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!

Anniversary Committee Chairs:
Reverend Lawerence and Sister Ruthie Smith
Brother Roosevelt and Sister Janice Brooks

Hospitality Committee:
Deacon Hayward Knox
Sister Sheila Brooks-Knox
Sister Ruthie Smith
Sister Nikki Harrell
Sister Shasheika Brooks
Brother Jerry Brooks – Harrell
Sister Jontira Elmore
Sister Shaylyn Brooks – Harrell
Sister Gearlynne Brooks

Decorations Committee:
Deacon Hayward Knox
Sister Janice Brooks

Program Committee
Brother Roosevelt and Sister Janice Brooks

Lunch Served each Sunday from 1:30 PM—2:45 PM

Thank you for your faithful service and Leadership.

Pastor Jerry Brooks and Sister Purley A. Brooks
“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoving, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

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<td>Thank you for your friendship, Best Wishes and Congratulations on another year of service. Reverend and Sister Melvin Ellis Seattle, WA</td>
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<td>We love you and Value your friendship and leadership. May God continue to bless the works of your hands. Brother Roosevelt and Janice Brooks Seattle, WA</td>
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<td>Pastor and Sister Jerry Brooks, the work you do for the Kingdom is never in vain. Congratulations on another year of service. Women of Faith, Wisdom and Prayer Wofwap.com</td>
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<td>To our grandfather (Rev. J. Brooks) &amp; grandmother (Sis. P. Brooks), Thank you for believing in us, praying for us, encouraging us, and for all you do for our family. I love you. Brother Jerry Brooks Harrell and grandchildren Seattle, WA</td>
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No matter how long we live, I believe we should always be learning something new. Some lessons are more important than others but, they all help to shape us into who we are. Two of the greatest lessons I’ve learned is that God loves me and He is a forgiver of sin. My first few years in church were not very productive. I went to church, but I did not understand fully what it meant to be forgiven and the price that Jesus paid for my redemption. Once I really caught a hold of just how much God loves me, I found myself drawing closer to him, by spending time in prayer and studying his word.

Some lessons I did not realize I had learned until I looked back over my life. I’ve been married to only one woman - for over fifty years. During those years we have had many ups and down yet, we continued to be committed to each other. That lesson taught me that love can last a life time, but it takes commitment and hard work. Love is a choice we get to make not just a feeling we have.

One of my most difficult lesson to learn was that people can take your good intentions and kindness the wrong way, and when that happens we have to really work hard at remembering God has called us to love one another. That lesson taught me the importance of forgiving people, and looking for the good in them.

Another difficult lesson, was learning to say yes to God when He wanted me to do something I felt was too difficult. God knows us better than we know ourselves. He never asks us to do things that we are not able or capable of doing with His help. By being obedient, God has opened many doors for my family and me. I can truly say that God is Good, all the time and all the time God is good.

One of the greatest lessons was learning how to love and forgive people, who I did not like or felt had wrong me. That was challenging, until I understood that God loves me and forgives me, and He requires that I do the same for others. That lesson continues to teach me the value of walking humbly with God.

I have learned that God is faithful and trustworthy even when we are not. When I have been burden down he has lifted my burdens. When I did not think I would ever laugh again, He restored my hope and joy. When I cry out to him, He never fails to help me. I find no fault with Him and it is my genuine desire to serve Him faithfully, and to one day hear him said “Well done my good and faithful servant.”

Sister Purley A. Brooks
First Lady Sister Purley Brooks' Day
Saturday, July 13, 2013, 2:00 PM

Program

MC ———————————— Sister Shelia Brooks-Knox

Entrance of First Lady, Sister Brooks ——— Escort Pastor Jerry Brooks

Welcome ——————————————————— Sister Ruthie Smith

Prayer

Lunch Served

Solo ———————————— Sister Mitia Oliver

A Grandmother ———— Brother Jerry Brooks-Harrell

My Friend ——————————————————— Sister Vicki Chatter

Tribute to our mother

A Mother ———— Sister Shasheka Brooks

Words of Appreciation ——————————— Family and Friends

Solo ———————————— Sister Theresa Oliver

Words of Encouragement ———— Mother Geneva Willins

Gift of Giving

Introduction of Speaker ———— Sister Kathy Thompson

Selection

Message ——————————————————— Sister Evia Dodson

Call to Discipleship

Words of Thanks ———— First Lady Purley A. Brooks

Pastor Jerry Brooks

Closing Prayer

Sunday July 14, 2013
3:00 PM

Program

Devotion ———— Deacon

MC ———— Reverend Lawrence Smith

Entrance of Pastor and First Lady

Escorts Sister Gearlynne Brooks and Sister Nikki Harrell

Welcome ———— Sister Ruthie Smith

A Selection ———— New Zion

Response to welcome ———— Great I AM

Pastor as a Leader & Mentor ———— Reverend Melvin Ellis

A Selections ———— Jubilee Community Choir

Words of Encouragement ———— Pastor Jason Davidson

A Selection ———— Mount Mariah Seattle Church

Theme ———— Reverend J. Leonard

A Selections ———— St Paul MBC

Words of Encouragement ———— Pastor James Huggins

A Selections ———— Whole Truth Ministries

Words of Encouragement ———— Reverend Tony Brooks

A Selections ———— Mouth Pleasant MBC

Words of encouragement ———— Pastor Martin Dodson

Gift of Giving

A Selection ———— United Deliverance Temple

Words of Encouragement ———— Pastor Eula Clark

A Selection ———— Witness for Jesus Christ Church

Words of Encouragement ———— Pastor Willie Heard

A Selections ———— Faith Gospel Express

Words of Encouragement ———— Pastor John Rutland

Introduction of Speaker

A and B Selection ———— Great I AM

Message ———— Pastor J. R. Hughes

Call to Discipleship

Words from Pastor and Wife Anniversary Chairperson

Benediction