

# THE VOICES OF MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH



## REUNION CHOIR CONCERT 2017

MAKE A *Joyful*  
NOISE  
UNTO THE LORD



**FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017 • 7:00PM**

**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
353 S. New Road, Pleasantville, NJ 08232  
Rev. Willie D. Francois III, Pastor



# Voices of Zion



## Reunion Members

Rev. Rachelle Moore Lane    Rhonda Moore Mcqueen    Dr. Robin Moore Greene

Rev. Julia Moore    Joyce Nellom    Rev. Joyce Cross

Rev. Rosetta Brown    Deacon Delores Carr    Renee Woodson

Beverly Goodman    Deacon George Godfrey    Sherell Anderson Watson

Johanne Peopples    Cheryl Campbell    Rosaline Cherry

Cynthia Doughty    Theresa Mitchell    Trisha Fann



*“Sing forth the honor of his name: Make his Praise Glorious.”  
Psalm 66:2*

# The Voices of Zion 2017



**Minister Ken Buckmon, Minister of Music**  
**Marionette Todd, Asst. Minister of Music**

### SOPRANOS

Cynthia Hyke  
Wendy Mays  
Elaine Green  
Beth Williams  
Corless Irwin  
Dawn Byrant  
Mahulda Kemp  
Lynn Buckmon  
Lovell Rowell

### ALTOS

Sandra Beard  
Dorcas Williams  
Coleen Frazier  
Theresa Brown  
Kim Mays  
Silva Reynolds  
Louise Neblett  
Utika Byrd  
Candy Wesley  
Natalie Latoucce  
Lesley Watson  
Towanna Cobb  
Yvonne Smith

### TENORS

Min. Cynthia Elliott  
Rev. Rick Fazion  
Carol Lilly  
Deacon William Stanley  
Deacon Bill Simmons  
Deacon Wilbert Vincent  
Daniel Whittaker  
Venetia Van Gill  
Theresa Campbell  
Gina Carlisle  
Cynthia Gross Johnson





# A Brief History of *The Voices of Zion*

Former Pastor Dr. Winfred J. Sanders requested Mrs. Marionette Todd and Bishop-Elect William Butch Oatman, Sr. to organize a mass choir here at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, in the fall of 1988. The members were very excited and eager to lift the Lord's name in song and on the second Sunday in December of that year the choir sang for the first time at the 11:00am service. The New Year brought requests for the Mt. Zion Mass Choir to sing for various programs and as the generic name "Mass Choir" became more popular the members sought a new name to identify themselves. Pastor Sanders recommended The Voices of Zion – VOZ abbreviated, which in Spanish is translated "Voice". This was accepted immediately and a mission statement and by-laws were adopted.

The Voices of Zion sang the songs of Zion during the 1990's throughout Atlantic County, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, North Carolina, and on TV with Sandra Usry's Sunrise Gospel Program. Their voices combined in concert with The Voices of Faith of Faith Baptist Church, The New Mount Calvary Gospel Ensemble, and as one of the seven area choirs that united under the direction of Bishop-Elect William Butch Oatman, Sr. to form the Unified Voices of Praise. They took great joy in hosting numerous choirs including Wilmington Chester Mass Choir, Peggy Britt and the Philharmonic Choir, Gloria Neal and the International Ladies of Song, The Savettes of Philadelphia, and Natalie Wilson and SOP Chorale. The choir was honored to have many of the most talented musicians and vocal directors in the area sit on the organ stool to play and to direct them in song during this time. Do these names ring a bell? Dr. Robert B. Manning, Rev. T.C. Michaels, Durrell Rose, Bubby Fann, Harvey Drew Dawson, Michael Crews, Rex Hill, Calvin Anderson, and notable instrumentalists like Ryon Farmer, Ahmed Gorham, Steve Mitchell, Russell Banks, Ronald Anderson, Tony Day, Kenneth Moore, James Moore, Tony Bell and others. Choir directors like Brother Zapha McKuen, Darchale Todd-Scott, Vance Henderson and Sister Todd cultivated the exceptional features of the Voices of Zion.

The 21st Century brought numerous changes in personnel. The choir continued to host workshops led by superb leaders like Pastor Charles Lyles, Rev. Dr. Lester Taylor, Minister William Carter III, and our own Franklin "Bubby" Fann. Today the sound of their voices can be heard at area revivals, National Night Out events and other community endeavors. They continue to organize fellowships and fundraising efforts such as pew rallies, bus trips and Christmas bazaars. Concerts under the banner of "Those Singing Sisters" and "Those Singing Brothers" produce an atmosphere of love and spiritual partnerships. "The Gospel Music Awards Night" was tailored to bring every voice from every church to the forefront, and was enjoyed by everyone who appreciates the gift of praise. Sister Marionette Todd spearheaded all of these endeavors. Her tolerance, leadership and commitment to making the Voices of Zion a musical blessing has never ceased.

