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EVANGELISM NEWSLETTER

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH



WHAT WE PROCLAIM

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The Great Commission

Matt 28: 16-20 NLT

16. "Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17. When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! 18. Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11 NRSV

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From the Directors Desk Reverend Patricia A. Bufford BUFFALO DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF EVANGELISM

March Reflection & Renewal

As we transition from the richness of Black History Month into the month of March Women's History, we move forward with gratitude for the past and hope for what lies ahead. Just as the weather begins to shift toward greater warmth and light, we too enter a new spiritual season.

During this sacred Lenten journey of sacrifice, fasting, and prayer, we are invited to reflect, realign, and renew our commitment to Christ. This is a season not only of personal devotion, but of holy presence offering light to those who walk in darkness.

Now is the time to share our Christian faith with authenticity and love. As Director of Evangelism for the Buffalo District, I encourage us to be intentional in making credible, christian disciples and live as witnesses who reflect Christ in both word and action. Let us reflect, pray, and boldly share Christ. As, I navigate my personal challenges in life I still remain faithful to God's call on my life.

Greater days are ahead. Let us reflect, pray, and boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

No power in the sky above or in the earth below indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate me from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:39

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16 NLT

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 NIV

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Intentional & Effective Disciple-Making

As all Christians look toward the renewal of the Church, any new ministry metric must effectively evaluate how people are truly doing as individuals. Research shows that those whose lives are grounded in faith and who maintain a connection to an active church community are more likely to flourish in other key dimensions of life, such as relationships, vocation, finances, and physical and mental well-being.

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ABOUT US



<https://www.ameziondevelopment.org>

What is EVANGELISM – as a noun; The Good Message, as a verb; Proclaiming the Good Message.

Evangelism is only Evangelism when the Good Message of Jesus Christ is being imitated and communicated to other people. At the heart of that Good Message about Christ is helping people understand what Christ did to make salvation available to all of us.

And what we must do to make Salvation available to ourselves...to receive what Christ has to offer us...

There are many definitions for Evangelism

The Gospel and the Ministry of that Gospel is Proclaiming the Good News....

By Bishop Dr. Darryl B. Starnes

Evangelism

Evangelism is Changing the World by Sharing our Faith...

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District Conference 26



MARCH 5-7, 2026

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Durham's Evangelism President



Rev. Diann Holt



Advancing Maternal Health, Outreach & Evangelism

Advancing Maternal Health, Outreach & Evangelism A Report of Impact and Community Engagement

By Reverend Diann Holt

Reverend Diann Holt continues to serve faithfully at the state, local, and community levels, advocating for maternal health equity and strengthening outreach efforts across Western New York.

State & National Leadership

Rev. Holt remains an active member of the New York State Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force on Racial Outcomes and currently serves on two New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) Maternal Health workgroups. She was recently reconfirmed as a member of the New York State Minority Health Council, continuing her commitment to addressing racial disparities in healthcare.

In addition to state-level engagement, Rev. Holt actively participates in local, state, and national community health advocacy efforts—ensuring that the voices and concerns of African American Houses of Worship and families are heard within Erie County government and statewide leadership spaces.

Community Partnerships & Evangelism Through Outreach

Through strong partnerships, including Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield (Douglas Hearon, Community Relations), outreach efforts have expanded to meet both physical and spiritual needs. These collaborations help spearhead evangelism initiatives through creative, informational celebrations that draw families into safe and welcoming spaces.

Galatine/Valentine's Day Outreach Celebration

Despite challenging winter weather conditions, our recent Galatine/Valentine's Day celebration was a tremendous success:

- Total Attendance: 60 individuals
- Infants – 3 Children – 8 Pre-Teens – 3 Teens – 4 Fathers – 3 Moms – 32 Volunteers – 7

Two new families joined our community. Although several families were unable to attend due to transportation challenges, the event resulted in our second-largest gathering. The house was packed, the programming was beautiful, and needs were met.

