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## Witnessing Above Pressures and Personalities

By Seth Martin Moulton

Many times the people within our circles and circumstances around us have the ability to constrict our witness as Christians. So that which we would do is sometimes deferred and never attempted. John writes in his St. John's Gospel, Chap. 12:42-43, "that though many of the leaders who heard JESUS believed in Him, they did not openly acknowledge their faith in Him." Why? They did not want to be excommunicated from the synagogue. They preferred to be in the good graces of the Pharisees.

Absolutely nothing should interfere with a Christian's praise to the Lord. In the text above, the leaders chose to keep their membership in the synagogue rather than express their witness for JESUS. The text says, "their preference for praise from humans was above praise from God." They were pressured and they did not let the world know they belong to this prophet from Galilee.

What personalities and what pressures have held back your witness for the Lord? Really, no one should and nothing should: not a spouse, not a child, not a friend and not any situation however dire. When one praises God or takes a stance for Him in the face of challenges, that person is saying, "I put God above all."

Our witness for God also has another impact, it points others to Him. This is evangelistic. Let us remember that we are evangelizing without words



many times, just living out the Gospel of Jesus. And there is a huge place for speaking out our witness as well.

## Team Midwest Conference Lay Organization Early Morning Worship



"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and will look up." ~ Psalm 5:3~

On August 28, 2022 @ 6:00am, Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church hosted the monthly fourth Sunday Midwest Conference Lay Organization Early Morning Worship Service.

The Praise and Worship Service via the Zoom sanctuary was tremendously filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Rev. Frankie Witherspoon brought the gospel from Psalm 124:8, 121:1-2, and the message was accompanied by the Holy Spirit. God was truly in the center of the worship service.

Metropolitan has been a faithful member and the only A.M.E. Zion church denomination affiliated with the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) organization. Joining the Midwest Conference early morning worship service originated with Brother Israel Roseburr many years ago. As the president of the local Lay Council he inspired the connection to worship with our fellow A.M.E. Christian laity.

Peace and Blessings, Rhonda R. Buford



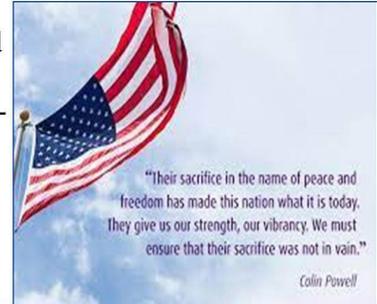
## SALUTING OUR HEROS

The fact that we live in the “**land of the free**” is too often taken for granted. Unfortunately, many Americans often become complacent, and nearly forget the brave men and women who have risked everything to keep America the beacon of hope and opportunity that it has long been. So it’s particularly important that we pause and remember. Hence, every year, on **November 11<sup>th</sup>**—the date associated with the end of World War I (November 11, 1918), exactly **104 years ago**—the nation joins together to honor America’s veterans and thank them for their dedication.

Many of American veterans face many additional challenges after their military service. After dedicating their lives to protecting the lives and freedoms of American civilians, veterans so often face challenges with their mental wellbeing.

Though there may be no way to adequately repay American veterans for their service and sacrifice, there are many ways to show **gratitude**. Many have veterans in their families, churches and communities whom you can show **gratitude** by spending time or volunteering with your local VFW organization, the Salvation Army or your local church can find ways to give back.

Commit yourself to the cause of peace to **salute our veterans** for their **courage, honor, patriotism and sacrifice**.



*Give Thanks to the Lord*  
**A DAY OF THANKSGIVING**  
**NOVEMBER 24, 2022**



With the **Thanksgiving** holiday being celebrated, it is a day where many take time to be with family and friends and reflect on the things for which we are thankful. It is great to have a day set aside to **give thanks**, but for believers, it is important to cultivate a lifestyle of **thanksgiving** to God.

Being **thankful** has a lot of power. It enables us to approach God, recall His goodness, and recognize everything that He does for us. We start to recognize our God's magnificence as the attention shifts away from us and our issues.

Spend some time reflecting on your many blessings as you celebrate **Thanksgiving**. Spend some time giving God thanks and praise. Both the “*great*” things and the “*small*” ones that you might sometimes take for granted deserve your gratitude.

**But don’t let it stop as a one-day celebration.** Develop a daily habit of **giving thanks** to God. Come before Him like the Psalmist prescribes:

**“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
 And into His courts with praise.  
 Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.”**  
 -Psalm 100:4~



May we make a daily practice of **giving God the thanks** that He deserves!



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"The Baobab Tree Midwives & Doulas"

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# EVENT Calendar

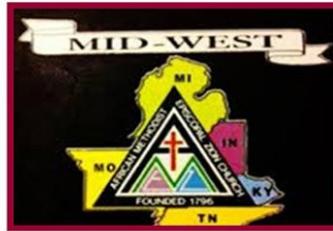


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**KANSAS CITY DISTRICT  
FANTASTIC 4**

**SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 24th  
ZOOM | TBA**




**GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY**  
September 25, 2022  
or any Date your Local Church  
Designates



**BUDS DAY  
SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 22nd**



**CONNECITONAL LAY  
SUNDAY  
October 16th**



**LIFE MEMBERS  
CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 5th**



**KANSAS CITY DISTRICT  
REVIVAL  
WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 16th | 7:00 p.m.  
Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church**



*Please join  
Mt. Zion F.M.E. Zion Church  
In Celebrating  
100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
August 22nd  
Deacon's Emeritus  
Mother Elsie Haynes*




**NEWS-  
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# MISSOURI VOTER ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION



What Every Missouri Voter Needs To Know

## AM I ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

Any Missouri resident who is:

- a US Citizen
- 17 1/2 years old and will be 18 by Election Day
- has not been declared legally incompetent
- a legal resident in the precinct in which they're registering
- not currently incarcerated
- not currently on probation or parole for a felony conviction

can register to vote.



## HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M ALREADY REGISTERED?

Check [sos.mo.gov/elections](https://sos.mo.gov/elections) or  
call your local election authority

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

- **ONLINE** with a touchscreen device at [sos.mo.gov/elections](https://sos.mo.gov/elections)
- **BY MAIL** with a paper form downloaded at [sos.mo.gov/elections](https://sos.mo.gov/elections)
- At your **ELECTION AUTHORITY** (find yours [sos.mo.gov/elections](https://sos.mo.gov/elections) or call 1-866-OUR-VOTE)
- At DMV offices, offices that provide public assistance, state funded programs that serve people with disabilities, armed services recruitment offices, and government offices (i.e. libraries).



## WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE?

new registrants and those registering in a  
new county must register to vote **by the  
4th Wednesday before Election Day.**

*\*Voters who remain in the same county can update  
name/address or reactivate inactive status anytime,  
including at the polls on Election Day*



Contact the Missouri Voter  
Protection Coalition:  
[info@movpc.org](mailto:info@movpc.org)  
[bit.ly/protectmovoters](https://bit.ly/protectmovoters)



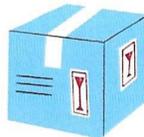
## SUBMIT NEW VOTER REGISTRATION FORM IF:

You may need to register to vote, re-  
register, or update your registration if you:

- Recently moved?
- Turning 18?
- Off probation/parole?
- New citizen?
- Name changed?
- Haven't voted in a while?
- Never registered in Missouri?



## MOVED SINCE YOU LAST VOTED?



Any voter who moves to Missouri from  
another state, or moves from one MO county  
to another (including to/from STL City or  
Kansas City) **MUST RE-REGISTER** in their  
new county by the voter registration deadline.

## REGISTRATION MUST BE ACCESSIBLE

- At least half of voter registration agencies must be accessible to voters with disabilities
- Interpreter services must be provided to those who need it
- Agencies that provide home services to people with disabilities must offer voter registration
- voter registration agencies must offer assistance registering
- if a person cannot read or write, they may sign with their mark.



## DOUBLE CHECK THAT YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE:



- Did you sign the form?
- Street address complete?
- Check boxes confirming citizenship and age?
- Include last 4 SSN or DL number?

## QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS?

Call or Text 1-866-OUR-VOTE  
(1-866-687-8683)



## CONTACT THE ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINE

Call: 1-866-687-8683  
Online Chat: [866OURVOTE.org](https://866OURVOTE.org)

Language-Specific Hotlines:

Contact MOVPC at  
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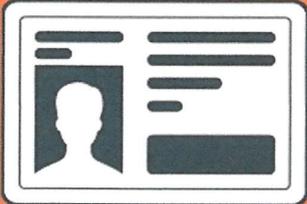
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# WHAT'S IN MISSOURI'S NEW VOTING LAW, HB 1878?

Effective August 28, 2022

## VOTER ID RESTRICTIONS

### PHOTO I.D. REQUIRED



Present one of the following to cast a regular ballot in person:

- A nonexpired Missouri driver's license or non-driver state ID card;
- A nonexpired military ID, including a veteran's ID card;
- A nonexpired United States passport;
- Another current Photo ID from Missouri or Fed'l Govt

*Eliminates voter registration card and student ID options*

**No valid photo ID? Cast a provisional ballot that will only count if voter returns to poll with photo ID or signature match**

## VOTER REGISTRATION RESTRICTIONS

- Illegal for anyone (except gov't) to be paid or compensated for soliciting voter registration
- Those soliciting 10 or more voter registrations must register with the Secretary of State as a Voter Registration Solicitor
- Solicitors must be 18 and Missouri registered voters



## ABSENTEE VOTING CHANGES



- Illegal for anyone to "solicit" an absentee ballot application
- 2 weeks no-excuse in-person absentee voting with photo ID
- Caregivers must live with confined person to vote absentee
- No absentee ballot drop boxes
- First responders can vote absentee

## OTHER VOTING CHANGES IN HB 1878

- **Eliminates** Presidential Preference Primaries
- Allows SOS to **audit voter rolls** and order removal of voters
- Eliminates electronic machines, **requires hand-counted paper ballots**
- **Gives legislature power** over challenges to voting laws
- **No grants** or outside funds to local election authorities
- Allows **private audits** of elections
- Allows voters to **update registration** address at the polls

**YOUR VOICE  
YOUR POWER  
YOUR VOTE**

GET INVOLVED! HELP  
PROTECT THE RIGHT TO  
VOTE IN MISSOURI!  
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