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SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK
“A Week of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation”

JANUARY 3-9, 1999

The Board of Bishops of the A.M.E. Zion Church has endorsed the observance of “Spiritual Emphasis Week” for all of Zion Methodism. Each Pastor and Presiding Elder is asked to put forth every effort to make this event one that is meaningfully observed.

Spiritual Emphasis Week, observed the first full week of each new year, is a time for consecration and dedication to the Lord, Jesus Christ. This special event is to begin on the first Sunday in January with the Morning Worship Service introducing the theme for the week. Another service, focusing on the first of seven sub-themes, is to be held in the afternoon or the evening. The week is to continue with each local church gathering every evening for prayer, praise and proclamations centered on the sub-themes. The observance is to climax with each Presiding Elder District gathering on Saturday for a special service, which is also to include a season of prayer, a time of praise, and the proclamation of the Word. The theme and sub-themes for the week are as follows:

**THEME: “The Repentance that Leads to Revival:
God’s People Turning from Our Sins and Experiencing the Benefits of His Presence”**

KEY VERSE: II CHRONICLES 7:14
SCRIPTURE LESSON: II CHRONICLES 7:12-22

	“If My people who are called by My name . . .	
Sun.	“Will humble themselves”	Turning from Pride to Humility
Mon.	“And pray”	Turning from Self-sufficiency to Prayer
Tues.	“And seek My face”	Turning from Corruption to Christ
Wed.	“And turn from their wicked ways”	Turning from Wickedness to Holiness
	“Then I will . . .	
Thur.	“Hear from heaven”	Experiencing God’s Answers to Our Prayers
Fri.	“And will forgive their sin”	Experiencing God’s Forgiveness of Our Sins
Sat.	“And heal their land”	Experiencing God’s Healing of Our Land