Mount Zion Baptist Church

61 Richards Avenue • Dover, NJ 07801

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers." ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:2

Reverend Kisha Cohen

1st Pastoral Anniversary

Special Guests

Mount Ararat Baptist Church • Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis, Senior Pastor
271 Paulson Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15206 • Thursday, May 14, 2026 • 7:00 PM

Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church • Reverend Dr. Ralph Branch, Pastor
231-251 Seymour Avenue • Newark, NJ 07108 • Sunday, May 17, 2026 • 10:00 AM

Shiloh Baptist Church • Reverend Dr. Danielle Brown, Pastor
515 West Fourth Street• Plainfield, NJ 07060 • Thursday, May 28, 2026 • 7:00 PM

Welcome!

Mount Zion Baptist Church extends our heartfelt welcome and sincere gratitude to you for joining us in celebrating Reverend Kisha Cohen's First Year Pastoral Anniversary. Your presence and fellowship have truly blessed this joyous and sacred occasion, and we rejoice together in giving all honor and thanks to God for the anointing, wisdom, guidance and unwavering dedication He has bestowed upon Reverend Cohen during her first year of faithful leadership and service.

As we reflect on God's goodness and faithfulness, we pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen, uplift and richly bless Reverend Cohen as she shepherds this congregation according to His divine will. May He grant her renewed strength, abundant grace and continued favor in the work of the ministry. We also pray that, together as a church family, we will continue to grow in faith, unity, love and service as we advance God's Kingdom and walk in His purpose for Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Dear Mount Zion Baptist Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Today, I stand in deep gratitude and humble reflection as I mark my first anniversary as your pastor. What a blessed and transformative year it has been. When I first answered the call to serve here at Mount Zion Baptist Church, I knew God had something special in store, but I could not have fully imagined the love, faith, and unity that define this church family.

Over the past year, I have witnessed the power of God moving in and through this congregation. I have seen hearts uplifted in worship, lives strengthened through prayer, and a community coming together with renewed purpose. Mount Zion Baptist is not just a church building, it is a living, breathing testament to faith in action right here in Dover.

Together, we have grown, not only in number, but in spirit. We have embraced new opportunities for ministry, deepened our commitment to one another, and extended our reach into the community with compassion and care. It is clear to me that God is doing a mighty work here, and I am honored to be a servant in His plan.

I thank each of you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your unwavering support. Your faithfulness inspires me daily. Whether you have been here for decades or have just recently joined us, you are an essential part of what makes Mount Zion Baptist a thriving and welcoming place of worship.

As we look ahead, I am filled with hope and expectation. There is still so much more that God has in store for us. Let us continue to walk together in faith, to lift one another up, and to be a light in our community.

May we remain rooted in love, guided by His Word, and united in purpose.

With heartfelt gratitude and abiding faith,

Kisha Cohen

Reverend Darlean Kisha Cohen, Pastor
Mount Zion Baptist Church
Dover, New Jersey

Mount Ararat Baptist Church

Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis, Senior Pastor

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. William H. Curtis accepted the call to ministry at the age of 17. For seven years, he served as the Senior Pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church in York, PA; however, since1997, he has served as the Senior Pastor at Mount Ararat Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, PA.

Dr. Curtis has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards. In 2009, he was inducted into the Martin Luther King Jr. Board of Preachers of Morehouse College. In the spring of 2010, Dr. Curtis moved from the speaking arena into the publishing arena with his first book, "FAITH -- Learning to Live Without Fear," which is currently in its fourth printing. His second book, "Dressed for Victory: Putting on the Full Armor of God" was released in April 2015 and is currently in its second printing. His third book "Mentor Shift" was published in May 2019. "One Day Closer" a compilation of his mediations during the Pandemic shut-in from March 2020 thru May 2021 was published in June 2021; and it was followed by "One Day Closer"–Volume 2 which was published in June 2022.

Dr. Curtis is an instructor at the United Theological Seminary and has graduated several groups of doctoral students at the institution. Aside from pastoral instruction, he is Co-Owner of The Church Online, a successful technology and full-service marketing firm that provides top-of-the-line services to ministries all over the world.

Dr. Curtis holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies and Philosophy from Morgan State University, a Master of Divinity Degree from Howard University School of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Curtis is married to the former Christine Y. Richardson, and they are the proud parents of one lovely daughter, Dr. Houston M. Curtis.

Order of Service

Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Worship Leaders:

Reverend Dr. Colette Adams & Minister Darius Covington

Opening Prayer.....

Scripture .....

Praise & Worship .....

Welcome.....

Selection ..... *Choir*

Introduction of Speaker.....

