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from the desk of the BISHOP

I greet each of you in Divine love. God has been so good to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. I believe all of us would agree that the hand of the living God rests mightily upon this ministry. I am excited about all that God continues to do in our midst and look forward to the days ahead. Allow me to take this time to personally thank each of you for your prayers and support for my family and me as we embark upon this new journey in Full Gospel. Mt. Zion, your support means so much. I am honored to have this opportunity to succeed such a great leader as Presiding Bishop Paul S. Morton. Bishop Morton has given over 20 years of his life, changing a generation and redefining the landscape in the kingdom of God. I am incredibly humbled to assume this role in 2015, and I look forward to seeing Bishop Morton's vision go to another level.

God has certainly called us all to another level of responsibility. I thank each of you for your willingness to be more accountable to what God has entrusted in our care. This season will require more from all of us, but I am confident that we are better together.

2 Corinthians 4:1(KJV) says, "... seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not."

There are so many gifted and resourceful people within this ministry. Although Mt. Zion is a large and growing church, there is always room for your involvement in various ministries. Elder Dacari Middlebrooks has been named Overseer of In-Reach. He is committed to the viability of all ministries and assures that each member will be connected to the life of the church.

I want to personally welcome Personal Assistant Tyron Carter, Jr. to The Mount. Coming to us from Bishop Morton's church in Atlanta, Changing A Generation Full Gospel Baptist Church, he has served in ministry for some time. As a minister himself, Tyron will be a great asset to us—especially to me. Let's welcome him with open arms. I want to also take this time to thank God for our staff and for our volunteers who work in a spirit of excellence each week to assure that the vision comes to fruition. Please know that you are appreciated and that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Mt. Zion, as we move forward together, I am ecstatic about the Dream Center. I believe we can accomplish this vision within the next five years. It will require collective sacrifice, but favor rests on this ministry. Through birthing the Dream Center, God grants us another unique opportunity to impact the Greater Nashville community. Thus, I need your support. Please make a pledge and faithfully commit to this vision.

Yes, our future looks brighter. We are in a great season, and I believe the blessings of the Lord flow down. God will never elevate a leader without elevating the people who serve under that leader. Let's rise together.

In closing, please know your pastor is praying for you. I speak continued favor upon each of you and upon the gifts of God in you to be stirred up. May God bless you and your family.

I remain,



Bishop Joseph Warren Walker, III





THE BOSTON MARATHON ⇒ STILL STRONG DESPITE ADVERSITY



by Herb &
Peaches
DeBerry

The Boston Marathon has long been considered one of the most prestigious races in the world. Although every race is memorable, we had no idea just how memorable this year's Boston Marathon would be. Here is our account of the events leading up to the race, during the race and after the Boston Marathon Bombing on April 15, 2013.

↓ Peaches' Account

The morning of the marathon was a quiet and restful time. Since I was unable to accompany my husband Herb to the race, I prayed that he and the other runners would have a successful and injury-free race, kissed him goodbye and watched the mile-by-mile coverage of the race on TV until late morning.

Because I always had VIP seating at the finish line, I could see the winner crossing. On this day, however, a special ceremony that was being held restricted my entrance into the VIP section.

As I headed towards the finish line around 1:00 p.m., I noticed that despite the terrible chill in the air, there was an atmosphere of jubilation. Spectators celebrated their loved ones as they crossed the finish line. The massive crowds both around Boylston Street and around the finish line prevented me from getting anywhere near the VIP seating or the finish line. Feeling angry and deprived that I would not see my husband cross, I resolved to go to the family waiting area where he and I previously agreed to meet. I was about to find out that my inability to get to the finish line was actually God's grace covering me and keeping me from harm.

↓ Herb's Account

Unlike most races that begin and end in the same location, the Boston Marathon began 26.2 miles away in Hopkinton, Massachusetts and ended in Boston's Copley Square. Therefore, my Boston Marathon morning began just like previous years, with a long, early morning bus ride from a public park to a



"Praise God that Herb crossed the finish line before the explosions." - Peaches

high school campus. On this particular morning, however, just before the race began, there was a moment of silence to recognize and to pray for the families impacted by the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy in Connecticut. Mile No. 26 of this year's race was dedicated to the memory of the 26 victims who died at the school.

The race began.

Keeping the faith, I prayed throughout the duration of the marathon. I had an amazing run and actually finished almost 15 minutes faster than last year. Unlike the last three Boston Marathon races in which I participated, I took the opportunity to enjoy the scenery and to "high five" and "fist bump" with the kids along the marathon route. As I crossed the finish line, I looked closely to spot my wife in the stands. To no avail, I collected my gear and met Peaches in the family area.

Walking back to our hotel, our surroundings suddenly changed.

We heard two blasts that shook the ground. An environment of joy and celebration quickly turned to terror and panic as participants frantically tried to locate loved ones amid the crowds.

Two bombs had exploded at the finish line.

Security at our hotel and in the area around it was extremely tight, so we spent the remainder of our trip confined to our hotel until we left for the airport at 4:00 a.m. the next morning. When we arrived at the Nashville International Airport, television reporters and cameramen greeted us and asked about our experience. We stated that we were thankful that God's grace allowed us to return home safely.

"I am thankful to God that Peaches did not sit in the VIP stands as she had done numerous times in previous years." - Herb

We offer our thanks to Bishop & First Lady Walker and to Mt. Zion members for your love and prayers. We have already made reservations for next year's marathon, and with God's continued grace, we will have another successful trip.



On the Road in Portugal

by Pete McAdams

In March 16-23, I participated in an annual basketball camp for children ages 5-17 in Lisbon, Portugal through the International Sports Federation (ISF). I was assigned to lead a group of 13 boys. The camp included activities such as Bible Study, arts and crafts and English classes.

Basketball is not only my favorite sport, but it has been a consistent part of my life. Like most youth, I played basketball with local leagues which lead to a competitive position as a shooting guard for the varsity team at my local high school. In college, I played intermural basketball, and today, I enjoy playing the sport and frequently coaching my daughter's teams. I have a passion for using sports to develop young people. God called me to volunteer for the mission trip because this experience merged my love of basketball with my love for evangelism to fulfill His purpose.

We ministry volunteers bonded with the children through basketball and shared our faith. We gave *Bibles* to the children who were in our group. As I distributed the *Bibles*, two young boys, Miguel and Manuel, reacted hesitantly. Refusing to accept the *Bible* is not uncommon in Portugal, where Evangelical Christians only comprise a small percentage of the country's population. When I informed the young boys that I had written a special message to them, they grinned and received the gift. Miguel was led to Christ the next day.

As a believer, a mission trip is an enriching experience. When getting involved in foreign missions, keep the following points in mind:

1 Use what you know.

I learned that most of the adult population in Portugal speaks both Portuguese and English. However, they did not speak to foreigners in English. They were too embarrassed to speak the language for fear that they would say something incorrectly or inadvertently offend us. Learning about this cultural barrier, the Holy Spirit reminded me that people in Portugal are similar to us Christians today. Many Christians know the Word of God, but when the time comes to share the faith with a stranger, we are afraid that we may offend someone.

