



**LITTLE  ROCK  
A.M.E. Zion Church**

*Celebrating 140 years*

**2023-2024**  
Theme:

**Excellence In Ministry:**  
**TOGETHER, WE CAN...!**  
Ephesians 4:11-16

**EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY**

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# *Sunday, May 19, 2024*

*9:45 a.m. Moments of Centering: That we all may be aware of His Presence*

*Enter to Worship*

*“Happy Little Rock Day*

*“Let’s Have Church”*

**THE PRELUDE**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, *Pastor***

**THE INTROIT**

**“Surely the Presence of the Lord”**

**THE PROCESSIONAL**

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**THE INVOCATION**

**THE RESPONSE**

**“Holy Ground”**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“Come, Thou Almighty King ” #2**

**THE RESPONSIVE READING**

**THE GLORIA PATRI**

**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (PRINTED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE BULLETIN OR ON SCREEN)**

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**\*THE PRAYER HYMN**

**Little Rock Sanctuary Choir**

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

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**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS**

**THE CHORAL SELECTION**

**THE SERMON**

**Bishop Dennis V. Proctor**

*Presiding Prelate, North Eastern Episcopal District , A.M.E. Zion Church*

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**“All Things Come of Thee”**

**THE RECESSIONAL**

**THE BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

***-Depart To Serve—Let’s Be The Church!-***

## The Season of *Pentecost*

**Pentecost** is the birthday of the Christian Church and reveals the descent or outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the believers in the Upper Room. Pentecost is sometimes referred to as Whitsunday referring either to the wearing of white robes by candidates for baptism or to the old Anglo-Saxon word “wit” meaning wisdom – an allusion to the outpouring of the Spirit of Wisdom. To the Christian, *Pentecost* means the Church’s birthday that is celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter. Acts 2 gives the record of the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the Disciples and they began to speak in tongues preaching Christ as the risen Lord. Three thousand persons were baptized into the Christian faith at that time.



The day of Pentecost also occurs fifty days after the Passover. In the Jewish faith, this is the Feast of Weeks that commemorates the day on which Moses received the law on top of Mount Sinai. Tradition states that the early Christians observed Pentecost by shooting fire from the roof of the church to represent “the tongues of fire” that rested on the Disciples. Often this was not practical, so doves were collected and released during the worship service.

The **liturgical color** is red which is symbolic of the Holy Spirit, witness, zeal, power, loyalty and love. Prominent symbols include **cloven tongues of fire**, the **descending dove**, and a downward arrow. The Christian Church is often represented by using a ship or a rainbow (denotes the fulfillment of a promise). As Pentecost is celebrated, one should reflect on the coming of the Comforter (Holy Spirit) to the Disciples, and the power and miracles that resulted due to this coming, plus the need to allow the spirit to embody and empower persons today.



# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

## “Come, Thou Almighty King” #2

Come, Thou al-might-y King, Help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise! Fa-ther all glo-ri-ous, O'er all vic-to-ri-  
ous, Come and reign o-ver us, An-cient of Days!

Come, Thou in-car-nate Word, Gird on thy might-y sword,  
Our pray'r at-tend; Come, and Thy peo-ple bless, And give  
Thy word suc-cess, Spirit of ho-li-ness, on us de-scend!

Come, Ho-ly Com-fort-er, Thy sa-cred wit-ness bear, In this  
glad hour; Thou who al-might-y art, Now rule in ev-ery  
heart, And ne'er from us de-part, Spir-it of power!

To thee, great One in Three, E-ter-nal prais-es be, hence,  
ev-er-more. Thy sov-'reign maj-es-ty May we in glo-ry see,  
And to e-ter-ni-ty Love and adore!

A-men.





# THE RESPONSIVE READING

*Pentecost Sunday Morning*

*(Acts 2:1-8, 12-21)*

Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

*And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

*And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.*

Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?"

*And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?"*

So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

*But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.*

For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

*But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My spirit on all flesh;*

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.

*And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.*

I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and notable day of the Lord.

***And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."***

*“Not by might,  
nor by power,  
but by my Spirit,  
says the Lord of hosts.”  
- Zechariah 4:6*

***Please Pray for the Sick and those that care for them.***

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Charlotte, NC 28206

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1509 Chelveston Dr.  
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Charlotte, NC 28134

