

THE BUREAU OF EVANGELISM
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
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SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK
“A Week of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation”

JANUARY 4-10, 1998

The Board of Bishops of the A.M.E. Zion Church has endorsed the observance of “Spiritual Emphasis Week” for all of Zion Methodism. Each Pastor and Presiding Elder is asked to put forth every effort to make this event one that is meaningfully observed.

Spiritual Emphasis Week, observed the first full week of each new year, is a time for consecration and dedication to the Lord, Jesus Christ. This special event is to begin on the first Sunday in January with the Morning Worship Service introducing the theme for the week. Another service, focusing on the first of seven sub-themes, is to be held in the afternoon or the evening. The week is to continue with each local church gathering every evening for prayer, praise and proclamations centered on the sub-themes. The observance is to climax with each Presiding Elder District gathering on Saturday for a special service, which is also to include a season of prayer, a time of praise, and the proclamation of the Word. The theme and sub-themes for the week are as follows:

**THEME: “Hope for a New Beginning:
God Reshaping the Church through its Rediscoveries”**

KEY VERSES: JEREMIAH 18:4-6
SCRIPTURE LESSON: JEREMIAH 18:1-11

Sunday	Rediscovering Salvation as a Requirement for Full Membership
Monday	Rediscovering the Bible as the Authority for Faith and Practice
Tuesday	Rediscovering Holiness as the Christian’s Moral Code
Wednesday	Rediscovering Evangelism as an Indispensable Part of the Church’s Mission
Thursday	Rediscovering the Laity as Ministers of the Church
Friday	Rediscovering Tithing as a Vital Part of Christian Stewardship
Saturday	Rediscovering the Holy Spirit as God’s Power and Presence in the Church