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*Mighty Men of Zion*

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As an encouragement ministry of Zion Baptist Church, the Mighty Men of Zion (MMoZ), also known as the Men's Ministry, strives to enhance the spiritual and moral welfare of all male members of the church with honor, love, brotherhood, and the fear of God, so they can lead men to Christ.

This year, the Men's Ministry focused on the theme "Going Fishing and Casting the Net of Salvation", and has been one of sustained participation and innovative activism. This year the Men's Ministry continued to expand upon a desire to focus an emphasis on discipleship and evangelism with our men. In addition, the Men's Ministry is actively engaged in partnering with the Minister for Youth and Young Adults' proposed Zion Canaan Rites of Passage initiative.

The Men's Ministry has also continued to partner with various ministries within Zion Baptist Church on a myriad of occasions to include the Women's Ministry, Health Ministry, and Charles B. Walker Culture Club. In addition, several brothers and a few youth have continued to "man up" to ensure that the Men's Ministry relationship with Chatman's Army remains vibrant, taking a cue from our Chatman's Army late leader, Deacon Emeritus Sydney A. Swann.

The Men's Ministry has also continued our "mini" Bible Study sessions prior to our scheduled monthly meetings led by our Chaplain, Brother Tommy Dudley. Men face unique challenges throughout their lives in areas concerning family, careers, addiction and faith. Only through a relationship with Jesus Christ can we find hope and strength to confront these challenges head on. We challenge all men of Zion, youth and young adults, as well as our seasoned saints to band together with us to form authentic relationships, transforming our hearts and engaging in the battle for our souls as the Men's Ministry continues to move



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forward by “Going Forward and Casting the Net of Salvation” as evangelists and disciples into the coming years.

During the remainder of year 2017, the Men’s Ministry continued its tradition of service and community fellowship with the following scheduled activities and events: (a) Annual Fishing Excursion which was held on Friday, July 14th, and (b) Annual Baseball Outing which was held on Friday, September 15th to see the Washington Nationals play the Los Angeles Dodgers.

In addition, under the guidance of Rev. Wallis C. Baxter, III as the Minister for Men, we implemented a series of community outreach service initiatives for the remainder of the year 2017. Moreover, as an integral part of the Men’s Ministry, we culminated our annual efforts with a Men’s Day Program on Sunday, December 3rd featuring our Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Donald D. Washington, the Associate Pastor of Bethel Church in Bowie, Maryland as well as melodious songs of worship and praise from the Male Chorus. Lastly, the Men’s Ministry will be hosting a Health Awareness Breakfast on Saturday, December 9th as well as collaborating with the YCLC on organizing a Community Service Project focusing on an example of positive male role models in today’s society.

Overall, it continues to be a truly rewarding time for the Mighty Men of Zion. In closing, the Men’s Ministry eagerly looks forward to an ambitious agenda for the upcoming year 2018 aimed at revitalizing the men of Zion Baptist Church through our Christian service, brotherly love and genuine fellowship.

In Christian Service,

*David J. Saunders*

President, Mighty Men of Zion