The Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Kennedy Young, Jr., Senior Pastor



November 1, 2026

1300 E. 50th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90011

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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:00 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING

PRAYER & PRAYER LIST

PRAISE & WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN GIVING

SELECTIONS

SERMON

PASTOR KENNEDY YOUNG, JR.

INVITATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN OF THE MONTH

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

1 I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

MISSION

Equipping believers to **follow God passionately,** love people **authentically,** serve Los Angeles **generously,** and **share the Gospel** bodly.

FOLLOW GOD
passionately
Deepening our relationship with God and living out our faith with purpose.

LOVE PEOPLE
authentically
Building genuine relationships that reflect Christ's love and grace.

SERVE LOS ANGELES
generously
Meeting needs and making a positive impact in our community.

SHARE THE GOSPEL
bodly
Proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ through our words and actions.

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MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Offertory Statement:

Gracious Father, our provider and sustainer, we present these gifts, a symbol of the work You have given us to do at Mount Zion and abroad. Use it, use us, in the service of Your world, according to Your Word, will, and way to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Scripture Reading –Genesis 50:15-21

(L) **15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" 16 So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died:**

(P) **17 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.**

(L) **18 His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?**

(ALL) **20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. 21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.**

MZLA STRENGTHENING YOUR CORE SERMON-SERIES

Genesis 50:15-21 × Breaking the Cycle of Betrayal

Thesis:

God deliberately transforms past betrayal into beneficial outcomes, allowing us to release animosity and impart mercy.

Objective:

You cannot claim breakthrough if you cling to blame.

The Paralyzing Grip of the Past (vv.15–18)

I. _____ of Character (v. 15–16)

II. _____ of Conscience (v. 17)

III. _____ of Posture (v. 18)

The Liberating Grace of the Cross (19–21)

I. _____ Vengeance to God (v. 19)

II. _____ Evil through Providence (v. 20)

III. _____ in Compassion (v. 21)

The Paralyzing Grip of the Past (vv. 15–18)

(a) In verses 15–18, the brothers assume Joseph is only hiding his bitterness until their father dies. Why does unresolved guilt so often make us project our own untrustworthiness onto others, and how has that played out in your own relationships?

(b) When we are carrying old hurts or fear, someone hasn't truly forgiven us. What defensive "masks" or self-protective habits do we tend to put on in community?

(c) How can we at Zion cultivate a culture where people feel safe bringing their hidden fears, insecurities, and past failures into the light instead of hiding them?

(d) What past mistake, broken relationship, or lingering fear still has a "paralyzing grip" on your emotional or spiritual energy today?

The Liberating Grace of the Cross (vv.19–21)

(a) Joseph declares, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" (v. 20). How does viewing our deepest hurts through the lens of God's redemptive timeline (and ultimately the cross of Christ) change how we carry resentment?

(b) Verse 21 notes that Joseph didn't just pardon his brothers; he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. What is the difference between passive tolerance of an offender and active, grace-filled kindness?

(c) Retaliation and holding grudges are generational and relational defaults. As a church family, how can we practically support one another in choosing the hard path of forgiveness over the easy path of payback?

(d) Who in your life right now needs you to speak words of comfort or release them from a relational debt, and what is one small, tangible step you can take this week to extend that grace?

Christocentric & Practical Steps to Break the Cycle

1. Anchor Your Worth in Christ's Verdict:

When people betray or misjudge you, stop trying to manage their suspicions. Look to Jesus, who did not entrust Himself to human opinion because He knew His standing with the Father (John 2:24–25).

2. De-escalate Retaliation with Divine Perspective:

Acknowledge that while people meant harm, God is sovereign enough to superintend your story. Trade the question, "Why did they do this to me?" For the gospel question. "How is God redeeming this through me?"

3. Extend Unearned Sustenance:

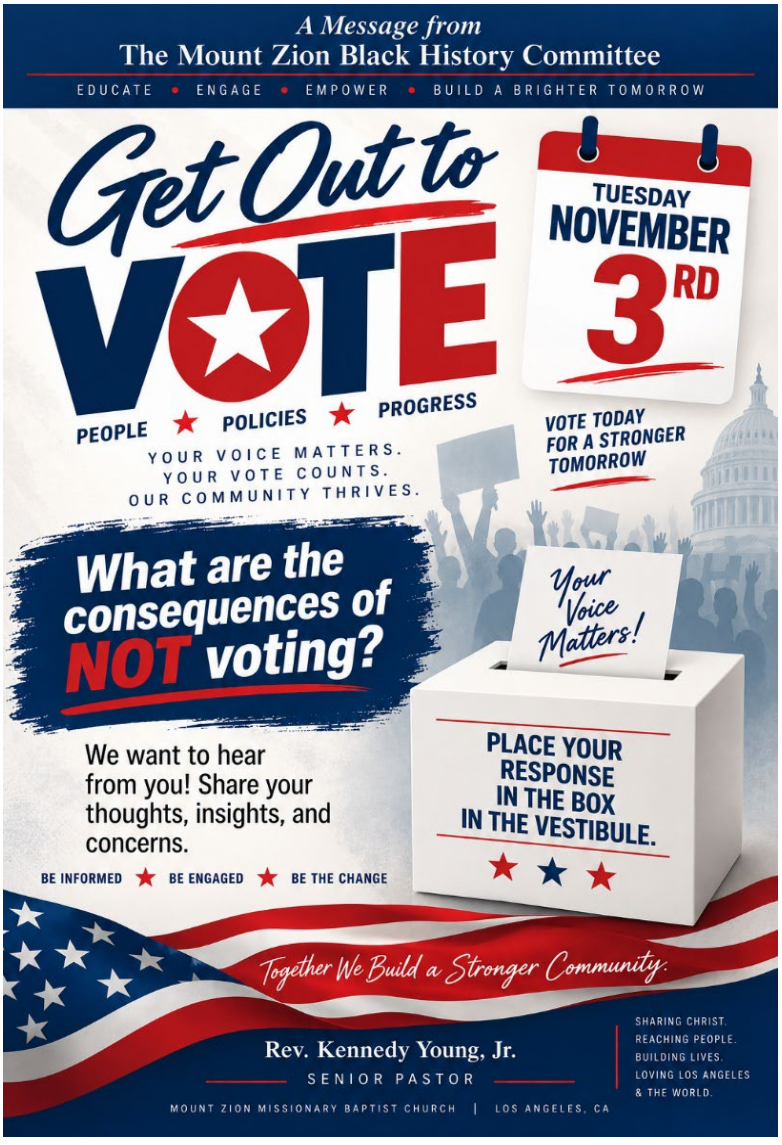
Joseph did not just offer a verbal apology; he fed their children. Break the cycle practically by performing a tangible act of kindness toward those who wronged you—or toward someone in a completely different sphere who needs unmerited grace.

