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The monthly publication of the St. Matthew AME Zion Church



My Brother's Keeper

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**WORSHIP WITH US
IN-PERSON OR
ONLINE!!**

SUNDAYS AT 9AM

IN-PERSON EVERY 4TH SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CONFERENCE LINE **848.220.3300**

PASSCODE **3254055**

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 11AM

IN-PERSON

OR CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK LIVE OR
YOUTUBE LIVE!!

APPLY PRESSURE: STRENGTHEN THE BLACK FAMILY IN COMMUNITY

Purpose: To build on last year's theme that looked at various social movements that applied pressure to unjust systems for the good of all, but particularly black people. This year we will focus on strengthening the Black family through faith—across generations—so that we may continue to apply faith-filled, collective pressure to unjust systems while nurturing community wholeness. Micah 6:8, Acts 2:42-47, Deut. 6

Weekly Themes

- Faith Foundations Psalm 127:1-3, Deut. 6:4-9, Heb 11:1-3
 - How did the faith of our ancestors build strong families under pressure? Being mindful that family is beyond biological.
- Faith that Matters(to the healing of persons, families, and communities)
 - What weakens the black family? How does faith help us address these issues? When black families are weakened, how does it impact our communities?
- Faith that Resists Isaiah 58:6-12, Luke 4:18-19
 - What unjust systems are impacting the well-being of black families? How is God calling us to collective advocacy and mutual care?
- Faith that Lives On Joel 1:3, Psalm 78:1-7, 2 Timothy 1:5, Isaiah 40:30-31
 - Where do we go from here? What is God calling us to do in this moment? Sankofa Intergenerational wisdom and responsibility

ONLINE PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM

(BIBLE STUDY HANDOUTS, IF ANY, WILL BE LINKED TO OUR YOUTUBE PAGE AFTER BIBLE STUDY)

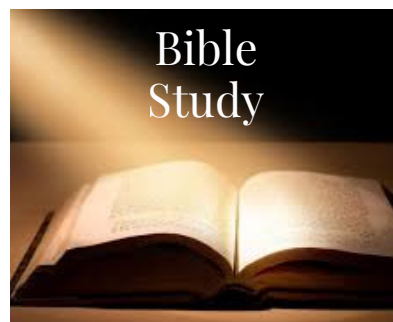
IN PERSON EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY

ZOOM INFO: MEETING ID **5442587453**

PASSWORD **153467**

OR

DIAL IN OPTION **1.312.626.6799**



2026 February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09 	10	11 Prayer and Bible Study 6pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18  Ash Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study 6pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Prayer and Bible Study 6pm	26	27	28
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	Notes: KC District Prayer Ministry call in number 657.390.4634 - 7am Saturday before 1st Sunday				



BOARD OF BISHOPS' & INTERNATIONAL

MINISTERS AND LAY ASSOCIATION'S

Annual Meeting

LOCATION:
Hilton Norfolk The Main
100 East Main Street
Norfolk, VA 23510
(757) 763-6200

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THE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

FEBRUARY 9-13 2026

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Incoming President of the Board of Bishops



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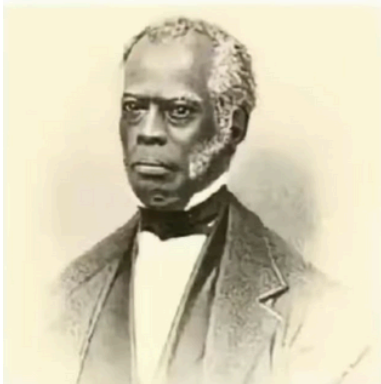


CLASS LEADERS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

- REV. CYNTHIA LEWIS - WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM
- BUDDY HOLLAND - MONDAYS @ 6:30PM
- SAMUEL BELL - WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM
- PATRICIA CRAWFORD - SATURDAYS @ 1PM

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CLASS LEADER FOR ZOOM MEETING OR CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION. PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR MARCEL BROWN IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR CLASS LEADER.

