

IMPACT the WORLD

2 Cor. 5:17-20; Acts 1:8; John 14:12; Matt. 28:18-20;
Mark 16:15-18; 1 Cor. 10:31-33

Voice of Zion



Pastor's Corner



Mt. Zion Family
and Friends,

We are thankful to God for allowing us to see a new year. This year, we want to reignite our passion for the church's vi-

sion! Simply put, our vision is "Worship Christ, Spread the Gospel, Serve the Community". This is what Mt. Zion is all about. Everything we do should be tied into the vision. Worship is an integral part of the life of this church. We will glorify Christ in all of our activities. We are commissioned as Christ's ambassadors to spread the Gospel. It is our passion to reach beyond our four walls to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are lost and without hope. We will be a serving church. We will put our faith into action and use our God-given gifts to serve one another within the church and those who are in need outside of the church. When we serve our community to meet the physical needs of those hurting, God will give us the opportunity to share the Gospel.

Our theme for 2010 is "IMPACT the World". Our key initiatives this year are...

- ✧ Expansion of our internet campus, Zion Live
- ✧ Continued roll-out of our new Christian Education curriculum
- ✧ Promoting a Biblical world-view through the Truth Project
- ✧ Promoting generosity and Christian stewardship through the ongoing Financial Peace University classes
- ✧ Adopting the West Cary Middle School with other churches in our local community
- ✧ Partnering with area churches for outreach to AIDS victims in third world countries
- ✧ Serving our community by cleaning area nursing homes and feeding those in homeless shelters (Faith in Action follow-up)

There is a world of opportunity available to fulfill our vision and impact the world. The vision has a great need for willing servants. Will you answer the call? Will you serve with us? Let's come together to IMPACT the world for Jesus Christ!

Your fellow laborer and undershepherd,
Willie Harris

Leading Lady Anita Honored at the 2010 Overflow Woman Awards

On January 18th, Anita Harris was a 2010 recipient of an Overflow Woman Award. The Overflow Woman Awards is an awards ceremony that is designed to honor and celebrate women that have committed their lives to ministering to and helping others! The event was a black tie evening filled with powerful performances and beautiful awards presentations. The goal was to encourage and build-up each honoree as they endeavor to fulfill the will of God for their lives. Congratulations Sister Anita we honor you for allowing Christ to be first in your life!



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From the Desk of the First Lady



Greetings my Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! Praise God for another year. It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to our new branded ministry. Your women's ministry is now **Women Of Worship (WOW)**. As we embark on another year we look forward to all God has planned for us. Our 2010 theme is **Designed To Worship** - *Let us go to the sanctuary of the Lord; let us worship at the footstool of his throne. Psalm 132:7 (New Living Translation)*

We are looking forward to a great year of fellowship and growth as we impact the world for Christ. Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of our WOW conference entitled **Sweet Life Café** on March 27, 2010!

We also introduce to you **GEM** (Girls Empowerment Ministry) and **S.S.A.S.C.** (Sisters Serious About Serving Christ). GEM is for girls 9 to 12 years old and S.S.A.S.C. is for girls 13 to 17 years old. We are excited for our girls and what God will do with and through them in 2010. They are off to a great start. We invite all Mt. Zion girls ages 9 – 17 to be a part of their **Mother-Daughter Sweetheart Day** on February 6, 2010. It will be a time of fellowship and fun for all.

WOW provides opportunities for women to use their gifts and talents. Through our Girls Empowerment Ministry you can help in 'raising a new generation of women whose hearts follow hard after God' by being a mentor. Your gift of organization can be used to help with event planning and we need your special skills (i.e. cooking, sewing, etc.) to share with our young girls. There is opportunity to study God's word and fellowship with other women in our small group bible study. The group meets at Mt. Zion on Mondays from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in adult classroom number 2. The current study is on prayer and the book being used is *Praying God's Way: Talking with the Father and Walking Together* by Rick Shepherd.

Blessings & Love,
Anita Harris

Do You Know Your Deacon?

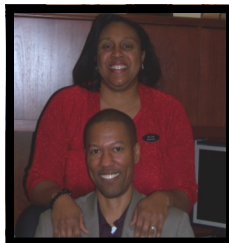
Have you ever noticed the chart on the back of your Sunday morning bulletin that lists the Shepherding Ministry? Well if you look a little closer, you will notice that each family within the Mt. Zion body is assigned to a Deacon. Why is this important? As Mt. Zion grows, leadership has taken the necessary measures to make sure that no member is left behind by grouping members and Deacons together. It has been done this way for many years, but as the congregation continues to grow, we want to make sure that everyone understands the purpose.

Part of the Deacon's primary responsibility is to maintain contact with the members that are on their Shepherding list. This may be in the form of an occasional phone call or by a conversation at church. During these communications, you are encouraged to let your Deacon know of any prayer requests you may have or of any situation for which the Church may be able to provide assistance.

