

Happy New Year

January 1, 2025

From the Pastor's Desk

We have just completed an amazing year here at Mt. Zion. I want to thank each of you for your willingness to be stretched to become all God has called us to be. Because of your obedience, we have become stronger and more productive.

One of the most gratifying highlights of the year 2024 was over 350 souls united with Christ through this body. Thank you for being laborers and allowing God to use you to gather His harvest. Because of your willingness to allow the power of God to work through you, countless lives have been made better.

As we move into 2025, we will continue with the theme "Committed to Executing the Word of God." As we do so, expect God to use us in an even greater way. We have been greatly blessed and the Word of God states that to whom much is given, much is required.

Stay tuned to hear more about the groundbreaking for Mt. Zion Legacy Senior Housing complex in March 2025. This will be a visible sign of God's transformational power.

I am grateful to God for the privilege of pastoring such an incredible group of people who love God. Let's continue our commitment to exemplify the Word of God together.

In His Service,



Rev. Dr. Addis Moore

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MT. ZION'S YOUTH SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

By Sis. Diane Jones



Here at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, we have so many amazing young people involved in different ministries. It is so wonderful to see our youth actively engaged in conversation with their peers, having meaningful discussions and sharing ideas. One such a group is a relatively new group that many may not have heard of yet. (I hadn't until recently.) It is called the "Mt. Zion's Youth Social Media Team."

The two ministry leaders are Sis. Arianna Milliner and Sis. Brooklyn Gardner. Other members of the team are Bro. Moriah "Mo" Jones, Bro. Sayani Jones, and Sis. Aniyah Johnson. I caught up with Sis. Brooklyn last week, and had a few questions to ask her, as she talked with Sis. Sharlee Atkinson.

During the Mt. Zion Family Fall Fest back in October, a few members from the team were caught on camera interviewing or asking questions of the young 'Fest Attendees' as to what they were enjoying the most. Of course, for most of them, it was the Free Candy, and there was plenty of that, as you can tell by the bags they are holding.



It will be exciting to see what these "Young Leaders—our Youth in Ministry" will share with us in our next issue of "The Mt. Zion Voice." Don't they look good! Smart young people!

#YouthInMinistry #YoungLeaders

Meet the team!



FAMILY MINISTRIES

By Sis. Talandra Ollie

Christmas Presentation, “The Perfect Candidate”

Jesus is the reason for the season! Our youth did a phenomenal job ministering to us about “The Perfect Candidate,” our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Each group came in their own way, and boy was it engaging and entertaining! There was rapping, a few angels, a talk show, shepherds, wise men, singing, and an unruly king. It was clear the congregation enjoyed watching the presentation just as much as the youth enjoyed presenting. Up next...Resurrection Sunday!



We are truly blessed to have the children we do here at Mt. Zion. Recently, a group of our youth who are involved in band/orchestra got an amazing opportunity to play during one of our worship experiences. They blessed us by playing “Every Praise” using piano, cello, violin, viola, and saxophone. It took a magical turn when our Mt. Zion band joined in and the congregation sang along to the sweet sound of their music. Be on the lookout for them to perform again!

IN THE BUSINESS WORLD



IATO Fitness

By Bro. Sayani Jones

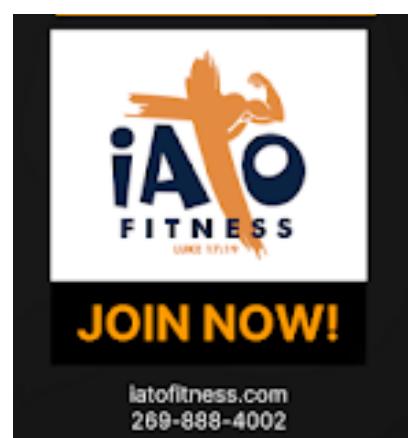
I Am The One, or IATO Fitness, is a local faith-based exercise physiology, weight management, and sports training facility owned by Deacon Greg Wallace. They aim to build an exercise program tailored to their client's goals and accomplishments. IATO's desire is to hold a "place where your faith and your fitness connect."

