



VP NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



Office Hours
Tuesday - Thursday
9am - 4pm
708-753-1975 (o)

No internet?
No problem.
Call in for
Sunday Service
at 10am
202-926-1080
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Children's Church
is held following
Praise and Worship.

OCT. 5, 12, 19, 26



IT'S GENERATIONAL!
NO BRAG, JUST FACTS!
Highlighting: Christian Brown
"Ordered Steps"
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THE ZOE INSTITUTE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
ADULT & YOUTH 16+
Sundays, Oct. 12th - Nov. 16th
Let's progress from wondering and
hoping to experiencing the life God
intends for us to have through Him.
Separate class for youth ages 12-15
Room 103 • 8:45AM - 9:45AM

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NEW MEMBERS CLASS
SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 12, 2025
8:45AM -9:45AM • 6-WEEKS

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HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY
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HEALTH & WELLNESS
Breast Cancer Awareness Event
Saturday, October 25th • 10AM - 12PM
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October Anniversaries

Freddie & Tondelayo Nelson
32 years...October 4th

Nathaniel & Cozetta Bates
56 years...October 26th



Pray for our sick and shut-in

Deacon Sallie Harmon

Deacon Paul Alston

**"Behold, I will bring to it healing and
cure, and I will cure them, and it
shall be revealed to them the
abundance of peace and truth".**

~ Jeremiah 33:6

Pray for our bereaved

**Deacon Robert Hillsman in the loss of his Sister
Sis. JoAnn Hardnett**

**"He heals the
brokenhearted and
binds up their wounds."**

~ Psalm 147:3



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MONDAYS

**The church office
is CLOSED.**

THURSDAYS

6:00AM

**Prayer Call
202-926-1080
Access Code
981434**

THIRD

SATURDAYS

12:30PM

Men of Destiny

SUNDAYS

**October 12th -
November 19th
6 weeks!**

**Zoe Institute
Bible Study**

**ADULT & 16+ CLASSES
(Children's Church)**

**YOUTH 12-15 CLASSES
(Classroom 103)**

8:45AM - 9:45AM

New Members Class

8:45AM - 9:45AM

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New Position: College Counselor, The University of Chicago Laboratory Schools

Start Date: August 2025

In June of 2014, I had just finished my masters degree, gotten married to my now husband and was days away from relocating to Chicago. Moving away not only meant leaving my family, but also having to quit my beloved job in college recruitment which had provided me stability and independence in my early adult years. Unbeknownst to me, God was orchestrating a plan much greater than I had ever thought to ask of Him or think.

With a background in legal studies, I began to consider that it might be time to finally lean into my formal training as a paralegal, but as I looked for jobs in this field, I continued hitting road blocks. God had a different plan for my life. A few months after moving, I would receive a call from a past colleague wanting to see if I were interested in taking a job as a Chicago-based regional recruiter. Not even two weeks later, I was employed by the University of Tennessee Knoxville and within the month was back into the world of college recruitment.

As the years progressed, so did God's plan for my career. A small town girl from east Tennessee, I would go on to become the Treasurer for the Illinois Association for College Admissions Counseling (IACAC). I would have never thought I could accomplish anything this robust, but the long nights and growth moments that accompanied this volunteer role was just another part of God's divine plan. I often joke with friends that I've never had to look for a job since moving to Chicago because God always finds a way to line up my next opportunity just perfectly. Just like the call I'd received back in 2014 inquiring about my interest in an open position, I have received similar inquiries every three to four years since I've lived here. Each lead always afforded a new position, offering increased opportunities for growth and better compensation.

In summer of 2021, I received another phone call from a colleague proposing the idea of transitioning to the high school side of college counseling. Little did he know, becoming a high school college counselor was in fact my dream job, but I thought that I'd have to go back to school in order to become qualified. As God always does, He opened a door and I walked through it. For the past four years, I had the privilege of serving as Director of College Counseling for a small private high school over 20 miles away from my home. While the commute was less than ideal, the opportunities that position provided were invaluable, and as a result of being obedient to God's timing, I became a qualified candidate for a similar position that an IACAC colleague brought to my attention late last fall.

Taking another leap of faith, I applied for the job and as of this academic year, I proudly began my new position as college counselor for the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. These days, rather than spending upwards of three hours a day commuting, my job is now a 20 minute walk from my house, offers substantial resources, and better compensation. There is no doubt that my entire life is a testimony, but this past spring God chose to show out! You cannot tell me what God won't do, particularly when you allow him to order your steps!



My new office!

**If you have a WIN to share, email: Vparkcog@gmail.com
for instructions on what we need in order for you to be included.**

THE ZOE INSTITUTE
SUNDAYS 8:45AM - 9:45AM
OCTOBER 12th - NOVEMBER 16th
1 COLOSSIANS 1:10

ADULTS & YOUTH AGES 16 & UP!

Salvation *The* **Prayer**
STREET *word*
EVANGELISM **Service** *Shine*
Your Light

This Bible Study will be one of the most practical approaches to discovering and living in harmony with God and His purpose for our lives.

SUNDAY • OCT. 12TH **GROWTH**
AND
IMPACT
youth **12-15**

Our young folks will receive teachings to continue laying the foundation for Godly living, unconditional love and Bible-based learning.

Room 103 • 8:45AM - 9:45AM

THE ZOE INSTITUTE BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS 8:45AM - 9:45AM

OCTOBER 12TH - NOVEMBER 16TH

REGISTRATION FORM

**REGISTER NOW
SCAN THE QR CODE**



**ADULTS AND
YOUTH 16+
REGISTER**

[Click to register](#)

**So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and
please him in every way: bearing fruit in every
good work, growing in the knowledge of God.**

1 Colossians 1:10

IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH



New Members Class

Location: Conference Room

Led by



Sis. Christian Brown

Bro. Trustee Maurice Brown

Discover Our

-History

-Ministries

-Mission

-Philosophies

-Associations

6 weeks long!

Snacks provided!

**October 12th-
November 16th**

**Sundays
8:45am-9:45am**

OCTOBER is...

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer awareness is an important topic for all communities, but there are specific factors that make it especially significant for African American women. Research shows that while African American women are less likely to develop breast cancer than their white counterparts, they are more likely to be diagnosed at a later stage, face more aggressive forms of the disease, and have lower survival rates.

Breast cancer screening is vital for improving outcomes, but research shows that African American women often face barriers to receiving timely screenings. Lack of access to care, cultural and socioeconomic factors, fear, and stigma all play a significant role in the prevention, early detection, screening, and treatment of breast cancer in the African American community.

Although there are several obstacles faced by African American women when it comes to prevention, early detection, and screening, one of the most effective ways to increase breast cancer screening rates in African American communities is through education. Women need to understand the importance of regular screenings, the risk factors for breast cancer (including family history and genetic predispositions), and the early signs of the disease. Community leaders, health professionals, and advocacy organizations can help bridge gaps by providing culturally sensitive information that resonates with African American women.



HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY PRESENTS...



BREAST CANCER EVENT

VPCOG

**It's time to end
breast cancer.**

**1975 E. Joe Orr Rd.
Lynwood, IL 60411
Saturday, Oct. 25th
10AM - 12PM - Room 103**

**EARLY
DETECTION
CAN
SAVE
YOU**



**Join us as we come
together to raise
awareness for
breast cancer.**

**To register contact
Sis. Sonja
773-656-7807**

**EVENT INCLUDES:
Informational brochures,
shared stories, snacks,
and more!**

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