Groundbreaking Accomplishments

Our outreach and evangelism efforts have resulted in historic milestones:

1. First agency in New York State to open a Baby Café of any kind.
2. First in Western New York to raise funds covering travel, books, and training for African American Doulas, Lactation Counselors, and Lamaze Birth Workers.
3. Founded Buffalo African American Doulas (BAAD) Coalition.
4. First in Buffalo to launch a maternal radio program, "Let's Talk Baby Talk," along with a podcast.
5. During COVID-19, initiated "Love Porch Drops" — delivering food and supplies directly to mothers' homes.
6. First in WNY to develop a FREE Emergency Formula Bank (EFB) when WIC could not meet formula demand.
7. Established Durham's Maternal Stress-Free Zone, serving as a refuge and sanctuary for families on Buffalo's East Side—truly a safety net for mothers and children.
8. Secured four maternal health advertising billboards across the City of Buffalo.

Advocacy in Action

Rev. Holt has openly shared maternal health concerns before:

- Erie County Community Meetings
- A New York State Governor Kathy Hochul Meeting at the University at Buffalo

Key issues addressed include homelessness among mothers and children and systemic barriers affecting vulnerable families.

Mental Health & University Partnerships

- Partnered with No Wound Untreated to provide mental health group counseling twice weekly at The Zone.
- Maintains engagement with local universities. Ophelia Morey, Research Librarian at UB, volunteers to ensure that all educational materials presented to families are current and evidence-based.

Durham's Evangelism President



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" Reaching The Masses "

Social Action & Voter Engagement

A two-team voter engagement strategy significantly impacted the community:

Team #1 – Led by Virginia Douglass

- Entered voter contact data into Project 100 database
- Participated in Divine 9 GOTV efforts
- Shared updates via Facebook Live and Zoom
- Engaged 10 individuals in the Reclaim Our Vote postcard campaign

Team #2 – Led by The Zone

- Focused on non-voting African Americans, Black and Brown youth (primarily males), naturalized citizens, and marginalized subculture groups
- Provided transportation to 11 voters during early voting
- Shared NAACP free ride codes
- Collaborated at the Buffalo NAACP call center on Election Day

Combined Impact:

- 691 individuals engaged
- 487 new voter registrations
- 11 individuals transported to vote
- Participation in 5 church picnics
- 15 school and church health fairs
- 5 medical sermons on civil and social responsibility
- 3 university speaking engagements

Rev. Michael Bell received a youth award certificate for mentoring and encouraging 90 individuals to register and vote.

Responding in Crisis

- When severe weather prevented Housing Opportunities Made Equal (H.O.M.E.) from presenting in person, Highmark's Doug Hearon coordinated a successful phone presentation.
- Buffalo SNUG (Should Never Use Guns) partnered with us to support a family impacted by gun violence, offering conflict mediation and violence prevention resources.

Evangelism at Its Best

Because of what families have heard, seen, felt, and witnessed regarding Jesus Christ through these outreach services, many now attend worship services and programming voluntarily. They come to learn more about the God we serve.

This is evangelism at its best—meeting needs, building trust, and demonstrating Christ's love in action.

To God be the glory for the marvelous and wonderful things He has done and continues to do.



THE PURPOSE

Do you need a miracle? Do you need a breakthrough? Do you need healing? Do you need deliverance? There are so many spiritual benefits that we gain from the spiritual discipline of fasting. Fasting can renew our spirit, refresh our minds, purify our hearts, humble our souls and help to subdue our flesh. Fasting can also give us spiritual wisdom, guidance, brings deliverance, healing, breakthroughs, add power to our prayers, and strength for godly living. Fasting has also been known to cleanse the body and slow down the aging process.

Fasting is never designed to manipulate God, but to open our hearts and minds for so that we can hear clearly from God and then trust and obey. Jesus put it this way in Matthew 6: 16-18. "Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. We encourage you to consider fasting at least one day a week, even when the Lenten Season is over.

