooner if you have underlying respiratory



Ayanna Archer	Krystyne Bradley	James Chopfield	Hilda Davis
Darrel Green	Shamia Greene	Tyrell Howard, Jr.	Marteisha Johnson
Teresa Olivis	Sharonda Robinson	Kenneth Ruffin	Edmund Smith, Sr.
Robbie Stickland	Genita Taylor-Jones	Anthony Tunstall	Anthony Wright

Men of God

By Deacon Lorenzo L. Doswell



But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

The RMZ Men's Ministry was delighted that their guests endured the frigid weather; and celebrated and enjoyed the festivities of the weekend of November 16 – 17. The sold-out noon luncheon was held on Saturday at the Confederate Hills Recreation Center in Highland Springs, Virginia. The *Rev. John Rustin* of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Mechanicsville was the capable worship leader and *Minister Vanessa Fitzgerald* of the New Jewel Gospel Singers provided the entertainment. The Men's Ministry president, *Deacon Lorenzo L. Doswell*, gave a warm, heartfelt welcome. Our own Zion member, *Ms. Valerie Staggers*, catered the delectable, plentiful and nutritious meal. Nevertheless, it was the *Rev. Dr. Theodore Brown*, Pastor of the Quioccasin Baptist Church, Richmond who used the Men's Ministry theme, *Men of God, Walking in Faith*, and its chosen scriptural reading, *Isaiah 40:31*, as the topic and foundation of his keynote message. Some poignant points developed in his message were: 1) Men of God must develop a personal relationship with God, exhibit a spirit of discernment, take care of their health, and trust God. 2) God equips *Men of God* with renewed strength, guidance, hope and help to properly train up the next generation. 3) Dr. Brown charged the men to hold to God's unchanging hand, walk in faith, work on themselves, and know that help is on the way. Proclaim the name of JESUS, and realize that God purposefully puts the right people, in the right place and at the right time to build and help others. It was indeed a blessed morning!

Sunday, November 17, was spiritually blessed and gratifying. Our Pastor, *Dr. Roscoe D. Cooper III*, led the Call to Worship and served as worship leader. *Brother Kyle Dyson* prayed the Prayer of Invocation for both services and *Rev. Harold Sayles* introduced both guest speakers. *Brother Bryant Mallory* lit a candle and honored the deceased Men of God. The *RMZ Male Chorus* rendered soul-searching music while the *Zion Men Usher Ministry* was the doorkeepers. Both guest evangelists, the *Rev. Larry Collins*, Pastor of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Powhatan, Virginia (8:15) and the *Rev. Dr. Roscoe D. Cooper, Jr.*, Pastor of the Metropolitan African American Baptist Church, South Richmond (11:15) were powerhouse Men of God who mesmerized the audiences with meaningful messages that also gave prominence to the theme and scripture of the weekend.

Rev. Collins employed several scriptures - *2 Chronicles 15:7; 4:9 and Luke 11:14* and entitled his sermon, *Men, It's 4th Down and Inches*. The football analogy definitely made everyone's ears perk up, especially the men. Rev. Collins charged the parishioners to pause for a moment and see our lives as a football game. He stated that life is a time for fellowship, broken plays, fumbles, first downs, time running out, interference, dropped balls, hard hits, interceptions, ups and downs, wins and losses, and calls you don't agree, etc. So, what do you do when there are decisions to be made? Turn to Jesus, the Wonderful Counselor, the Way-Maker, and the everlasting Prince of Peace who gives us the power of prayer. Pray with a mighty voice; pray with expectation; be strong, confident, assured, and know that you are blessed and highly favored. When you have JESUS, you have all you need. Rev. Collins also noted that if there are no struggles, there's no progress! Put your trust and confidence in God. He concluded by telling men and women, "A team must stick together; faith cannot be divided; embrace God, and let JESUS be the quarterback."

GRATITUDE is the ATTITUDE that sets the ALTITUDE for Living

...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV

What eye-awakening attitudes came through a series of sessions that were led and taught by Pastor Roscoe D. Cooper III! It was months of study of what God has to say in scripture about our wilderness attitudes and details consequences of rejecting His ways as the Israelites did, and the benefits of accepting God-pleasing attitudes. The individual must be willing to leave behind complaining attitudes and embrace an attitude of thankfulness. It is a transformation in one's life to learn that the attitude of gratitude resides in each individual where the solution comes through a change of heart. Pastor Cooper emphatically emphasizes throughout the year that the RMZ body of believers has great cause to thank our God each day! It's the belief of Pastor and People of Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church that God has endlessly blessed us and has been favorably so good to us individually and collectively--we owe our God our daily gratifications! Therefore, Thanksgiving Day is another day that we can look up...give thanks for:

- God's Word, His Holy Spirit and His faithfulness,
- the wonderful works and daily provisions in our lives,
- the gift of life,
- the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the shelter we have,
- our health and strength,
- our loved ones,
- our church family and friends,
- the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for us,
- life-changing experiences of walking with our Savior,
- the assurance of sins forgiven, and
- ...the promise of eternal life!

This year Thanksgiving was officially celebrated on Thursday, November 28. What does Thanksgiving mean to you? Is it just a special Thursday in November during which you, your family and friends gather at grandma's or someone's home, fellowship and enjoy eating turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, ham, mac & cheese, greens, potato salad, rice casseroles, corn pudding, pies, cakes, and drinking tea, lemonade, or perhaps other foods and drinks you enjoy? Maybe, you just spend the day watching football and parades, sleeping, talking, relaxing, shopping or playing electronic games. The question is, "What really gets your attention on Thanksgiving Day and throughout the year?" Do you take time to thank God for your countless everyday blessings, not just for the grace of food before you eat?

Why not reflect on what God wants us to learn in replacing our complaining attitudes with attitudes of thankfulness? Consider the following:

- Celebrate that all you are and have is a gift of love from God.
- Recognize God's hand in everything that touches your life.
- Be content with what you have rather than what you don't have.
- Learn to be thankful even when you don't feel grateful.
- Understand that thankfulness is a life-changing decision.
- Be thankful for what God has done, is doing and will do!

Always remember that FAITH grows in the soil of THANKFULNESS!

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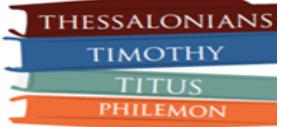
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"Daddy said 'Happy New Year,' but I don't think he really meant it!"

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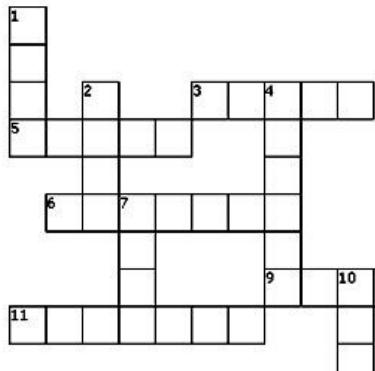
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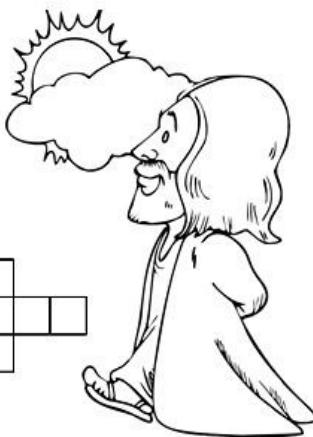


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3. The organ in the body that pumps the blood
5. To make letters and words with a pen or pencil
6. To accept as true, genuine, or real
9. Evidence given by witness in court
11. Something that continues forever

DOWN

1. To understand something
2. The period from birth to death
4. To receive something willingly, such as a gift
7. Someone who doesn't tell the truth
8. The creator and ruler of the universe
10. A male child



The Christmas Story

Fill in each blank with the correct answer about the Christmas story.



1. _____ was the home of Mary and Joseph, Luke 2:4.
2. _____ announced Jesus' birth to Mary, Luke 1:26-27.
3. _____ was the town where Jesus was born, Luke 2:4-7.
4. _____ was where Jesus was laid Luke 2:7.
5. _____ in a manger was the sign the shepherds were to look for to find Jesus, Luke 2:12.
6. _____ kept the sayings of the shepherds in her heart, Luke 2:19.
7. _____ guided the Wise Men to Jesus, Matthew 2:2.
8. _____ was where the Wise Men found Jesus, Matthew 2:11.
9. _____ warned the Wise Men of Herod's trick, Matthew 2:12.
10. _____ told Joseph to flee with Jesus to Egypt, Matthew 2:13.



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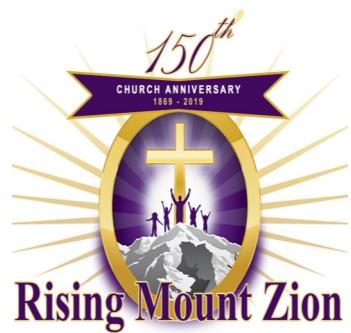
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The RMZ VOICE
Newsletter staff is delighted to welcome into our ranks, **Ms. Deborah Andrews**, an asset and a very capable editor. Ms. Andrews is the daughter of Deacon Willie and Deaconess Ruth Andrews and a retired Speech Therapist Supervisor in the Richmond Public School System.



"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

JOHN 1: 14 NIV



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"Got Jesus" Answers

5. The babe; 6. Mary; 7. A star; 8. A house; 9. God; 10. An angel.