2 It's all about God.

The phrase "Go ye therefore" in Matthew 28:19 is literally translated in the Greek to "as you are going." Mission work is not limited to a specific country or assignment. "As you are going" implies that sharing the gospel with the lost is a lifetime commitment. The Great Commission is continual. All missionary work should give glory to God.



Pete McAdams serves in the Mt. Zion Deacons Ministry.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." - Matthew 28:19 (KJV)

3 Language can turn a roadblock into a relationship.

To live in a country where I did not speak the language was uncomfortable for me the first few days, so I learned to use sports to connect with the Portuguese. By the end of the camp, we learned enough about each other's languages to communicate quite well. In addition to sharing my personal testimony, I discovered that my everyday interaction with the kids opened their hearts to the gospel. The kids, who looked at me funny on the first day of camp, eventually asked me how I knew God was real.

As I embarked upon this trip, I was grateful for the love and financial support of my family. Through other mission trips, I hope to return to Portugal someday.

Established in 1993, ISF is a faith-based non-profit organization that seeks to change the world through sports. The universal attraction of sports encourages a connection among people. Through that connection, our volunteers are able to share their faith and reach out to people in other cultures. For more information, please visit the ISF website at www.simplemissions.com.



SAVING OUR DAUGHTERS in EUROPE

by De'Onna Foxx



My name is De'Onna Foxx, and I am a sophomore at East Literature Magnet School. In the summer of 2012, I joined students from around the world on a 20-day tour of Europe through the People to People Student Ambassador organization.

I have always wanted to travel abroad. When I learned about the tour of Europe, I felt it was the perfect opportunity to experience life in another part of the world and to see the sights that I often read about in school.

Our tour included several famous sights. However, our tour of the Christian Catacombs in Rome, Italy really changed my life. As my friends and I entered the Catacombs, we were told that the Romans killed

Christians because of their faith and buried them in the walls. The guide also told us about St. Cecilia, a noble woman who could not be killed by fire or by a beheading because of her faith in God. As I walked through the galleries within the Catacombs, I reflected on Isaiah 54:17—that if you believe in God and what He can do for you, then no danger or harm can come against you.

My travel excursion to Europe was not only educational but fun, too. My friends and I visited the famous Musse Du Parfum Factory, where we learned how to make perfume and how to preserve it longer than usual. We also posed in front of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, climbed 639 stairs to reach the top of the Eiffel Tower and enjoyed the hospitality of a host family in the Swiss mountains.

While working on a farm, I discovered how difficult it can be to grow food. Learning how to make bread, pasta and pies from scratch and learning why ranchers lead their cows to the mountains to make cheese made me feel more European Country than American Modern.

My first trip to Europe definitely broadened my view of life, and I am eternally grateful for the support of my family, teachers and Saving Our Daughters at Mt. Zion Baptist Church for encouraging me to participate in this unforgettable opportunity.

De'Onna Foxx (far right), of Mt. Zion's Saving Our Daughters, is the daughter of Ebony Foxx and the granddaughter of Deacon & Deaconess Calvin and Pamela Foxx.



Mount Zion Family-

I live on a remote rural farm in France with nothing around me. Here is a picture of me and my home so you can see where I live. On Sundays at 6:15pm, my computer comes alive with Mt. Zion Anywhere. The beautiful voice of Royce Mosely fills the French countryside, and then while I am sitting in the fields, I hear Bishop Walker preaching the Word of God. I know God has sent Bishop Walker into my life here in France because every week, it seems he knows what has happened in my life that week, what I am worrying about and what I am stressed about. His words go straight into my heart bringing me to tears. I thank God all the time for this blessing.

*Many thanks & kind regards-
Heather*



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THE social media MASQUERADE

MTV has a new television show entitled *Catfish*, and on the show, two individuals, who establish a relationship using a dating website, agree to meet in person. Nine times out of 10, at least one party has lied about some part of his/her identity, and usually the relationship quickly ends.

As the number of users on *Facebook*, *Twitter* and other social media websites continue to rise, connecting with people from all walks of life is easier. However, who can honestly say that everyone on *Facebook's* friend list is actually a friend? How many times has a random user become your newest post on *Instagram*?

While society has taken huge steps towards creating high levels of connectivity despite distance, humanity always mishandles the technology or the inventions created for our benefit. I read posts all the time about break-ups, about issues at work and even about kids rolling their eyes in frustration with their parents on *Instagram*. However, many users seem to forget that once cyberspace holds personal information, no matter the efforts to delete them, messages are never eliminated. Consequently, employers have ready access to online information about you. How would you handle a potential employer viewing your old college pictures?

We users must be more aware of parties with whom we connect and aware of what we post on social

media websites. There is no guarantee that your newest *Facebook* friend is credible. In fact, the newest form of online identity theft includes bogus IDs. Anybody can impersonate you online without your knowledge or your permission. Have you goggled yourself lately to see if adverse information appears? In other words, safeguard your social media accounts by checking them regularly.

I'll leave you with this: The Great Commission was clear when Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20, NKJV) I can think of no better way to share the love and the message of Jesus Christ with the world than through social media. Keep this scripture in your back pocket. Remember it the next time you post a status on *Facebook*.

Be blessed, Family,
Erica Elizabeth

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CAPTURING THE ANOINTING

Ministry Through Media

by Daemon Watson

THROUGH THE COURSE OF THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, I'VE BEEN BLESSED WITH THE PRIVILEGE TO RECORD AND PRODUCE VIDEO AND SOUNDS OF GOD'S GREAT WORKS AT MT. ZION AND AT OTHER CHURCHES ACROSS

AMERICA. I've also come across some dynamic and anointed preachers and prophets of God, all who have touched the lives of millions. I've seen thousands of people mature in the faith and establish a closer relationship with God. I am convinced that there is no greater witness than that of seeing and hearing lives being touched through the Word of God. Years ago, we experienced God's power by attending local church services. Today, thank God that we are able to capture that same anointing and deliver it to the masses through media. Millions of lives are impacted simply by clicking a button on a computer, smartphone, television or DVD player.

Often times, people ask me: "Exactly what do you do for the church?" When I tell them that I am a video producer, they appear confused. Afterwards, I follow up with the statement, "I make TV commercials." My reply usually gives people a sense of relief and insight about what I do.

