

3 Things to Do

1. Through prayer, identify your service to the church and the community.
2. Pray to God for guidance on how you should fulfill your service.
3. Serve! Stop wasting time. Get involved in the church's ministry. Get involved in your community.

Refocusing on Purpose *Birth of the Freedom Church*

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Why is the AME Zion Church called the Freedom Church? What was its purpose?
2. Do African American communities still need the Freedom Church? Why?
3. What distinguish the Freedom Church from just a church with an engaging preaching and music ministry?
4. How can Beth Shalom be the Freedom Church? How has the ministry of the Word at Beth Shalom changed you?

Church Calendar

CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAY 8:30 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 10:00 AM

HOUR OR POWER BIBLE STUDY/ PRAYER MEETING

TUESDAY 12 'NOON /7:30 PM

EVENTS FOR JULY 2017

*Monday, 17th—Friday, 21st —
Vacation Bible School, 7:00 PM-9:00
PM Nightly. Classes for All Ages!*

*Monday, 31st — 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^b

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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PASTOR



Shalom!

It's God's Plan for You!

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---- A Compassionate Ministry ----

Rev. Dr. Darrell J. Gaskin, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Rita J. Colbert, Presiding Elder
Rt. Rev. W. Darin Moore, Presiding Bishop

Next Week
Spiritual Gifts

The Nation's Birthday

1. July 4, 1776
2. Mother Zion 1796
3. The AME Zion Church 1821
4. Galbraith Church
5. Beth Shalom

Your Notes

WHAT DID PASTOR GASKIN PREACH ABOUT TODAY?

The AME Zion Church is the Freedom Church. For our congregation, Beth Shalom, to live up to this name we must be disciples of Jesus Christ. We must take the ministry of the Word seriously. Learn, live and experience the truth of Christ's teachings. This will set us free from sin and sinful desires and give us the inspiration, motivation and aspiration to serve God in our home, church and communities. The Word of God will spiritually equip us to pursue the works of God. Therefore, we will bless God and those persons whose lives we touch.

Consider the Birth of the Freedom Church

Our Church Fathers Started Zion to Equip the African Saints.

I. What is the Key to Freedom?
Knowing the Truth.

II. How can we know the truth? By being disciples of Jesus Christ and living according to his teachings.

III. We have to get more out of church. The ministry of the Word has to impact our lives.

IV. Why did our ancestors start the AME Zion Church? The Mother Denomination had locked up the potential of its ministers and lay persons of African descent.

V. Remember the purpose of ministry is to build up the saints of God and equip them for the works of service. (Ephesian 3:11-13)

VII. It is my job to preach and teach the Word so that you can do some good. Where?

- In Your Home
- In Our Church
- In Our Community

VIII. The World Still Needs a Freedom Church.

Words to Remember

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:31-37; NIV)