

March 6, 2022

114th EAST MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Greetings to Our East Mount Zion Church Family:

We are **The East Mount Zion (EMZ) Family Recorders** and our special project is the **“East Mount Zion Family Storybook Project”**.

With the intentional push to put Family First, our **Theme** is: Family First Forever and Always. **Our Purpose and Mission** is to bring the history of our EMZ Family together through individual storytelling.

Our Meditative Scriptures are:

1 Timothy 5: 8 – But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Acts 16: 31 – Believe in the Lord Jesus, you will be saved, and you and your household will be saved.

The Family Recorders are extremely excited to inform all about our upcoming 114th East Mount Zion Baptist Church Anniversary Celebration and The East Mount Zion Storybook Project.

Our Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for July 24, 2022. Many wonderful and exciting projects, events and activities are planned around our Anniversary Celebration. So, keep your eyes and ears opened for further detailed information! We thank God for providing us with such a Pastor as Pastor Dr. Brain A. Cash who is gifted with spiritual wisdom, vision and insight to led God’s people and to rebirth this idea of an Annual Church Anniversary.

We are asking that each member gift a contribution of \$114.00 toward the Anniversary Celebration. This amount equates to one dollar for each year of our Church’s existence. All gifts will go toward the Haggai Fund Raising Efforts and will be used to continue the restoration and maintenance of our buildings as we work to build the Kingdom of God and His people. You may start your gifting as early as today! Your gifting will be blessed with a **special gift** to you in return!

The East Mount Zion Family Storybook Project is led by **The East Mount Zion Family Recorders** and we are extremely excited to inform all about The East Mount Zion Storybook Project. This is our Church's first attempt at creating a Storybook and we are requesting your participation and support. We plan to capture the rich history of EMZ through a collection of your individual storytelling. As we collect these stories, we will combine them and create our first volume of our **"East Mount Zion Storybook"**. Each story will be a chapter in the finished book.

All participating members will receive an EMZ Storybook Packet. This Packet will include instructions and guidelines for story writing. There are limited pages available, so submit your story as soon as possible. The deadline for story submission is **Thursday, March 31, 2022 (7:00 P. M.)**. We will strictly adhere to this deadline! The first stories submitted will be among the first stories printed.

So, get ready and be ready. Submit your story to the following e-mail address:

anniversarycommittee@emzbc.org

Yours in Christ,

The East Mount Zion Family Recorders

Sister Patricia Chairperson

Sister Della Watts – Co-Chairperson

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Brian A. Cash

STORY SAMPLE

Member name(s): Garner Whitener

Membership Date: Joined Sunday Morning July 18, 1960

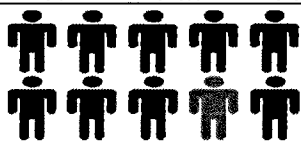
Membership Involvements: Usher Board #1, Sunday School Member ,Class # 10, Sanctuary Choir Member, Member of Group # 19

Personal/Family History: The Whitener Family membership extends over 60 years at East Mount Zion Baptist Church (EMZ). The entire family membership consists of my grandparents, parents, 6 uncles, 6 aunts, numerous cousins, 10 siblings along with 15 nieces and 20 nephews. All are proud members of EMZ.

Special Memories/Events/Stories: (include dates/settings and special details)



In the Summer of 1962, I met my wife, Sally, at the Annual Church Picnic. We were married six months later. We have been blessed with ten healthy children. Pastor Jenkins baptized each of our children over the next ten Easter Sunday Mornings. All ten children had



beautiful weddings in main sanctuary.

In the Spring of 1972, the Senior Ministry presented a play and my wife and I played the leading roles of Abraham and Sarai. It told their great story and was a great success. The play earned the Building Fund an addition \$3,000.00. The entire sanctuary was filled with members and visitors from everywhere. The local News Channel, Channel 5, featured the event on the Dorthy Fultine Show. It was exciting.



We are involved in helping the needed within the surrounding community. We are also very active in the Lifeline Program here at EMZ. Often, we deliver food and clothing to those in need and look forward to donating our time and energy wherever need. In 1989.1999 and 2000, my wife and I were the co-chairpersons for the Annual EMZ Scholarship Fund and over 300 people attended each year. Each time the event was held at the Lander Hopper Banquet Facility.

My wife and I are now part of the Senior Ministry and are considered Elders in our church. We are still very active and we Love the Lord and His people.

EAST MOUNT ZION FAMILY STORYBOOK

Story Submittal Deadline: Thursday, March 31, 2022 (7:00 p.m.)

Be among the first to submit, limited pages available!

AVAILABLE STORY PAGES (including pictures):

150 - One Page Stories

18 - Two Page Stories

3 - Three Page Stories

First stories in, first stories out to the Printer

Each story will become a chapter in the finished book.

- Stories are to be typed in a Word format
- E-mail your typed written story to - anniversarycommittee@emzbc.org
- Storybook distribution scheduled during the month of July

Members of The East Mount Zion Family Recorders:

Sis. Patricia Franklin - Chairperson	Sis. Della Watts – Co Chairperson
Sis. Renay Cook	Sis. Gail Hicklin Bro. Raymond Rollins
Bro. Eddie Jackson	Sis. Dr. Heather Burton Sis. Nycole West

WRITING TEMPLATE EMZ STORYTELLING

Member name(s): _____

Membership Date: _____

Membership Involvements:

Personal/Family History:

Memories/Events/Stories: (include dates/settings and special details)

Use additional paper as needed