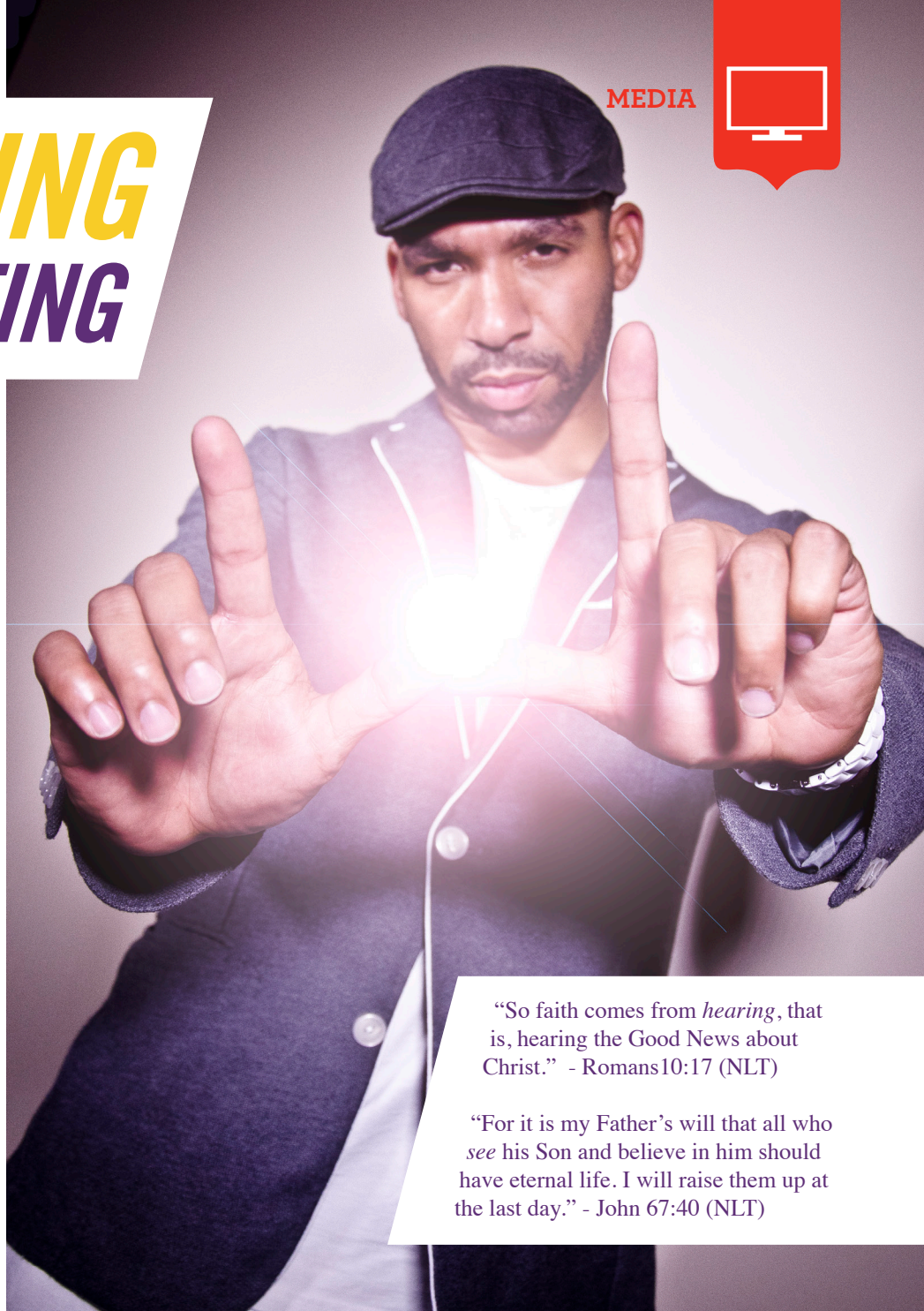
However, my work for God is much greater than simply "making commercials." The total composition of video includes audio and visual

elements compiled in such a way that the viewer will ultimately be informed, entertained, educated or persuaded. Videos influence the way we think and feel. The secular world regularly uses videos in a negative fashion to promote sex, drugs, alcohol and other degenerative messages that stunt both spiritual and social mores and that infect quality of life for most people. Keeping such negative influences out of the picture and understanding the power of God, I made a conscious decision years ago to devote my

energy to building the kingdom of God through the ministry of video production.

In essence, capturing the anointing is a gift from God that takes hours to produce, but in a matter of seconds, lives are changed forever. Video producing is a trusted responsibility in ministry. I thank God that He captured me—I thank God for allowing me to capture His anointing. I thank God that through "the camera's eye" I am used as a vessel to further the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MEDIA



*"So faith comes from **hearing**, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ." - Romans 10:17 (NLT)*

*"For it is my Father's will that all who **see** his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day." - John 6:40 (NLT)*



While in divinity school, my New Testament professor asked a classroom of professing Christians one question: What is the gospel of Jesus Christ? Much to our dismay, we were stumped. With puzzled looks, we wondered if this was a trick question because no one could confidently answer her. I sat there in silence, pondering the possible answers to contribute my response. I knew for a fact and from my own personal studying that the gospel was about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ resulting in the reconciliation of humanity to God. It sounded good enough in my head, but I remained insecure and silent. I knew my answer was correct, but I was not sure if it was complete. It wasn't until later, while talking with a friend, that I realized I had an incomplete view of the gospel.

Yes, the gospel is about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yes, the gospel is about our salvation and reconciliation with God. Yes, the gospel is about our access to eternal life with God. However, these tenets are only part of the gospel's message. The good news is also about the establishment of the kingdom of God—an aspect of the gospel we often neglect.

Jesus Christ rarely spoke about the church, but he always spoke about the kingdom of God. Every parable, every situation, every prayer was seen through the lens of the kingdom of God. The prophet Isaiah wrote the words, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder. . . ." (Isaiah 9:6, KJV). This government Isaiah noted was in reference to the kingdom of God—that through Jesus, it would be established on earth. Jesus initiated a new way of being, doing and thinking. As disciples of Christ, it is imperative that we understand the gospel's message. As we study and better understand the gospel,

Christian Education

What is the Gospel?

by Stephanie Bennett

we can more effectively carry out the Great Commission. If Jesus Christ viewed the world through the lens of God's kingdom, we should, too. The purpose of commanding us to make more disciples and to teach them to observe what Jesus taught was intended for kingdom expansion. If we can encourage everyone to live, act, and think as citizens of God's kingdom, we have fulfilled the mission.

However, we cannot teach what we do not understand. We cannot make disciples if we are not disciples. We cannot help to expand the kingdom of God if we know nothing about it. We cannot expand the kingdom without a greater understanding of the Holy Spirit who is the conduit and the power source of the kingdom. "For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power. (1 Corinthians 4:20, NLT) In other words, power propels the kingdom; talk is nil.

In summary, my questions to you, Disciples of Christ, are these: Which version of the gospel do you promote? Is it complete? Are you focused on and actively involved in the expansion of the kingdom? If not, be intentional by getting busy for God!