She called on the talents of Marcus Witherspoon, and Rev. Tony Mays to play the songs of Zion and instill a quality of music that is unique to VOZ. The choir continues to grow into a spirit-filled maturity. The current leadership of Minister Kenneth Buckmon on the organ accompanied by Jeff Burnside and Tyron Edwards on drums with a bass backup by Minister Tony Bell lends a quality of distinctiveness that labels the sound as The Voices of Zion of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Pleasantville, NJ. The choir is blessed: founded by the originality of Sister Marionette Todd, under the spiritual guidance of the Lord Jesus Christ and now amplified by His under shepherd, Rev. Willie Dwayne Francois, III. To God be the glory!



Respectfully submitted:  
Deaconess Louise Gorham-Neblett  
VOZ Member since 1990



## Programme



**Praise & Worship**.....Darchele Todd Scott & Company

**Introduction of Worship Leader**.....Deacon George Godfrey

### **Worship Leader**

Rev. Duncan Lane

**Scripture**.....Min. Cynthia Elliott

**Prayer**.....Rev. Rick Fazion

### Voices of Zion Reunion Concert (Part I)

#### **PROCESSIONAL OF THE VOICES OF ZION REUNION CHOIR "WE COME TO HAVE CHURCH"**

♪ That's When He Blessed Me.....Cheryl Campbell & George Godfrey

♪ Sold Out.....

♪ Safe In His Arms.....Rosaline Cherry

**Offering**.....Trustees

**Presentations**.....Reunion Committee

**Memorial and Lighting of Candle**.....Delores Carr

♪ Sovereign.....Marionette Todd

### Voices of Zion Reunion Concert (Part II)

♪ When The Spirit of The Lord.....Franklin "Bubby" Fann

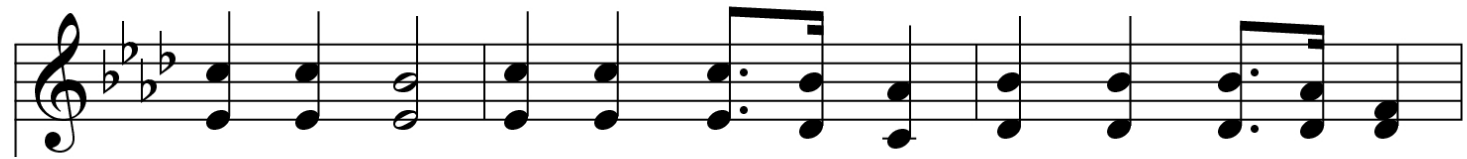
♪ You've Been So Grateful.....Louise Neblett & George Godfrey

♪ Magnify Him.....Sherrell Anderson Watson

**Remarks**.....Marionette Todd  
Rev. Willie D. Francois, III

**Benediction**.....Rev. Willie D. Francois, III

“NEVER FORGET THE BRIDGE THAT BROUGHT YOU OVER”



**ORGANIST/ MINISTER'S OF MUSIC**

Dr. Robert E B. Manning  
Rev. T.C. Michaels  
Rev. Franklin “Bubby” Fann  
Harvey Drew Dawson  
Min. Michael Crews  
Rex Hill  
Damien  
Calvin Anderson  
Rev. Antonio Gandy  
Bishop-Elect William Butch Oatman Sr.  
Durrell Rose  
Rev. Tony Mays  
Donald Rowell

**DRUMMERS**

Ahmend Gorham  
Kent Mays  
Tony Day  
Kayla Skyes

**SAXOPHONE**

Ryon Farmer  
Ken Moore

**BASS**

Steve Mitchell  
Deacon James Moore  
Ronald Anderson  
Toney Bell

**DIRECTORS & DIRECTRESS**

Zapatha McCuen  
Van Henderson  
Alfred Bam Lewis  
Darchele Todd Scott  
Marionette Todd



# In Loving Memory



## Voices of Zion Reunion

### Deceased Members

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|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Mrs. Vivian Perry     | Deacon Roosevelt Kay   | Mr. Arthur Williams    |
| Ms. Emily Smith       | Mr. Leon Williams      | Mr. Normans Lampson    |
| Mrs. Margaret Lampson | Bro. Harvey Dawson     | Kay Campbell           |
| Deacon Maurice Cobb   | Deacon Forrest Elliott | Deacon Jenifer Tunsill |
| Bro. Zapatha McCuen   | Betty Gibbs            | Lillie May Larry       |
| Betty Jones           | Claude Robertson       | Bro. Richard Stokes    |
| Melvina Heard         |                        | Deacon John Bryant     |



# Thank You

The Reunion Committee would like to thank all of the Voices of Zion members and reunion members for your participation in this event. To Rev. Antonio Gandy, Rev. Franklin Bubby Fann, Min. Ken Buckmon, Directress Rhonda Moore Mcqueen, Jeff Burnside, Olen Neblett, Dr. Robin Moore Green & Rev. Toney Bell. A special thank you to Sis. Kim Mays and Donald Rasheed



*Mount Zion Baptist*  
Church of Pleasantville

## THE VOICES OF ZION REUNION CHOIR COMMITTEE

Marionette C. Todd, Coordinator & Directress  
Rev. Rachelle Moore Lane, Co-Coordinator & Directress

Cheryl Campbell

Towanna Cobb

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