The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Resurrection Celebration that there should be a 40-day season of spiritual preparation. In this way the entire congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We invite you to join us in this season of Holy Lent through self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and meditating on God's word. May the Lord give us all grace and strength to humble ourselves before Christ in this season.

FOUR PRINCIPLES TO REMEMBER WHEN PRAYING AND FASTING

- (1) **Pray frequently** (1 Thessalonians 5:17). To pray without ceasing means to stay in an attitude of prayer, ever mindful of God's presence and your need for Him.
- (2) **Pray with faith** (James 1:6-8). Pray with faith, believing that we will have what we request. James says we are to "ask in faith, nothing wavering". It is the prayer of faith that brings a person to wholeness.
- (3) **Pray with focus** (Philippians 4:6). This is a time for addressing very specific needs in our lives.
- (4) **Pray boldly.** Hebrews 4:16 says "let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need". We must be bold in asking the Lord to move in powerful ways in our lives and in the lives of other people.

TYPES OF FASTING YOU MAY CHOOSE



Option 1: 12 hours of juice, water, and broth from 6am to 6pm daily. At the end of the fast, consider eating fish or chicken, no sweets, bread, or fried food. (This should be a meager meal).

Option 2: The Daniel Fast: No meat, no sweets, no bread, and no sugar drinks throughout the entire day. During this fast you may take in fruits, vegetables, nuts and whole grains.

Option 3: The Wesleyan Fast. The Wesleyan Fast begins at 6 pm and continues until 3 pm the following day. This fast is no food. You may take in smoothies, juice, water and broth.

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

LENTEN PRAYER & FASTING GUIDE

From Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday

DATE: February 18-March 29, 2026

Praying through the
2024-2028 Quadrennial Theme

"The A.M.E. Zion Church: Serving This Present Age: Committed to Our Mission, Being Creative in Our Methods, Concentrating on Our Ministries, and Connecting through Our Membership"

FROM CHURCH MENTALITY
TO KINGDOM MENTALITY
= REVIVAL IN ZION



• Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Senior Bishop
• Bishop Eric Leake, President, Board of Bishops

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A SEASON OF PREPARATION

EVANGEL NEWS

St. Luke's Evangelism President



Rev. Margie Graham

Summer Ministry Highlights

Faith in Action at St. Luke

Humbly submitted by Margie T. Graham

Say Yes Summer Camp Program

St. Luke proudly participated in the "Say Yes" Summer Camp Program for six weeks during the summer months of July and August. Children from across the Buffalo area attended and enjoyed a well-rounded and enriching experience.

Throughout the program, students engaged in:

- Structured curriculum study
- Educational field trips
- Outdoor recreational activities
- Games and movie experiences

Each day, children were provided with a nutritious breakfast and lunch to support their physical well-being along with their educational and social development.

Leadership for the program was provided by Rev. Kevin Coakley, who served as Coordinator, and Mrs. Myra Reynolds, who faithfully served as Director. Their dedication helped ensure a safe, engaging, and impactful summer experience for all participants.



Communion Visitations

Each month, the Pastoral Staff conducts visitations to sick and shut-in members of our congregation. During these visits, members participate in Holy Communion and receive:

- A church bulletin

Prayer

- A prayer card for continued encouragement

These visits provide spiritual nourishment and remind our members that they remain valued and connected to the church family. While they may no longer be able to attend services as they once did, we are grateful for the opportunity to share fellowship and the love of Jesus with them in their homes.



A Call to Discipleship

During a recent Sunday morning worship service, a sermon entitled "A Call to Discipleship" was preached, focusing on Matthew 28:19-20 and Luke 10:1-8. The message emphasized Christ's command to go forth and make disciples. Biblical tracts were distributed to each member in attendance, encouraging them to read, share, and witness to friends, family, and those who may not yet know Christ.

