

Highlights of Pastor's 10th Year

JANUARY, 2014

January 1, we celebrated Pastor Edward V. Hill II beginning the tenth year as Pastor of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church and second year as Pastor of the Spirit of Zion Fellowship Church.

Our theme for 2014 has been "Now Is the Time ... to Release, to Receive, and to Renew!" – Ephesians 5:15-17

The Young People gave highpoints from the California State Baptist Young People's Convention.

Our website has been up and running for a second year!!

We started our brand new Junior Usher Board supervised by First Lady Tisa Hill.

The Spirit of Zion Fellowship Church celebrated its First Anniversary with an Anniversary Luncheon for all members at Claim Jumpers in Burbank.

The Pastor preached the following sermons during the month of January:

"Now Is the Time . . . to Release, to Receive, and to Renew!"

"God's Time Is the Best Time"

"Will There Be a Tomorrow?"

"Have You Asked the Question Yet?"

Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the Pastor taught the following lessons during our Pastor's Bible Study:

"Tithing 101 – Lessons 1 - 3"

During the month of January, five people came down the aisles to join Mount Zion.. Five people also accepted Christ during the S.W.A.T.Ministry.

Also, seven new members joined Spirit of Zion in January.

FEBRUARY, 2014

We began the celebration of the Ninth Anniversary of Pastor Edward V. Hill II and Family here at Mount Zion.

The Sons of Zion and Men of Zion kicked off the celebration on the Second Sunday. We were blessed with preaching from Reverend Tyree Toliver of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Bakersfield.

The Children and Young People continued the celebration with the preaching of Bishop Alex Toussaint and the fellowship of the St. Andrews Baptist Church.

The Mothers and Women continued the celebration with the preaching of Pastor Jeffrey Lewis and the New Antioch Church of God in Christ.

February 17 marked the seventh year anniversary of the fire at Mount Zion.

Our Christian Education Ministry helped us celebrate Black History Month with a great program and art display, and our Sunday School Departments had a Black History Essay Contest. Our Young People presented "Moments in Black History" each Sunday at both churches.

We remembered in loving memory our late Pastor Edward V. Hill, Sr. on the eleventh anniversary of his death.

The Pastor preached the following sermons during the month:

 "Enjoy Your Life"

 "Tithing 101, Lesson #3"

 "Spiritual Basis for Getting Out of Debt"

We continued the series on Tithing – "Biblical Stewardship: From God's House to Your House" during the Pastor's Bible Study in the month of February.

During the month of February, four people joined the church and three people were baptized, one person made decisions to accept Christ during the S.W.A.T. Ministry.

Spirit of Zion grew with the addition of three new members.

MARCH, 2014

We concluded the 9th Pastoral Anniversary with the Anniversary Musical hosted by the Friends of Zion and the Music Ministry. What a time! What a time!

The Shepherd's Ministries of both churches gave a Crucifixion Day Presentation.

We celebrated the sixth year anniversary of Back Home Sunday when we came back into our newly renovated facilities.

We were blessed with an E. V. Hill Classic Series on tape, "Go Back Home and Preach" preached by our beloved Pastor Edward V. Hill Sr. at both churches.

Pastor Hill and about forty members from both churches went to Houston to surprise Dr. A L. Patterson on his 44th Pastoral Jubilee at Mount Corinth.

We had a great fellowship with Pastor John Berry and the St. Mark Baptist Church of Long Beach.

Spirit of Zion had a night at the movies to see "The Son of God."

During the month of March, the Pastor preached the following sermons:

"God's 20/20 Vision"

"I Must Avoid Being Disappointed"

"We Have Something Great"

During the Pastor's Bible Study, we continued in our study of "Biblical Stewardship."

During the month, twelve people joined the church, two people accepted Christ, and fifteen people made decisions for restoration during homegoing services.

Spirit of Zion had one new member in March.

APRIL, 2014

We celebrated the 47th birthday of Pastor Hill.