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Charlotte, NC 28205

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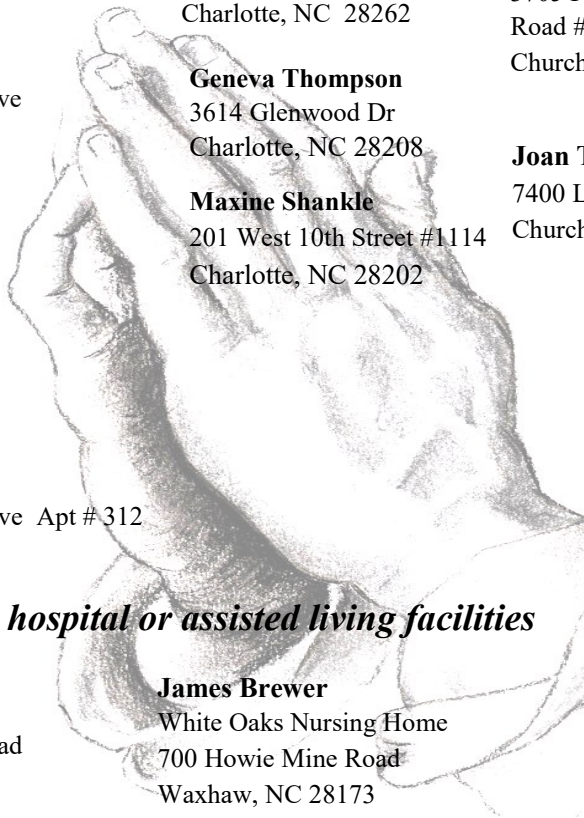
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**Little Rock A.M.E. Zion  
Church Radio Ministry**

**Praise 100.9**  
Charlotte's Inspiration Station  
[PraiseCharlotte.com](http://PraiseCharlotte.com)

**Sunday Mornings at  
7:30AM**

**[http://  
praisecharlotte.com](http://praisecharlotte.com)**



# **The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar**

*“Together, We Can...!”*

*Ephesians 4:11-16*

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## **Sunday, May 19, 2024—LITTLE ROCK DAY**

- ◆ 9:00am - CED Sunday School for all ages in the Building
- ◆ 9:00am— Adult Sunday School via website and in the Sanctuary
- ◆ 10:00am - Sunday Morning Worship in Sanctuary and via Website

## **Monday, May 20, 2024**

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open
- ◆ 7:00pm - Conference Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

## **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open
- ◆ 7:00pm - Little Rock Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

## **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open
- ◆ 1:00pm - Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843 2528 code 2217017#)
- ◆ 7:00pm - The Gift Evening Worship in Sanctuary and via livestream

## **Thursday, May 23, 2024**

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open
- ◆ 10:00am - The Health Institute
- ◆ 7:00pm - The Social Justice Institute

## **Friday, May 24, 2024**

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open
- ◆ 10:00am - The Social Justice Institute Continues

## **Sunday, May 26, 2024**

- ◆ 9:00am - Sunday School in person for all ages in the building
- ◆ 9:00am— Adult Sunday School via website and in the Sanctuary
- ◆ 10:00am - Morning Worship in Sanctuary and via Website

**Little Rock website address: [www.littlerockamezion.org](http://www.littlerockamezion.org)**



## **Our Guest Preacher**

### **Bishop Dennis V . Proctor**

#### **North Eastern Episcopal District**

#### **African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church**

A native of Buffalo, New York, and a graduate of the Syracuse, New York public school system, he received his Bachelor of Arts (Summa Cum Laude) from Livingstone College, Master of Arts in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary, a Clinical Pastoral Experience Diploma from Western Reserve Psychiatric Habilitation Center, a Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University College of Law, and a Doctor of Ministry (Samuel D. Proctor/Otis Moss Fellow) from the United Theological Seminary. He was inducted into Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia. He was honored by his Alma Mater to receive the Doctor of Divinity from Hood Theological Seminary and Livingstone College. He was a featured lecturer at the prestigious Hampton University, Hampton Minister's Conference. He was appointed by the University to be the Conference Historian, becoming the first Methodist to serve as an officer in the organization's history. In addition, one of his sermons is published in the book of "Outstanding Black Sermons Volume 4" Judson Press, and a contributing author in "Doing Church Vol.2" New Seasons Press.

He has served as a Fellow to Study the Presidency of the United States, a North Carolina Legislative Intern, North Carolina Institute of Political Leadership Fellow, Clerk for the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Lt. Governor of American Bar Association Law Student Division, President of The Ohio State University Black Graduate and Professional Student Caucus.

He is the Founding President of the Congress of National Black Churches, Baltimore Affiliate. He served on his denomination's Connectional Budget Board, Overseas Missions Board and co-authored Christians Under Construction.

Bishop Proctor has held three pastorates: St. James A.M.E. Zion Church in Massillon, Ohio, where he led the congregation in the building of a new church and purchased a parsonage. His second pastorate was the St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church of Wilmington, North Carolina. There he led the congregation in remodeling the church, purchasing a new parsonage and commissioning a life size mural. His last pastorate was the historic Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church in Baltimore, Maryland. Remodeling the facility, acquiring additional property, creating a full-time ministerial staff and implementing over twenty ministry areas are among his many accomplishments there. Each of his pastoral appointments accepted the challenge of technological development and biblical stewardship as a means of financing the work of Kingdom building.

