



# THE MOUNT ZION EXPRESS

THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE HILL, WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY!

## Mount Zion Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

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*Rev. Glen Lacey, Pastor*

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

10:30 A.M.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:30 A.M.



## BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY

Pick-It-Apart

Monday Night: 7:00 P.M. on Zoom

Bible Talk

Tuesday Night: 7:00 P.M. on Zoom

Prayer Line Conference Call

Wednesday Night: 7:00 P.M.

(339) 207-6171

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

First, I would like to say that it is an honor and privilege to serve at Mount Zion CME church. 2025 was a year of blessings and success for us. I just want to say thank you to all of our members, family and friends who came out, helped out and supported our endeavors at Mt. Zion.

We served our community with a coat-drive, a pop-up pantry. We had a trunk or treat for the children in the church as well as the neighborhood. This past August, First Lady and I hosted our third summer series (Acts 2 Action). it was a “teach and reach” biblical experience where we followed the scripture *Acts 2:42 “and They continue steadfast in the apostle’s doctrine breaking bread, fellowship and prayer”*. At the end of each service, we gave out gifts and challenged our members to do a random act of financial kindness and come back to share their experience. At the end of this series, we celebrated with a Love Feast.

This year we plan to introduce programs with the focus on food security and clothing drives. We hope to collaborate with shelters and other organizations as a guide to needed resources. I believe that through these efforts our church can be a beacon of hope and compassion, to continue steadfast, being mission minded in kingdom building.

I encourage everyone to get involved, share ideas and help us make a meaningful difference in the year ahead.

In Service of Our Lord Jesus,

Rev. Glen Lacey

Pastor Mt. Zion CME Church



*From The First Lady of Mt. Zion CME Church  
Belinda Lacey*

**Article:** What it's like to be the first lady of  
Mt. Zion CME Church

Being a First Lady brings me joy and fulfillment. It's a role that comes with great responsibility and meaningful purpose. It allows me to stand in partnership with my husband, walking side by side as we work to build God's kingdom. While I walk in partnership with my Husband, I also dance to the beat of my own drum and take my role very seriously.

I am deeply involved in my local church through children's ministry and serve on the district and annual conference levels, where I hold additional responsibilities and participate in other organizations. Serving God and His people is one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, and working with the children alone brings me pure happiness.

This work of love shapes my character and helps me to grow spiritually and personally. I am grateful for how God continually uses me and the church has become my mantle and my calling. This is my purpose to fulfill.

As we continue to move forward, it is my prayer that our church continues to grow in faith and thrives in its mission work. This is a very busy year for us; our calendar is full. I will continue to serve faithfully in all my responsibilities, balancing my role with dedication and joy, trusting that God will guide my every step.



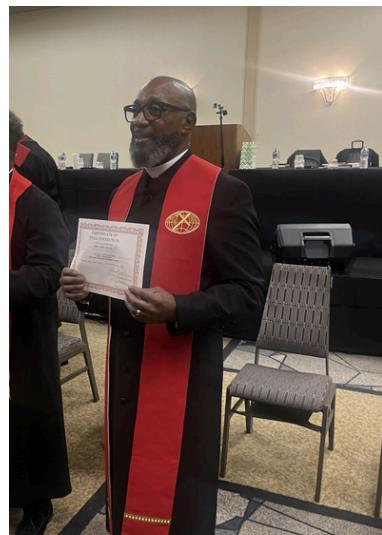
## Congratulations to Mt. Zion CME Church's Newest Ordained Ministers Elevated to Local Elder



From left to right: Rev. Evelyn Shannon, Rev. Kira Oliver, Rev. Priscilla Shannon-Alonzia, Rev. Yolanda E. Davis

On Friday, July 18, 2025, at the New York Washington Annual Conference, an Ordination ceremony was held. The event took place at the Sheraton Baltimore North in Towson, MD. At this ceremony, Pastor, Rev. Glen Lacey was ordained to Full connection, Local Deacons; Rev. Evelyn Shannon, Rev. Priscilla Shannon-Alonzia and Rev. Kira Oliver was elevated to Local Elders in the CME Church.

Rev. Yolanda Davis was also elevated to Local Elder at an earlier ordination, held at the Hilton University Hotel in Charlotte NC. on April 5, 2025. God is truly moving in Mt. Zion CME Church!



