

NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

8:30 AM ORDER OF SERVICE

The Brethren Chorale ~ Brother Bryan Randall, Keyboardist

WORSHIP THROUGH DEVOTION

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The Scripture Deacon Frank Jones

The Prayer of Praise & Thanksgiving Deacon

Constance Heyward

The Choral Response Choir and Congregation

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The Announcements, The Welcome & The Pastor's Remarks

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YOU HAVE OUR SYMPATHY IN YOUR LOSS

Sister Joyce Evans and the Evans family in the passing of her brother, Bro. Lee Jones; Sis. Yvonna Wilson in the passing of her brother, Bro. George Stevens; Sis. Deborah Parker and the Carey family in the passing of her son, Bro. Anthony Parker; Bro. Paul Stroble in the passing of his sister; Dr. Gail Cash and Bro. Rodney Cash in the passing of their mother, Sis. Clara Cash; Deaconess Clara Marrow in the passing of her sister, Sis. Cassie Chaney; Sis. Christine Lighty and family in the passing of her father, Bro. Preston Sessoms; Bro. James Thomas, Jr. in the passing of his father, Bro. James C. Thomas, Sr.; Sis. Denise Freeman in the passing of her sister, Sis. Crystal O'Neal Abdelmoshen; Bro. Ronnie Whitehead in the passing of his cousin, Bro. Michal Lemon; Deaconess Arlene Armstead in the passing of her mother, Sis. Aletha Dabney; Deaconess Cheryl Merritt in the passing of her brother; Bro. Junius Williams in the passing of his wife, Sis. Ethel Williams.

From the Prayer Ministry

Advent Season Devotional:

Scripture:

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34

Devotional:

Throughout God's Word, we learn of God's great love. John 3:16 states "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Jesus Christ is more than a Christmas gift but an everlasting presence of love given to us from God.

God's command is simply stated, "That ye love one another." How often do we avoid building relationships and helping others outside of our comfort zone? God's love is powerful and shines even brighter when we reflect Him in our actions and words to others. In recent news events, we have learned how complete strangers showed love to one another by helping each other survive in unforeseen and tragic circumstances. Be prepared to show God's love not only at Christmas, but each day to those people who may only be in your presence for a moment or for a lifetime.

Prayer:

Dear God:

Thank you for Your everlasting love and giving us Jesus, whose birth we celebrate. Let us transform everyday into an opportunity to share God's love and kindness to all by the way we speak and act. Let us continually be drawn to meditate and obey Your Word and find solutions by first recognizing the need to love one another. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Love Ernie, Tina, Sunni and True Gallien (Submitted by The Gallien Family)