In Atlanta, Georgia, during the 48th Quadrennial Session of the A.M.E. Zion General Conference, the Rev. Dr. Dennis V. Proctor was elected by the world church and consecrated the 97th Bishop in succession of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and assigned to the Western Episcopal District. At the 49th Quadrennial Session of the A.M.E. Zion Church's General Conference he was assigned to the Alabama-Florida Episcopal District and served as the Presiding Bishop. With the passing of Bishop Roy A. Holmes the Board of Bishops assigned him to preside over New York, Western New York, and the United Kingdom. The 50th General Conference assigned him to preside over the North Eastern Episcopal District (New England, New Jersey, New York, Western New York, Bahamas Islands and London-Midland Conferences).

He is a fifth generation preacher and the son of the late Rev. Emory C. and Rosie T. Proctor. He is married to the former Deborah Diane Wilson, and they are now officially empty nesters!



# Little Rock Patrons' List

The following persons contributed to members to help them raise their goals for Little Rock Day.

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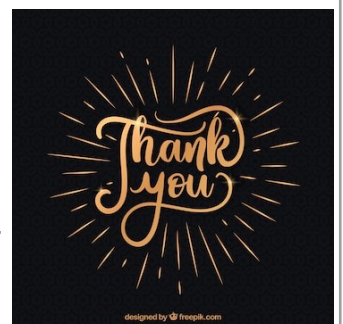
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## Thank You, Office Volunteers!

This week "Thank You" to Mrs. Jennifer Mitchell, Dr. Angelia Fryer, Mrs. Yorlette Anthony, Ms. Evelyn Williams and Mrs. Hazeline Smith, for helping in the office. God bless each of you. If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours or a day from 10AM-5PM please call the office.





# Little Rock Day

**Celebrating "Excellence in Ministry"**

## Sunday, May 19, 2024

**Rev. Belinda Austin, Chairperson  
Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor**

Every member is asked to GIVE to the Little Rock Day Celebration—\$200.00 (adults); \$25.00 (children under 18) years of age or college students).

You are encouraged to GIVE your \$200.00 by soliciting patrons, GIVE in installments and/or all at one time. Please turn in your Patrons List to the office. Patrons names will be listed in the Little Rock Day Bulletin.

Our goal is \$50,000.00 We realize that these are tough times, so we ask that you do the very best you can. Patron Lists are available in the office soon.

The bulletin, and the screen in church will display the QR Code. This may be used by friends and family to GIVE.



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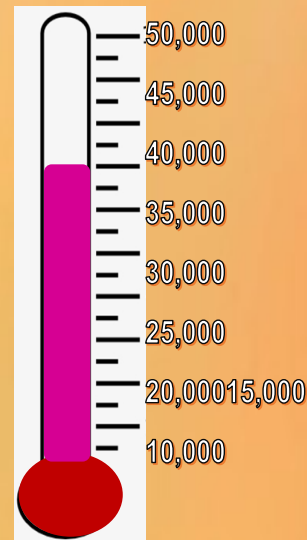
Goal \$50,000.00

