

# The Department of Church Growth and Development

## Evangelism - Home Mission

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

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## DECISION DAY OBSERVANCE 2018



**Theme:**  
"The Freedom Church:  
Reviewing Our Practices"



# Decision Day Observance 2018

October 28, 2018

*The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church*

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### **Theme: The Freedom Church: Reviewing Our Practices**

The Book of Discipline of our Church directs that every Sunday Church School shall emphasize "Decision Day" annually in the month of October. It further directs that each Sunday Church School should undertake an evangelistic quota for active membership. In the recent past, the Decision Day Observance has also been an opportunity for the local churches to share financial gifts in support of the Department of Church Growth and Development: *Evangelism & Home Mission*. While financial gifts are welcomed during this observance, the Department of Church Growth and Development is placing its greatest emphasis upon decisions for Christ and faithfulness in ministry.

This year our theme as the Freedom Church is **Reviewing Our Practices**. Our purpose as born again believers is to do the work of an evangelist, faithfully sharing the word of Faith that brings salvation to all who believe in their hearts and confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus Christ. Our definition of evangelism: "Evangelism is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ by words, deeds and signs empowered by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of making disciples for Christ."

Evangelism is not something we do to people; it is what do with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Doing the work of an evangelist includes warning believers about the challenges they will face in perilous times due to an increase in moral decay, godless formalism, religious persecution, and religious imposters.

More than that, doing the work of an evangelist includes clearly teaching believers the word of God as a firm foundation for building lasting faith and living productive lives. (2 Tim. 3:14, 15) We should be our children's first Christian Educators, teaching them God's word. (2 Tim. 1:5) We should bring them to the church, where they can attend all facets of its teaching ministry. Then we should model life-long study of God's word, helping others discover the benefits of God's word that makes us wise unto salvation. (2 Tim. 3:14, 15)

God gave His only begotten Son, Jesus the Christ to redeem his people and establish His Church at the price of His Son's blood. For more than 2000 years, He has guarded and protected the Church from corruption, heresy and persecution. Then God gave His Holy Spirit to direct and empower His church. God's agenda has not changed. The Freedom Church must review our practices, examine our conduct and demonstrate our faith as Christian disciples. Then review our practices as we fulfill our purpose to making Christian disciples and helping Christian disciples become Christian disciple makers.

This year, God is calling His Church back to the basics: being a disciple of Christ and helping others to do the same. Decision Day 2018 is rooted and grounded in the quest to see all our members, children, youth and adults move beyond religion and ritual to authentic relationships with God through Jesus Christ. While still targeting our youth and children, the Decision Day Observance must broaden its scope in order to reach people of all ages who are in need of making a life-changing decision for Christ.



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Report Form

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor in charge \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Elder \_\_\_\_\_ P. E. District \_\_\_\_\_

Presiding Bishop \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Episcopal District \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_

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**REPORT OF DECISIONS**

Type of Decisions Made	During Decision Day Observance(s)	During the Year (Nov. 2017 - Oct. 2018)
Number of Conversions		
Number of Re-dedications		
New Members Added		
Number called to Preach		
Number of Special Events		

Financial gift for the Bureau of Evangelism \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to: **Bureau of Evangelism**  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn: #225/#648 *Marching To Zion*

The Call to Worship

Leader: But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true  
worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

People: For the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

Leader: God is Spirit.

All: And those who worship Him must worship in spirit and  
in truth.

The Invocation

The Hymn of Praise: #29/#29 *Come Thou Fount*

The Responsive Reading: [AMEZ Hymnal] p. 96, 43<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
Morning or [Bicentennial] p. 76, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Morn. - Kingdomtide

The Apostles' Creed: #657/#705

The Gloria Patri: #641/#703

The Lesson from the Holy Scriptures

The Call to Prayer: #404/#256 *More Love to Thee*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Choral Selection

The Ministry of Kindness Offering

The Announcements

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

The Hymn of Preparation: #205/#433 *I Am Thine O Lord*

The Preaching of the Gospel

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Hymn of Invitation: #185/#415 *Just As I Am*

The Recessional Hymn: #252/#287 *Take the Name of Jesus With You*

The Benediction

**(Hymn numbers are from the AME Zion Church Hymnal, followed  
by the AME Zion Church Bicentennial Hymnal)**

### The Sinner's Prayer

Lord Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner. I turn from my sins and my  
unrighteousness, and I turn to you. I believe that you died for my sins and  
rose from the dead for my justification. I place my trust in You as my  
personal Savior, and I receive You into my heart as Lord and Master of  
my life. Help me to follow you as I accept your free gift of eternal life.  
Amen.

(Please use the appropriate forms to report the number and the nature of  
the decision made for Christ. These should include any conversions, re-  
dedications, new members, and those answering the call to the gospel  
ministry or Christian service.) Send all correspondence to:

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**"THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW JESUS"**

Sunday, October 28, 2018



# Spiritual Emphasis Week

## January 6-12, 2019



**“A Celebration of Prayer, Praise, and Proclamation”**

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Spiritual Emphasis Week offers an opportunity for each local church to begin the year on a high spiritual note. The entire membership should be encouraged to participate as the church gathers Sunday through Friday for prayer, praise, and proclamation of the word. This annual event should climax with the clergy and laity of the Presiding Elder District coming together for a special service on Saturday. The suggested theme and daily sub-themes for Spiritual Emphasis Week 2019 are as follows:

**THEME: Christ’s Ambassadors in Pursuit of Excellence**

*God’s people in pursuit of excellence: Sharing, Serving and Striving*

**KEY SCRIPTURES: Ephesians 4:17-24; 5:15 -33, 6:1-20**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
<b>Sunday</b>	Jan. 6, 2019	In pursuit of Excellence requires that we not live as unbelievers.	Ephesians 4:17-19
<b>Monday</b>	Jan. 7, 2019	In pursuit of Excellence requires that we live as Christ teaches.	Ephesians 4:20-24
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jan. 8, 2019	In pursuit of Excellence requires that we walk in God’s wisdom.	Ephesians 5:15-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jan. 9, 2019	In pursuit of Excellence requires us to lead Spirit-filled lives.	Ephesians 5:18-20
<b>Thursday</b>	Jan. 10, 2019	In pursuit of Excellence requires surrender and Submission.	Ephesians 5:21-6:9
<b>Friday</b>	Jan. 11, 2019	In pursuit of Excellence requires that we put on God’s Armor.	Ephesians 6:10-17
<b>Saturday</b>	Jan. 12, 2019	In pursuit of Excellence involves a powerful prayer life.	Ephesians 6:18-20