Pastor, Rev. Glen Lacey, Full Connection

Rev. Yolanda E. Davis was recommending by pastor, Rev. Glen Lacey to be elevated from Local Deacon to Local Elder. Rev. Davis stated, "I passed my test in July 2024, and my ordination was held on April 5, 2025, at the Hilton University in Charlotte NC."

"What an honor it is to walk in my father's footsteps, the late Rev. Ralph W. Davis. Yes, I'm proud to be a preacher's kid."

Ordination serves as a testament, that the individual has been divinely called, trained, and prepared for the work of the ministry. It's a profound, life-altering experience.

In our role we have to stand strong, with boldness, and have confidence. You never know where ministry will take you.

**Matthew 22:14 - "For many are called, but few are chosen."**

"I shall walk worthy and do what God has assigned my hands to do. **Amen**"

Rev. Yolanda E. Davis



Rev. Yolanda E. Davis, Local Elder

## Mt. Zion CME Church's Newest Ordained Ministers (continued)



Rev. Priscilla Shannon-Alonzia,  
Local Elder

"It is a gift from God to be called into Ministry. My original passion was to minister to the youth, and my prayer has always been to guide and redirect them toward becoming productive, whole individuals in every area of life. However, God, in His wisdom, has been redirecting my path.

Through His grace, I have been called to minister to and serve as a caregiver for several senior citizens and other adults; spiritually, financially, and emotionally. Many of these individuals were placed in my life unexpectedly, including my own mother, whom God has faithfully entrusted to me over several years.

This ministry has required great patience, a significant amount of time, lack of sleep, careful recordkeeping, and consistent stewardship. Most importantly, it has required an abundance of prayer and continual time in Scripture so that I may seek God's guidance in every decision and step forward.

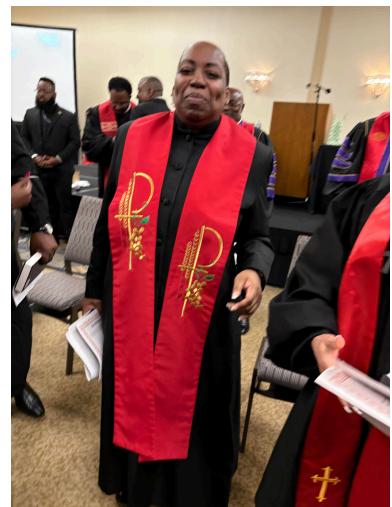
Though this was not the path I initially envisioned, I remain committed to walking and serving faithfully where God leads me both present and future according to His purpose."

Rev. Priscilla Shannon-Alonzia

"When I was called, I did not realize the hard work, studying, and training that I had to do to prepare myself for ministry. After studying for the Elder's test, the long days and sleepless nights took a toll on me physically, yet it was rewarding because I was moving up to the next level. The anxiety of taking the Elder's exam took a lot out of me but the excitement of passing the exam was worth it.

Being ordained with the class of 2025 formed a partnership I will never forget. To stand in front of my family and friends, to take that solemn oath was exhilarating. I was filled with tears and gratitude. It's such a blessing to follow in the footsteps of my mother, Rev. Dr. Theresa G. Oliver. It was a moment that I will never forget. It taught me the true meaning of ministry. In the end, I thank God for the journey."

Rev. Kira Oliver



Rev. Kira Oliver, Local Elder

## Mt. Zion CME Church's Newest Ordained Ministers (continued)

“Ministry is definitely a mystery. When God’s word says **his thoughts are not our thoughts and his ways are not our ways, only God knows the plans that he has for us.** (Isaiah 55:8-9)



Rev. Evelyn Shannon Local Elder

Being called to ministry is a special gift not to be taken lightly. An unlikely person such as myself, finally accepting the call to ministry. I never wanted to ever disappoint God. I ask why me? I was led to a scripture that said if I keep my mind stayed on him he will give me perfect peace, because he trust in me. (Isaiah 26:3) I was led to other scriptures that showed me where there were others, unlikely people, and yet they walked alongside, served and ministered in the kingdom of God/Jesus. Being ordained into ministry required a lot of meditation, a lot of late night and early rising studies, sisterhood fellowship, prayers, and an abundance of God's grace.

