New Zion Missionary Baptist Church’s Pastor and Wife Appreciation Committee would like to take this time to say “Thank you”, for your support and participation, in making our Pastor and Wife Appreciation a success!

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Reverend Ted and Sister Molly Elliott
Brother Roosevelt and Sister Janice Brooks

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Sister Sheila Brooks-Knox
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Sister Gearlynn Brooks
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Lunch Served each Sunday from 1:30 PM—2:45 PM

New Zion Missionary Baptist Church
PASTOR AND WIFE APPRECIATION
July 14, 15, & 22, 2012
153 - 14th Ave., Seattle, WA 98122
Pastor, Reverend Jerry & Sister Purley Brooks

Theme: Reaping in God’s Time and Season
And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
Galatians 6:9
Pastor Jerry Brooks and First Lady, Sister Purley Brooks would like to express our appreciation of your kind words, well wishes and acts of kindness towards us. We pray that God will continue to bless you and keep you ever in his care.
Expressions of Appreciations to the Pastor and Wife

It is a joy to be able to serve God at New Zion MBC. It is our sincere prayer that God will continue to bless you, your family, and the work that you do for the Kingdom of God. Your willingness and courage to allow God to use you is a source of inspiration.

Roosevelt and Janice Brooks
Seattle, WA

Where Should I Begin? When I think of my Father and Mother (Rev. Jerry and 1st Lady Purley Brooks), I think of their courage, their strength, their love for family and the Lord—which are qualities that make it possible for them to keep going, even when things are tough.

When I think of my Father and Mother, especially today on their day, I think of, what a difference they have made in lives of their children, grandchildren, great-grand children and lives of others, but most of all when I think of my parents, I think of how much they mean to me and my family and how much I/we love them so.

Having you, as my father and mother has been very important in my whole life and I just want you to know that I will always be thankful to you for your love during my best as well as my worst over the years. It’s so reassuring to have parent like you, who believes in me, cares and understands.

You may not realize it Dad and Mom, but both of you, are very powerful influence in our lives as well as the lives of many, by the way you live your life with such strength, courage and convictions.

Time can bring alot of changes, but there’s one thing our family can count on, you’ll never stop caring or loving us and teaching us God’s Words and His Goodness. I know God made you on purpose and in my Father Rev. Jerry Brooks words, “I Thank You, I Thank You, I Thank You, If I Had Ten Thousand Tongues, I Couldn’t Thank You Enough.”

Love Always,
Gare’h”Lynne” Brooks & Jonitira’ Elmore
Seattle, WA

Dear Pastor and Sister Brooks,
Your friendship, leadership and support is appreciated more than you will ever know. Your guidance, words of encouragement, and support has often provided me with the strength to stay the course that Christ has set for my life. It has been and is a privilege to work along side of you in the ministry. Thank you for all your prayers and the time you have invested in my development as a minister of God. It is my family’s prayer and mind that God continues to bless your ministry and your family.

Reverend Ted and Sister Molly Elliott
Seattle, WA

To Pastor and First Lady Brooks, I appreciate the time we’ve spent learning about God and life. Through God working through you I’ve learned the spirit of forgiveness, patience, compassion, deliverance. When we first met I was a diamond in the rough, but being around you all these years I’ve begun to shine. Even though it may not seem I was listening, I was. I’ve heard every word you said, and I put it into action. I’ve enjoyed being with you and learning the wisdom you have bestowed upon me. I treasure our friendship and continue to grow as iron sharpens iron. God Bless you and your lovely family.

Love, Brother and Sister Wooten.
Algona, WA

To Pastor Jerry, and Sister Purley Brooks,
We want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of your leadership and friendship down through the years. It has been a pleasure to be able to work along side of you in God’s vineyard. You have been consistent in demonstrating your love of God and for His people. Your work for the Kingdom and your mentorship is greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless the work of your hands, and grant you the desires of your hearts.

Minister Melvin and Sister Theresa Ellis
Seattle, WA

Exerts from the Life of Pastor Jerry Brooks

Pastor Brooks was born in Oscar Louisiana, where he grew up loving and respecting his mother, Mrs. Lubertha Brooks, who raised him and his three brothers. He gives her credit for teaching him the value and importance of hard work and doing his best to keep his word. Her ability to go through great difficulties and heart break without being bitter, had a significant impact on his outlook on life and his ability to trust God in every situation. Of the many wonderful things that occurred during his youth, Pastor Brooks often wishes he had had a closer relationship with his father, Mr. Gabriel Brooks, who appeared to be a very quiet man of few words. Pastor Brooks says that whenever he looks over his life, he is always aware that God has been and is good to him. His advice to young men is too put God first in their lives, to obey their parents, to be respectful and treat others right, and to do good — because good things will eventually come.

