

FEBRUARY 2025 • VOL. 66

The St. Matthew Messenger

The monthly publication of the St. Matthew AME Zion Church



My Brother's Keeper

#WEAREBETTERTOGETHER

**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)

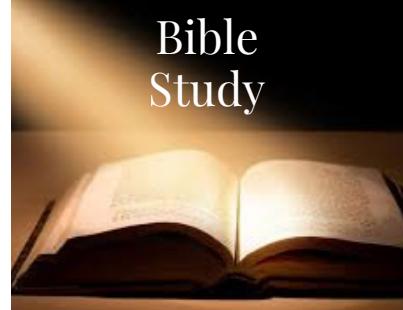
IN PERSON EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY

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

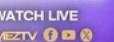
Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY 9-13 2026

ZION
THE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

REGISTER NOW 

<https://bobimla.amezion.org>

WATCH LIVE 

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

Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr.
Host Bishop and Retiring President of the Board of Bishops

Rev. Felicia R. Thompson
Missionary Supervisor, Mid-Atlantic District

Bishop Eric L. Leake
Presiding Prelate, South Atlantic Episcopal District
Incoming President of the Board of Bishops

Mrs. H. Jean McMurray-Leake
Missionary Supervisor, South Atlantic Episcopal District

Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr.
Senior Bishop of The A.M.E. Zion Church

Mrs. Camille C. Starnes
Missionary Supervisor, Piedmont District

CLASS LEADERS

AND

MEETING SCHEDULE

- REV. CYNTHIA LEWIS - WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM

- BUDDY HOLLAND - MONDAYS @ 6:30PM

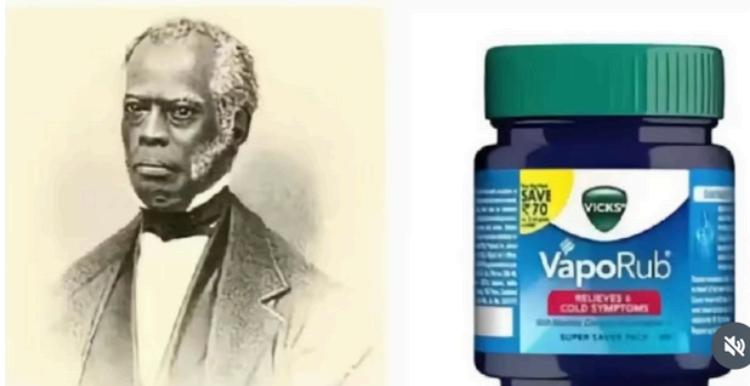
- SAMUEL BELL - WEDNESDAYS @ 7PM

- 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 Facts

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!



BLACKWEALTHCREW

QUEEN HATSEPSUT
EGYPT | ~1507-1458 BCE

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

In Honor of Black History Month



BLACK INVENTORS

PRODUCT

Air Conditioning Unit
Almanac
Auto Cut-Off Switch
Auto Fishing Device
Baby Buggy
Biscuit Cutter
Blood Plasma Bag
Chamber Commode
Clothes Dryer
Curtain Rod
Curtain Rod Support
Door Knob
Door Stop
Egg Beater
Electric Lamp Bulb
Elevator
Eye Protector
Fire Escape Ladder
Fire Extinguisher
Folding Bed
Folding Chair
Fountain Pen
Furniture Caster
Gas Mask
Golf Tee
Guitar
Hair Brush
Hand Stamp
Ice Cream Scoop
Insect Destroyer Gun
Ironing Board
Key Chain
Lantern
Lawn Sprinkler
Lemon Squeezer
Lock
Lubricating Cup
Lunch Pail
Mail Box
Mop
Peanut Butter
Pencil Sharpener
Record Player Arm
Rolling Pin
Shampoo Headrest
Spark Plug
Stethoscope
Straightening Comb
Street Sweeper
Phone Transmitter
Thermostat Control
Traffic Light
Tricycle

INVENTOR

Frederick M. Jones
Benjamin Banneker
Granville T. Woods
George Cook
William H. Richardson
Alexander P. Ashbourne
Charles Drew
Thomas Elkins
George T. Sampson
Samuel R. Scrottorn
William S. Grant
Osbourne Dorsey
Osbourne Dorsey
Willie Johnson
Lewis Latimer
Alexander Miles
Powell Johnson
Joseph W. Winters
Thomas Marshall
Leonard C. Bailey
Nathaniel Alexander
Walter B. Purvis
David A. Fisher
Garrett Morgan
George T. Grant
Robert F. Fleming, Jr.
Lydia O. Newman
Walter B. Purvis
Alfred L. Cralle
Albert C. Richardson
Sarah Boone
Frederick J. Loudin
Michael C. Harvey
John H. Smith
John Thomas White
Washington A. Martin
Elijah McCoy
James Robinson
Paul L. Downing
Thomas W. Stewart
George W. Carver
John L. Love
Joseph H. Dickinson
John W. Reed
Charles Orren Bailiff
Edmond Berger
Thomas A. Carrington
Madam C. J. Walker
Charles B. Brooks
Granville T. Woods
Frederick M. Jones
Garrett Morgan
Matthew A. Cherry

DATE

1949
1791
1839
1899
1889
1875
1945
1897
1971
1892
1896
1878
1878
1884
1882
1867
1880
1878
1872
1899
1911
1890
1878
1914
1899
1886
1898
1883
1897
1899
1887
1894
1884
1897
1893
1893
1887
1891
1893
1896
1897
1819
1864
1898
1839
1876
1905
1890
1884
1960
1923
1886

3 WAYS TO GIVE



Download  GiveLifely to give on your smartphone



Visit our website
stmatthewkc.org
to give online



Mail your offering to
St. Matthew AME Zion Church
4400 E. Linwood Blvd
Kansas City, MO 64128



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