Under the leadership and encouragement of our Pastor, we are reminded of our responsibility to help make credible Christian disciples and to live out our faith boldly in our daily lives.

Through summer engagement, pastoral care, and intentional discipleship, St. Luke continues to serve faithfully—nurturing both the spiritual and practical needs of our community.

Wall's Evangelism President



Rev. Loretta Brooks

Walls Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church Evangelistic Outreach Initiatives



Walls Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church continues to expand its mission of sharing the Gospel through meaningful evangelistic outreach and community engagement. Through teaching, service, and fellowship, our church remains committed to meeting people where they are and sharing the love of Christ in practical ways.

Vacation Bible School – “What A Mess”

From July 14–18, Walls Memorial hosted its annual Vacation Bible School from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., welcoming participants ages 5 through adult.

This year’s theme, “What A Mess,” reminded us that no matter how messy life may become, God loves us and meets us right where we are. Each evening included dinner, music, crafts, games, and engaging Bible lessons. Over the course of five fun-filled evenings, participants enjoyed a lively and interactive environment while learning about God’s grace and love.

Community Devotional Outreach

Walls Memorial distributes 250 copies of the Word For You Today daily devotional booklet each quarter to members and community residents. Each booklet includes a personal note from Walls Memorial, offering encouragement and spiritual reflection to help readers grow in their daily walk with Christ.

Wall's Evangelism President



Rev. Loretta Brooks



Ministry to Cornerstone Manor

As part of our outreach to those in recovery, Walls Memorial donated Life Recovery Bibles to the women of Cornerstone Manor. In addition, the church provided women's socks and deodorant to help meet practical needs. During this visit, members also engaged the women in a joyful fellowship activity, teaching them a line dance, creating a moment of connection, encouragement, and shared laughter.

Faith Sharing and Spiritual Growth

Walls Memorial continues to equip members for evangelism through ongoing Bible studies and interactive training sessions. These gatherings include role-playing exercises on sharing faith, giving personal testimonies, and engaging in meaningful spiritual conversations, helping members grow more confident in communicating the message of Christ.

Through these initiatives, Walls Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church remains dedicated to evangelism, discipleship, and compassionate outreach, demonstrating the love of Christ both inside and outside the church walls.



St. Paul Evangelism President



Min. Stanley Mack

St. Paul's AME Zion Church

Annual Report & Ministry Update

To: Dr. Rev. Kevin D. Coakley, Presiding Elder

Rev. Patricia Bufford, Evangelism District Director

Rev. Paul G. Carter, Pastor, St. Paul's AME Zion Church

All Clergy of the Western New York Buffalo-Brave District

Our Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ

A Foundation of Unity

Good afternoon,

Psalm 133 reminds us:

"How good and pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his garment."

It is in this spirit of unity that we present the annual report of St. Paul's AME Zion Church.

A Season of Transition and Renewal

St. Paul's finds itself once again in a season of transformation—like a caterpillar emerging from the cocoon, preparing to blossom into a beautiful butterfly.

This year brought both change and growth.

We bid farewell to the Goodwine family when Rev. Amos Goodwine, Jr. retired and relocated to Pennsylvania. Along with him went First Lady Sister Lawanda Benderman-Goodwine and Master AJ Goodwine. We thank them for their faithful service and lasting impact on our ministry.

At the conclusion of the Annual Conference, we joyfully welcomed our new pastor, Rev. Paul G. Carter, and his entire family with a warm St. Paul's embrace.

During this transition, we also experienced the departure of Sister Mia Burse, Chairperson of the Open Closet Ministry, along with her sons, Gerald and Randell, who faithfully served as young acolytes. Their service is deeply appreciated.

WELCOME TO THE BUFFALO DISTRICT



REVEREND PAUL GORDON-CARTER

Conference Director of Church Growth & Development

Pastor of St. Paul AME Zion Church

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Ministry Growth and Strength

Though in a rebuilding phase, St. Paul's continues to grow. We are grateful to have added four new families to our church roster.