In 1960, while still living in Louisiana, Pastor Brooks met Sister Purley Brooks. He says that when he first met her he was going to marry her. He said, “She was not only pretty to look at and feisty, but as I got to know her, I found she was understanding, confident, intelligent, and had loving ways and manners, which made me love her more.” Pastor Brooks acknowledges that Sister Brooks has been (and is) a good wife, as well as a good mother to their children, and that marrying her was one of the best decisions he ever made.

According to Pastor Brooks, every marriage has problems sometimes, but Jesus is able to help couples overcome every problem that they face. He also believed that a good marriages doesn’t just happen, but it requires hard work and commitment. In addition, he says that the secret to having a long-good marriage is for both the husband and the wife to obey God. If they do that then they will love one another, be kind to one another, pray for one another, forgive one another, and respect one another.

As a father, Pastor Brooks’ goal has been to be the best father he could be to his six children. He wanted to be a father who showed that he cared and loved his children, as well as provided them with what they needed. Pastor Brooks said, “When my children were young, there were times that I worked two jobs at once, sometimes three jobs. I would come home so tried, but I didn’t mind, because they were my children and I loved them.” Pastor Brooks says, now that his children are adults, his role as a father has somewhat changed, but continues to include being an advisor and a mentor to his children, that have blessed him and First Lady Brooks with nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

It was in 1970 when Pastor Brooks gave his life to the Lord, and in 1986 he was called into the ministry while attending Macedonia MBC (located in Seattle, WA) under the leadership of Pastor Warren Thaxton. He gave his first message on May the 4th of 1986. Then in 1990, he was called into Pastoral Service. After organizing Little Zion MBC, in Seattle, WA, Reverend Brooks was Ordained as Pastor by Reverend Grover Sanders of Star Bethel MBC (located in Seattle, WA), and the installation was preformed by Reverend A. Bernard Deavers of Progressive MBC,( located in Seattle, WA). Pastor Brooks served as Pastor for Little Zion MBC for over two years, then he moved on to served as the Assistant Pastor at Galilee MBC in Tacoma, WA, under the leadership of Reverend L. R. Willis in Seattle, WA, the Lord called Pastor Brooks back into Pastoral Service. After wrestling with this call, and committing himself to do God’s work and not to let anything stop him – Pastor Brooks organized New Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Then on July 17, 2011 New Zion MBC had its Instillation Services, officiated by Pastor John Hughes of Great I Am, Church, located in Tacoma, WA, the installation was witness by Pastor Willie Heard of Witness for Jesus Christian Church in Bothell, WA, and Pastor John Rutland, of Faith Gospel Express Church in Tacoma, WA.

Pastor Brooks says that there are some unique challenges that come with being a pastor, but they are not insurmountable. For him, greater than the challenges is the joy he receives from knowing he is doing the will of God, and seeing God’s people’s lives change for the better, as their faith and trust in God grows. Pastor Brooks, also says that he understands the seriousness of the responsibility that God has given him as Pastor of New Zion MBC, therefore it is with integrity and in humility that he strives to serve and lead God’s people. His vision and prayer for each member of New Zion MBC is that they will continue to grow in Christ and remain faithful to God, as well as remember that God loves them, and has called them to be a light to a dying world.
Excerpts from the life of Sister Purley Brooks

First Lady, Sister Purley Brooks was born in Chamberlin Louisiana; she was the third of ten siblings (three brothers and six sisters). So there was always excitement in her home. She lived with her Great Grandparents Mr. Joe and Mrs. Rose Paul until she was twelve years old. Their nurturing and care instilled in her a love for God and family. Sister Brooks and her mother, Ms. Rose Allen were very close; and when she grew up, Ms. Allen often spoke of how proud she was of the accomplishments Sister Brooks had made in her life. Although, Sister Brooks did not regularly see her father, Mr. Jackson Davis, she loved him and believed that he also loved her. While still a young girl, at the age of twelve she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior, and was baptized at the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, in Alsen Louisiana, by Pastor, Reverend Isaiah Mitchell.

Sister Brooks says that she often laughs when she remembers meeting Reverend Brooks in 1960. According to her, from the very beginning he insisted that she was going to be his wife. As a result of Reverend Brooks’ attentive, loving, and faithful ways, in April of 1961 they became engaged, and on September 16, 1961, she married him. Based on her experience, Sister Brooks says that she believes the secret to a good and long marriage is a combination of things, which includes: believing that the marriage is God’s will, loving one another, honesty, communication, trust, being committed to one another, and having the willingness to forgive one another. Her advice to young women regarding marriage is to understand that good marriages don’t just happen; they are the result of hard work and dedication.

