



**The Bureau of Evangelism**  
**African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church**  
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**DECISION DAY OBSERVANCE 2004**  
**“Training Disciples to Make Disciples”**

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**TRAINING DISCIPLES TO  
MAKE DISCIPLES**

**Decision Day  
Observance 2004**

***October 24, 2004***

*African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church*



# THE BUREAU OF EVANGELISM

## African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church



### DECISION DAY OBSERVANCE 2004

**October 24, 2004**

**Theme:**  
**Training Disciples to Make Disciples**

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 [2001-2004] is **“Making Christian Disciples: A Mandate from Christ.”** In 2001 our theme was *“Evangelizing the World with a Christ-centered Gospel.”* It centered on evangelism as the first major step in fulfilling Christ’s mandate and it stressed the importance of aggressively taking the good news of Jesus Christ to people from every walk of life. In 2002 our theme was *“Initiating Converts into a Christ-Centered Church.”* It stressed the importance of initiating those who make decisions for Christ into a local church where they can be nurtured to maturity in Christ. Last year, in 2003, our theme was *“Teaching Believers to Obey Christ’s Commands.”* It focused on the challenge of teaching God’s people to incorporate into their lives the commands and principles of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

The theme for Decision Day 2004 is **“Training Disciples to Make Disciples.”** The most vital step in the disciple making process may very well be that of training disciples to make disciples. Disciple making is a cycle that is not complete until the individual who has been discipled is equipped and empowered to disciple others. This is exactly what the Apostle Paul says to Timothy, his son in the ministry, *“and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.”* (2 Timothy 2:2 NRSV) The church must not only make disciples, it must train disciple makers. Only then, can the church be assured that disciple making will be ongoing.

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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**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**REPORT OF DECISIONS**

<u>Type of Decisions Made</u>	<u>During Decision Day Observance(s)</u>	<u>During the Year (Nov. 2003 - Oct. 2004)</u>
Conversions	_____	_____
Re-dedications	_____	_____
New Members	_____	_____
The Ministry	_____	_____
Christian Service	_____	_____

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Organ Prelude

The Processional Hymn: #548/#530 *God of Our Fathers*

The Call to Worship

Leader: But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers  
will worship the Father in spirit and truth.  
People: For the Father is seeking such to worship Him.  
Leader: God is Spirit.  
All: And those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

The Invocation

The Hymn of Praise: #1/#1 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

The Responsive Reading: [AMEZ Hymnal] p. 96, 43<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Morning or  
[Bicentennial] p. 76, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Morn. - Kingdombtide

The Apostles' Creed: #657/#705

The Gloria Patri: #641/#703

The Lesson from the Holy Scriptures

The Call to Prayer: #337/#446 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

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: #185/#501 *Amazing Grace*

The Preaching of the Gospel

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Hymn of Invitation: #195/#415 *Just As I Am*

The Recessional Hymn: #486/#493 *Blest Be the Tie*

The Benediction

**(Hymn numbers are from the AME Zion Church Hymnal, followed  
by the AME Zion Church Bicentennial Hymnal)**

### **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:

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***EVANGELISM AROUND THE WORLD***

Sunday, October 24, 2004



# Spiritual Emphasis Week

## JANUARY 2-8, 2005



**“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 2005 are as follows:

### **THEME: Reaching Our Full Potential in Christ**

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 5:12 – 9:14

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Sunday	Jan. 2, 2005	<b>Laying a Foundation</b> [Establishing a Relationship with Christ]	Hebrews 5:12 - 6:3
Monday	Jan. 3, 2005	<b>Bearing Fruit</b> [Maintaining a Vital Connection with Christ]	Hebrews 6:4 - 8
Tuesday	Jan. 4, 2005	<b>Enduring Tough Times</b> [Cultivating a Persevering Faith]	Hebrews 6:9 - 15
Wednesday	Jan. 5, 2005	<b>Seizing Hope</b> [Having an Anchor for the Soul]	Hebrews 6:16 - 20
Thursday	Jan. 6, 2005	<b>Growing to Maturity</b> [Experiencing Christian Perfection]	Hebrews 7:11 - 28
Friday	Jan. 7, 2005	<b>Developing Character</b> [Experiencing Change from the inside out]	Hebrews 8:1 - 13
Saturday	Jan. 8, 2005	<b>Pursuing Holiness</b> [Being Set Apart for God's Service]	Hebrews 9:6 - 14