Worship & Music Ministry

Our Music Department has enhanced the worship experience, especially on First Sundays when all members unite in praise and ministry through song.

In September, St. Paul's hosted the District-Wide Baptism, where four individuals publicly gave their lives to Christ and began their walk of faith.

Media Ministry

Our Media Department is growing by leaps and bounds with the addition of Mr. Carlson. Improvements to our sound system and Zoom capabilities now allow our Sunday Morning Worship (10:30 AM) to stream live on Facebook with greater clarity and accessibility.

Trustee Ministry

The Trustee Department has improved the comfort of our sanctuary by installing seven mobile cooling units. These enhancements allow the sanctuary to remain usable even during the scorching summer months.

Outreach & Fellowship

The Women's Home and Missionary Society (WHMS) collected warm blankets for seniors in nursing homes, extending Christ's love beyond our walls.

During African American History Month, the congregation gathered in fellowship in our dining hall to share a hot meal together. Special thanks to our very own Reggie Ingram from Mana for his support and service.

Moving Forward with Vision

As we continue under new leadership, we are beginning to move forward with renewed vision and commitment. With a new administration comes fresh ideas, restored energy, and deeper dedication.

It is yet to be determined exactly where this journey will lead us, but we are confident that we are in a good place—making steady advancements toward enhancing the experience of worshipping God in spirit and in truth at St. Paul's AME Zion Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Mack

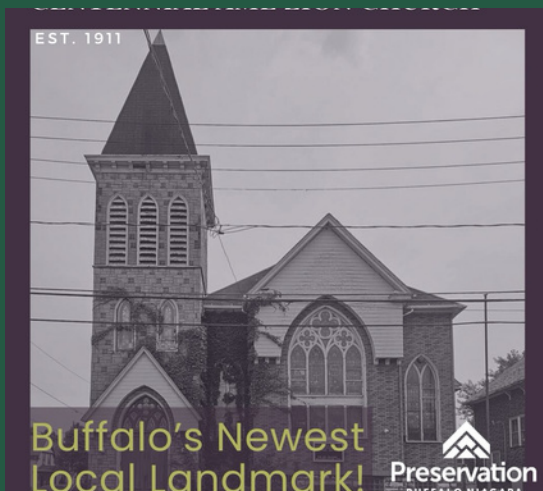
Local Preacher, St. Paul's AME Zion Church

Centennial's Evangelism President



Mrs. Anita Garner

It's Official we are a Local Landmark Historic Designation #167
Phase 1 down on to Phase 2 – Continue to Pray for “Our Sacred Place”



Local Landmark Alert!

The Centennial African A.M.E. Zion Church at 125–127 Doat Street is now an official local landmark as of 02/17/2026 — a major celebration for East Side history. Built in 1911, this Gothic Revival masterpiece features a commanding square bell tower, a pointed-arch entrance with decorative tracery, and luminous stained-glass windows that define its sanctuary. A remarkable piece of Buffalo's architectural and cultural heritage, now protected for generations to come. We'd like to give a big shout out to Reverend Bufford for her hard work and dedication to this beautiful church. And to the members and all those that supported.

This was a Faith-Based Driven AI Workshop:

This workshop was designed to introduce participants and church leaders to AI and to help them understand that there is no need to be afraid of it. It will also explore how AI can enhance and advance ministries in this era, as well as build capacity in their everyday lives.



Community Reach Partnership NRCYA Gift Box Project

Our church was honored to participate in the Network of Religious Community Youth Alliance (NRCYA) Gift Box Project, held on February 5, 2026. Through this collaborative community initiative, we helped provide essential support to 31 children from 14 families who attend Buffalo United Charter School. Each child received care packages filled with school supplies, hygiene items, and toys, helping to meet both practical needs and bring encouragement to the students and their families.

This outreach effort reflects our continued commitment to serving our community and supporting the well-being of local children and families. By working together with community partners like NRCYA, we are able to extend compassion, generosity, and hope to those who need it most. We are grateful to all who contributed their time, donations, and prayers to make this project a success.



Blackwell Evangelism President



Mrs. Sharon Turner-Smith

Blackwell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
Spreading Love and Support to LOVE Elementary School

Blackwell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, affectionately known as "The Chapel," continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children in Jamestown, New York. As part of our ongoing commitment to serve and uplift our community, The Chapel proudly adopted LOVE Elementary School, one of our neighborhood schools.

Each year, our church family comes together in a spirit of unity and compassion to support the students of LOVE Elementary. Through generous giving and collective effort, members of The Chapel raise funds and donate essential clothing items needed by the children.

In December 2025, The Chapel was blessed with the opportunity to provide eight winter coats, hats, gloves, and several packs of socks and underwear, ensuring that children of various ages and sizes were prepared for the harsh winter months. These gifts not only provided warmth but also reminded the children that their community cares deeply about them.

Our mission remains clear: to promote unity within our community by sharing the love of Christ through action. We are grateful for the heartfelt and voluntary generosity of our members, whose giving reflects the true spirit of Christian love and service.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to WH&OM for partnering with us in this effort and helping support our vision of demonstrating God's love in practical ways throughout the community. Together, we continue to make a positive and lasting impact.

As the scripture reminds us:

"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."
 — Proverbs 11:25

May we continue to bless others, knowing that in doing so, we reflect God's love and receive blessings in return.



Definitions of Evangelism

A. "GOD sends those who have experienced SALVATION and understand God's plan of salvation as His messengers of salvation."

Matthew 28:19–20

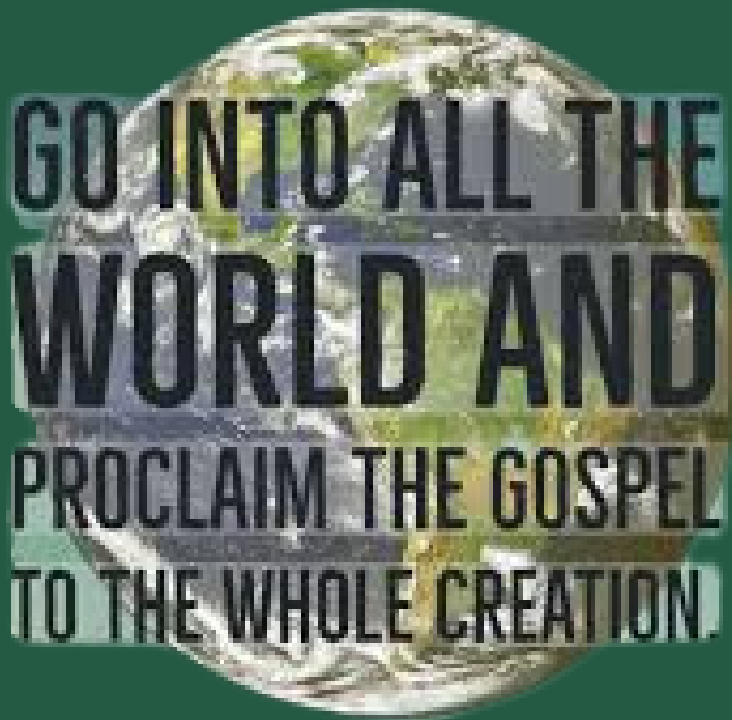
Source: The Roman Road to Recovery: Sermon Series from the Epistle to the Romans (2009).

B. "To share the GOSPEL in such a way that many non-Christians believe in Christ and are converted to faith in Christ."

Source: Joining Jesus: A Class Manual for Initiation into Christian Discipleship and Welcome into the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (2015).

C. "God is saying, let me take your SINS from you and place them on my SON, who has paid for them on the cross. Then let me take His righteousness and credit it to your account, so that when you live, you live in relationship with me; and when you die, you spend eternity with me."

Source: For the Perfecting of the Saints: A Handbook on Holistic Small Group Discipleship (2013).



Evangelism

Six Styles of Evangelism

The Confrontational Style = Peter in Acts 2:14–41

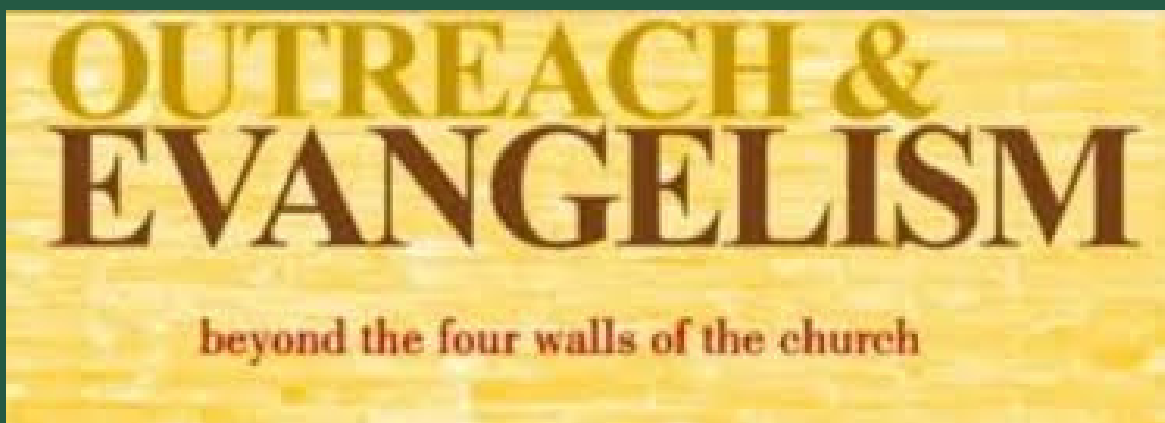
The Intellectual Style = Paul in Acts 17:16–34

The Testimonial Style = The Blind Man in John 9:1–38

The Interpersonal Style = Matthew in Luke 5:29

The Invitational Style = The Woman at the Well in
John 4:28–30, 39–42

The Serving Style = Tabitha (Dorcas) in Acts 9:36–42



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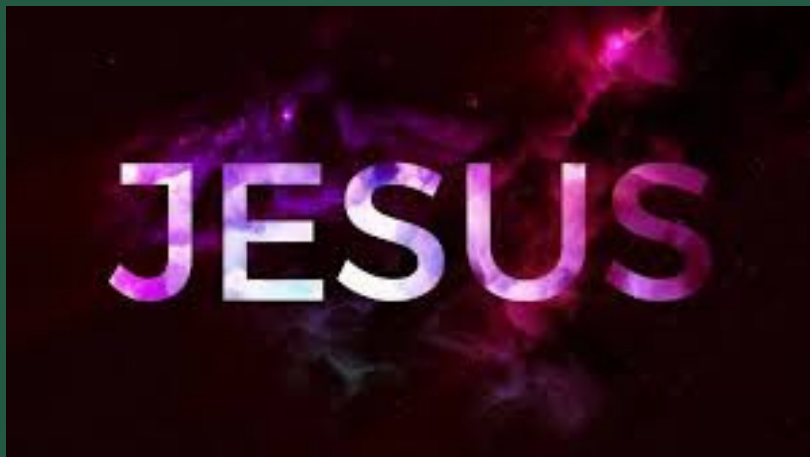
Resources

Training Resources

1. **Contagious Faith**
(formerly titled Becoming a Contagious Christian)
Author: Mark Mittelberg

AME Zion Recommended Books

1. For the Perfecting of the Saints: A Handbook on
Holistic Small Group Discipleship
Author: Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr.
2. **Joining Jesus: A Class Manual for Initiation into**
Christian Discipleship and Welcome into the
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Author: Dr. Jeffery Tribble
3. **Joining Jesus**
Companion and Study Guide
(Companion resource to the Joining Jesus manual)





SECURING OUR FUTURE

WHY 1796?

