



New Zion's Trumpet



Because He Lives!

In each of us lies a treasure... God has blessed each of us with something special. And, no, He does not intend for us to go on any scavenger hunt to find it. When HE gave us our something special, He also gave us the power and ability to know how to get what HE gave. He gave us vision to see what the end looks like, and the Spiritual strategies to go for what HE has given. We are given the power to [think-imagine-see & dream]. Vision becomes alive in us. God does not give anointed gifted imaging (vision) to those who don't know how to handle it. When God gives us something, that something bears similitude to that of cracking a fancy Walnut...

Think about how difficult it is and how much we go through to get to the "goodie, the meat" locked within the shell. But after it is cracked, opened, revealed (tested), its do-able.

After God blesses (treasures) us with that special something, He takes us to the valley, places us on the potter's wheel and begins to spin us, mold us and shape us into the vision image He has given. You see, we must become the vision to do the vision. Unfortunately, we allow our dry places to grow faint, and we lose heart and our vision gets diminished. Not only do we not have the mental image God has given, but we can't give

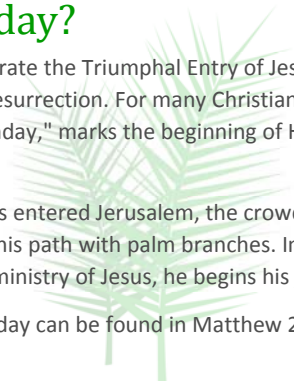
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What is Palm Sunday?

On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the Triumphal Entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. For many Christian churches, Palm Sunday, often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday.

The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him with waving palm branches, and by covering his path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross.

The biblical account of Palm Sunday can be found in Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; and John 12:12-19.



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Weekly Worship Opportunities

Early Morning Worship
Sundays, 8:00 a.m.

Church School
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.

Communion
1st Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.



"Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the days of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand." Joel 2:1 (KJV)

Church Honors Pastor at 7th Appreciation Service

The New Zion Missionary Baptist Church celebrated its Pastor's 7th Appreciation by honoring its great pastor, leader and spiritual teacher, the Rev. Dr. Sylvester Smith, Jr. for his sacrificial dedication, commitment and wise counsel to his congregation and community. The anniversary celebration took place on Sunday, February 14 at 3:00 PM. Rev. Frank Phillips and the True Vine Baptist Church were the special guests.



and respect he has for Pastor Smith.

Rev. Frank Phillips of the True Vine Missionary Baptist Church - Port Arthur, TX delivered the anniversary sermon. His topic for the afternoon was "The Rights and Reaping of the Preacher (Scripture Reference - 1 Corinthians 9:7-14).

Congratulations to Pastor Smith, First Lady Renee and the entire First Family. We pray that God will continue to bless you all. We love you and there's nothing you can do about it!

Because He Lives (cont'd)

away to others what we ourselves are not confident to have. Saints, we can't faint in this race. We must have patience and endurance to run.

The thing I love so dearly about God.. He won't trick us, but will just test us until HE can trust us with what He has given us. Some of us will go through fire, others will have dual challenges and hardships of fire, devastation and tremendous loss before we can go forth.

But when God's hand is on us, the number of tests nor the heat of the furnace matters. God will get the glory and get out of us what He placed in us. God has placed a wonderful treasure (walnut-goodie) in us and the tests (the cracking of the outer shell) gets to the inside. Vision is like that. It then becomes easily viewed, welcomed, doable and we can watch it come forth!!

Rose Jones

Heart2Heart Ministries

Measuring Up

Something we are all guilty of at sometime or the other. But we need to remember....

It's Unfair to Compare!!

We are sometimes like (2) dresses hanging in the boutique. Each comparing itself to the other. One saying "I'm prettier than you because I cost more; The other saying "I'm made from fabric spun in a distant land therefore there is no comparison; then the first says, "I bet my dress is desired by more women than yours; and the other dress "mine is a Designer original, yours a mere copy".... so on, and on....

When its all said and done, each dress is busily making itself feel better boasting its looks trying to measure itself by itself by comparison of whose better and better looking than the other. We should let this be an ex-ample to each of us as Christians, "There is no way we can or should make ourselves attempt to be better by using ourselves or others as the measuring meter." Why do we look at what others do/don't do or have/don't have instead of looking at what God has set aside for us? Why do we not look at the value/worth God has placed in us (for HIS glory?) Our boasting should be only about what God has done in/through us for HIMSELF.

So, when we criticize another to celebrate ourselves, or overdress ourselves unnecessarily to move to higher esteem, think of why it being done and remember, "It's unfair to compare." ... and it disapoints the heart of God.

Contributed by Sis. M. Lawson

Black History Program & Soul Food Luncheon



During one Wednesday night Youth Church in February, the youth were instructed to choose a famous African-American person and to come prepared at the next meeting to discuss that individual's achievements. By some of the things that were mentioned, you could certainly tell that these youth took this assignment seriously. They did so well with their presentations that Sis. Lynda Mason, Youth Director, decided that this should be shared with the entire congregation. On Sunday, February 28, they did just that...and what a wonderful job they did!