In this spiritual journey with God, he has guided me to use my “mess” as message. When I have preached, when I am in counseling sessions with people, and when I go out to do community outreach with my “*Sistas Empowering Sistas*”, God has been directing me to share, with his guidance, some of my life experiences, among other things, to help others. God's word says in Mathew 25:35-40

**35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.**<sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothed you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

**40** “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Through it all, God has never left me nor forsaken me. (Deuteronomy 31:6) God has the final say! God's plan! God's way!”

Rev Evelyn Shannon

## Our Newest Local Preacher

Mt. Zion’s newest Local Preacher, Sister Karen Cash-Felder received her license to preach on November 17, 2025. Sis. Felder is also in study for her examination for elevation to Local Deacon. When asked, “How do you feel...” she replied,

**“To God be the glory! The LORD keeps doing great things for me.”**



Sis. Karen Cash-Felder, Local Preacher

**Congratulations Sis. Felder!**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

*“Caring for the community in love,  
is what Jesus has commanded ...”*

*Just some of what Mt. Zion is doing  
in the community!*

## Trunk or Treat



Liam & Amina, giving out book bags in front of Mt. Zion CME Church  
Thank you to **The Old Field Planters Inc.** for the donations!



*First Lady, Belinda Lacey, Missionaries & Board of Evangelism Keeping the community warm!*



## Fellowship At FDR State Park



**Pastor Lacey & Robert Bringing that sweet juicy watermelon**



**Pastor And 1<sup>st</sup> Lady**



Mother Davis, Sis Simons, Rev Jackson,  
Mother Reid, Mother Mays

**Mother Pearlie Mays**



**“I was so happy and blessed to see my Church family at the church picnic after two years of not physically being able to go to church. On that day, My heart was filled with joy and happiness!”**

*Mother Pearlie Mays*



**Tie Dye Arts & Crafts**



## “What God Has Done For Me!”

### A Testimony

Sis Kendell Burton



Giving honor to God, who is the head of my life. It was Good Friday. It was the 18th of April 2025, a day I'll always remember. I had just completed dialysis and thankfully wasn't feeling ill that day. The weather had broken. It was a lovely Spring Day. I just didn't want to go home that afternoon to an empty house, so I decided to hang out with some friends in their backyard as we New Jersey people sometimes do, just to enjoy the weather. That's when I got the phone call from Cornell University Hospital. I thought they wanted more blood work from me; but no, they had a kidney for me! **Praise the Lord- a Kidney!** I couldn't believe it! My heart dropped, and the tears began to flow after all,

I knew someday they were gonna call. I had faith in Jesus, but I just didn't know when they were going to call. After 3 - 1/2 years of dialysis? 3-1/2 years of passing out while on the dialysis machine; coming home with headaches that won't go away until the next day, no Tylenol before treatment or after, just sleeping all night. The next day I would feel better. Vacations that were being interrupted because you had to stop and take dialysis wherever you traveled to. **But God, but God; thank you, God!**

I received a call on “Good Friday” from Cornell University Hospital and I had 30 minutes to make a decision if I wanted that kidney. I started from the top. I called my husband and my Nephrologist, could not get either one on the phone. Then I called my sister Connie and Rev. Davis (sis-cousin) I shared the good news!! I went back to calling my doctor and Rich and a few other people because I was indecisive as if I should take this kidney. After all, the kidney was coming from a deceased person that had fallen, but also had a previous history of drug abuse, I noticed that dialysis was able to get in contact with my Nephrologist.

I was still in disbelief - in a fog that this was happening to me. Immediately my doctor called me once he found out, hallelujah praise God I got the answer, “I want it.” “Yes, it's OK for you to take the kidney”. “We get kidneys like that all the time.” were his exact words. All the tears flowed some more as I called the hospital back before it was too late and the Kidney would be given to somebody else. **With Praise in my mouth, I told him I would take the kidney!!!**

When Rich got home, I gave him the good news. He put his things down and literally turned right back around and took me across the bridge. He had just come from work and straight to the hospital we went.