Originally, Sister Brooks’ goal regarding parenting was to give her mother twelve grandchildren, but she stopped at six. Sister Brooks said, “I think my goals as a mother are like most mothers, I want my children to know that they are truly loved and each of them is dear and important to me and their father. When they were young, I wanted to make sure Reverend Brooks and I gave them the best life that we could give them. And I wanted to teach my children about God, the Bible, church, and how to be honest.” Now that they are adults, my goal is to continue to love them, and give them sound godly counsel and guidance even if they resist it.

Sister Brooks shared that two of the biggest challenges she had with becoming First Lady was getting accustomed to the idea that God had call Reverend Brooks back to Pastor, and getting comfortable with leading and giving directions to others. However, those challenges don’t compare to the joy she receives from being a part of what God is doing at New Zion MBC, and witnessing the growth occurring in the lives of the members and her family. In addition, she confesses that she also gets great joy, as well as gains strength and encouragement from witnessing the prayers Reverend Brooks offers up on behalf of the church, and when she see the enormous amount of faith, love, expectation and belief that he has in God and the Ministry that they have been given.

In the mist of great joy, Sister Brooks has discovered that troubles will come, even when she does her best. But, she has also learned that God is faithful and that the call to leadership is an awesome responsibility that cannot be taken lightly. Therefore, prayer and faith are constants in her life. She is continually learning how to pray sincerely for everything and to be thankful. And through her faith and walk with Christ, she knows that God will always give her whatever she needs, even during difficult times. As a result, her advice to young women and to the people of God is not to be weary in well doing, and to trust in and wait on God, and to pray for God’s direction in their lives.

Finally, there are many things that First Lady Brooks is appreciative of at New Zion, and at the top of her list is her appreciation of the love and kindness that is extended to her by each member of the Church. It is her desire that each member continues to grow in Christ and experience the fullness of God’s goodness.

Expressions of Appreciations to the Pastor and Wife

June 25, 2012
Greater Antioch Baptist Church
2139 Nebraska Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Pastor, Rev. Levert Kemp, Sr.

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on this momentous occasion as you honor your Pastor Rev. Jerry Brooks on his first year Anniversary.

Pastoring is a tedious task, as God’s mail man you are to deliver the word in season and out of season, just as the mailman deliver the mail you are to preach the word.

Rain, shine, sleek or snow nothing should stop God’s word from going forth, Paul in his letter to Timothy I (Tim 5:17) said the elder who rules the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, I know New Zion is bless to have a Godly man like Rev. Jerry Brooks a true born again Christian to be your Pastor.

He is a true family man with a Godly wife, his relationship with his wife, and family shows the love that God have for the church. Rev Jerry Brooks always remember life is full of vicissitudes, life is full of surprises both good and bad but trust in God.

Remember the three phrases of life. (1) You are either in a storm. (2) Just coming out of a storm. (3) If everything is going well beware well a storm is on the way, just remember God’s word says he will never leave us nor forsake us.

Remember God called you so stand on his word. I am writing this letter to both Honor and Celebrate this day, I send my love to you CUZ and your family.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Levert Kemp, Sr.
Pastor of Greater Antioch Baptist Church
Director of United Theological Seminar and Bible College Ext#36000
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
PS: Greater Antioch Baptist Church sends their blessing,
Expressions of Appreciation to the Pastor and Wife

To our mother and father, who we can’t express what you mean to us. You have been an awesome mom and mother-in-law and Father and father-in-law. When we thought you where turning into Freidie Kruger, we realized that you only wanted the best for us. Thank you for everything you have said and done to make us feel secure. We love you. We thank you. And yes you win the Mon and Dad award of the year.

With great love

Deacon Hayward and Sister Sheila Knox
Seattle, WA

I received an invitation by mail inviting me to the Lady Appreciation Day in honor of Mrs. Purley Brooks. Being that I live in Las Vegas, Nevada I’m unable to attend this special honor, however I cannot let this day go by without saying what I know about the lady of honor. We come from a very large family and every family member holds a role whether it’s the financial role, the caring for the sick, bringing and keeping the family together or making sure we all know the lord. My aunt Purley’s role in our family is making sure we all know the lord. She has been serving him for as long as I can remember. She has been an outstanding servant on the Missionary Board. Traveling and letting the world know how good God is.

Now she holds the title of the First Lady and I know she will take this role and conquer it just as she did serving on the Missionary Board. I would like for my aunt to know the family loves her and if it weren’t for her a lot of us would not know how good God is and why we need Him in our lives. She needs to continue her family role, because we’re all counting on her. I love you auntie you make me proud!