Also in celebration of Black History Month, New Zion held its Annual Soul Food Luncheon following the morning worship service. Soul Food...You name it and we had it!

Pastor Smith asked everyone to come dressed in their old-fashioned attire and as you can see by the pictures below, we did just that! During the luncheon, there were some black history facts as well as some artifacts on display.

The fellowship and food was quite a blessing.

Sunday School Lessons

March 7 Lesson: Mission to the Community (Jonah 1:1—3; 3:1—9)

March 14 Lesson: A Community to Redeem (Jonah 3:10 — 4:11)

March 21 Lesson: Family as Community (Ruth 1:1—9; 14b—16)

March 28 Lesson: Acceptance in Community (Ruth 2:5—12; 3:9—11)



Ministry News

4th Six-Weeks Honor Roll



The following students submitted report cards for the 4th six-weeks:
All A's —Cherise P., Brianna S., Jonas S., Kianna S.

All A's & 1 B—Alexis H.

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The fifth six-week of school ends April 2! All New Zion students in grades K-12 are encouraged to bring in his or her report card to be considered for an incentive. Please submit your report cards to a member of the **Scholarship Ministry by the announced deadline.**

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The Youth Ministry's **Praise Dance Ministry** has been re-organized. The first informational meeting was held on February 22 to introduce the new director—Sis. Julie Brooks, and the assistants—Sis. Angela Banner and Sis. Rochelle Patterson as well as to discuss future plans for the ministry.

If you have children or grandchildren in grades K-12, male or female who are members of New Zion and they have a sincere desire to praise and worship the Lord through dance, please contact one of the representatives for more information.

If you were unable to attend this meeting, the next meeting / first rehearsal will be announced at a later date.

Scholarships Available for 2010-2011

Scholarship applications are now available. All New Zion high school seniors that are graduating in May 2010 are encouraged to complete and submit an application by Sunday, April 18, 2010. The Scholarship Ministry will not accept any late applications.



New Zion offers two scholarships—The New Zion Academic and Leadership Scholarship, which is a \$1000 award and the New Zion Encouragement Scholarship, which is a \$250 award.

Sis. R. Patterson continues to offer the Cornelius Patterson Memorial Scholarship in honor of her late husband. The amount of the award is \$500.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship application process, please contact a Scholarship Ministry representative.

Birthdays

- 02—Brook Cooks
- 03—Valeire Martin
- 04—Brandon Hall
- 04—Mazell Green
- 04—Carolyn Green
- 05—Gloria Booker
- 06—Dustin Cooks
- 06—Micah Marshall
- 08—Eleanor Brown
- 12—Nelda Gilbert
- 14—Raven Frances
- 15—Darius Warren
- 16—Allyn Cooks
- 17—Elizabeth (Bell) Simpson
- 18—Darren (Trey) Cooks
- 20—Donovan Lenford
- 21—Janice Reed
- 21—Marsha Mason
- 22—Kristian Smith
- 23—Kyle Lawson
- 27—Henrietta Sims

Anniversaries

- 01—Harry & Tyronda Turner Patton
- 20—Larry & Linda Eglan
- 29—Anthony & Yolanda Dozier



What is Faith?

“Sight is not faith, and hearing is not faith, neither is feeling faith; but believing when we neither see, hear nor feel is faith; and everywhere the Bible tells us our salvation is to be by faith. Therefore we must believe before we feel, and often against our feelings, if we would honor God by our faith.”

—Hannah Whitall Smith

“Open us to your loving Spirit, dear God, so we’ll know with certainty that we have been spiritually uplifted”



Special Prayer Requests

New Zion Church Family

IN COLLEGE

Kirsten Campbell DeeAnn Mason

Ryan Campbell Derrick Mason

Cha’Mario Chopp Ilesha Mason

Ashlee Collins Stacie Collins

Brooke Cooks Eunice McCain

Danielle Cooks Branden Price

Dustin Cooks

Korey Davis

Michelle Edwards

Timothy Green

Brittney Hall

Citrus - Why You Should Be Getting 3-4 Servings Everyday

(Associated Content) If you are trying to eat healthier, live healthier or even lose weight, then you should be incorporating as much citrus into your diet as possible. Actually all people



should be getting more citrus in their diets, and the recommended amount is 3-4 servings a day. Citrus has so many benefits to the function and health of your body, and is most easily eaten in its raw natural state. It is encouraged by health professional everywhere to eat citrus fruits to promote optimum health. Here is why we should all be eating and drinking more oranges, grapefruit, lemons and








limes.

1. Citrus fruit is packed with vitamin C. Not just the fruit itself but the juice as well. Vitamin C is a key ingredient in a healthy functioning body and also helps your body fights of sickness and boosts your immunity. Most Americans aren't getting enough vitamin C on a daily basis.
2. The fruit eaten raw is very high in fiber. Fiber is great for your body. It helps it maintain healthy bowel functions and also assists with maintaining a healthy immunity.
3. Citrus fruits are natural astringents, so they fight off bacteria in your body. They are also a good way for you to detoxify your body naturally.
4. Citrus fruits have been linked to a flavanoide that can be a key factor in weight loss by glucose control.
5. With the amount of energy it takes your body to digest citrus fruits, they are actually known to burn fat. It takes your body more calories to digest them than you are taking in by eating them.

