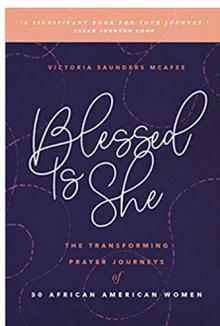


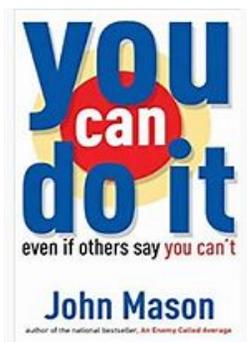
BOOKS OF THE MONTH

***Blessed Is She:***

*The Transforming Prayer Journey of
30 African American Women*

By: **Victoria Saunders McAfee**

ISBN#: 978-1-62707-963-1



*You Can Do It...even if others say
you can't*

By: **John Mason**

ISBN#: 978-0-80078-772-1

***Scripture Readings for Moms &
Graduates:***

May 1

Proverbs 11:16a

May 2-8

1 Peter 3:4

May 9-15

Proverbs 31:25-30

May 16-22

Jeremiah 29:11

May 23-29

Psalms 20:4

May 30-31

Proverbs 16:3

***Mount Zion is Celebrating
Mothers, Graduates,
and Pastor Daniel Simmons' Birthday!***

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. --- Proverbs 3:27

Mount Zion is geared up for celebrations this month! We have so much to be grateful for! God is mighty, mighty good, and He is always showing us how faithful and mighty He is! So many things are going on in the world, and all the sad news and bad news makes the headlines above anything else. Still, around every corner we can find reasons for hope, purpose, and joy in life – and times for celebrations. Here are three great celebratory reasons of our own...

First, Mount Zion is looking forward to celebrating God's phenomenal creation we call 'mother'. Mother is our favorite girl in the whole wide world! The beauty and fragrances of springtime mirror the essence of our love for this special woman in our lives. We make it a point to lavish her with flowers, gifts, and quality time on ***Mother's Day*** – but in all truth – she deserves our love and undivided attention every day! *Blessed is she!*

Next - look out! Mothers will be doing their fair share of crying, shouting, and praising the Lord as they witness their children turn tassels during their ***high school and college graduations*** this month! How exciting!!! Mount Zion is so proud of its graduates, and we give them extra commendations for adjusting and enduring through the challenges of completing their education brought on by COVID-19! We already see the bright promise of your future shining! *You can do it!*

And of course the Mount Zion family will be ready to help their phenomenal leader – ***Pastor Daniel Simmons*** – celebrate his ***May 29th birthday!!!*** It is a joy and an honor to celebrate the Shepherd of our church family. We love him dearly, and we thank God for his life, his purpose, and his presence in our lives and in our community!

Surely we each have something to celebrate every day of our lives. If we just consider things like waking up each morning, feeling the sunshine on our skin, having a good portion of health, and most of all – knowing ***we belong to Almighty God and He loves us*** – well, there is nothing left to say except, "*Celebrate good times, come on!!!*"

Happy Month of May to everyone!!!