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God Has a Purpose for You

by Linda Sykes-Love

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. - Psalm 138:8 (ESV)

David captures a basic biblical truth when he says, “The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me” because God has a purpose to be fulfilled in the life of every believer. Similarly, Ephesians 1:4 (ESV) reveals that “He chose us in him before the foundation of the world.” In other words, the good in us reflects the crafted work of God’s own hands. He loves us so much, for He wants our purpose to be fulfilled. In order to discover one’s purpose, you have been given the highest privilege in the world—to commune with God through prayer. Communing with God, David prayed, “Lord, do not forsake the work of your hands.” Following his example, we must pray like David, for we know that those whom God loves, He loves to the end. The phrase “to the end” implies until our purpose *in Him* is fulfilled.

The Lord actually has a plan for every person. God is counting on each believer to keep the faith—to garner the faith just like a good steward. Can the Lord count on you to keep the faith? Are you living out God’s purpose in your life?

We all have a special assignment to fulfill. Think about how many lives you have touched during the course of your day? Think about the times you have made someone laugh and have changed minds about a life-altering decision. Perhaps, someone was successful in a new undertaking because of your encouragement. These examples prove that in the greater scheme of life, we must walk in purpose.

Plainly stated, with faith, seek God for direction and walk in your divine purpose!

On to The Next One

Embracing Seasons of Transition

by Dacari Middlebrooks

Bishop Walker and I had just arrived at the hospital. As I looked out of the window, the setting sun paralleled the moment at hand—a family deciding whether or not to remove life support from a loved-one. In solidarity and in prayer, I was confronted with the harsh reality about my current position.

As first assistant to Bishop Walker, I have witnessed the greatest of life’s challenges. From this vantage point, I know that God has called me to be a City on a Hill as described in Matthew 5:14. Now, as general overseer of In-Reach, I have been entrusted with a unique responsibility. I have transitioned, and I’m ready for the next level of service.

While transition is necessary, it brings about a grieving process. Leaving places of comfort and convenience and traveling to places unknown is not always easy. In a sense, two realities collide: opportunity and insecurity. Shifting into unknown territory may be scary as well as exciting, yet gratefulness abounds. In spite of uncertainty, there is still the good news of hope, for “our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.”

When you and I are in seasons of transition, God will remind us that He never intended for us to be mice in a maze. When God calls us, He calls us into something greater than ourselves. We are a people called to stand out and to stand up. Embrace this season of transition. Tapping into the power of God within ourselves will make us unstoppable!



RÉSUMÉ TIPS *to Improve Your Personal Brand*

by Cynthia Harris, Executive Recruiter

Everything you do sends a message to potential employers. With the emergence of social media and blogs, career counselors have coined a new term to aid today's job seekers—branding. Personal branding suggests that a memorable impression rather than a first impression is the key to landing a job—meaning, your online activities (pictures, posts, tweets and blogs), your appearance and your résumé should present a consistent message of loyalty and professionalism. Treat your résumé as a marketing tool that depicts your image.

Hence, crafting a dynamic résumé should be a priority as you compete to be the #1 candidate for a position. As a recruiter, I review hundreds of résumés. The following quick and easy résumé “makeover” tips will project and elevate your level of professionalism with winning results:

Check Spacing.

Check spacing and make sure your page margins are set to at least a .07 all around. Appropriate spacing will not only ensure your résumé is inviting but also ensure that it meets universal printing standards (abating printing issues).

Add Target Job Title.

Use the phrase **target job title** to introduce your profile instead of the more common labels such as *qualifications* or *summary*. Adding strong keywords directly at the top of your résumé will lend to your expert brand.

Edit Your Summary or Profile.

Ensure that sentences end quickly and combine ideas. Try to limit the introductory paragraph to five or six lines. Writing concisely will help create a nice, crisp look and deliver a clear message that markets your talents and skills.

Group Job Accountabilities Together.

Note job duties and responsibilities as one paragraph. Be sure to separate them from your achievements. Keep the number of sentences to no more than six. People

lose interest when paragraphs are long-winded, and your message might become convoluted.

Separate Your Achievements.

Separate your achievements (how you actually performed and the results you generated). List five to six bullets points maximum. More bullets than that will look too busy and unwelcoming to the reader.

Make Sure Everything Matches.

Make sure that all of your bullets line up and match! Inconsistency screams sloppiness and conveys unprofessionalism.

Read It Out Loud.

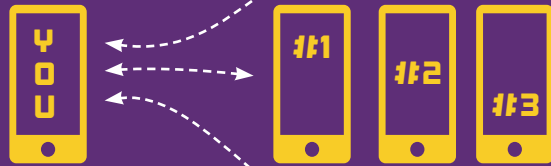
Read the entire résumé aloud to catch awkward phrases and errors. Analyze the content as you read it. If a phrase is not relevant to your new career target, remove it!

Remove Any Reference Notation.

Remove the phrase *references available upon request* since it is antiquated and unnecessary.



NEW AGE NETWORKING



by
JACQUELINE ROWE

social media networking is that it reaches hundreds in minutes, its cost is free and there is no need to drive around town to attend networking events. Job Seeker, the best opportunities are not always

posted on *CareerBuilder*. Becoming social media savvy should be your top priority in 2013!

It is equally important to note that your appearance, message and brand are key fundamentals in traditional networking. When constructing your online character image, the same requirements exist. One's profile page, headline and search criteria are the building blocks that prove essential to developing your personal brand.

LinkedIn, the largest professional online network, is a hot spot for social media and for potential employers to inspect. First, your user profile should be kept current and personalized. To optimize your *LinkedIn* URL, cultivate networks, join and participate in groups, make use of the applications and exchange endorsements. Finally, when searching for job opportunities, recognizing your personal network bank of contacts as 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree connections could lead to job openings and to direct connections to hiring managers.

Facebook is frequently used to target employers with *Facebook* ads that are specifically for job seekers. Creating an ad on your *Facebook* page to sell yourself in a few short sentences might be a good idea. Along with this page, have a link to access your résumé, web page and contact information. In other words, advertise "why" an employer should hire you.

Twitter, known as micro-blogging, allows you to selectively follow those of interest. As a job seeker, you should follow employers and hiring agents on *Twitter*. The key is to pay attention to writings of interest to you. On *Twitter*, replying to a post may draw the attention of recruiters. In addition, *Twitter's* search engine allows you to enter key words for job searching, and the engine also provides a stream of tweets containing particular words.

According to the *Bureau of Labor Statistics*, the national unemployment rate is 7.6%. In Tennessee, the unemployment rate is 8.0%. Both ratings indicate that the job market is still turbulent. In competitive times like these, it is essential for job seekers to devise a job search strategy that employs new age networking.

In this day and age when the challenge of seeking employment can be a time of near "reckless endangerment," networking, connecting and interacting with others are proven approaches to landing a job. Through these approaches, job leads are derived from personal networking through friends, family, neighbors, college alumni and fellow members of local/community organizations. Formal networking, however, includes methods such as attending social events, joining professional associations, making "cold" calls, exchanging business cards and attending career fairs.

