

### 3 Things to Do

1. Identify some ministry or someone who needs your gift.
2. Pray that God will help the people who you desire to help. Ask him to give you what you need to bless them.
3. If you've been walking by someone in need, ask God to help you love him or her appropriately.

Refocusing on Purpose –  
*Why Zion? Love!*

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What is your spiritual gift? Can you guess the spiritual gifts of those persons in your church family?
2. What spiritual gifts do others see in you? Do you agree with them that you have that particular gift?
3. For each spiritual gift, list 2 or 3 ministries that people with that gift could participate in.
4. How do you use your spiritual gifts to help others? How do you use your gifts to help the church?

## Church Calendar

### CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

### MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

### HOUR OR POWER BIBLE STUDY/ PRAYER MEETING

TUESDAY 12 'NOON /7:30 PM

### EVENTS FOR JULY 2017

*Monday, 31st — Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30 PM*

### EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2017

*Saturday, 19th — Mass Meeting and Back to School Prayer Rally, St. Lucille A.M.E. Zion Church, 5100 Astor Place, S.E., Washington DC at 9:00 AM; Please see Marsha Clark to pay your dues of \$5.00.*

*Monday, 28th — Ministry Team Meeting, 7:30 PM*

### SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE: JULY—AUGUST 2017

*Sunday School will begin at 8:30 AM  
Service will begin at 10:00 AM*

## Church Announcements

### Peace Benediction in E<sup>b</sup>

By Darrell J. Gaskin

Please don't worry about anything  
But pray and ask God for everything  
you need

Always giving thanks  
And He'll give you peace for your heart  
and mind.

And the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding  
will keep your heart and mind  
In Christ Jesus, the Lord.

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**Shalom!**

*It's God's Plan for You!*

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Next Week

Rev. Dr. William L. Ward

## Do you hear the call for the Freedom Church?

1. Broken Homes.
2. Violence in our Communities.
3. Too many are going to jail and not enough to college.
4. Too many poor families and too few businesses.

Your Notes

## WHAT DID PASTOR GASKIN PREACH ABOUT TODAY?

We must answer the call of the community for the Freedom Church. We cannot stand by watching others in need and withhold our gifts, talents and resources. We must show them the love of Jesus and respond to their need with love. This demonstrates true love for God and his people. We must love with action and in truth. We must use our gifts to bless God, the church and our communities. Failure to do so is to deny the love of Jesus in us. Answering the call requires sacrifice. But love always requires sacrifice. So let's show compassion and love.

*The Community is Calling for the Freedom Church  
Love Compels Us to Answer the Call and Use Our Gifts.*

- I. Why should we answer the call? Why Zion? Why Us? **LOVE** (1 John 3:16-18)
- II. We have the vision to meet the needs of people in our community. We want to share compassion, health, scholarship and peace with them.
- III. Why us? We love the Lord and the Lord God has given us gifts and grace to make a difference.
- IV. Who should we show love to? Our Neighbors. Remember the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10:25-37)
- V. Jesus wants us to show mercy, and to love with action in truth.
- VI. Make the sacrifice and answer the call.
  1. Prophets evangelize and advocate.
  2. Servers serve and volunteer.
  3. Teachers teach and close that achievement gap.
  4. Encouragers inspire and motivate.
  5. Givers give to purpose.
  6. Administrators lead.
  7. Those full of mercy show mercy.
- VII. Someone knocking at the door. Answer it for **LOVE**.

## Words to Remember

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:16-18, NIV)

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” (Luke 10:36-37, NIV)