Our Angelic Choir sang for a National Ushers Meeting, Pastor Hill preached for Dr. Wade's 39th Pastoral Anniversary at the Mount Moriah Baptist Church, we participated in the Baptist Ministers' Conference First Joint Good Friday Service. Edward Hill III turned twenty years old. Both churches fully participated in Basketball Jersey Day.

Pastor Hill and Family attended the homegoing services of Dr. A. Louis Patterson of Mount Corinth Missionary Baptist Church of Houston.

S.W.A.T. (Soul Winning Action Team) ministry was six years old.

During the Month of April, the Pastor preached the following sermons:

“I Smell Victory”

“I Am Determined to Make a Turn-a-Round”

“The Value in Taking Time-Outs”

During April, we continued our study during our Pastor's Bible Study “Biblical Stewardship: From God's House to Your House.”

During the month of April, three people joined the church.

At Spirit of Zion, one new member came down the aisle in April.

MAY, 2014

We celebrated the 122nd Birthday of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church; praise God for keeping the Ship of Zion afloat!

The Pastor and Family hosted all Church Mothers to a wonderful catered lunch in the Mount Zion Basement.

We celebrated all mothers and women on Mother's Day.

We had an awesome Women's Day Program where the Women turned in nearly \$10,000.00 in tithes and offerings.

First Lady Tisa Hill had a book signing of her first book, Me and My Daddy's Diary.

Both churches took a theater trip to see "Porgy and Bess" at the Ahmanson Theater.

Members of both churches produced a Jane Edna Hill Team to participate in the Revlon Women's Run/Walk for Cancer through the efforts of Sister Phyllis Johnson. They nearly raised \$10,000.00.

We had our annual fellowship with Pastor A. D. Iverson and the Paradise Baptist Church.

We remembered those who once dwelt richly among us during Memorial Day.

During the Month of May, the Pastor preached the following sermons:

"What Do We Get From the Blood?"

"How to Find a Good Woman!"

"Lord, Help My Communication!"

During May, we studied in our Pastor's Bible Study "Biblical Stewardship: From God's House to Your House" and "A Lesson on Stewardship from the School of the Ants"

During the month of May, four people joined the church and through the ministry of S.W.A.T. we saw 2 people saved.

At Spirit of Zion, one new member walked down the aisle.

JUNE, 2014

June began our season of casual church attire and our Supernatural Summer Campaign.

We celebrated the 44th Birthday of our first lady, Sister Tisa Hill.

Our music ministry, led by Tony Wilkins, was eight years old. Our Music Ministry has grown to seven choirs, three praise teams, one praise dance ministry, two mime dance ministries, and a host of directors and musicians.

Our Praise Teams became a part of our worship service seven years ago and have continued to bless us each Sunday.

Our Children demonstrated their love for Christ on Children's Day. They presented their combined tithes of nearly \$9,700.00.

We celebrated Mother Hazel Royal's 42 years in Children's Ministry.

We celebrated Father's Day by honoring men and celebrating our Fathers. We paid special tribute to our own Deacon Cleveland Ashley, who is 98 years old, who we have respectfully given the title of "Father of the Church."

Four years ago, Pastor Hill organized The New-Generation Ministry, known as the New-G Ministry, which is our Young Adult Ministry.

Our Transitions Ministry led by First Lady Tisa Hill was three years old.

Our basketball teams ended their season with Team Pride winning the championship of their division.

We began organizing our new Tribal Ministry which replaces our old Circles and Divisions. We are now organized into the 12 Tribes of Zion which includes four regions.

We were blessed with the following sermons from our Pastor: "One Life to Live," "A Great Example of Fatherhood," "Why Am I Not Doing Better?" Our Pastor's Bible study continued to be a blessing to us with lessons entitled "No More Pity Parties" and "Faith in God."

Again, the Lord blessed our church with four new members. Nine more people were saved during our S.W.A.T. Ministry's witnessing.

At Spirit of Zion, two more people joined the church

JULY, 2014

We celebrated the 4th of July by thanking God for our country, its independence, and our personal freedom.