While traditional networking strategies are still viable, the surge of online social networking websites add a digital element to today's job searching—a term well known as "new age networking." New age networking has become a job research strategy that is imperative for job seekers adding the viral power of social media networking websites such as *LinkedIn*, *Facebook*, and *Twitter* to their list of job search approaches. The best part of

To view current job openings, go to www.mtzionnashville.org and click on the "Job Opportunities" link.

To submit job openings, email them to jobsearch@mtzionnashville.org.



by Paula M. Farmer

It's July 3, 2013. The Mt. Zion church-at-large travelled to Louisville, Kentucky for the 20th Year Anniversary of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship. As churches from all over the world began to arrive in the city, one could feel the excitement in the air—for at this year's conference, Bishop Paul S. Morton has prepared to announce his successor as the Presiding Bishop-elect, who will assume his role in 2015. Bishop Walker is being considered for this great honor.

Anticipation of the announcement has our adrenaline pumping and our hearts racing. We can only imagine how Bishop's parents feel!

"I'm just in a world of awe...not knowing what's going to happen tonight. But I know whatever happens, he [Joseph] has the humility and the personality and character to still work in the Fellowship and work with whoever is chosen. I've always felt he was going to excel to higher heights. He's always been a goal setter, and he has always accomplished all of his goals. Whatever he undertakes, he puts his all into it. Whatever God has for him, whether it's this or something in another season, it's for him."

- Mrs. Rosa Walker

"Whatever God's plan is, we'll go along with it. He [Joseph] excels at anything he undertakes or is charged to do. He is anointed. We are overwhelmed. He could be in a lot of things, but he chose to follow God and His will. He really pushed forward for this moment. He really loves God, he loves his family and he loves his church."

- Mr. Joseph W. Walker, Jr.

It's July 5, 2013. This is the historical moment that we've kept in prayer. This is a pivotal moment for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International conference, and Mt. Zion Baptist Church showed an indescribable shower of love for Bishop Joseph W. Walker, III—our pastor.

The evening draws nigh. Presiding International Bishop Paul S. Morton, Sr. announces —

AS WE LISTEN TO GOD TONIGHT, THERE IS A YOUNG MAN WHOM WE ARE PROUD OF IN THIS FELLOWSHIP. OUR COUNCIL AGREES TONIGHT. I THANK GOD, FIRST OF ALL, FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS AND FOR HIS DEDICATION. HE IS SOMEONE WHOM I BELIEVE WILL CARRY ON THE LEGACY—WILL CARRY ON THE VISION. HE IS A MAN OF CHARACTER, INTEGRITY. THE HAND OF GOD IS ON HIM. I WATCH HIS TELECAST. HE COMES IN TO ATLANTA, AND I JUST SEE A NEW ANOINTING THAT IS ON HIM THAT, I BELIEVE, IS FOR THIS MOMENT AND FOR THIS TIME. I BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT GOD IS SAYING IN THIS SEASON. WE'RE GOING TO BRING HIM UP. ARE YOU READY? THE NEXT PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP, THE GREATEST FELLOWSHIP IN THE WORLD—BISHOP JOSEPH WALKER!



"And so it was, when they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?' Elisha said, 'Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.'" - 2 Kings 2:9 (NKJV)

A special thanks goes to contributing writer, Erica Mills.



Congratulations

BISHOP
JOSEPH WARREN WALKER, III

THE BISHOP-ELECT OF THE
FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL



"It's a high privilege...a high cost, and I'm aware of the burden that it brings. To see so many Mt. Zion people who are already here supporting the Fellowship...so many folks who stopped me and encouraged me is pretty awesome. I appreciate that. . . We thank God just to be in this place. I'm excited about what God is going to do."

-BISHOP JOSEPH W. WALKER, III





by Yandla Harris

Even with the rain *outside*, nothing could stop fun *inside* at the Mt. Zion-Antioch location. From a pastor's anniversary to growth in church membership, the year 2013 has been one of celebration for Mt. Zion, and the month of May brought Baby Jovanni's first birthday celebration.

At the Antioch location, the Mt. Zion sanctuary was completely transformed into pink and blue colors—from the kid-size tables and chairs to the balloons floating in the air. The sanctuary was filled with inflatables and carnival-like games. Children of all ages won prizes. Concession stands were stuffed with hotdogs, slushy drinks, cotton candy and a variety of other goodies. No details were overlooked to give the sanctuary

a true "under the big top" feel. Children sang "Happy Birthday" to Jovanni while they ate cupcakes decorated with carnival flags.

Keeping with the tradition of Mt. Zion, giving was the focus of Jovanni's first birthday celebration. Party goers were asked to bring gifts to benefit the children of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Hundreds of gifts for patients of all ages were donated. St. Jude representatives were surprised as well as pleased with the truckload of gifts from Jovanni's birthday benefit.

The Walker Family thanks the Mt. Zion Church Family for making Jovanni's first birthday benefit an overwhelming success.

About St. Jude



Located in Memphis, Tennessee, St. Jude is one of the world's top pediatric cancer research centers and focuses solely on finding cures for cancer as well as other catastrophic diseases in children. "Finding cures. Saving children," is the center's motto. Founded in 1962 by Danny Thomas, St. Jude has grown considerably. Outreach Children have been treated from all 50 states as well as from all around the world without families incurring costs. St. Jude researchers and doctors are treating children with pediatric AIDS, and St. Jude was the first institution to develop a cure for sickle cell disease with a bone marrow transplant. ALSAC (American Lebanese Syrian Association Charities) is St. Jude's fundraising organization. Donations and volunteers help St. Jude find cures to save children. For more information on St. Jude, call 1-800-822-6344 or visit www.stjude.org.

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Mary Conner

MZ Member since '04

In her professional capacity, Mrs. Conner has been employed with the United States District Court, Middle District of Tennessee for 34 years as office manager and courtroom deputy. She is also a certified conference/event planner in her spare time. Mrs. Conner began her career as a social worker for the state of Tennessee and thereafter worked as an affirmative action officer for the Tennessee Department of Human Services. Her **civic accomplishments** include Pearls of Promise Foundation president; Where Are Your Documents Board; and dedicated service in local, regional and national leadership roles as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. A strong visionary leader, Mary is passionate about achieving successful results that inspire the masses to love each other as God loves us.



James G. Davis, J.D., M. Div.

MZ Member since '05

Professionally, James Davis is an accomplished attorney, representing major Fortune 500 companies such as Amoco, an oil company and J.C. Bradford & Co., a New York Stock Exchange investment securities brokerage. He was also an insurance defense litigator for King & Ballow, a large law firm with offices in Nashville and San Diego, as well as a government attorney and regulator in Labor and Insurance and chief counsel in Securities for the State of Tennessee. Most recently, he has functioned as a healthcare litigation consultant. In 2013, he received a Master of Divinity degree from Vanderbilt Divinity School. His corporate experience and legal background, along with his theological experience and training, allow him to provide valuable legal advice and counsel to the Board.

Ministry Service (past/present): Currently, 2nd vice chair of the Deacons Ministry, chair of the Social and Political Action Ministry (SPAM) and a member of Ministerial Alliance.