Selection ..... *Choir*

Preacher of the Hour ..... *Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis, Senior Pastor*
Mount Ararat Baptist Church, 271 Paulson Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA

Offering .....

Closing Remarks ..... *Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis, Senior Pastor*
Mount Ararat Baptist Church, 271 Paulson Avenue; Pittsburgh, PA

.....*Reverend Kisha Cohen, Pastor*
Mount Zion Baptist Church, Dover; NJ

Benediction..... *Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis, Senior Pastor*
Mount Ararat Baptist Church, 271 Paulson Avenue; Pittsburgh, PA

Thank you,

Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis, Senior Pastor

Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

Reverend Dr. Ralph M. Branch, Jr., Pastor

Reverend Dr. Ralph M. Branch Jr. was born July 29, 1964, to the late Ralph and Martha Branch in Newark, New Jersey. He is their only son and the youngest of five children. Rev. Branch accepted Christ at the age of seven and was baptized in the same church he now pastors. Rev. Branch is married to the former Tammi Tellis of Newark, New Jersey, and they have two children, Reshawn Marcus and Chelsea Synclaire. He is a devoted husband and father.

Dr. Branch was educated in Newark Public Schools and at an early age demonstrated a flare for academic excellence. In 1982 Rev. Branch began his matriculation at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, majoring in Biology and Chemistry. Rev. Dr. Branch has a Master of Divinity Degree from the Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. He earned his Doctorate Degree at the New York Theological Seminary in May of 2019.

Rev. Branch was called to be the Fourth Pastor of Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. He was installed on the second Sunday in October 2001. In September 2013 Dr. Branch was installed as the 17th Moderator of the North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association. As Pastor, Rev. Branch presented the church with an innovative and timely vision that was received with great enthusiasm. Dr. Branch has served as an Adjunct Professor of Biblical Exegesis, Church History and developed the Theories in Social Justice curriculum for the New York Theological Seminary Ministries Certificate Program.

Under the Pastorate of Dr. Branch, the congregation continues to grow physically and spiritually. Through innovative outreach ministry, families are being brought to Christ and lives are being changed. He is especially concerned about the future and education of our young people. Under his leadership the church's scholarship ministry has given substantial yearly financial awards, including several to college students in Kenya. He believes that education is of the utmost importance if we are to succeed as people. He always encourages God's people to live in the Word and to reach their full potential in Jesus Christ.

Order of Service

Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Worship Leaders:

Minister Camielle Hamm & Minister Shynaqua Jarvis

Opening Song .....

Opening Prayer .....

Scripture .....

Choir Selection ..... *Choir*

Dance Ministry .....

Announcements .....

Welcome .....

Ministry of Giving .....

Prayer .....

Introduction of Speaker .....

Sermonic Selection ..... *Choir*

Preacher of the Hour ..... *Reverend Dr. Ralph M. Branch, Jr., Pastor*
Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church; Newark, NJ

Offering .....

Closing Remarks ..... *Reverend Dr. Ralph M. Branch, Jr., Pastor*
Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church; Newark, NJ

..... *Reverend Kisha Cohen, Pastor*
Mount Zion Baptist Church, Dover; NJ

Benediction ..... *Reverend Dr. Ralph M. Branch, Jr., Pastor*
Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church; Newark, NJ

Thank you,

Reverend Dr. Ralph Branch, Jr., Pastor

Shiloh Baptist Church

Reverend Dr. Danielle L. Brown, Pastor

Saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at an early age, The Reverend Dr. Danielle L .Brown finds great joy and satisfaction in learning, living, and preaching the Gospel .Rev. Dr. Brown was Licensed to preach on July 17, 2003, by Cathedral International (The Historic Second Baptist Church) in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and ordained by the American Baptist Churches on June 3, 2012. An increasingly sought-after preacher and workshop leader with the ability to communicate across multiple generations, Dr. Brown has had the opportunity to share the Gospel throughout this country and in South Africa.

Educated in the Perth Amboy Public Schools, Rev. Dr. Brown went on to attend Virginia State University where she was a Provost Scholar and three-sport athlete. After teaching in the Richmond Public Schools, Rev. Brown responded to God's call to return to her hometown and the church of her rearing where she served faithfully on the Pastoral Staff for 15 years.

On August 7, 2021, Dr. Brown was elected the tenth Senior Pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey. She is the first woman to hold this position since the church's founding in 1908. Shiloh Baptist Church is a vibrant community of faith committed to service unto God, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that leads to the transformation and empowerment of individuals, congregation, and the community.

