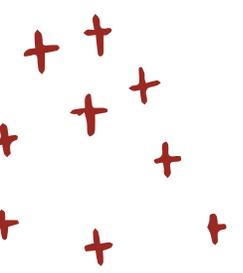


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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

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THE DIRECTION OF THE CHURCH IS SET FORTH BY GOD, INTERPRETED BY THE PASTOR, AND EXECUTED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH. THE MEMBERS OF MT ZION HAVE THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SELECTING THE INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVE IN LEADERSHIP VIA OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

CURRENTLY OUR BOARD HAS TWO OPEN SEATS TO BE FILLED BY MEMBERS-IN-GOOD-STANDING FROM OUR CONGREGATION. ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026, A BUSINESS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE TO VOTE ON THESE NEW BOARD MEMBERS. HERE ARE THE CANDIDATES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THESE BOARD SEATS ALONG WITH THEIR CREDENTIALS. PLEASE BE PRAYERFUL IN YOUR SELECTION.



RHONDA ABDULLAH

RHONDA ABDULLAH IS BOTH A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF JOLIET IL AND MEMBER OF MT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH. SHE HAS A PASSION FOR SEEING GOD'S PEOPLE DOING WELL. THIS HAS BEEN REALIZED THROUGH HER SERVICE TO THE HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY. AS A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH, RHONDA HAS ALSO SERVED AS AN USHER, SINGING IN THE WOMEN'S CHOIR, SERVING IN THE KITCHEN AND SERVING SUMMER LUNCHESES.

RHONDA BRINGS A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE AREA OF HEALTHCARE. PROFESSIONALLY SHE HAS SERVED IN SEVERAL CITIES AS A NURSE PROVIDING CRITICAL CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH CHALLENGING CONDITIONS. SHE IS COMMITTED TO ADVOCATING FOR WELLNESS FOR NOT ONLY HER PATIENTS BUT THE PEOPLE GOD HAS CALLED HER TO.



JAMES HOLIFIELD JR.

JAMES IS A RETIRED CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPERVISOR AND TRAINER WITH OVER 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AT COMED. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS LEADERSHIP, PROFESSIONALISM, AND DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER RELATIONS AND WORKED ON THE UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN AS A REGIONAL CHAIRPERSON. AFTER RETIRING FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, JAMES HAS TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO SERVICE THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.

JAMES HAS SERVED MT ZION WITHIN THE MEN'S MINISTRY AND HAS LED THE PLANNING FOR THE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING. HIS EFFORTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO RAISING FUNDS FOR THE ARNEDIA GREENLAW SCHOLARSHIP. HE REMAINS COMMITTED TO LEVERAGING HIS LEADERSHIP TALENTS TO UPLIFT HIS CHURCH.

CANDIDATES CONT...



GERALD MOODY

DEACON GERALD MOODY IS A WARM-SPIRITED, GENTLE-HEARTED SERVANT LEADER WHO IS PASSIONATE ABOUT GOD'S PEOPLE. HE HAS SERVED THE CHURCH FAITHFULLY AS AN ORDAINED MEMBER OF THE DIACONATE. GERALD HAS OVER 42 YEARS AS A LEADER IN RETAIL MANAGEMENT. HIS EXPERTISE AFFORDS OUR CHURCH INSIGHT INTO LOGISTICS, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, LEADERSHIP, CONFLICT RESOLUTION, HOSPITALITY, AND END-USER EXPERIENCE.

GERALD IS FAITHFUL IN SERVING HIS CARE TEAM AND HELPING WITH THE MEN'S MINISTRY WHEN CALLED ON. BEYOND THE CHURCH, HE IS A STOCK RUNNER FOR THE NATIONAL HOOK UP OF BLACK WOMEN. GERALD'S DESIRE IS TO ALWAYS SHOW FAITH THROUGH ACTION.



DONNA NORRIS

DONNA NORRIS HAS THE HANDS AND HEART TO SERVE HER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY. HER BACHELOR AND MASTER DEGREES IN EDUCATION, FROM ST. FRANCIS AND ST. XAVIER RESPECTIVELY, HAVE AFFORDED HER SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM AND OUR CHURCH. DONNA HAS TAUGHT STUDENTS OF ALL AGES COMPLEX ACADEMIC SUBJECTS AND TOOLS FOR JOB/VOCATIONAL READINESS. SHE IS AN ADVOCATE FOR LEARNING AND POSITIONING OTHERS TO SUCCEED.

DONNA IS A LIFELONG MEMBER OF MT ZION. OVER THE YEARS SHE HAS OFFERED HER SERVICE TO THE DRAMA MINISTRY, USHER BOARD, HARVEST FESTIVAL, AND TO THE KITCHEN. SHE HAS BEEN A RESOURCE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND BIBLE INSTITUTE WITH PASTOR RUFUS STEPHENS. DONNA IS A REGULAR ATTENDEE OF BIBLE STUDY.



BETTY WASHINGTON

BETTY WASHINGTON IS AN EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE. SHE IS A CURRENT BOARD MEMBER OF MT ZION, WHERE SHE BRINGS A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE IN ADMINISTRATION, COMMUNICATION, LEADERSHIP, AND RESOURCEFULNESS. SHE HAS AFFORDED THIS CHURCH UNWAVERING SUPPORT OVER THE DECADES AS A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF MT ZION. PROFESSIONALLY, SHE HAS WORKED FOR AT&T FOR 30 YEARS IN VARIOUS MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES.

BETTY HOLDS BOTH BACHELOR AND MASTER DEGREES FROM UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS IN MANAGEMENT FIELDS. SHE ALSO EARNED A CERTIFICATE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FROM HARVARD DIVINITY. BOTH OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ARE BETTER BECAUSE OF HER SERVICE.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026, A BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE HELD WHICH WILL INCLUDE BOARD MEMBER ELECTION. TWO BOARD MEMBER SEATS WILL BE FILLED DURING THIS ELECTION. ALL CURRENT MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT A SINGLE BALLOT SELECTING TWO OF THE NOMINATED CANDIDATES TO SERVE A 2-YEAR TERM (ENDING FEBRUARY 2028). BALLOTS WILL BE SUBMITTED VIA PAPER OPTION (IN-PERSON ONLY) OR VIA ONLINE BALLOT (POSTED ON CHURCH'S HOMEPAGE) FROM 12PM - 2PM.

VOTING BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED WITHIN 72 HOURS OF ELECTION. VOTING RESULTS WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO CONGREGATION ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY.



MISSION:

TO CREATE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST BY SERVING THE WORLD WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST ~ COMMISSIONED BY MATTHEW 28: 18 - 20

VISION: WE ARE A CHURCH CALLED BY GOD TO FIX PROBLEMS WITH ANSWERS, TOUCH HURTS WITH HEALING, ADDRESS NEEDS WITH SOLUTIONS, AND EMBRACE THE LOST WITH LOVE THROUGH FAITH, TEACHING, SERVING AND COMMUNITY.