Cassandra A. Gray

MZ Member since '94

Cassandra's professional experience is in the areas of public relations and non-profit management. Currently, she is the communications manager for the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). Prior to joining NASBA in 2008, she served as Southeast Regional manager for INROADS Inc. Cassandra pursues projects as a freelance voice over talent in her spare time. **Community outreach and mentoring** are two of Cassandra's strongest passions. As an active volunteer with Meals on Wheels, the Nashville Business Incubation Center and her alma mater, Tennessee State University, she continuously sows seeds of service. Her community affiliations include the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ); INROADS Alumni Association; and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Lambda Omega Chapter. She is also a past member of CABLE.

Ministry Service/Leadership (past/present) Former Trustee, Welcome Ministry coordinator, contributing writer for *Trumpet* Magazine, member of the Network Ministry and Women's Ministry and volunteer in Bishop Joseph W. Walker Ministries; and currently, a Mt. Zion Bookstore volunteer.



Terry W. Jones

MZ Member since '03

Terry is currently a State Farm Agent in the Metro Nashville area. He has been affiliated with State Farm Insurance for over 25 years and has experience in Fire Claims, in property and liability claims and in regional and corporate Human Resources. He also has professional leadership as a Catastrophe Team supervisor/member and as a catastrophe inspector/trainer. His **civic background** includes involvement with the Nashville Community Partners, a group that is sponsored by local State Farm agents; with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and with Big Brothers.

Ministry Leadership/Service (past/present): Currently, a teacher of insurance classes for New Level CDC and a servant on the Deacons Ministry since 2010.

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Jessica T. Patrick, Esq.

MZ Member since '11

Professionally, Jessica is an employment and commercial litigation attorney with the law firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart in Nashville, Tennessee. Jessica defends employers in a wide range of industries against lawsuits under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and additional state and federal laws. In 2012, she received the *Nashville's Emerging Leaders* award and the *Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 Award*. Her **civic accomplishments** include co-chair of the Minorities Outreach Committee; board member of the Lawyers Association for Women (LAW); membership in the Napier-Looby, Nashville, and Tennessee Bar Associations; and membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., where she volunteers her time and resources for community service.

Ministry Leadership/Service (past/present): Currently, a member of Marriage Matters (Home Builders), a ministry adjunct to the Covenant Matters Marriage Ministry.



Jimmy Roberts

MZ Member since '09

Always bi-vocational, Jimmy Roberts has spent his secular career selling office equipment. He is employed by RJ Young Company as a major accounts representative where he provides Canon and Ricoh office equipment to many of Nashville's largest companies. Years of dedication have resulted in his being ranked 19th nationwide among all Canon sales representatives.

Ministerial Leadership/Service (past/present): Called to preach at age 15, Elder Jimmy Roberts has over 20 years of experience as a senior pastor. His passion to win the lost opened the door for him to serve for three years as the administrative pastor of the Bridge Ministry, a homeless outreach in Nashville. For the past seven years, he has served as a pastor at Safe Harbor, a work release program for substance abusers. Elder Roberts serves on the leadership team of MZ Men's Ministry charged with Men's Education. Dual careers in ministry and business allow him to bring a unique perspective to the Board, where his focus is to represent the congregation in financial decisions.



Bobby L. Straughter

MZ Member since '01

Assistant Commissioner of Supervision Bobby L. Straughter is employed with the Tennessee Department of Corrections for the State of Tennessee. This is a position that allows him to be very much engaged with the welfare, safety and development of the overall community. Bobby's leadership skills and experience will be valuable to the Board in the development of policies, in major decision-making and in ensuring that the by-laws, mission and Vision of the House are honored.

Ministry Leadership/Service (past/present): A 27-year servant in the Deacons Ministry, serving seven years at Mt. Zion and most recently as chair of the Deacons Ministry. Bobby walks in the Word of God according to Mark 10:45a. In his role as a deacon, his aim is to look after the welfare of the Mt. Zion congregation.



Andrea D. Willis, MD, MPH, FAAP

MZ Member since '03

To assume the position of chief medical officer (CMO) and vice president of BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee in September 2013, Andrea has served in the community on numerous health-related boards that bring attention to women's and children's health issues. Her **community outreach** includes involvement in charitable events that support research for cancer, inflammatory bowel disease and juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. She and her son, Cameron, who is also a member, have volunteered at the Nashville Rescue Mission. Andrea's role model for being well in mind, body and spirit is her grandmother, who is 102 years of age and going strong.

Ministry Leadership/service (past/present): Previously, a servant for Senior Hospitality; the Welcome Ministry; and ChurchFit, a ministry advocating healthy living; plus, a contributing writer for *Trumpet Magazine*, a church publication.



DREAMS LIE AHEAD

The planned Mt. Zion Dream Center aims to bring progress and life to an historic Nashville neighborhood.



The Mt. Zion Dream Center will be a facility designed to foster interaction through recreation, fitness, reading and hospitality. The Dream Center is designed to unify our members and the greater Nashville Community by using a neighborhood space to strengthen individuals and families through spiritual fellowship. The center will be a place where our members as well as the community will embrace the mission of Mt. Zion for the ultimate goal of kingdom building.

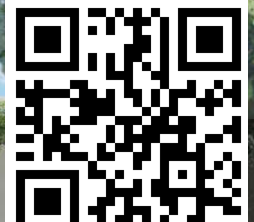
The site of the Dream Center will be located across the street from our historic Jefferson Street location. The Dream Center will be constructed in two phases. **Phase I** will include Mt. Zion Academy, a child care and preschool

with the capacity to accommodate 50 children. "Academic excellence and a quality education is what our young people deserve. We will recruit the best teachers in a highly competitive environment," says Bishop Walker. The Dream Center will also include office space for our New Level Community Development Corporation as well as space for a bookstore and coffee shop. **Phase II** will be comprised of a recreational complex, which will include a gymnasium, an indoor track and a workout area complete with free weights as well as elliptical equipment.

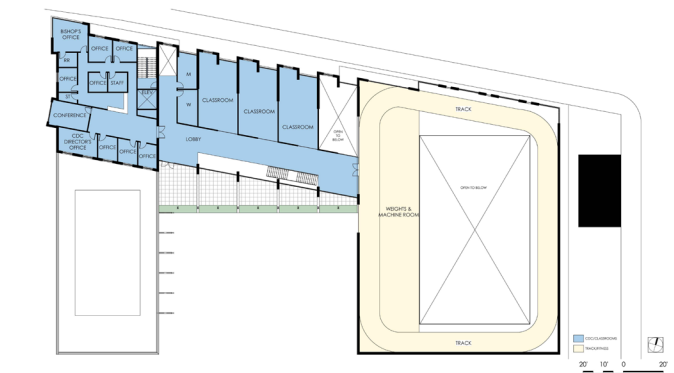
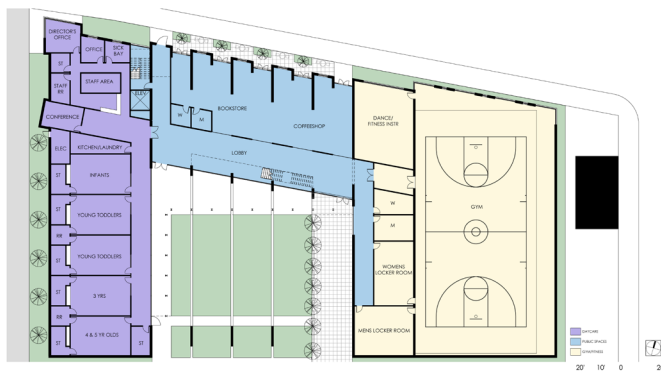
Bishop Walker insures the progressive renovation of our Jefferson Street location, thus, preserving its historic integrity for generations to come.