I actually had the surgery that night. All praises to God, my Nephrologist kept telling me he wanted me off dialysis. I was too young for dialysis. I can't thank my husband enough. He took six weeks off for my post-surgery recovery. **Gods' praises will forever be in my mouth.** I am forever grateful for what He has done for me. Trusting God, **He's an on-time God. God is faithful!** He took me from the dark and into the light. Not in your time, but in His time. Thank you, thank you to my sister Connie, cousin Yolanda (Rev. Davis) who checked on me while I was getting my treatments. I am forever grateful for the things God has done in my life. **I thank God night & day.**

**To my Church Family Thank You for your continued prayers. I am a living witness that prayer works.**

## ***Just A Few Previous Events You May Have Forgotten About!***

**MT ZION CME CHURCH  
SPORTS RALLY**

**Los Angeles**      **New York Jets**  
**Lakers**      **Jamaican**  
**New York Giants**      **Dancing**  
**New York**      **Girls**  
**Mets**      **Brooklyn Nets**

**New York Knicks**      **New York Yankees**

**Rev Glen Lacey** **Pastor**  
**Commissioner**  
**Rev Willie White**

**TAILGATE**  
**1148 ELDER AVE, BRONX, NY 10472**  
**FEBRUARY 22ND**  
**12 - 3 PM**

**Worship Service**  
**WEAR YOUR JERSEY**  
**February 23th, 2025**

A promotional image for the First Lady's Luncheon. The top half features a purple hydrangea flower on the left and a blue hydrangea flower on the right. The text "FIRST LADY Belinda" is in the top right, with "Belinda" in a script font. Below it, "Presents A" is in a smaller serif font. The main title "First Ladys' LUNCHEON" is in a large, stylized, cursive font. Below the title, "Ladies Celebrating Ladies" is in a smaller, cursive font. At the bottom, there is a photo of a woman with long dark hair smiling. To her right, the text "Join me for a fabulous afternoon of Fun & Activities celebrating the women of Mt. Zion" is written in a cursive font. At the bottom left, there is a pink heart outline containing the text "SUN | MAR. 2 | Following Morning Worship Service DAY | 2025". At the bottom right, the text "MT. ZION C.M.E CHURCH" is in a bold, serif font, with "1148 Elder Ave, Bronx, NY" in a smaller, regular font below it.

A group of seven women of diverse ages are posing together indoors. They are dressed in various styles of clothing, including a black leather jacket, a white jumpsuit, a red dress, and a patterned dress. The background shows wooden paneling and a white chair.

YOU'RE INVITED TO SPEND  
*Mother's day*  
WITH US AND WITH  
Pastor Glen Lacey &  
1<sup>st</sup> Lady Belinda Lacey  
AT  
**MT. ZION**  
**CME CHURCH**  
**MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
SUNDAY - 10:30 AM - 2025  
1148 ELDER AVE.  
BRONX NY 10472

A poster for a Children's Day & Graduation Celebration Service. The background is dark blue with gold leaf accents. At the top, the text "YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR" is written in gold. Below it, "Children's Day" is written in a large, flowing cursive script, and "& GRADUATION" is in a bold, sans-serif font. Underneath, "Celebration Service" is written in a cursive script. A decorative horizontal line with a central floral ornament separates the title from the date. The date "JUNE 15, 2025" is written in a large, bold, serif font. Below the date, the time "10:30 AM" is on the left and the location "MT. ZION C.M.E CHURCH" with the address "1148 ELDER AVE, BRONX, NY 10472" is on the right. A large blue pinwheel is on the left, and a blue ribbon is on the right. At the bottom, a circular inset shows a young woman in a graduation gown and a man in a tuxedo. The text "2025 Graduate" is written in a large, semi-transparent font on the left, and "Pastor Rev Glen Lacey & First Lady Belinda Lacey" is at the bottom right. The overall theme is celebratory and family-oriented.

**MIGHTY MEN OF MT. ZION**

**2025**

**MEN'S RETREAT**

*Lake Welch Beach*

**BBQ**

**SWIMMING**

**MUSIC & MORE**

**AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> | SATURDAY**

**9 AM - 5 PM**

**800 KANAWAUKEE ROAD**

**STONY POINT, NY 10980**

**PARKING \$10**

**CONTACT REV. JONES FOR**

**INFORMATION: 718-697-9711**

A flyer for the "Acts 2 Action" summer series. The title "Acts 2 Action" is at the top in a large, stylized script. Below it, "SUNDAY 10:30am" is written. The main title "SUMMER SERIES" is in large, bold, red letters. To the left, there is a megaphone icon with the text "Sharing from the Book Of Acts" and "You're Invited!!". To the right, there is a list of events with dates and descriptions. The background features a green and yellow floral pattern.

