

**Sunday, December 4, 2016  
HOLY COMMUNION & FAMILY OBSERVANCE**



**“Changing Lives on Purpose”**

**FIRST RISING MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Trustee John Holland, Chairman  
Trustee William Thompson, Vice Chairman

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

Sunday School for All Ages—8:00 a.m.  
Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

Midday Prayer and Bible Study - 11:30 a.m.  
Evening Prayer and Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

*We Praise God for What He Has Done. We Worship God for Who He Is.*  
Loving \*\* Caring \*\* Sharing

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Holy Communion & Family Observance**

Music: Senior Choral Choir & Praise Team  
PRELUDE TO WORSHIP - Praise Team (9:15 a.m.)

**We Worship Through Praise**

Call to Worship ..... Minister  
Invocation ..... Minister  
Chant (Page 551) ..... Choir/Congregation  
Opening Hymn ..... Choir/Congregation  
Unison Reading ..... Minister  
Church Covenant  
Chant (Page 12) ..... Choir/Congregation  
Morning Prayer ..... Deacon  
Choral Response ..... Choir/Congregation  
Selections ..... Choir/Chorus

**We Worship Through Fellowship**

Announcements ..... Sister Melanie Matthews  
Pastoral Emphasis ..... Rev. Oran W. Young  
Welcome ..... Minister

**We Worship Through Giving**

Offering ..... Deacons in Charge  
Offertory Selection ..... Choir/Chorus  
Doxology (Page #356) ..... Choir/Congregation

**We Worship Through Prayer**

Altar Call and Prayer ..... Rev. Young/Minister

**We Worship Through Instruction**

Selection ..... Choir/Chorus  
Message ..... Rev. Young  
Invitation to Discipleship ..... Rev. Young  
Invitational Hymn / Selection ..... Choir/Chorus  
Holy Communion ..... Rev. Young/Congregation  
Closing Hymn ..... Choir/Congregation

**CHALLENGE: ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**FIRST RISING MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sons and Daughters of the Church

Rev. Lori Davis	
Rev. William Fowlkes	Assistant for Transportation & Seniors
Rev. Lucy Horne	Assistant for Christian Education
Rev. Claudius Jones	Assistant Director, New Members Orientation
Rev. Joseph Tillmon	
Rev. Roland White	

**Announcements for Sunday, December 4, 2016**

**Holy Communion & Family Observance**

8:00 a.m. – Sunday School

8:00 a.m. – New Members' Orientation

9:30 a.m. -- Worship Service

<b>Mon, December 5<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Fitness Ministry Meeting
<b>Tue, December 6<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Men's Chorus Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting
<b>Wed, December 7<sup>th</sup></b>	11:30 p.m.	Midday Prayer and Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer and Bible Study <u>Ministries Leading Prayer &amp; Praise</u> Christian Education Ministries: Bible Study, Follow-up and Sunday School
<b>Thu, December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Laymen's League Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Orchestra Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Gibson Gospel Singers Rehearsal
<b>Fri, December 9<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30 p.m.	Combined Youth Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	God's Promise Dance Ministry Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Spirit of Praise Dance Ministry Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Voices of Zion Rehearsal
<b>Sat, December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	8:20 a.m.	Telephone Corporate Prayer of Agreement. Call (515) 604-9000 Access Code: 145196# <a href="mailto:MyRequest4Prayer@gmail.com">MyRequest4Prayer@gmail.com</a>
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Christmas Fellowship (sponsored by Women's Aux. Usher Board #2)

**PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2016:**

Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please contact the Church Office for scheduling.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Founder's Day** - Sunday, December 11, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

**Senior Citizens Ministry and Noon Day/Evening Bible Study Classes Joint**

**Christmas Fellowship** - Wednesday, December 14, 2016 – 12:00 Noon

**Prison Support Ministry Christmas Fellowship**

Friday, December 16, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Missionary Ministry Christmas Fellowship**

Saturday, December 17, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday School Christmas Program** - Sunday, December 18, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.

**Food Distribution** - Tuesday, December 20, 2016- 10:00 a.m.

**Midday & Evening Prayer and Bible Study** is canceled on Wednesdays, December 21, and December 28, 2016.

*"Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."* Luke 15:10-KJV

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**THANK YOU** to Rev. Oran Young, Deacons, Trustees, Missionary Society, the MUMS, and my entire Church Family. Your prayers, love, thoughts, cards, and phone calls were very much appreciated during the loss of my niece and loved one in Buffalo, New York. We appreciate your love and are truly grateful for all that you mean to us. May God bless you all. Mrs. Marian Bridgeman, Deacon Derrick and Deaconess Lolita Plummer and family.

**THANK YOU:** Our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Young, Deacon Clarence Thompson, Deacon & Mrs. Gilliard, the Deaconess Ministry, the Missionary Society Ministry, the Rosalie Jackson/Anna Stewart Missionary Circle and our wonderful and caring First Rising Church Family. We are so grateful for your thoughtful expressions of sympathy, your prayers, calls, visits, cards and generosity shown our family during the loss of our loved one. God Bless all of you. The Battle/Haley Families.

**THANK YOU** to Rev. Young, Deacon Board Ministry and Church Family for your many cards, visits, and prayers before and after I had my pacemaker put in. I ask for your continued prayers as I am still under the doctor's care. Special thanks to Deacon and Deaconess Gilliard for going the extra mile (running errands, taking me to the doctors and all the other things you did to help me). I could not ask for a more loving and caring Church family. Mrs. Janice Motley

**CHURCH HISTORICAL NOTE #28:** Since January 14, 1952, until March 29, 2003, First Rising Mount Zion worshipped under the leadership of one elected pastor for fifty-one (51) years. However; with the election of Rev. Raymond C. Bell on March 29, 2003, a new beginning was set in motion for First Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Bell was born May 29, 1960, in Beaumont Texas. Rev. Bell came to First Rising Mount Zion full of life and promise. Under Rev. Bell's leadership, the church's organization structure was changed to help members to distinguish between church work and the work of the church. As a result, all clubs and auxiliary organizations were known as ministries and grouped under the umbrella of individual councils. In addition, Midday Prayer Meeting and Bible Institute was added to the schedule of weekly activities. On March 1, 2004, the church paid off the mortgage on the sanctuary. By 2005, the church expanded its evangelism and outreach efforts by participating in the DC Festival which was a citywide evangelism event and by becoming a member of the Downtown Cluster of Congregations, as well as organizing the Cancer Support Ministry, the Life Recovery Ministry, and the annual Community Affair. And yet, after nine (9) years under the leadership of Rev. Raymond C. Bell; on January 7, 2012, the Board of Deacons Ministry, in accordance with the church's Constitution and By-laws, declared the pulpit vacant. (To Be Continued). And let us not forget that "**Our History Is Our Legacy**".

**THE PRISON SUPPORT MINISTRY CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We are asking our church family to help collect and provide gently-used and new toys and gifts for children (ages 1-14) of released prisoners, crime victims, church members, and the community. You may give them to Sister Mattie Howell, Sister Patricia Martin, Sister Geraldine Green, Rev. Lucy Horne, Coordinator: [hornelgr@aol.com](mailto:hornelgr@aol.com), or leave them in the Church office, Sister Cobb, 202-289-4480, [froffice@firstrising.org](mailto:froffice@firstrising.org).