One year after changing our worship and Sunday School times, we are continuing to be blessed by the change.

Spirit of Zion Fellowship Church relocated from the Envision Center in Van Nuys to a beautiful church sanctuary at First Baptist Southern Church in North Hollywood. Praise the Lord!

Pastor and wife celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary.

Our Children's Church Ministry was one year old.

Our 12 Tribes of Zion had their first Tribal Ministry Fellowships.

We had Mentorship Emphasis Day.

Our first 122nd Anniversary Celebration with Pastor David Rhone and the Victory Tabernacle of Praise was a blessing.

We held the Gathering -- our first Music and Worship Arts Workshop with both Mount Zion and Spirit of Zion participating.

Pastor Hill preached for the graduation of the National Evangelical Conference at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Our Pastor's sermons in the month of July were:

“Watch Out; I'm on Fire!”

“How Do You Feel About Change?”

“The Value of a Good Name”

We were taught at the Pastor's Bible Study:

“What Is Humility?”

“Description of a Hardened Fool”

Spirit of Zion welcomed five new members during the month of July

AUGUST, 2014

Pastor Hill preached for the third year in a row at the Cr. C. A. W. Clark Annual Revival at the Paradise Baptist Church. Our MZ Praise Dancers, MZ Mime Dancers and Unity Choir participated and many members from Mount Zion and Spirit of Zion supported the Pastor.

The Mount Zion Legacy Ministry completed its first year in existence.

The Pastor and family took the graduates of both churches to lunch at El Toritos Restaurant in Marina Del Rey.

We observed the 37th Anniversary of the founding of the Speak Gospel Hands Ministry.

The Young People and Children went to Mulligan Family Fun Center.

Both churches distributed school supplies to over seventy students in South Central and the San Fernando Valley.

We had our first Regional Tribal Fellowships.

We had our second 122nd Church Anniversary service with our guest Bishop Henry Hearn.

We had another Worship Arts Day.

We had our second meeting of the Gathering.

The Pastor preached from the following during the month of August:

“The King is Dead!”

“It’s Time for You to Have Peace”

“How to Make Lemonade Out of Lemons”

During the month of August, the Pastor taught us in Bible Study from the topics “Description of a Hardened Fool (part 2). Pastor and First Lady Tisa taught a combined lesson on “What We Believe About Suicide.”

Praise God for four people who joined the church during the month of August. Through the ministry of Mount Zion’s S.W.A.T., one person was saved.

At Spirit of Zion, we welcomed two new members to our fellowship

SEPTEMBER, 2014

We welcomed Dr. Manuel Scott Jr. back to Zion and were blessed as he preached to us the Word of God in celebration of our 122nd Church Anniversary.

We observed National Back to Church Day.

Both churches participated in Football Jersey Day.

We had an excellent Young People's Demonstration Day

We honored Sister Lillie Manigault for forty-three years of service as Youth Supervisor.

We honored Letha for forty-eight years of service at Mount Zion.

We were represented at the LA Focus' 17th Annual First Ladies High Tea in support of our First Lady Tisa Hill.

We hosted the California State Baptist Youth Convention Fall Rally.

Spirit of Zion had a church outing to the Los Angeles County Fair.

We closed out our summer season with the Gathering Day of Worship, concluding our Music Workshops..

The Pastor preached the following sermon during September:
"Who Is the MVP?"

We continued to be taught by the Pastor and First Lady on "What We Believe About Suicide." Pastor also taught the lesson, "Maintaining Communication in the Home" during Tuesday night Bible study:

The church continued to grow in September as one person came to join the church. Through our S.W.A.T. Ministry, 2 people were saved.

OCTOBER, 2014

We had our first Tribal Bible Studies in twelve different groups across the area entitled "What Does A Christian Lose When He Sins?"

We had a wonderful Church School Promotion Day where our offering was over \$11,000.00 for Sunday School alone.

We honored 63 Sunday School workers for a total of 2,138 years of service.