OUR HEALTH CONCERNS

Sis. Alice Alexander	Sis. Evelyn Dandridge	Bro. Robert Manley
Bro. Marvin Alexander Sr.	Sis. Billie Davis	Bro. Tommy McMichael
Bro. Tecumseh Alexander	Sis. Yolanda Dixon	Sis. Aurelia Miller
Deacon Edward Allen	Sis. Lygeia Drayton Duggins	Sis. Helen Miller
Bro. James Alsop	Sis. Michelle Elchinger	Sis. Doris Muir
Deacon James Armstead	Sis. Ethel Fuller	Sis. Sandra Napper
Bro. Leo Arrington	Sis. Essie Gamage	Bro. Mehki O'Neal
Sis. Jaesoon Baik	Bro. George Gamage	Bro. Bruce Parrott
Sis. Bernice Bailey	Bro. Terrell Glee	Sis. Valerie Patterson
Sis. Millie Ball	Deacon William Greenhow	Sis. Shannon Pierce
Sis. Diane Battle	Bro. Robert Franklin	Sis. Jean Quick
Bro. Christopher Benett	Sis. Sue Harris	Sis. Doris Rainey
Sis. Teresa Bland	Bro. Julius Haynie	Deacon Edgar Randall
Sis. Mary Boyd	Bro. Bobby Horne	Rev. Morris Randall
Sis. Siona Brandison	Sis. Delores Howard	Bro. Raymond Roane
Sis. Bernette Brown	Sis. Judy Huckaby	Sis. Brenda Robinson
Sis. Lexia Brown	Trustee Emanuel Huggins	Sis. Catherine Robinson
Sis. Mahilda Brown	Bro. James Hundley Jr.	Sis. Daphne Robinson
Sis. Tenisha Brown	Sis. Leona Jackman	Sis. Karen Robinson
Sis. Viola Brown	Bro. James Jackson (*)	Sis. Delia Romain
Sis. Doris Butler	Bro. Floyd James	Sis. Evelyn Romain
Sis. Theresa Butler	Bro. Charles Jimmerson	Sis. Violet Schwab
Bro. Levi Canaday	Sis. Christine Johnson	Sis. Vanessa Sexton
Bro. Matthew Canaday	Sis. Patricia H. Johnson	Bro. Robert Shackelford
Sis. Maxine Canaday	Deaconess Delores Jones	Sis. LeeAnn Stallings
Bro. Carl Carter, Sr.	Sis. Elsie Jones	Bro. James Tabb, Jr.
Bro. Cornelius Cary	Deacon Elvin Jones	Sis. Ann Taylor
Deaconess Essie Cary	Sis. Loujean Jones	Sis. Constance Taylor
Deacon Howard Cary	Bro. Raymond Justice	Sis. Stephanie Taylor
Bro. Brian Christiansen	Bro. Jacob Lanehart	Bro. John "JC" Traybron
Bro. Carl Coleman	Sis. Evelyn Colton LaRose	Sis. Melissa Whistleman*
Bro. James Conyers	Deaconess Lottie Lewis	Sis. Annette White
Sis. Cheryl Cooke	Sis. Aakina Lilly	Bro. Junius Williams
Sis. Maxine Cumber	Sis. Irene Manley	Sis. LaWanda Williams

OUR MILITARY FAMILY

Bro. Richard Alsop, USN	Bro. Jamiah Freeman, USAF	Bro. Tyneil Rankin, USA
Bro. Marcus Bethune, USA	Sis. Tisha Grooms, USNR	Bro. Zackary Rankin, USA
Bro. Alonzo Brown, USA	Bro. Larry Gunter, USN	Bro. Lonnie Robinson, Jr., USA
Sis. Jennifer Brown, USA	Bro. Aaron Harris, USN GSM2	Bro. Reginald Smith, Jr., USA
Sis. LaTonya Brown, USA	Bro. Ernest Hines, USN	Bro. Kirk Shepperd, USA
Bro. Thomas C. Coleman, III, USN	Sis. Carissa Holmes, USA	Bro. Aaron Smallwood, USAFR
Sis. Desiree Collins, USAF	Bro. LaMar Howard, USA	Bro. Robert M. Smith, USN
Sis. Marlene Collins, USAF	Bro. Troy Howard, USA	Bro. Daniel Sullivan, USN
Bro. Brandon Lee-Cooper, USA	Bro. D'Shaun Jones, USA	Bro. Danny Taylor, USA
Bro. Jordan Lee-Cooper, USA	Bro. Jamal Jones, USA	Bro. Rian Thompson, USA
Sis. Sateen Danzy, USA	Sis. Kendall Kemelek, USA	Sis. Alyca Sweet-Waldrop, USA
Bro. Joseph Davis, USN	Bro. Matthew Kemelek, USA	Bro. Rodney Waldrop, USA
Bro. Linrey Dowden, USA	Bro. Marc Marchand, USAFR	Bro. Curtis E. Warren, USMC
Bro. Rawlins Dowden, USA	Bro. Antori Marsh, USA	Bro. Wayne Wiggins, USAF
Bro. Donald Druitt, Jr., USA	Bro. Damion Marsh, Jr. USA	Bro. Valroy Williams, USA
Sis. Simone Druitt, USA	Bro. John Parrott, Jr., USA	Sis. Bonnie-Lyn Wilson, USAR
Sis. Dawn Dunning USAF	Bro. Carlos Randall, USA	

The Scripture: Luke 2:8-16 (King James Version)

⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.



