



WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHAT'S NEW

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MISSION

Our mission is to bring people to Christ by taking Christ to people.

VISION

We strive to be a church that is Christ centered, culturally relevant and community focused.

MOTTO

The church is not the building, it's the people. So come and be the church with us.

(APRIL) SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS



The Lord promised through Ezekiel that there should be showers of blessings. It was a promise in Ezekiel's days but now a reality in the days after Christ completed His redemptive work. So it is essential to grasp what these

showers of blessings are and how to soak yourself in them.

The term “showers” means rain: water falling in drops from the sky. The idea is water coming from heaven to the earth; it describes, in figurative language, what the blessing is and how it operates. I highlight two basic concepts here: First, there is *water*, and then there is the idea of *rain*. While water symbolizes the blessing from God, rain represents the giving of the blessing from God in heaven to us here on earth.

When the showers of blessings fall on the earth, the ground responds by being productive. Besides the idea of water and rain, there is a third element of *the land or the ground*. The earth stands for our lives. When rain falls on a piece of farmland, the crops grow, and everything becomes green and fruitful. What a beautiful picture of the effect of the blessing of God in our lives! After speaking of these showers of blessing in verse 26, Ezekiel then described their results: “And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD” (Ezek. 34:27).

So showers of blessings describe the giving of the blessing from God in heaven, like rain falling on the earth with the effect of abundance, fruitfulness, and luxuriant growth!

Source: www.patrickoben.com



AUTISM “ACCEPTANCE” MONTH IS UNDERWAY...HERE'S WHY THE NAME IS IMPORTANT



April used to be known as Autism Awareness Month. But in 2021, the designation changed to Autism Acceptance Month.

It's a simple – but important – revision.

The Autism Society of America announced the suggested shift in terminology last year, urging the media to go along, in order to ignite change in the lives of those with autism and their families, said Christopher Banks, president and CEO of The Autism Society of America.

"Awareness is knowing that somebody has autism," Banks said. "Acceptance is when you include (a person with autism) in your activities. Help (them) to develop in that community and get that sense of connection to other people."

Knowledge about the condition, which about 1 in 44 U.S. children have been identified with, is still important and Saturday, April 2, is known as World Autism Awareness Day.

In a proclamation released Friday, President Biden said, "I call upon all Americans to learn more about autism to improve early diagnosis, to learn more about the experiences of autistic people from autistic people, and to build more welcoming and inclusive communities to support people with autism."

Autism is identified by a range of conditions, which may affect how individuals behave, communicate, interact and learn, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

About 1 in 44 children has been identified with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and more than 2% of adults in the U.S. are estimated to have ASD, the CDC estimates.

Educational and social programs are vital to improving the opportunities of those with autism. Encouraging inclusive employment, living and social environment can help in the acceptance of the autism community, Banks said.

"We believe that through creating connections, we empower everyone in the autism community with the resources to be able to live fully," he said.

In name of inclusion, the Autism Society of America called attention to a few nationwide initiatives this month, including:

- First-responder training: About 20% of young adults with autism will "interact with a police officer" before they turn 21, and people with disabilities including autism are five times more likely to be incarcerated, the group said.
- Employment advocacy: More than 70% of adults with autism are unemployed or underemployed, the group said. "Given the current labor shortage, employers could benefit from expanding their pool of applicants through inclusive hiring practices. Autistic and neurodiverse individuals bring significant skills that can be harnessed when supported through inclusion and accommodations as needed."

April 2 became officially recognized as World Autism Awareness Day in 2008 with unanimous declarations from the United Nations General Assembly. The goal has been to help improve the quality of life of those with autism.

The campaign started as "an initiative rooted in the medical model of autism and focused on autistic children and finding a cure," wrote Ludmila Praslova, a professor and director of graduate programs in industrial-organizational psychology at Vanguard University of Southern California, who is autistic, in the Harvard Business Review on Friday.

Now, many autistic adults take a different perspective, she wrote, seeking "acceptance and inclusion rather than a cure and prefer the symbolism of diversity and completeness."

Workplaces, for instance, "can do much better than having an outdated, performative Autism Awareness Day," Praslova wrote. "Celebrating autism acceptance and inclusion rather than simply awareness can not only improve the well-being of your autistic employees."

Authored by Maria Moya for USA Today



Autism Awareness Day history

NEW FOR SPRING!



We're happy to announce a new feature that's available to the St. James Family. We have a YouVersion Bible application! In addition to linking your own account, please share the STJ Bible app with your friends, family and coworkers. If you're already a user on the cell phone Bible application, linking to our page is easy. If you're not a user yet, you'll definitely want to download the app and begin using it. We will be doing reading plans together on various topics, and continuing to grow individually and as a church family.

Here is the QR CODE:



All you have to do is: (1) click on the link above, (2) hit the "set church" button, (3) click on "everyone" and (4) confirm. Nothing on your end changes, your account simply links your app to the church YouVersion so you'll be able to connect with the church online throughout the week. Please take a moment and get connected! Thanks in advance for joining the STJ YouVersion family.