Women's Ministry sponsored "Pink Day" in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

We participated in the Baptist Minister's Conference City-Wide Revival.

We went to Christ Second Baptist Church in Long Beach, Rev. Welton Pleasant, Pastor. Our own Pastor Hill preached!

Both churches took another trip to the theatre and saw "A Trip to Bountiful."

We had a Prayer and Worship Shut-in.

Our Annual New-G Day was one of the best.

The New-G Ministry sponsored our fifth Harvest Fair for our children.

We had our annual trip to St. Andrews for the Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor Toussaint.

The Royal Rangers/Impact4Girls Ministries concluded their year of classes with a Pumpkin Carving Party.

Our MZ Praise Dance Ministry celebrated five years of service.

The Word continued to be preached by our Pastor:

"It's Time . . . For You to Listen"

"It's Time . . . For You to Stop Being Selfish"

"It's Time . . . For You to Conquer Discouragement"

The Lord blessed us with one person joining the church and one decision at a homegoing service.

NOVEMBER, 2014

We began the month of November remembering the life and work of one of the greatest members our church has ever known -- Sister Jane Edna Hill.

We had a great Annual Men's Day.

We had a Thanksgiving Day Worship Service here at Zion; praise God for the preaching of Pastor Joe L. Gates.

We were represented at the 87st session of the Providence Baptist District Association.

We sent a total of 305 boxes (186 from Mt. Zion and 119 from Spirit of Zion) for Operation Christmas Child to children in Peru, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Nepal (Asia).

All of our regional tribes participated in our Thanksgiving Outreach Projects:

- we gave 26 gift cards of \$25.00 each to families who children attend Hooper Avenue
- we provided 50 lunches to those in need in our community
- we gave donations of clothing and other necessities to the Midnight Mission.
- we volunteered at an Infant Assistance Program

We also gave food to four families who are members of Mount Zion who were in need of food

Spirit of Zion gave a total of \$561.00 for \$25.00 gift cards for families needing food through the Five Acres Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Los Angeles County.

We finally paid off our Summer Operations Project (\$3,119.00) and our 122nd Church Anniversary (\$10,257.00) Offerings. Praise the Lord!

We observed Veterans' Day.

We were blessed by the following sermon from our Pastor:
 "It's Time . . . to Try It; You'll Like It!"

Praise God for five people who joined our church in our worship services and for one more who came to Christ through the witnessing of the S.W.A.T ministry. We also praise God for one new member at Spirit of Zion!

DECEMBER, 2014

We have already worshipped the Lord on Sunday and were blessed by the message delivered by our Pastor “Three Christmas Presents You Don’t Have to Wait to Open!”

Tonight, we are having a wonderful time eating and fellowshiping with each other at our “Sold out” 9th Annual Church Fellowship Banquet and honoring eight members of Mount Zion and four members of Spirit of Zion.

Our Drama Ministry gave their annual Christmas presentation!

We had a wonderful time with our New Members’ leading us on Annual New Members’ Day Sunday. The Pastor preached the sermon, “The Top Five Best Gifts to Give for Christmas.”

We plan to celebrate the Birth of Jesus by giving our church an Annual Christmas Offering through the Outreach offering of the church.

We have passed out and remembered the classic lesson of our former Pastor Hill, “A Better Way To Celebrate Christmas.”

Our Music Ministry will present our Annual Christmas Musical Celebration at both churches.

We will expect family and friends to worship together as we emphasize Family Day on the fourth Sunday at both churches.

Some of our young people will attend the CSBC Youth and Young Adult Convention in Fresno.

We will close out the year 2014 with our New Year’s Eve Watch Night Praise Party for Mount Zion and Spirit of Zion.

So far, as we look forward to closing out the year of 2014, we rejoice that the following decisions for Christ have been made through Mount Zion, and our S.W.A.T Ministry:

SAVED	33
BAPTIZED	11
NEW MEMBERS	22
RESTORATION	25

Currently, Spirit of Zion has 113 members and is preparing to celebrate their 2nd Anniversary in January!

We praise God for 2014!