"I believe that as we go forward and live out the vision that God has given to me, we are destined to make a profound impact on the city of Nashville as well as on the world. We will make that impact together."

-Bishop Joseph W. Walker, III, Senior Pastor



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WELCOME BACK,

College Students

MZCM

Mission Statement

The Mt. Zion College Ministry, by promoting the spirit of excellence, seeks to provide a positive environment where students will not only excel academically but also spiritually. We are committed to working, worshiping and witnessing.

- Matthew 28:19-20

Students,

I am glad that you have returned safely to Nashville and the surrounding areas. God has great things in store for you, and I am confident that this will be a great year. The College Ministry has an exciting schedule of activities planned, and we are looking forward to getting you plugged in. I am excited about your future! Again, welcome back. I look forward to meeting you!

Elder Brian K. Bradshaw,
Overseer/Mt. Zion College Ministry

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SUNDAY BUS SCHEDULE



Austin-Peay State University

Arrive at the Ellington Building at 9:45 a.m.
Depart for MZBC at 10:00 a.m.

Belmont University

Arrive at the parking area at the Curb Event Center & Maple Hall at 10:15 a.m.
Depart for MZBC at 10:30 a.m.

Fisk University

Arrive at 17th & Jackson Street at 10:15 a.m.
Depart for MZBC at 10:30 a.m.

Lipscomb University

Arrive at Allen Arena Circle at 10:15 a.m.
Depart for MZBC at 10:30 a.m.

Middle Tennessee State University

Arrive at Blue Raider Boulevard & MTSU Boulevard at 9:15 a.m.
Depart for MZBC at 9:30 a.m.

Tennessee State University

Arrive at Kean Hall at 10:15 a.m.
Depart for MZBC at 10:30 a.m.

Vanderbilt University

Arrive at Peabody College at 10:00 a.m.
Depart at 10:15 a.m.
Arrive at Kirkland Hall at 10:20 a.m.
Depart for MZBC at 10:35 a.m.

Western Kentucky University

Arrive at Downing University Center (DUC) at 9:30 a.m.
Depart for MZBC at 9:45 a.m.

All buses depart from MZBC at 2:00 p.m. to return to each campus following the 11:15 a.m. Sunday service. All students are served lunch before departure.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Old Hickory Boulevard Location (OHB)

7594 Old Hickory Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee 37189
Sunday Worship Times: 8:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Antioch Location

2261 Murfreesboro Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37217
Sunday Worship Times: 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 5:00 p.m.

Historic Jefferson Street Location

1112 Jefferson Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37208
Wednesday Bible Study: 12:00 p.m.

GET INVOLVED

College Choir – This ministry seeks to uplift the name of Jesus through authentic praise and worship.

Adoration Praise Dancers – This ministry seeks to encourage, comfort and edify the body of Christ through the art of dancing.

Ladies of Virtue – This ministry seeks to promote a positive and spiritual environment among college women by promoting insight, direction, motivation, support and education.

Men of Valor – This ministry seeks to promote a positive and spiritual environment among college men through mentorship.

What is Watchcare?

Becoming a member of MZBC under Watchcare means uniting with the church while you are away from your home church.



Vanderbilt University Medical Center

1211 Medical Center Drive;
Nashville, TN 37232
(615) 322-5000

Baptist Hospital – Saint Thomas Health

2000 Church Street; Nashville, TN 37236
(615) 284-5555

TriStar Centennial Medical Center

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(615) 342-1000

Nashville General Hospital at Meharry

1818 Albion Street; Nashville, TN 37208
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A PRAYER/ DECLARATION

FOR OUR CHILDREN AS THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL

In the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we declare that every assignment of the enemy over our children's lives is cancelled and that no weapon formed against them shall prosper.

We cover them in the blood of Jesus from the crown of their heads to the soles of their feet and request warring angels of the Lord to encamp around them and to protect them from all harm and danger.

In the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we cast down every high thing that would try to exalt itself against the knowledge of God that our children possess.

We declare that the Word of God is hidden in their hearts and that it is a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path, continuously guiding their decisions and ordering their steps wherever they go and whatever they face.

In the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we declare that our children have a mind to work and that the spirit of excellence rests upon them, influencing their academic performance and behavior.

We declare that they submit to the rules and regulations of their schools and obey the instruction of those in authority over them as long as our children do not violate the Word.

We declare that our children are highly favored of God and that this divine favor positively affects their relations with their school administrators, teachers and fellow students.

In the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we declare that the Spirit of the living God rests upon our children, making them distinct and different in a positive way.

We declare that by the anointing of God, our children demonstrate godly character and principles—that they are salt and light on their school campuses and that God's plans and purposes are advanced in and through them.

In our authority as the Body of Christ, we declare these things in accordance with the principles of the Word of God and by faith believe and agree that these things are so to the honor and glory of God in Jesus' name, Amen.

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CAMP ZION

Summer Camp





Women at the Cross Service

The Seven Last Words of Christ

We gathered on this occasion to remember, to reflect and to respond to the gift of love that Jesus Christ gave to us as His sacrifice on Calvary's Cross.

"This moment is providential and historical. The Spirit of the Lord instructed me to have this service at our Jefferson Street location to commemorate the ordination of the first woman in our church history 19 years ago. I am so delighted and honored as a pastor to have anointed and powerful women of God within our ministry."

- Bishop Joseph W. Walker, III - Senior Pastor

Elder Opal Scales –

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

– Luke 23:34 (KJV)

Minister Paula Farmer –

"Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

– Luke 23:43 (KJV)

Elder Regina Walker –

"Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother!"

– John 19: 26-27 (KJV)

Minister Anna Mundy –

"Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

– Matthew 27:46 (KJV)

Elder Princess Cowan –

"I thirst." – John 19:28 (KJV)

Elder LaShante Walker–

"It is finished."