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(Worshippers at the door may enter)

The Musical Selection The Brethren Chorale

The Scripture Deacon Earl Warren

The Prayer of Praise & Thanksgiving Deacon

Anthony Conyers

The Choral Response The Brethren Chorale

WORSHIP THROUGH COMMUNITY

The Announcements

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REGULAR MEETINGS AND REHEARSALS

Sunday-Dec. 24th	New Members-Conf. Rm	10:15 AM
Tuesday-Dec. 26th	Harp Practice-Choir Rm	2:15 PM
Wednesday-Dec. 27th	Daytime Bible Study-F/H Children of God-Sanc. Harp Practice-Choir Rm Infinite Praise-SC2	11:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM
Thursday-Dec. 28th	"Noon" Prayer-Reading Rm Voices of Zion-F/H New Generations-Sanc.	12:45 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM
Saturday-Dec. 30th	Joy Ensemble-Sanc.	10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS - YOUTH

New Zion Youth are invited to a basketball tournament:

Youth please sign-up to attend the 2nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Kickoff Basketball Tournament on January 13, 2018. The event will be held at U-Turn Sports located at 2101 Maywill Street, Richmond, VA. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and the deadline is December 28th. Transportation and tickets are free for youth ages 8-18 years old. The contact is Bro. Charlie Williams.

BIBLE STUDY

Emphasis on the Word

- ◆ ***Daytime Bible Study:** The study will continue at Hebrews 5. The Contact is Deacon Robert Ashby.
- ◆ ***Evening Bible Study:** The Contact is Dr. Brenda Christian.

Daily Exposure to the Word (DEW)

Daily reading or listening to the Bible is important! It helps us with the problems of life. It gives us God's perspective on living. It helps us to grow in our faith. What can we do? Pray to be committed. Start today. Some Helpful Suggestions and Resources: Use the weekly Bible reading information in the bulletin, Get an App for your cellphone or Pad, Go to: oneyearbibleonline.com, Listen to BBN on WYFI 99.7 FM every day at 3:00 PM. Listen to the Bible on CD's. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." – Romans 10:17 (KJV)

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The Postlude (*The End*)



ANNOUNCEMENTS - EVERYONE

New Zion members are invited to make an annual donation of \$10.00

towards the **New Zion Men's Scholarship**. Please place contributions in the offering envelope and write "Men's Scholarship" on the dotted line. Thank you NZBC for your generosity last year. Because of you, we were able to award scholarships to three NZ students.

- ◆ **The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st.**

⇒ THE DEADLINE TO FUND ALL SCHOLARSHIPS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017. Please use an offering envelope and **write the name of the scholarship** on the "Special Programs" line. Thank you for your contributions.

The Watch Night Service will begin at 10:00 p.m.

on Sunday, December 31st. Remember to invite friends and neighbors to join the celebration as we remember God's blessings in 2017 and thank Him for the blessings coming in 2018.

New Zion will be the host site for a Community Service of Christian Unity.

This service will include Catholics, Baptists, Lutherans, Methodists, Non-Denomination Christians, Presbyterians, and other Christian congregations. The service will be Friday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. There will be more information in the coming weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - ADULTS

The New Zion annual church trip for 2018 will be to Lancaster, PA

Due to a great response on the church trip for 2018, we are posting additional sign-up sheets today. More bus seats and tickets for play are available. The contacts are Sis. Janice Jackson and Sis. Vivian Morgan.

The New Zion Nursery is in need of adult volunteers

to assist during the 11:30 a.m. service. If you are interested please see one of the contacts. You will be asked to complete an application and submit to a background check. The ministry contacts are Trustee Dana Jones, Sis. Jovan Frazier, and Sis. Isis Jackson.

The Ladies of Virtue and Elegance (L.O.V.E) Ministry

at New Zion Baptist Church is requesting your assistance. We would be thrilled to have you mentor young ladies of New Zion in grades 6-12. **If interested please contact nzbclove@gmail.com.** The ministry contact is Deaconess Delores Jones.

The Lydia Dorcas Creative Sewing Circle

The next meeting will be held January 18, 2018. The contact is Sis. June Robb.