BLACK HISTORY FACT: In 1880 African American, Lunsford Richardson from Selma NC, invented Vicks Vapor Rub! He invented this remedy when all 3 of his kids were sick while living in Greensboro NC. Richardson thought that his brother-in-laws, last name Joshua "Vick" had a more catchier sound to it than his own. Richardson has also been accredited for the invention of headache powders. **THANK YOU, MR. RICHARDSON!**



Black History Facts

In Honor of Black History Month



BLACK INVENTORS

PRODUCT	INVENTOR	DATE
Air Conditioning Unit	Frederick M. Jones	1949
Almanac	Benjamin Banneker	1791
Auto Cut-Off Switch	Granville T. Woods	1839
Auto Fishing Device	George Cook	1899
Baby Buggy	William H. Richardson	1889
Biscuit Cutter	Alexander P. Ashbourne	1875
Blood Plasma Bag	Charles Drew	1945
Chamber Commode	Thomas Elkins	1897
Clothes Dryer	George T. Sampson	1971
Curtain Rod	Samuel R. Scrottron	1892
Curtain Rod Support	William S. Grant	1896
Door Knob	Osborn Dorsey	1878
Door Stop	Osborn Dorsey	1878
Egg Beater	Willie Johnson	1884
Electric Lamb Bulb	Lewis Latimer	1882
Elevator	Alexander Miles	1867
Eye Protector	Powell Johnson	1880
Fire Escape Ladder	Joseph W. Winters	1878
Fire Extinguisher	Thomas Marshall	1872
Folding Bed	Leonard C. Bailey	1899
Folding Chair	Nathaniel Alexander	1911
Fountain Pen	Walter B. Purvis	1890
Furniture Caster	David A. Fisher	1878
Gas Mask	Garrett Morgan	1914
Golf Tee	George T. Grant	1899
Guitar	Robert F. Fleming, Jr.	1886
Hair Brush	Lydia O. Newman	1898
Hand Stamp	Walter B. Purvis	1883
Ice Cream Scoop	Alfred L. Cralle	1897
Insect Destroyer Gun	Albert C. Richardson	1899
Ironing Board	Sarah Boone	1887
Key Chain	Frederick J. Loudin	1894
Lantern	Michael C. Harvey	1884
Lawn Sprinkler	John H. Smith	1897
Lemon Squeezer	John Thomas White	1893
Lock	Washington A. Martin	1893
Lubricating Cup	Elijah McCoy	1895
Lunch Pail	James Robinson	1887
Mail Box	Paul L. Downing	1891
Mop	Thomas W. Stewart	1893
Peanut Butter	George W. Carver	1896
Pencil Sharpener	John L. Love	1897
Record Player Arm	Joseph H. Dickinson	1819
Rolling Pin	John W. Reed	1864
Shampoo Headrest	Charles Orren Bailiff	1898
Spark Plug	Edmond Berger	1839
Stethoscope	Thomas A. Carrington	1876
Straightening Comb	Madam C. J. Walker	1905
Street Sweeper	Charles B. Brooks	1890
Phone Transmitter	Granville T. Woods	1884
Thermostat Control	Frederick M. Jones	1960
Traffic Light	Garrett Morgan	1923
Tricycle	Matthew A. Cherry	1886

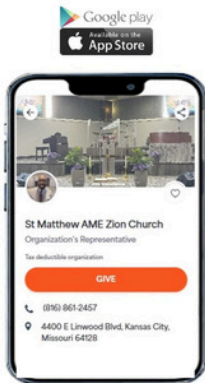
BLACKWEALTHCREW


QUEEN HATSHEPSUT

EGYPT | ~1507-1458 BCE

ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL PHARAOS IN EGYPTIAN HISTORY. SHE BUILT MASSIVE TEMPLES AND EXPANDED TRADE ROUTES ACROSS AFRICA. EGYPT THRIVED UNDER HER RULE.

