

# October

## October 2019

Saturday Oct. 19th

Sarah Bacerra's Baby Shower



### Letter from Apostle

Hello October! October is the 10th month according to the Gregorian calendar. The tenth letter is Yud. Here in Alabama I usually love the weather that fall brings. Last year was a big surprise though with Hurricane Michael hitting our family and neighbors just to the east of us in Panama City, Florida. It occurred on the 10th of the month. The numbers for Michael were 10, 10, 2018. This is the way I see these numbers in this case. Let us look from the living letters perspective. Ten is Yud followed by another Yud. Twenty is Resh and Eighteen is Tsade. This to me means that the witness of Yud is the beginning and finishing place that enables us to look around corners, you start a new journey of righteousness. Awesome!

As far as the natural things go, it was devastating. Many of the local landmarks were difficult to find. The local environment and aesthetics of the beautiful trees were nearly leveled. I challenged Pastor Mark Gerlecz to see if it was worth it to continue. It appeared to me that almost everything seemed to be against them. He clearly and strongly said, we will build from this new platform, for we have a remnant that will take it from here. Wow! Believe me, that they have done. I've heard Apostle Ball say many



## Happy Fall Ya'III!

This month is full of change and celebration as we welcome Fall! I love how we are greeted by Yahweh's creation with the beautiful color change in the landscape. I read something very interesting about this process.

*"In the winter, it would take a lot of energy and water for plants to keep their leaves healthy. But winter is cold, dry, and usually there isn't much sun (which helps give plants energy). So, instead of trying to keep their leaves, some plants drop their leaves and seal the spots on their branches where the leaves had been attached."*

It's built into nature, that in order to continue thriving, it becomes necessary to shut down things that are not vital to life.

Often times when I've become too stretched I realize it is necessary to shut down things that have just become noise, they are not vital nor serve me anymore.

Psalm 90:12 says, "Teach us to number each of our days so that we may grow in wisdom."

That phrase "number our days" in Hebrew means to layout and assign each day so that we may apply wisdom which is *chokmâh* in Hebrew. This use of the word *chokmâh* means wise and skillful.

Instead of coasting in survival mode, what if we surveyed the landscape of our life and weighed our days carefully? It is wise & of good skill to let go of what is taking energy & focus from what causes us to thrive.

Letting go of things can be a beautiful process. After all, take a look at fall. I imagine Yahweh sees it the same way with us. How beautiful are His sons who are determined to grow!

Selah,  
Ms. Rachel  
Children's Pastor

times that talk is cheap until challenged. He said the revealing of the heart is evident when the heat is on and when it's hard to make sense of things. He said the sons never give in or give up on what they know to be true. Congratulations Pastor Mark Gerlec and the remnant that remained of The Rock of Bay County! You are a significant sign to us who are believers, for in the day of tremendous trouble you remained steadfast. I can still hear Apostle Ball singing, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. Your mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, new every morning: great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness!"

I'm honored to be invited by Pastor Mark to celebrate the one year anniversary of Michaels rearrangement. It's a celebration of overcoming and engaging what is and is to come. So on that Thursday evening of the 10th we join The Rock of Bay County in planting new Live Oak trees. What an honor!

Blessings and Shalom,

Aaron

The Melchizedek Order

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Mark & Glenda Burkes

Originally from central Mississippi, Mark and Glenda have been married 23 years and have 2 sons, Lane (21 years) and Cody (19 years) who both attend college. While living in Virginia for seventeen years, they not only raised their two boys, but Yahweh led them on path that would cross Apostle Damon Thompson's ministry in 2014. Damon's voice stirred something deep inside them and subsequently, they begin to follow his voice "crying in the wilderness". As attendees of Carolina Revival for the past several years, relationships were developed out of there that landed them at Pearisburg Christ Fellowship in Virginia, where Oracle Teresa Bowen came and ministered in December of 2016. They would go on to attend church there until, under Yahweh's instruction, they moved back to Mississippi in August of 2018. Currently living in Wiggins, MS, they consider the 90 mile commute a true blessing since it is close enough to drive and be with family at Gates of Zion often. Since they felt like they already knew Apostle Aaron and Pastor Robbie from the honor and stories shared by Apostle Damon through the years, Glenda reached out to Oracle Teresa in Feb earlier this year, and she agreed that they must come over for a "visit". That visit opened the door to Mark and Glenda finding out that Gates of Zion is the home they've been searching for, for quite some time. Looking to put "roots" down here, they are honored to be under the leadership of Apostle Aaron and Pastor Robbie and are so very thankful for the support and love of them, as well as Oracle Teresa and the rest of the family at Gates of Zion.



