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EVANGELIZING THE WORLD WITH A CHRIST-CENTERED GOSPEL



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Decision Day Observance 2001

October 28, 2001

African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church



DECISION DAY 2001



The Book of Discipline of the A.M.E. Zion 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 Bureau of Evangelism. While financial gifts will be welcomed during this observance, the Bureau is placing its greatest emphasis upon decisions for Christ.

The Evangelistic theme for this quadrennium is "Making Christian Disciples: A Mandate from Christ." The theme for Decision Day 2001 is *Evangelizing the World with a Christ-Centered Gospel*. Because evangelism is the first major step in fulfilling Christ's mandate, this year we want to stress the importance of aggressively taking the good news of Jesus Christ to people from every walk of life. The Christ-Centered gospel is indeed "*the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.*" [Romans 1:16] The Lord Jesus said that "the harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few." [Luke 10:2] Christ revealed that the problem in evangelism is not with the harvest. The harvest is ready. People in the world are ripe for the gospel. The problem is with the laborers. There are too few of them willing to laborer in God's harvest. Let us begin praying in earnest to the Lord of the harvest that He would send laborers into His harvest. Let us also hear and answer Christ's call and become laborers sent into His harvest. Let us labor in the harvest with complete confidence in the gospel's power to save those who believe it.

The Annual Decision Day Observance is generally held the fourth Sunday in October. However, it may be observed any time during October or even in November, if it is convenient for the local church. During the harvest season, the constituents of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church pause to celebrate the harvest of souls (conversions, new members, re-dedications) gathered during the previous twelve months, as well as those entering the ministry or any form of Christian service. Forms have been provided in order to assist churches in the reporting process.



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DECISION DAY OBSERVANCE 2001



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 _____

REPORT OF DECISIONS

<u>Type of Decisions Made</u>	<u>During Decision Day Observance(s)</u>	<u>During the Year (Nov. 2000 - Oct. 2001)</u>
Conversions	_____	_____
Re-dedications	_____	_____
New Members	_____	_____
The Ministry	_____	_____
Christian Service	_____	_____

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn: #111 *Jesus the Light of the World*

The Call to Worship

Leader: Christ Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross.
People: So that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness.
Leader: By His wounds you have been healed.
All: We were going astray like sheep, but now we have returned
to the shepherd:

The Invocation

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

The Responsive Reading: page 76 (*1 John 2:24-25, 28-29; 3:1-2*)

The Apostles' Creed: #705

The Gloria Patria: #703

The Lesson from the Holy Scriptures: Romans 1:14-17

The Call to Prayer: #290 *I Have a Savior, He's Pleading in Glory*

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: #439 *A Charge to Keep I Have*

The Preaching of the Gospel

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Hymn of Invitation: #413 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

The Recessional Hymn: #598 *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

The Benediction

(Hymns and Responsive Readings are taken from the Bicentennial Hymnal of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church)

The Sinner's Prayer

Lord Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner. I turn from my sins and my righteousness, 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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Theme:

“Evangelizing the World with a Christ-Centered Gospel”



EVANGELISM AROUND THE WORLD

Sunday, October 28, 2001



Spiritual Emphasis Week

JANUARY 6-12, 2002



“A Week 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 2002 are as follows:

THEME: “*Evangelizing the World with A Christ-Centered Gospel*”

KEY VERSES: Romans 10:1-17

Sunday	Jan. 6, 2002	A Burden for Lost Souls	Romans 10:1
Monday	Jan. 7, 2002	Intercessory Prayer for the Lost	Romans 10:1
Tuesday	Jan. 8, 2002	Reaching the Lost in the Church	Romans 10:2,3
Wednesday	Jan. 9, 2002	Salvation through Faith in Christ	Romans 10:4-10
Thursday	Jan. 10, 2002	The Universality of Salvation	Romans 10:11-13
Friday	Jan. 11, 2002	The Need for the World to Hear the Gospel	Romans 10:14
Saturday	Jan. 12, 2002	The Need for God’s People to Share the Gospel	Romans 10:15-17