The I Am The One Fitness is founded on the writing of Proverbs 23:7 which says, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."

Dea. Wallace's goal is to instruct and inspire his beloved clients to achieve their very best by believing they are the best.

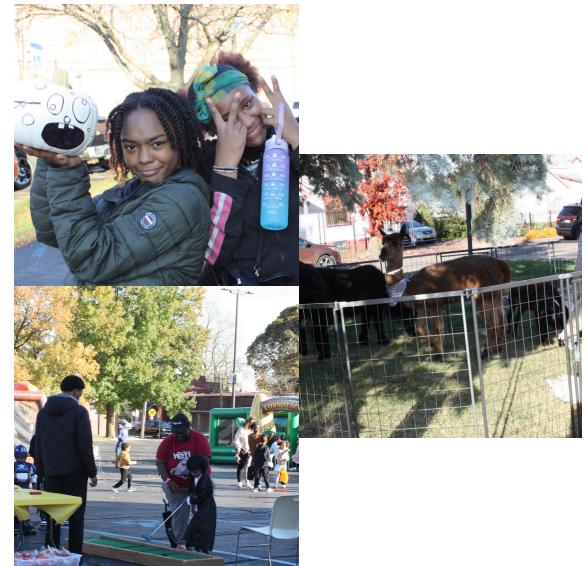
When asked about his motivation to become an entrepreneur, Dea. Wallace expressed that it was, "nothing but the Holy Spirit" that filled his heart and mind to make that big leap. He also stayed in prayer constantly, asking God to use him to advance His plans which he says comes from his reading of Hebrews 10:36, "For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the Will of God, you may receive the promise." One of Dea. Wallace's favorite things about being a business owner in the field of

personal training, is that he can see the transformation of others while also seeing them accomplish their goals. Finally, in reference to 3 John 1:2 where it states, "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers," Dea. Wallace encourages his clients that, "God has already commanded us to be healthy, we just have to walk it out."



FAMILY FALL FEST

Our annual Family Fall Fest was another one to remember this year. Families poured onto the campus of Mt. Zion on a perfect autumn afternoon for food, fun, games, and CANDY of course! The love of Christ was on full display as Mt. Zion members young and old alike were able to engage with the community as they arrived. Sounds of laughter and rich conversation filled the air as attendees played games and enjoyed the interaction. The bounce house, axe throwing, and inflatable corn maze attractions were definite highlights at the event.



Something new this year, and an absolute crowd favorite, was The Donut Cart...serving warm apple cider and piping hot mini donuts fresh out of the fryer. We would be remiss to not mention the petting zoo and our furry friends, whom we're sure got allllllll the attention they wanted. We thank God for another successful year and can't wait until Fall Fest 2025!

By Sis. Talandra Ollie

MOTHER'S CORNER

By Sis. Ashlee Franklin



Mother Helen Brooks

How has faith blessed me? I have always taken care of people, even at the age of 88. I still love to check on people and I always have enjoyed helping people. I'm still being kept by God, even this year, my son stayed with me and due to my faith in God I was able to get up and take him to his appointments, and keep up with his daily routines. I have faith as small as mustard seed all because God has blessed me no matter what. In the future, I would like Mt. Zion to continue sowing into the children. Continue with the S.E.E.D.S. program, Bible Study and Prayer Service because regardless if you are younger or older, we all need God. Since we are extremely blessed as a church, we need to continue reaching out to the community and telling people about God. Lastly, always remember to be kind, love one another as God loves us, and also help/serve one another.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says in everything give thanks, and as we do that, also be mindful of **Romans 8:28**. Remember, in spite of what you may be going through, always give God the thanks and trust it'll be alright.



CELEBRATING A DECADE OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

By Dr. Charmane Echols, S.E.E.D.S. Director

TESTAMONIALS

"Thank you guys for doing such a wonderful job. One day my child will be successful in this world and look back to where it all started, which is here."

— JW

"We have had two of our girls go through the S.E.E.D.S. Learning Center program at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. It was a great start for them! They learned some reading, math and caring for others. They both loved to play in the little kitchen area and were so excited when we collected a few household things to add to the kitchen! They are in 3rd and 5th grade now at El Sol Elementary and they thrive and do amazing! Thank you S.E.E.D.S. not only for the start but for the amazing family support to all of us".