Eric & Cindy Johnson

We relocated from Colorado to Mobile September 2019 after connecting the dots laid out by Yahweh starting Fall 2018.

After leaving our collective careers, spending time as missionaries as well as small businesses owners, we landed here to be part of the Zion community.

We have four grown children, three grandchildren, three dogs and a passion for health & wellness. After closing up Moringa Oasis Wellness Gallery (Wellness & Fine Art) in Trinidad, Co, we continue to manage our online presence at [MoringaOasis.com](http://MoringaOasis.com). Where we offer blood circulation therapy, moringa-infused products that we trademarked and manufacture, as well as a variety of Colorado CBD products, framed art, and handmade greeting cards.

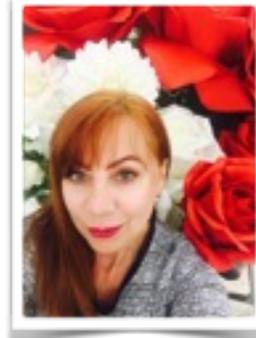


Richard & Debra Lucero

They came to know about Gates of Zion through knowing Ian Clayton & Grand & Sam Mahoney's ministries (5+ years) through attending conferences and "The Nest" classes and hearing them talk about the church and their love for the people here. The Luceros have been prophetic ministers for many years, with both itinerate and pastoral ministry service.

Debra is also an artist and has taught art classes, as well as having a hairstylist background. When not traveling in ministry, Rich was a journeyman meatcutter but also enjoys creating recycled art pieces, but ministry has always been Rich and Debra's first calling.

They have a daughter, Josie, who lives in Atlanta. Rich and Debra lived in Atlanta for 10 years but most recently came from Wisconsin where they were based for a time, to help with an elderly parent. They bought a home in Mobile a year ago, but in September, moved here full time and are thrilled to be a part of the Gates of Zion family!



Larisa Beriault

I was born in Russia, Siberia, Altay in city Barnaul in 3/2/1973. I grew up in a communist country until 1992 "perestroika" came. Religion was forbidden before then. When I was 21 missionaries mostly from America came & baptized the people in Holy Ghost and established churches. I then accepted Christ and the first wave of Holy Ghost.

By age 21 I got a degree in music, had a family and a daughter, Ekaterina. Mistakenly, I spent 5 years in Scientology until my sister prayed me out of it.

12 years ago I moved to Portland, OR and then Seattle, WA. I attended Russian church ([gr2life.org](http://gr2life.org)) Transformation Center which is part of a global Christian network.

I received visions from the Lord related to science and inventions which bring me here to Mobile, Alabama.

I met Justin Abraham in a Seattle revival center and he told me about the Gates of Zion because of my vision he told me to check it out and I did.



Nan Sutherland

I was born in San Antonio, Texas, raised in Houston. I began the great adventure with Yesuah in 1982 the same year my daughter Stephanie was born. Stephanie is married to Jason and they reside in Richmond, VA. I've lived all across the US due to jobs but more importantly through obedience to Yahweh. In June of this year Yahweh asked me to prepare to move and through a series of events He confirmed I was to move to Mobile and become part of what He is doing at and through Gates of Zion. I truly know that I have found my family and home here. I encourage everyone to come into agreement with what Yahweh is telling you even though it may be hard or "out there" because being in the midst of His perfect plan is always the best.

## *Mark Your Calendars*



Come celebrate fall with us at our annual Fall Festival! Friday, November 8th from 6pm-8pm



Join us as we go deeper at our Faces of The Deep Conference with Grant, Samantha & Stevie! Thurs. Nov. 21st - Sat. Nov. 23rd at Gates of Zion. Register at [GatesofZionMobile.org](http://GatesofZionMobile.org) to obtain your seat.



Every year we celebrate the Christmas Season in style! Join us for our Adult Christmas Party! Thursday, December 5th.



Children's Musical & Cookie Swap Sunday, Dec 15th