Famous dietitians, movie stars, and health professionals have been preaching about citrus foods for years. By placing lemon in your drink you could be helping with heartburn, indigestion, assisting with weight loss, fighting off a cold, boosting your immunity, getting fiber and protein, and so much more. Lets also not forget how great your hair, nails, and skin will look after consistently ingesting citrus. If you want to start living healthy and eating healthy today here is a well kept secret. As a personal trainer I push it on all of my clients everyday. Enjoy.



MARCH 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  Women's History Month | 1 Hospitality Ministry 6 PM | 2 Mission Ministry & Brotherhood Ministry 6:30 PM | 3 Youth Ministry 6 PM & Bible Study 7 PM | 4 | 5  WORLD Day OF PRAYER | 6 Deacons Meeting 9 AM |
| 7  Holy Communion | 8 Marriage Ministry 6:30 PM | 9 Mission Ministry 6:30 PM | 10 Youth Ministry 6 PM & Bible Study 7 PM | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14  Don't forget to... Spring Forward! | 15 Usher Ministry 6 PM | 16 Brotherhood Ministry 6:30 PM | 17 Bible Study 7PM  St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 | 20  FIRST DAY OF SPRING |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Pastor Smith at Morning Star's Spring Revival | 25 | 26 | 27 Youth Choir Rehearsal GFDA Spring Youth Rally 2010 |
| 28  Palm Sunday HOLY WEEK | 29 | 30 | 31 Youth Ministry 6 PM & Bible Study 7 PM | | | |

NEWS & Notes

03/17—There will be no **Youth Church** on this evening; however there will be Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7 PM.

3/22-3/25—Morning Star Baptist Church Spring Revival. Pastor Sylvester Smith & New Zion will be the guests on Wednesday evening, March 25.

03/24—There will be no **Youth Church** on this evening; members are encourage to support Pastor Smith as he brings the message at Morning Star's Spring Revival.

3/27—Men's Ministry will have a BBQ plate sale at New Zion.

3/27—GFDA Positive Youth 4 Christ will hold a Spring Rally 2010 beginning at 1:30 PM at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Millican, TX.

3/27—There will be an **Easter Celebration!** at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, College Station at 9:30 AM—noon. The celebration includes an egg hunt, egg roll, egg toss, photos with the Easter Bunny and much more! It's guaranteed fun for the whole family! The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10 AM.

DIRT CUPS


Make this easy snack for your family or your friends at Sunday school. As you eat it, celebrate the miracles God brings in the spring.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving size) box of chocolate instant pudding
- 1 (8 oz.) tub of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) plastic cups
- gummy worms and frogs
- plastic flowers (optional)

What you do:


1. Mix milk and pudding in a large bowl. Beat with a whisk until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes.
2. Add whipped topping and half of the crushed Oreos.
3. Place 1 tablespoon crushed Oreos in each cup. Fill cups $\frac{3}{4}$ full with pudding.
4. Top with remaining crushed Oreos.
5. Chill at least 1 hour or until ready to serve.
6. Decorate with gummy worms and/or frogs.
7. Place the stem end of the plastic flower into the center of the pudding dessert.










God's teaching is like....









In Deuteronomy, Moses' words to the children of Israel remind us of spring, which brings growth and new life.









Use the flower code below to fill in the blanks, revealing Deuteronomy 32:2, NIV.







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"Let my teaching fall like    







and my words descend like    ,

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like abundant      

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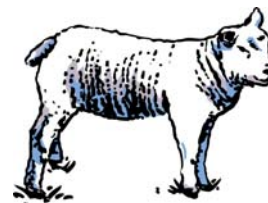
Answers: rain, dew, showers on new grass, rain on tender plants

Bible Quiz

An Old Testament prophet wrote the following words about Jesus: "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."

Who wrote those words?

- A. Amos
- B. Jonah
- C. Jeremiah
- D. Isaiah



Answer: D

(See chapter 53, verse 7)

We believe in missions based upon Matthew 28:19-20. Every Christian, in every legitimate way, all the time, everywhere, according to his ability, ought to seek to spread the knowledge of Jesus and the way of Salvation.

No one can be a true believer who has not repented of sin, trusted Jesus, and Him alone, for life and salvation, and seeks to know and do the will of his divine Lord.

Christian Symbols

Wheel



A rotating wheel symbolizes God's divine force. Wheels with flames shooting out often portray God's throne, based on Ezekiel's vision (see 1:1-18). Some artists also show a burning wheel when God sends Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden.

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We would be blessed to hear from you and to have your views and ideas become a part of the ***New Zion's Trumpet***.

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter by writing an article, a poem, or to tell of upcoming events with your church ministry or family, please submit your news and articles to the newsletter staff by **March 21, 2010**.

If you prefer, you may email the staff at info@newziononline.org. News and articles received after this date are subject to be published at a later date.

Thank you for your cooperation.