Your Deacon is your first point of contact for family –church related interactions and please remember that all communications **are kept confidential**. On the next page, we have listed pictures of the entire Mt. Zion leadership team. Get to know them and let's work together as we Worship Christ, Spread the Gospel and Serve the Community!



Meet Your Mt. Zion Leadership Team



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First Lady, Anita Harris



Elder Wayne Bulluck
Deaconess Marcia Bullock



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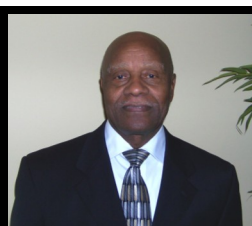
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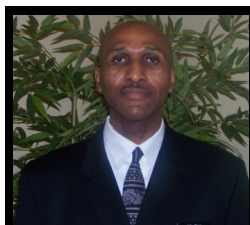
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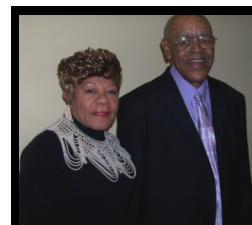
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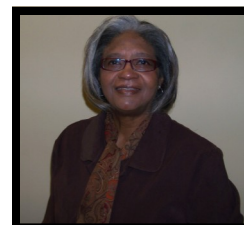
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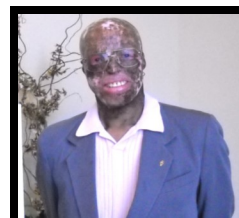
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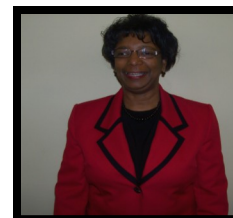
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Deaconess Shirley Smith



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Deaconess Esther Warmack



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Deaconess Cynthia Whitney



Deacon Patrick Wilson
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Mt Zion Business Directory

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Men of Zion— Real Talk by Larry Fortenberry

Men of Zion, Men of Zeal,
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1 NIV.

How many of you had heard this scripture well before you became saved? I did. I could quote it well before I understood that it was referring to Jesus. It was one of my first lessons about the significance of the Word. And then in Genesis God speaks words and things came into existence:

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Genesis 1:3 NIV.

Here we see how powerful words coming from the right source can be. And we learn in Deuteronomy that not only is God's word powerful, but that God is faithful to keep His Word.

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. Deut 7:9 NIV

Would you agree, that the personal goal in a Christian's life is to become more like Jesus? Do you agree then, that "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" Can we reason then that the words of those of us, who strive to be like Jesus, should have high value?

In the Book, "Quiet Strength", Coach Tony Dungy persistently teaches his players the importance of integrity. He stresses, "keep your word". A man of his word is someone you can trust because you know they will do what they say they will do. I do believe, that to effectively contribute to the ministry of our Lord and Savior, we must have integrity. Our word should have value. Like with real property, we should protect the value of our word. Treat it like it is collateral for our ministry. Every time we say we will and we don't, our word lose value.

Think of Job when Satan had afflicted him with sores from the sole of his feet to the top of his head.

His wife said to him, "Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!" He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Job 2:9-10.



He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

VoZ New Member Spotlight

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God. To be a serving church that comforts
the congregation and community. To be a
growing church that intentionally pro-
motes discipleship and education. To be a
church that reaches out and seeks to
spread the message of the Gospel world
both in word and deed.**

WE ARE MT. ZION!

Upcoming Events

**Please refer
to the weekly
announcements for
more details
on these
events.**

- ☞ January 30th With Love from Jesus 9:00a -1:00p
- ☞ January 31st Contemporary Service 4:00pm
- ☞ February 6th Mother Daughter Sweetheart Day 10:00-12:00pm
- ☞ February 13th Couple's Sweetheart Ball 6:30-11:30pm
- ☞ February 14th Outreach to Clare Bridge 2:00pm
- ☞ February 21st Gift of Heritage Program (during 9:45am service)
- ☞ February 21st Outreach to Chatham Commons 2:00pm
- ☞ February 27th Healthy Lifestyle Seminar 9:00am-1:00pm
- ☞ March 13th Musical Concert 5:00-8:00pm
- ☞ March 19th Membership Meet & Greet 7:00-8:00pm
- ☞ March 19-20th Youth Conference in Greensboro
- ☞ March 21st Outreach to Phoenix Assisted Care 2:00pm
- ☞ March 27th Women's Sweet Life Café 8:00am-3:00pm
- ☞ April 4th Easter Sunday (Services at 6am and 9:45am)
- ☞ April 9th Pastor's Tea 7:00-8:30pm
- ☞ April 11th Pastor's Anniversary Celebration 9:45am
- ☞ April 15th -17th Men's Conference
- ☞ April 18th Outreach to Cary Health and Rehab 2:00pm

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