EAT SEASONALLY

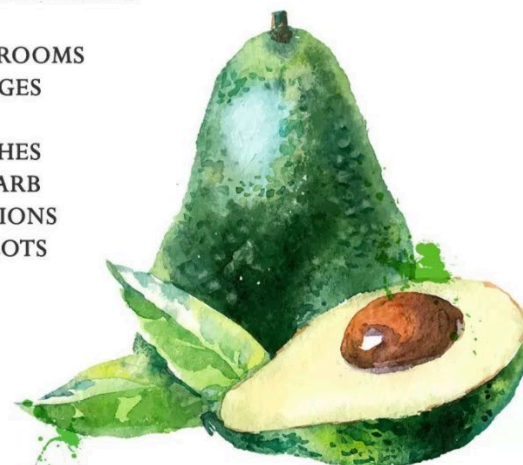
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April Showers

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April Fool's Day

Beginning

Chocolate

Green

Planting

Spring

Aries

Bloom

Earth Day

Grow

Plow

Sun

Baseball

Bunny

Easter

Jellybeans

Puddles

Taurus

Basket

Chicks

Flowers

Jokes

Showers

Warmer Weather



Goal: Provide
40,000 meals
to families in
need in
San Mateo
County
through
**Second
Harvest Food
Bank of Silicon
Valley**

**Speakers between
music sets** giving
short talks covering
addiction recovery,
health, nutrition,
aging well
Eddie G. & Ron Vega
Rickey Wade
Dr. Nick Athens D.C.
Dr. Michael Fontana
D.C. and a word from
Second Harvest FB

The Second Annual Zach Fest Memorial Concert

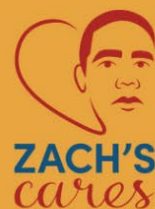
Saturday, April 8, 7pm ~ All Ages
The Fox Theatre ~ Redwood City

The 400 Meter Community Challenge Sequoia High School Track - 8AM



GDWorldBlues.com/The-Second-Annual-Zach-Fest-Memorial-Concert

Four Original Live Bands!



Goal: Establish
nonprofit
organization to
advocate for
health and
nutrition
education for
people of all ages
including
providing for
healthy options
for students who
rely on the Free
Breakfast and
Lunch Programs
in our local
schools "**Zach's
Cares**"

The Zach Fest 400 Meter Community Challenge Sequoia High School Terremere Field Track 8am

Contribute to the Zach
Fest Day fundraising

- Secure Pledges \$5-10 suggested
- Come to the track
- Sign up
- Warm up
- Run your heat
- Celebrate!
- Contribute pledges online thru PayPal

Garrick Davis World Blues



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BEEBE MEMORIAL CATHEDRAL CME & FAME OAKLAND PRESENT

APRIL 7TH, 2023 AT 6PM

THE *Seven* LAST WORDS of Christ GOOD FRIDAY EXPERIENCE



WORD 1: BISHOP CHARLEY HAMES, JR.

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WORD 7: REV. DR. JACQUELINE THOMPSON

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"Do This In Remembrance of Me"

Bishop Brian R. Thompson, Sr., Western Episcopal District, Presiding Prelate

Host Presiding Elder
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All Are Welcome

Host Pastor
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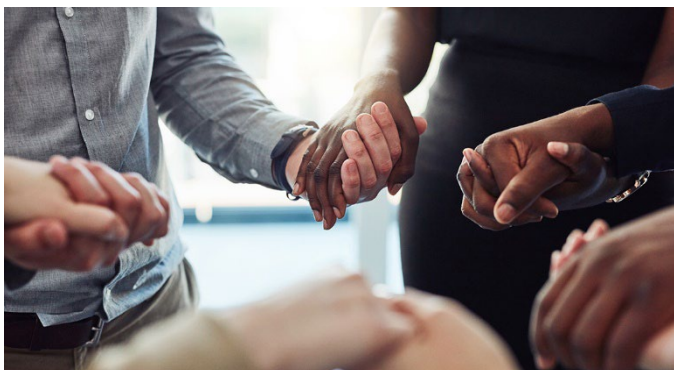
Preacher
REV. NAILAH HUBBARD
First AME Zion Church, San Jose

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Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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possible delivery of the worship service to everyone by enjoying the worship experience live. Thank you so much for your cooperation and assistance.

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- If you have a prayer request
- If you would like to join St James AME Zion Church as a physical or e-member:
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APRIL PRAYER LIST



St. James AME Zion Church family, Pastor Marlyn Bussey and family, Board of Bishops, Bishop Brian Thompson, Sr. and family, The AME Zion, Stephanie Page and family, Marie Davis and family, Sis. Jean Wilson and family, Sis. Evelyn Neely, Joe and Diane, Michael and Ann Wasson, sis. Pearl Rochon, Sis. Charlotte McAfee, Kyle Parker, Jr., Sis. Linda Clayton, the Lax family, Maria Ho, Sebastian Fisher, Jazz Svarda. Those grieving losses, the people of Ukraine, the homeless and hurting; those fighting sickness, safety for houses of faith, educators, students, the unemployed; students and educators, victims of gun violence, essential workers, those traveling; the incarcerated; the lonely, those feeling as though they have no hope. Prayers for those dealing with tornadoes, storms, floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters across this country and this world. All those who are blessed by the Care Portal Ministry, the children nourished by the Breakfast Tree Ministry. Congress, President Biden and his administration. Pray for those enduring extreme weather conditions. Finally, let us pray for all those we interceded for on Sunday morning and throughout the week.