– John 19:30 (KJV)

Elder Catina L. Parrish –

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

– Luke 23:46 (KJV)

VOICES

OF THE MOUNT

Highlights from May Bible Study services featuring Mt. Zion's ministry leaders

"Pressed Into A Praise"

by Elder Alex Atkinson

Romans 8:31-39

Romans 8 helps us to understand that we will often face both simultaneous and manifold trials. Furthermore, Paul reminds us to press forward and to learn how to praise God. In the midst of being pressed, let nothing separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

"You're Carrying An Unexpected Blessing"

by Elder Brian Bradshaw

Luke 1:39-45

Elizabeth and Mary were both carrying unexpected blessings. Even though conditions were unfavorable for them, they were able to conceive beyond natural circumstances. They were chosen to fulfill their assignments. This is another season for divine connections where God's people will receive unexpected blessings for divine assignments.

"You Can Make It in The Valley"

by Minister Roy Ewing

Ezekiel 37:1-4

If you pray, stay in purpose and proclaim the gospel while you are in the valley, then God will know that He can count on you to remain faithful during trials and tribulations. It is not about what you are going through, but how you go through—you don't want to make God look bad.

"You Don't Know Me: Navigating Through Seasons of Transition"

by Elder Dacari Middlebrooks

From the Book of James

We are in a season of transition, and if you desire to move into the things that God has for you, you must actively participate. It's only when you step out that God will step in. Anticipation of what could happen NEXT may cause you to doubt God, but be of good courage, for He is with you. You have been patient, and now is the time to MOVE.

"This Is What God Had in Mind"

by Elder Alex Raspberry

Ephesians 1:15-20

Jesus desires to see a church without spot or blemish, but before the Spirit falls on all flesh and before the church becomes the governing authority on the earth, the apostles and prophets of God must begin to impart the deeper things of God (the mystery of Jesus Christ) found in the Word.

"Life Is in The Blood"

by Elder Jimmy Roberts

Genesis 22:1-14

It is vitally important to Christians today that we understand "why" we believe what we believe. When Abraham performed the first blood sacrifice in Genesis, he provided an example that helps us fully appreciate the significance and the power of the ultimate blood sacrifice made by Jesus Christ on Calvary.



WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS SERIES

FIRE AT NOON

with
BISHOP JOSEPH W. WALKER, III
 D.MIN., SENIOR PASTOR



A Recap of the Midday Series

APRIL 3, 2013

Don't Mess With My Joy

1 Peter 1:5-8; Psalm 100:1

Once the Word is sown, the believer should store it away for the right season. When manifold temptations come, access your Word storage. When a trial becomes intense, make noise, an unarticulated utterance. That noise is joy unspeakable and full of glory.

APRIL 10, 2013

Don't Fight the Process

Deuteronomy 32:1-12

Many believers want to arrive at destiny without going through the process. However, there is no way around it. Just as an eagle stirs her nest and pushes her young out of the nest so that they might soar, God does the same for believers. He positions us to reign.

APRIL 17, 2013

I'm Too Real to Fake It

Acts 17:16-28

No longer should believers tolerate what is not authentic. Paul had an authentic encounter with Jesus on the Damascus Road and spent the rest of his life lifting up the name he defamed. An authentic encounter with God should be our life's pursuit.

APRIL 24, 2013

He Knew I Could Handle It

Job 14:1-14

Because God is omniscient, He is aware of everything. He places the Holy Spirit inside us to accomplish His will. In spite of trials and tribulations, Job still saw himself like a tree that would grow again! God knew he could handle it.



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Alternative Fuel

John 19:28-29

Alternative fuels must be converted. God will take a negative situation and use it as alternative fuel to bless believers and to make it work for us. Our grandparents converted ovens into heaters, Mason jars into drinking glasses and a clothes hanger into an antenna. Likewise, God can convert our problems into spiritual energy to give us power to overcome. Let it fuel you!

APRIL 10, 2013

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Finally

Acts 16:16-18

Finally is indicative of a spiritual attitude, posture and demeanor, which says enough is enough! No longer will the enemy be allowed access to our lives. We will speak to our circumstances, and they must obey the power of God in us—FINALLY!

APRIL 17, 2013

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Rules Are Meant to Be Broken

Matthew 14:25-30

Most business owners do not hesitate to break rules for financial gain. Jesus broke the rules of relatives, relations, route and resurrection to redeem us so that we might have the right to access God and His promises.

APRIL 24, 2013

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If Looks Could Kill

Luke 22:54-62

Don't let what's behind you cause you to downsize your destiny. While Jesus prayed in the Garden, the disciples fell asleep. Then, Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss. When, the Roman soldiers arrested Jesus, Peter follows Him at a distance and denied Jesus three times. As Peter looks at Jesus, he remembers what He prophesied.



May 26th
SURVIVOR SUNDAY
with special guest,
Dr. Marvin Sapp



June 7th – 8th
RELAY FOR LIFE





Daughters of the Promise **UNITING** *Women of Faith*

The March 14 – 16 Daughters of the Promise (DOP) Retreat occurred at the Riverstone Resort and Spa in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.



1. The Foot Washing Ceremony, performed by Elder Princess Cowan, overseer of DOP, was a time of sisters serving with gladness.

2. Each woman left the retreat with a greater understanding of what it means to be a sister's keeper.

3. As women, we should have a servant's heart.

4. The retreat was a time of fun and laughter for all the women to experience.



Join us next year for a time of prayer, praise and fellowship: **March 20-22, 2014.**



Mt. Zion's Golf Team

fellowships with members of the CAGL (Christian Athletic Golf League).



Bowling Team 7, Let There Be Strikes, of Mt. Zion Baptist Church wins in a local 2013 bowling championship. Team members include Jason Applewhite, C.J. Scott, Louis Applewhite and Bryan Lowe.

The High Scorer was C.J. Scott with an average of 215.

UPCOMING

Sign-ups for the **Bowling League** begin again in October. The season begins in November.

Youth and Teen (ages 7-18) Basketball sign-ups begin in November. The season begins in December.

Coed Softball sign-ups are underway. The season begins in September.

To register for any of the sports leagues mentioned above, please visit the Athletics Ministry kiosk after any worship service at any Mt. Zion location.

For more information about the Athletics Ministry, email Patrick Starnes, ministry coordinator, at athleticsministry@mtzionnashville.org.

SIGN UPS

MT. ZION FALL CHURCH CALENDAR



2013

SEPT. 8



**CHURCH
PICNIC**

SEPT. 9

**MEN'S
NIGHT
OUT**



SEPT. 10

**WOMEN'S
NIGHT OUT**



SEPT. 17

**DR. STEPHAINE'S
BIRTHDAY**



OCT. 29-NOV. 1

**FULL GOSPEL
PASTORS &
MINISTRY
WORKERS
CONFERENCE**

NOV. 10

**COLLEGE
SUNDAY**



NOV. 27

**THANKSGIVING
WORSHIP
SERVICE**

NOV. 28

**THANKSGIVING
OUTREACH**



DEC. 14



**CHRISTMAS
IN ZION**

DEC. 25



**JESUS'
BIRTHDAY**

DEC. 31

**NEW YEAR'S
EVE WORSHIP
SERVICE**

To find more events on our
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