4. Speak Healing Words

Notice that Joseph "spoke kindly to them" (literally spoke to their heart). Purge sarcasm, cold silence, and score-keeping from your vocabulary, replacing them with words that offer safety and dignity.


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MEN'S DAY
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026 | 10 AM


WOMEN'S MINISTRY
PRESENTS
Mother Daughter
Sip N Paint
A special time to connect, create and make beautiful memories together!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
12 PM – 2 PM
AT CHURCH
INCLUDES:
All art supplies
A professional art instructor
A light lunch
$25 PER PERSON
Sign Up Today!
YOU MUST PAY WHEN YOU SIGN UP AND THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.
Please see
Maria Williams or Robin Wilson
TO SIGN UP AND PAY.


A Message from
The Mount Zion Black History Committee
EDUCATE • ENGAGE • EMPOWER • BUILD A BRIGHTER TOMORROW
Get Out to VOTE
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD
PEOPLE ★ POLICIES ★ PROGRESS
YOUR VOICE MATTERS.
YOUR VOTE COUNTS.
OUR COMMUNITY THRIVES.
VOTE TODAY FOR A STRONGER TOMORROW
What are the consequences of NOT voting?
We want to hear from you! Share your thoughts, insights, and concerns.
Your Voice Matters!
PLACE YOUR RESPONSE IN THE BOX IN THE VESTIBULE.
BE INFORMED ★ BE ENGAGED ★ BE THE CHANGE
Together We Build a Stronger Community.
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PRAYER List

LIFTING OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."
James 5:16

- *Praying* for Sis. Rhona Harris who lost her Mother.
- *Praying* for Patrice Wells who lost her Uncle.
- *Praying* for Bro. Charles Ayodele who has been ill.
- *Praying* for *healing* for Mother Ella Arnold.
- *Praying* for Sis. Chloe Lee.
- *Praying* for Sis. Juanita Williams.
- *Praying* for *healing* for Deac. Ben Ashley.
- *Praying* for *healing* for Sis. Candace Blackshear.
- *Praying* for *healing* for Sis. Glenda Moore.
- *Praying* for *healing* for Sis. Dominique Hutchins.
- *Praying* for *healing* for Mother Oretha Yarzieh.
- *Praying* for Sis Beverly Tryon, Mother Shirley Tyus, Mother Bernestine Mabrie, Bro. Leroy Mabrie, Mother Louise Campbell, Sis. Cookie Britt, Bro. AJ Black, Bro. Michael Stine, Rev. Bobby McGee, Sis. Verleen Harris, Mother Wilma Woodhouse, Rev. Mark Chiles.



PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

FAITH
HOPE
LOVE
ALWAYS

We continue to lift each of you up in prayer.

MAY GOD'S PEACE, HEALING, AND COMFORT
SURROUND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TODAY AND ALWAYS.

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CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF GRATITUDE!

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THE LORD'S KITCHEN

THANKS GIVING

FOOD GIFT CERTIFICATE
GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST @ 10:00 AM

DRIVE-THRU EVENT

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

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MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
CHURCH-WIDE
VISION
MEETING
"The Year of Re-Alignment"
Inspired by Isaiah 43:18-19
Saturday, November 7, 2026
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Rev. Kennedy Young, Jr.
Senior Pastor



11/1 King, Amyia
11/2 Elliott, Develyn
11/2 Hill, Ashanti
11/4 Greene, Lynda
11/4 Butler, Gregory
11/5 Stine, Michael
11/5 Triplet, Johnny
11/6 Andrews, Olivia
11/6 Thompson, David
11/6 Smith, Tadrauna
11/8 Wilson Jr., William
11/8 Cooper, Anastasia
11/8 Neal, Monica
11/8 Fox, Jamaine
11/10 Akuna, Sherwin
11/10 Prince, Stanley Jr.
11/11 Dominguez, Zaire
11/12 Molock, Myiesha
11/14 Dexter, Beulah
11/14 Morgan, Sedric
11/14 Jackson, Karleta
11/14 Etuk, Avery
11/15 Peterson, Sheree
11/15 Bradley, Dexter
11/15 Partlow, Calise
11/16 Johnson, DaJohn
11/17 Wilson, Debra
11/17 Fletcher, Tahirah
11/18 Garrett, Tiffany
11/20 Smith, Malachi
11/21 Ward, Gailey
11/21 Wynn, Jeffrey
11/21 Campbell, Charinda
11/23 Yarzieh, Oretha
11/25 Brown, Michael Jr.
11/25 Haynes, Tyrone
11/26 Welerford, Bryant
11/27 Johnson, Angela