## IN OTHER NEWS



Mother Thelma E. Davis  
Rev. Yolanda E. Davis  
Mother Theresa Reid

Thank you to our Missionary Board for the Thanksgiving Baskets, put together & distributed to those in need.

The Baskets included: A fresh turkey, Rice, Colard Greens, Yams, Stuffing, Gravy, cranberry sauce and more!

Thank you, Mt. Zion, for all of your donations. Even in the face of a government shutdown, you gave!



Thank you to Sis. Angela Holness and the Holness family for leading the way during relief efforts for Jamaica after Hurricane Melisa

## Men's Retreat

August 16<sup>th</sup>, the Mighty Men of Mt. Zion held their annual Men's Retreat at Lake Welch State Park



## M.M.O.M.Z. Mighty Men of Mt. Zion

### Gospel Cafe



Near Right  
Bro. Tyrone Williams Walks Mother Theresa L. Reid to the front as we celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday

Far Right  
Worshipful Master, Bro. Nicholas White & Father Rev. Willie J. White

## Tapan Zee Lodge

November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Masons from the Tapan Zee Lodge 79 came out to fellowship with Mt. Zion.



# The Fountain of Youth

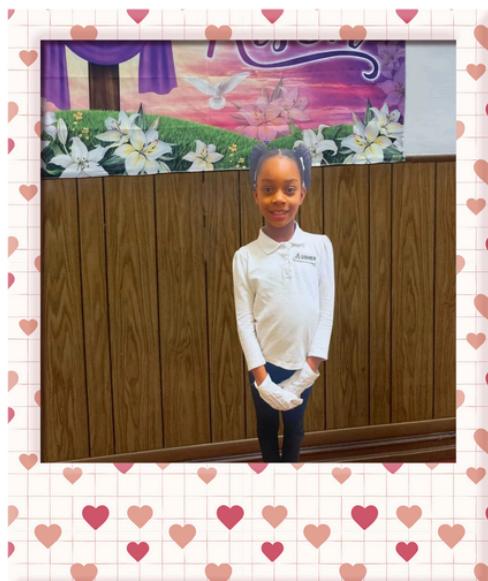
## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

*What the youth of Mt. Zion is doing!*

### Meet Mt. Zion's New Junior Officers



**Gerri Taylor Connor**  
President of Mt. Zion's  
Connectional Youth Ministry



**Heaven Jayda-Camill Gibbs**  
Junior Usher

### Board of Christian Education

**Mt. Zion's Youth will participate in the Connectional Youth & Young Adult Week**  
January 25, 2026 - January 31, 2026  
Theme: "Renew, Rekindle & Reconnect"

**Isaiah 40:31**



### Old Field Planters, Inc.

The OFPI have been such a blessing to Mt. Zion CME Church. They work with Christian Education and lay leadership; they used these platforms to inspire and prepare young people and advocate supporting youth who are eager to advance their education to the highest level that he or she desires.

Thank you to: Dr. Sandra White, MD, MBA, President Etta White, BSN, MSN, Secretary; Roger White, BS, Treasurer; Rev. Willie White, Advisor Dr. Cassandra White, DMin Advisor, Desiree Foster, MEd, RN, Education Liaison

Want to know more about this great organization and their Scholarships, or make a donation? Go to: [www.oldfieldplanters.org](http://www.oldfieldplanters.org)

## Fun & Games

### Anagrams - Books of the Bible

Unscramble these books of the bible

Use your bible for help

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 hemwatt \_\_\_\_\_  
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### FUN FACTS

*Figure it out*

Noah's Ark

*How big was it?*



Change these measurements from cubits to inches and from inches to feet.

The Ark measured:

*30 cubits long - 50 Cubits wide - 30 cubits high*

Hint: A cubit = 18 inches

*How old was Noah at the time of the flood?*

**Genesis 7:6**

*What was the Ark made of?*

**Genesis 6:14**

*How old was Noah when he died?*

**Genesis 9:29**

**What was the first bird that Noah let out of the ark?**

**A) Dove   B) Duck   C) Eagle   D) Raven**