1796 is the year our Church was founded. It reminds us that Zion was born out of faith, courage, and sacrifice. The campaign honors that legacy while preparing for the future.

OUR THREE PRIORITIES

ENSURING LEGACY

Preserving and restoring historic Zion church buildings. The first one million dollars raised will establish a preservation endowment.

EMPOWERING MINISTRY

Training and equipping clergy and lay leaders for effective ministry today.

EXPANDING REACH

Planting churches, supporting missions, and extending Zion's witness into new communities.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

The campaign highlights symbolic suggested giving levels of:

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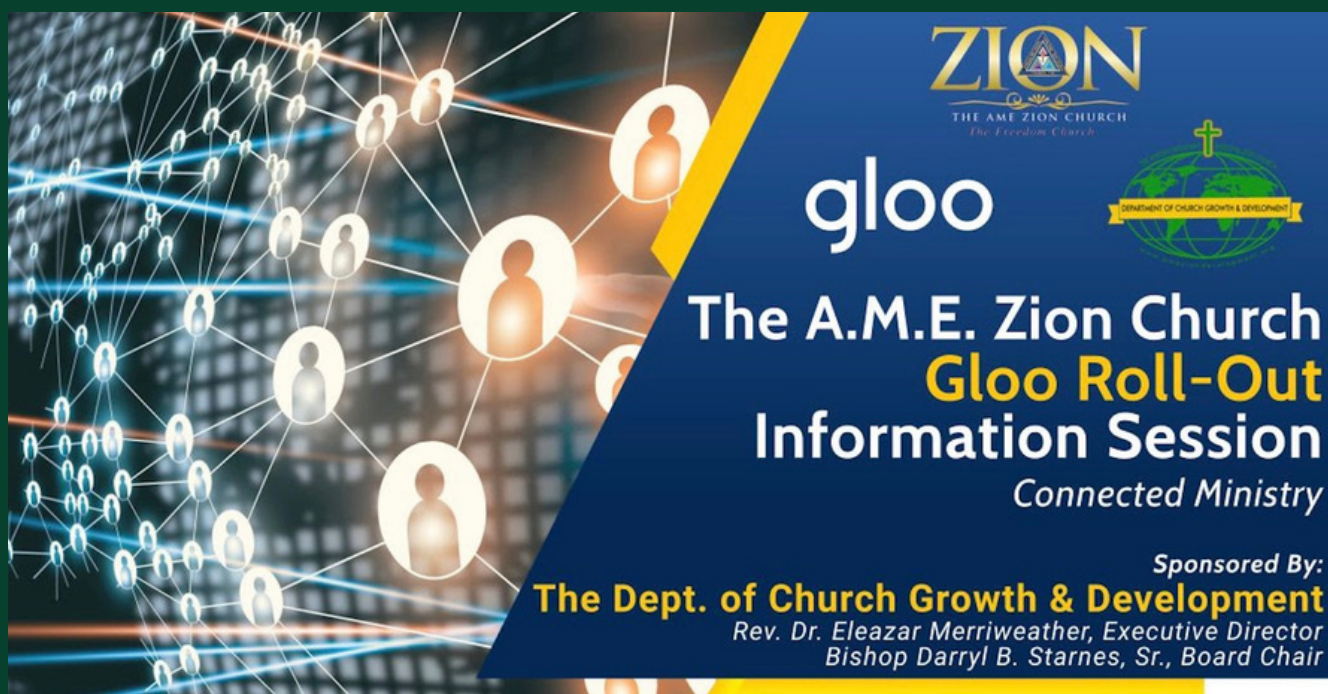
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