A natural leader, Rev. Dr. Brown has served in various capacities where she has worked to develop and implement ministry programs and strategies. She has a passion for mentoring and assisting in the development of faith and community leaders. As such, she is a site supervisor in the Princeton Theological Seminary, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and Pillar College Field Education Programs, has taught on the adjunct faculty of New York Theological Seminary, and served two terms on the Board of Trustees of New Brunswick Theological Seminary. She has also been active in the Raritan Association of the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey as past Moderator and on the Ordination Committee.

Dr. Brown is currently a co-mentor to the Pointer/Brown/Goodman Doctoral Fellows at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. She also has the honor of serving on the Advisory Board of the Women in Ministry Conference, Inc. convened by The Rev. Dr.

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"A Place of Peace, where Jesus is Lord, and YOU are loved!"

Order of Service

Thursday, May 28, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Worship Leaders:

Reverend Donald Adams & Minister Shirley Miller

Opening Prayer.....

Scripture .....

Praise & Worship .....

Welcome.....

Selection ..... *Choir*

Introduction of Speaker.....

Selection ..... *Choir*

Preacher of the Hour .....*Reverend Dr. Danielle L. Brown, Pastor*
Shiloh Baptist Church; Newark, NJ

Offering .....

Closing Remarks .....*Reverend Dr. Danielle L. Brown, Pastor*
Shiloh Baptist Church; Newark, NJ

.....*Reverend Kisha Cohen, Pastor*
Mount Zion Baptist Church, Dover; NJ

Benediction.....*Reverend Dr. Danielle L. Brown, Pastor*
Shiloh Baptist Church; Newark, NJ

Thank you,

Reverend Dr. Danielle Brown, Pastor

Acknowledgments

To Reverend Dr. William Curtis, thank you sincerely for being the first preacher to minister during my First Anniversary Service. Your willingness to travel from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Dover, New Jersey, was truly a blessing to both me and my congregation. Your powerful message, encouragement, and presence made the service spiritually uplifting and unforgettable. Thank you for your sacrifice, your love, and your commitment to supporting the work God is doing through our ministry. Your words inspired and strengthened us, and we are deeply grateful for the time you shared with us.

To Dr. Ralph Branch and the members of your congregation, I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation. Dr. Branch, you have been my father in the gospel, mentor, and the one who installed me into ministry. Your continued guidance, wisdom, and support mean more than words can express. Thank you for standing beside me throughout this journey. Your message was both uplifting and inspiring, and your presence made this celebration even more meaningful.

To Dr. Danielle Brown and the members of your congregation, thank you for blessing us with such a beautiful and heartfelt message. Your kindness, fellowship, and encouragement brought so much joy to this special occasion. Your support and participation were truly appreciated.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of the ministries of Mount Zion Baptist Church for your participation in this celebration. Your time, dedication and unwavering commitment helped make this occasion truly meaningful and memorable. Every effort, act of service and expression of support reflected the love, unity and spirit of our church family. Thank you for standing together, in honor of me, and for the continued faithfulness you show in serving the ministry.

Finally, to my loving congregation, thank you for your unwavering love, support, and dedication. I deeply appreciate the way we continue to work together as a church family, uplifting one another and serving our community with compassion, unity, and faith. I thank God for each of you and for the wonderful spirit of togetherness that fills our church.

Stay prayerful, focused and keep the faith; watch what God does for our community!

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."
~ 1 Corinthians 2:9

With sincere gratitude and love,

Kisha Cohen

Reverend Darlean Kisha Cohen, Pastor
Mount Zion Baptist Church
Dover, New Jersey

Thank You!

Mount Zion Baptist Church would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to you for attending Reverend Kisha Cohen's First Year Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. Your presence, prayers and fellowship helped make this occasion truly special and memorable. We are deeply grateful for your support as we gathered to honor and celebrate the faithful leadership, dedication and service that Reverend Cohen has given during her first year of ministry.

This celebration was not only a time of joy and reflection but also an opportunity to give God all the glory for His guidance, grace and faithfulness over this past year. Your attendance was a tremendous blessing to our church family, and we truly appreciate the love and encouragement you have shown to Reverend Cohen and the Mount Zion congregation.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless you and your family for your kindness and support. May He continue to strengthen Reverend Cohen as she leads with wisdom, compassion and a servant's heart, and may we all continue to grow together in faith, unity, love and service to God's Kingdom. Thank you again for sharing this joyous and meaningful celebration with us.

"So, then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." ~ Romans 10:17

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Sunday School/Worship Service/Bible Study:
Sunday School – Sundays @ 9:00 AM
New Member Class – the 2nd & 3rd Sunday @ 9:00 AM
Morning Service – Sundays @ 10:00 AM
Bible Study – Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM