



THE MT. ZION MESSENGER

THE GOOD NEWSletter

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 33 Oak Street, Springfield, MA 01109

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Just A Reminder...

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Every 2nd Sunday
at 10 am
For kids ages 5-12



MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 7, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Enter to Worship.....Pause to Pray.....Depart to Serve

Call to Worship.....Rev. Milton White, Jr.

Invocation.....Rev. Milton White, Jr.

Worship through Praise

Praise & Worship.....Mass Choir

Worship through Sharing

Pastoral Emphasis.....Rev. Milton White, Jr.

Welcome of Guests.....Rev. Milton White, Jr.

Worship through Music

Song of Preparation.....Mass Choir

Worship through the Word

Morning Message.....Pastor Atu White

Invitation to Unite.....Pastor Atu White

*If you wish to publicly profess your faith in Jesus Christ,
to reaffirm your commitment to Him, or to join the membership of this
Church, you are invited to come forward at this time.*

Worship through Prayer

Altar Prayer.....Pastor Atu White

Worship by Giving

Tithes, General & Benevolence Offerings.....Trustees & Ushers

Worship by Remembering

Holy Communion.....Pastor Atu White

Worship by Serving

Benediction.....Pastor Atu White

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY



October 2.....Sis. Helen Hayes
 October 3.....Min. Charles Stokes
 October 6.....Bro. Adrian Garvin
 October 7.....Sis. Kasha Gabriel
 October 7.....Sis. Jordan Holmes
 October 7.....Bro. Cameron Scott
 October 10.....Sis. Beverly Caldwell-Echols
 October 13.....Sis. Alesia Spears
 October 14.....Sis. Stephanie Fahey
 October 15.....Sis. Anna Howell
 October 19.....Bro. Steven Ramsey
 October 19.....Sis. Jennifer Reyor
 October 23.....Sis. Andrea Elliot
 October 24.....Sis. Donna Seymour
 October 25.....Bro. Qumar Bilal
 October 25.....Bro. William Holmes-Murphy
 October 28.....Deaconess Mable Kenney
 October 30.....Sis. Bethune Andrews



HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY

October 2.....Sis. Karla Davis
 & Bro. Blake Davis
 October 9.....Sis. Mary Moore
 & Bro. Willie Moore
 October 11.....Sis. Debra Collins-Reid
 & Bro. Joshua Reid
 October 15.....Bro. Edward Caudle
 & Sis. Patrice Caudle
 October 16.....Bro. Steven Ramsey
 & Sis. Patricia Ramsey
 October 30.....Min. James D. Coppedge
 & Sis. Lakisha Coppedge

TOO LITTLE?

Author Unknown

"Said a precious little laddie
 To his father one bright day,
 'May I give myself to Jesus?
 Let Him wash my sins away?'

Oh, my son, but you're too little.
 Wait until you older grow.
 Bigger folk 'tis true,
 do need Him,
 But little folk are safe,
 you know.

Said the father to his laddie
 As a storm was coming on,
 'Are the sheep all safely
 sheltered,
 Safe within the fold, my son?'

All the big ones are, my father,
 But the lambs I let them go...
 For I didn't think it mattered...
 Little ones are safe, you know.

Oh, my brother, oh my sister,
 Have you too, made that
 mistake?
 Little hearts that now are
 yielding
 May be hardened then too late.

'Ere the evil days come nigh
 them,
 Let the children come to Me.
 And forbid them not,'
 said Jesus,
 'For such shall my Kingdom be!



PASTOR'S OCTOBER OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

Pastor is Guest Lecturer

Our Pastor, **Dr. Atu White**, will be the guest lecturer on **Friday, October 5th** at the Alden Baptist Church City Wide Revival. This event, which will be held three days, October 3, 4, & 5, starts at **6:30 p.m.** each night, and will be held at the Griswold Theater, 1000 State St., Springfield, on the campus of American International College. Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Alexandria, VA, will be the featured speaker each night.

Pastor to Preach at Bethel

Our Pastor, **Dr. Atu White**, will be the guest preacher for the Men's Day Service at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 27 Pendleton Avenue, Springfield, MA on Sunday, October 28, 2018. The service starts at 2:00 p.m.

The theme for this service is "Calling Men to Christian Consciousness." Rev. Marcus T. McCullough is Bethel's pastor.

Please mark your calendars and plan to accompany the Pastor to these services.

GO PINK ON 10-28-18

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Mt. Zionites are asked to wear pink to church on the 4th Sunday of this month, Sunday, October 28, 2018.



FUNFEST 2018

FunFest is a safe alternative to the traditional Halloween "Trick or Treat" neighborhood walks. Mt. Zion opens its doors to kids of all ages to come and enjoy focused, fun-filled activities, while at the same time, providing treats for every child in attendance. Here are the details...

Place: Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Date: Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Invitees: Children & Youth

Donations of healthy treats and candy are being accepted now. If you would like to volunteer for Trunk-or-Treat or other activities, please see a member of the Youth Ministry. **Volunteers are needed on the 31st from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Kids are encouraged to come in costumes and enjoy games, refreshments, and have lots of fun.

This year's sponsors are: Mt. Zion Baptist Church, MLK Jr. Family Services, Legacy Dance Studio, Bethel AME Church, Bethlehem Baptist Community Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, New England Fit, Grace Baptist Church, The Center After School Program, Mason Square C3 Police, and WTCC 90.7.

LIFE GROUP CLASSES TO BEGIN THIS MONTH

This month, starting on Wednesday, October 10, and continuing for five (5) weeks, we will be having small group Bible Study sessions called, 'Life Groups.' These classes, like the ones last spring, will be available on Wednesdays at 1:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Saturdays at 10:00 a.m., and Sundays at 8:45 a.m. We will be studying 'Spiritual Gifts.'

The session dates are: Wednesdays--October 10, 17, 24, November 7 & 14 [Note: There will be no class on Wed., 10/31.]; Saturdays--October 13, 20, 27, November 3 & 10; Sundays--October 14, 21, 28, November 4, & 11.

The instructors for the classes are:

Wednesday at 1:15 p.m.~GROUP #1: Dea. Steve Powell

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.~GROUP #2: Sis. Renee Baldwin; GROUP #3: Min. James Coppedge & Sis. Lakisha Coppedge; GROUP #4: Min. Beth Irving; GROUP #5: Rev. Bert Johnson; GROUP #6: Deaconess Deborah Jones; GROUP #7: Deaconess Luz White

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.~GROUP #8: Sis. Keturah Mahdi

Sundays at 8:45 a.m.~GROUP #9: Rev. Milton White, Jr.

If you have not signed up for a class, do so TODAY!!

Mt. Zion's Paint Social #Back by Request



Place:

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
33 Oak Street, Springfield, MA

Date:

Friday, November 30, 2018

Time:

6:00 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.

Cost:

\$35 per person

(includes food, non-alcohol beverages
and supplies)

Sign up & Pay on-line at:

www.PaintSocialArt.com

(click on Event Calendar/Western
MA, click on November 30th, click on
Register Now)

**Women and Men are
encouraged to participate!**

See **Trustee Kim Weir** if you
want to sign up but don't have
access to a computer.

**Deadline to sign up is
Wednesday, November 28.**

WE'RE BAPTIZING THIS MONTH!

Baptism Service will be held
this month on **Monday, Oc-
tober 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**
The service will be held at **Sol-
id Rock Community Baptist
Church**, 821 Liberty Street,
Springfield, MA.

The Deacon Ministry will be
contacting members who
joined as candidates for bap-
tism. However, if you joined
as a baptism candidate, and
have not been baptized, you
can see **Deaconess Deborah
Jones** or **Deaconess Lucille
Hogan** as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBERS

Joining Mt. Zion in September:

BRO. J. D. GREEN

Date Joined: September 16, 2018

Method: Candidate for Baptism

SIS. SHAYVON HOLMES

Date Joined: September 2, 2018

Method: Christian Experience

Welcome to Both!

2 Community Opportunities

Opportunity #1:

Pastor White is looking for 21 people
to sign up for the New England 61
Day Challenge, a healthy lifestyle
initiative that includes education about
healthy eating, physical activity, and
positive behavioral changes. It en-
courages individuals and groups to
learn how to make smart choices and
develop healthy behaviors. Simply
stated, participants would have NO
SODA, NO SWEETS, NO CIGA-
RETTES between November 1 and
December 31, 2018. For more infor-
mation, go to trinityhealthofne.org. A
meeting with the Regional CEO of
Trinity Health, Dr. Reginald Eadie, will
be forthcoming, and sign-up sheets
will be in the Welcome Center starting
Sunday, October 14.

Opportunity #2:

The Springfield Department of Veter-
ans' Services would like to request
your assistance with planting flags on
nearly 20,000 grave sites for Veter-
an's Day. Placing flags on Veteran's
graves is just one way that we honor
those who bravely served in the
armed forces. If you are interested
and would like to volunteer, you can
RSVP to Danielle Witherspoon by
October 19, 2018, at (413) 787-6141.

Mama Gobran

Submitted by Sis. Andrea Dixon

Do you know who Mama Maggie Gobran is? Well she's a Coptic Orthodox Christian woman from Cairo, Egypt, similar to Mother Teresa in her beliefs. Her major concerns are the extreme poor and the neglected/hungry children.

The reading below was among my many papers and I thought it was worthy of sharing. Since Pastor Atu has asked us to identify our purpose/gifts, I think, like Mama Gobran, hearing from God and listening to our inner selves, we'll find the answers.

Practice Silence to Get to Know God

Mama Maggie Gobran has learned there are secrets to be revealed during times of silence. Gobran is a Coptic Christian and the founder of the non-profit charity, Stephen's Children.

In 2011, Gobran spoke to leaders at the Global Leadership Summit, hosted by Willow Creek Church. She shared how the practice of silence helped her "get to know the Almighty, the Most High" and how she gradually developed this discipline.

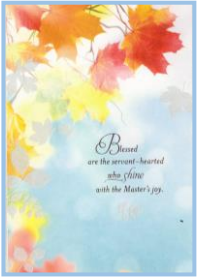
"To be in silence is to be fully inside you own self," Gobran says. Then she adds, "It's not easy," but this is when "we discover the taste of eternity." This is because "the kingdom is within," Gobran says, pointing to her chest. Gobran offers a loose formula to practice the discipline of silence in order to hear from God:

Silence your body to listen to words. Silence your tongue to listen to your thoughts.

*Silence your thoughts to listen to your heart beating. Silence your heart to listen to your spirit. Silence your spirit to listen to **His** spirit.*

*"In silence, you leave many to be with **The One.**"*

A THANK YOU NOTE



Front: *Blessed are the servant-hearted who shine with the Master's joy.*

Printed Inside: *Thank you for all you do to serve the Lord and His people.
You Are a Blessing!*

Personal Note: *Mt. Zion Baptist Church,
This token is given in memory of my sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Herman Thraster.
Armentha Eskridge*