Debra Brooks Hopper
Las Vegas NV

To The New Zion Missionary Baptist Church,

First I would like to give honor to God the Almighty, next to the Pastor and First Lady, Reverend and Mrs. Jerry Brooks, Members, Family, and Friends of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church. I’m honored to be issues the task of showing my appreciation on this joyous day of celebration. The greatest gift I can give on this occasion is sharing the love and memories I have of Pastor Brooks. Though we are cousins, we’ve always shared a brother-sister bond. J.B. thanks for being there for Alma and I, … We really appreciated you being there to protect us.

Now I send out to you glad words and hope that they may be joined with yours so that we may walk this road together with Christ as our guide. Thanks for you and may you continue to minster, brighten, and gladden the hearts of others.

Sincerely yours,
Barbara “Bobbie” Overstreet
Baton Rouge, LA

First Lady Sister Purley Brooks’ Day
Saturday, July 14, 2012, 2:00 PM

Program

Devotion ——————————————————- Deacon
MC ———————————————————— Sister Janice Brooks
Entrance of First Lady, Sister Brooks Escort Pastor Brooks
Welcome ———————————————————— Sister Shashekia Brooks
Response to Welcome ———————————————————— Guest
Solo ———————————————————— Reverend Ted Elliot
Mentor ———————————————————— Sister Betty Reed
A Wife ———————————————————— Pastor Jerry Brooks
Reflections ———————————————————— Sister Sheila Brooks-Knox

Tribute to our mother in Song

Words of Encouragement ———————————————————— Family and Friends
Words of Encouragement ———————————————————— Mother Geneva Willins
Solo ———————————————————— Minister Melvin Ellis
Offering
Introduction of Speaker ———————————————————— Pastor Cecil Dodson
Solo ———————————————————— Reverend Ted Elliot
Message ———————————————————— First Lady Eva Dodson
Invitation to Discipleship

Expressions of Thanks ———————————————————— First Lady Purley Brooks

Benediction
Sunday July 15, 2012
3:00 PM
Program
Devotion ————-Deacon
MC ————- Brother Bruce Brooks

Entrance of Pastor and First Lady
Escorts Reverend Ted and Sister Molly Elliott
Welcome ————- Sister Molly Elliott
A and B selection ————- New Zion
Response ————- Great I AM
Selection ————- Sister Stephanie Thomas
Theme ————- Reverend Ted Elliott

Tributes: My Parents ————- Sister Shashokia Brooks
Tribute: My Friend ————- Brother Anton Vooten
Tribute: My Mentor ————- Minister Melvin Ellis
A and B Selections ————- Sunlight MBC
Words of encouragement ————- Pastor James Odem
A and B Selections ————- Mt Pleasant,
Words of Encouragement ————- Pastor Cecil Dodson
A and B Selections ————- United Deliverance Temple
Words of Encouragement ————- Pastor Eula Clark

Offering
Introduction of Speaker
A and B Selection ————- Great I AM
Message ————- Pastor J. R. Hughes
Invitation to Discipleship
Benediction

Sunday July 22, 2012
3:00 PM Program
Devotion ————- Deacon
MC ————- Reverend Ted Elliott

Entrance of Pastor and First Lady
Escorts Deacon Hayward Knox and Sister Sheila Brooks-Knox
Selection ————- New Zion
Welcome ————- Brother Roosevelt Brooks
Response ————- Witness for Jesus Christ Church
A and B Selection ————- Faith Gospel Express
Theme ————- Pastor John Rutland
A Selection ————- New Zion
My Parents ————- Brother Bruce Brooks
My Mentor ————- Deacon Hayward Knox
A Selection ————- St Matthew MBC
Words of Encouragement ————- Pastor Thomas E. Tobin Sr.
A Selection ————- World Changers CC
Words of Encouragement ————- Pastor E. Grant
A Selection ————- Greater Mt Moriah
Words of Encouragement ————- Pastor Sherman Walker
A Selection ————- House of God Pentecostal Church
Words of Encouragement ————- Pastor Lillie Hardison
A Selection ————- Galilee Baptist
Words of Encouragement ————- Pastor Steven Lee
A Selection ————- New Life Christian Church
Words of Encouragement ————- Pastor Allen Goodin

Offering and special presentations
Introduction of Speaker ————- Evanglist Marian Heard
A and B Selections ————- Witness for Jesus Christ Church
Message ————- Reverend Willie Heard

Invitation to Discipleship
Special Presentations
Words of Thanks from Pastor and First Lady
Pastor Escort to Pulpit
Benediction