The Dunigan Family

"S.E.E.D.S. have built my child's confidence. She has developed her fine motor skills and enjoys writing."

— I.M.

The S.E.E.D.S. Learning Center is proudly celebrating its 10 year anniversary of providing excellent service to the Kalamazoo Community. We have a true commitment to provide state of the art, high quality preschool education to 3 and 4-year-old preschoolers in our community. This has allowed us to establish unique relationships with our parents and students; who are the main reason we were able to continue over the past 10 years.

Our leaders and staff have worked hard to achieve this success. We want to acknowledge the dedication, significant contributions and loyalty of all the staff and volunteers past and present. A decade in business deserves recognition of the resilience it took to thrive and sustain excellence of serving the families and students of our community, is quite a feat.



It has been 10 years of togetherness, 10 years of executing the vision of "A community where all children are equipped, educated, and successful learners." Making the vision a current reality in 10 years we have executed the mission of "Changing our community, one child at a time." We have enjoyed 10 years of happiness, sharing and making dreams come true. Preparing preschoolers for Kindergarten has been and will be our continued focus.

S.E.E.D.S. is definitely a place to learn and grow. A place where children build a strong foundation in social, academic, and general life skills that will give them a great start for Kindergarten. We are looking forward to the move of God in preparing our staff and students for 10 more years of quality success.

Did you know that Mt. Zion healthcare members include:

DID YOU KNOW?

- Doctors (Physicians): Responsible for diagnosing, treating, and preventing illnesses. They include general practitioners who provide primary care and specialists who focus on specific medical areas. Their role involves prescribing medications, performing surgeries, and offering medical advice.

By Sis. Lucinda M. Simpson, MPA

Mt. Zion Community Voices: Healthcare Professionals in Our Church Community

- Exercise Physiologists: Specialize in how physical activity impacts the body. They design personalized exercise programs to enhance fitness or aid in recovery from medical conditions, working in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, and fitness studios.
- Clinical Psychologists: Focus on diagnosing and treating psychological disorders through therapy and assessment. They work in diverse settings like private practices, hospitals, and schools, helping individuals improve mental health strategies.

The Mt. Zion community embraces the mission of supporting health and well-being through emotional, social, and psychological advocacy, and prevention, emphasizing the holistic approach to healing. Healthcare professionals in this context address not only physical but also emotional and spiritual needs, fostering lasting positive change.

Medical Social Workers: Provide emotional, social, and psychological support to patients and families, helping them navigate the challenges of illness and treatment. They work in hospitals, outpatient settings, and rehabilitation centers.

Registered Nurses (RNs): Provide direct patient care, monitoring health, assisting with medical treatments, and providing guidance for recovery and treatment. They work in various settings, including hospitals, homes, and home healthcare, collaborating with doctors and other healthcare professionals.

- Psychiatrists: Medical doctors specializing in diagnosing and treating mental health disorders. They provide therapy, prescribe medications, and work in settings like hospitals, private practices, and rehabilitation centers.

These healthcare professionals collectively ensure that Mt. Zion offers compassionate and compassionate care, addressing both medical and psychosocial needs.

2025 Goals

360 Days Remaining



Souls added to
the Body

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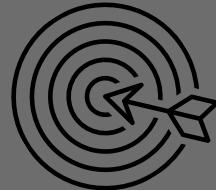


Annual Target
500

0.4%

Members in
Life Group

600



0%

Endowment Fund

Sacrificial Giving

\$100K  \$200K



Upcoming Events

JANUARY

9th

CityLead @ Mt. Zion

11th

Readiness Workshop

19th

NMA MLK Day Community
Celebration

22nd

Installation of Officers

FEBRUARY

10th - 12th

Spiritual Awakening
Revival



revival

13th

CityLead @ Centerpoint

14th

Valentine's Day

MARCH

9th

104th Church Anniversary

12th

Oratorical Contest

13th

CityLead @ Mt. Zion

17-19th

Young Adult Revival

MTZ VOICE MINISTRY

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