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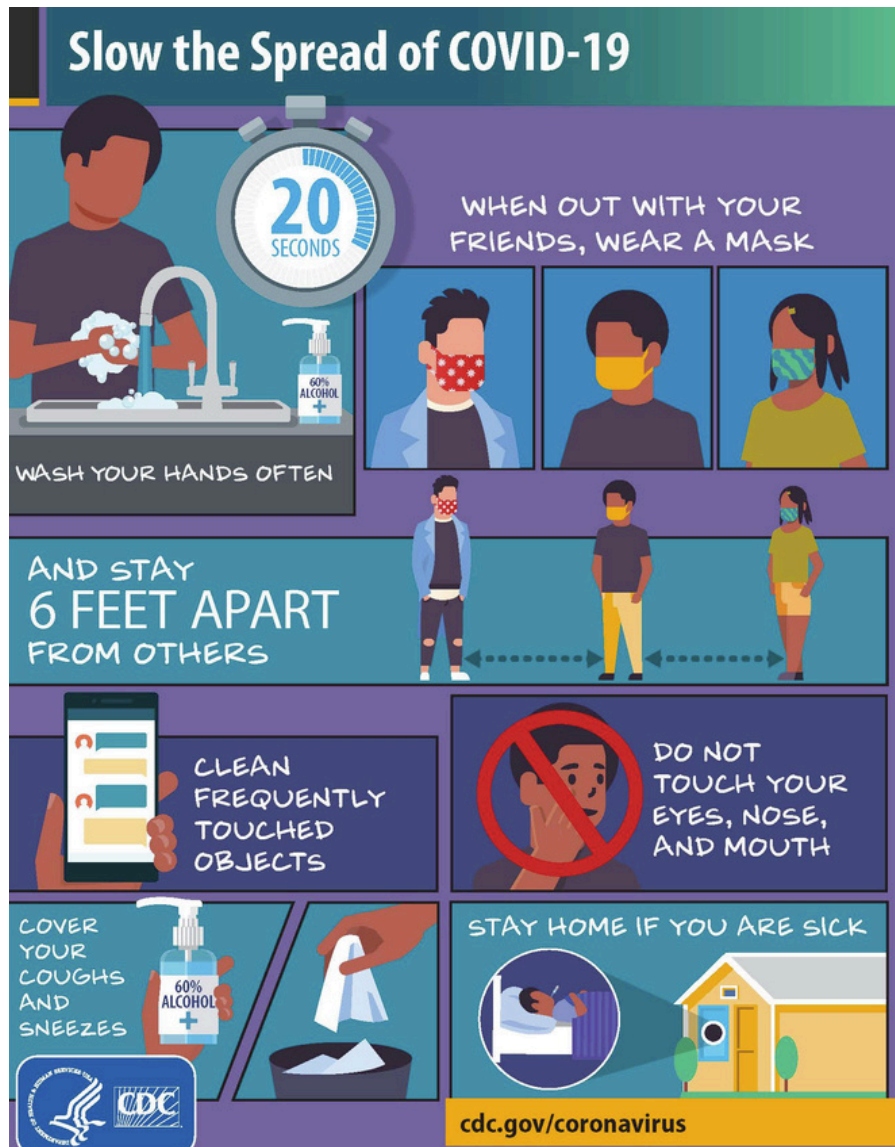
Please drop payments off at the church by 2pm on Sundays to ensure payment is counted toward the current week's financial report.

For members who are unable to bring payments to the church and don't have access to technology, Karen Anderson will pick up your money from your home Saturday mornings between 9am and 1pm, please call her at 816.606.6001 to make arrangements.

Acknowledgements



For those of you who were born in February, we would like to wish you the Happiest of Birthdays! Praise God for another year!!



QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, ADDITIONS?

Please call the church at 816.861.2457 and leave a message or send an email to adminasst@stmatthewkc.org