Raised 39,516.08

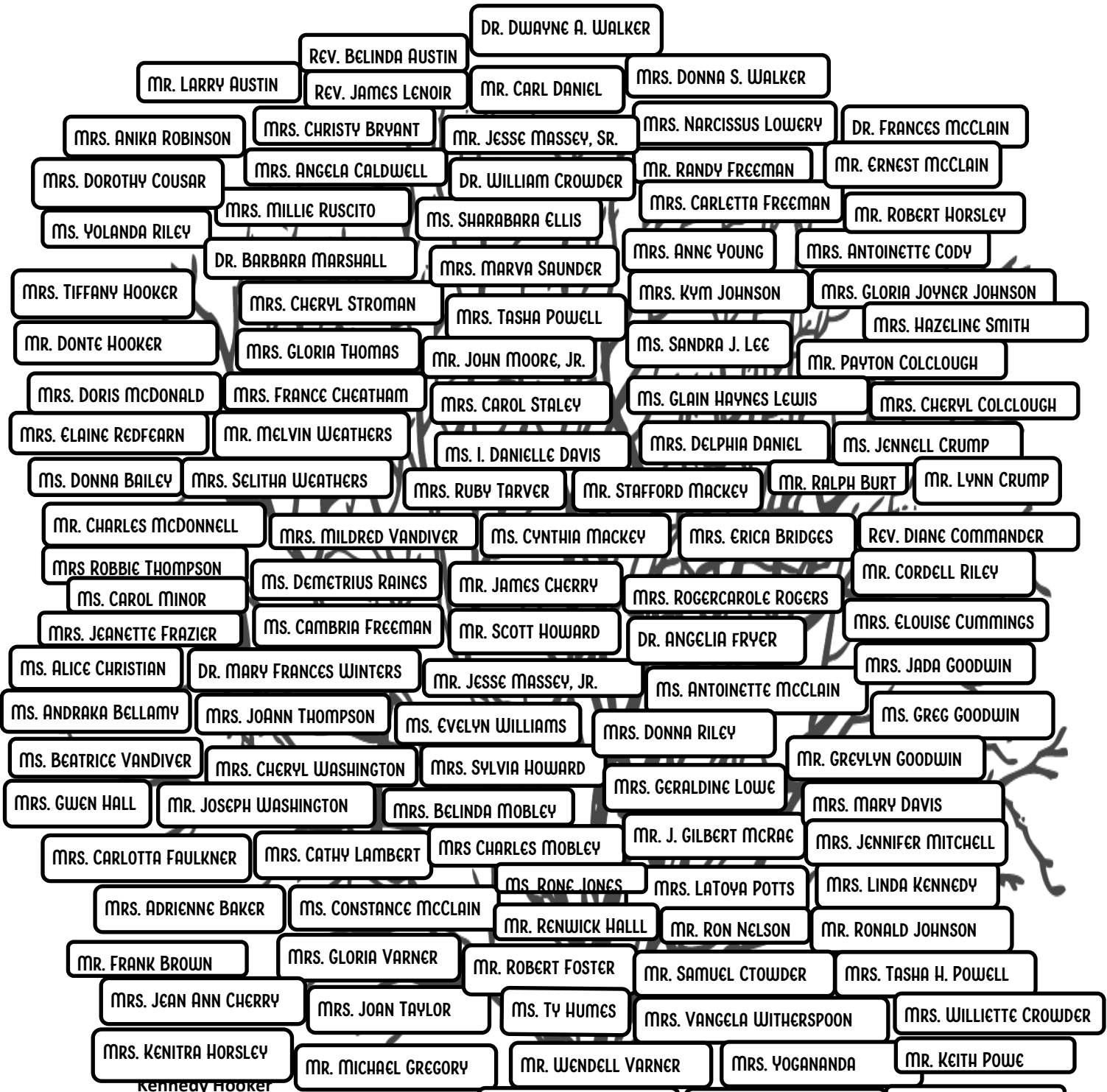
Needed \$ 10,483.92

**Thank you Little Rock for being the Church!**

Little Rock AME Zion Church Cashapp QR Code. Please scan to pay \$Iramez. In the comment section please include "LRD" Thank You.



MEMBERS LISTED ON THE TREE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN \$200 TOWARD LITTLE ROCK DAY GOAL OF \$50,000



Harper Horsley  
 Wade Mosley  
 Jahylen Mosley  
 Justus Mosley  
 Zaiden Mosley  
 Blake Mangum  
 Carol Harrison

Meliya Ghee  
 Aliyah Potts  
 Andrew Robinson  
 Taylor Hooker  
 er  
 Lauren Colclough  
 Isaiah Addison

Aila Cannon  
 Hannah Robinson  
 Jackson Riley  
 Ashley Riley  
 Kornelius Roberts  
 Dylan Walker

Youth, College Students and Children who have contributed \$25 toward our

MR. WILLIAM LOWE



## Little Rock Quilting Ministry

Have you ever consider the artistry and detail handwork of a professional quilt? This kind of craftsmanship is still being passed along here at Little Rock. If you would like to join this ministry please contact Mrs. Elouise Cummings at (704) 773-0884.

## Cell Phones for Soldiers

The Military Ministry will be having its call for “Cell Phones for Soldiers” during the month of May. So, if you have a new to slightly used cell phone that you would like to donate, please bring it to the church and deposit in the “Cell Phones for Soldiers” drop box located in the hallway on the table near the church office. Your donation will help our soldier make that call home much easier. The cell phones are refurbished or dismantled to use the parts that are salvageable and sold on the open market. The proceeds from the sale of the cell phones will be used to help fund the soldiers’ ability to connect with their loved ones at home. We (the Military Ministry) thank you so kindly for your donation to this worthy cause.



## The Launch

INSTITUTE PROGRAMS

MAY 22-24, 2024

register at [www.thegiftcollaborative.org](http://www.thegiftcollaborative.org)



**THE GIFT**  
of Black Theological  
Education

- 22nd | 7:30P - 9:30P **WORSHIP SERVICE**
- 23rd | 10:00A - 3:00P **HEALTH INSTITUTE - 'Navigating Health'**
- 23rd | 7:00P - 9:00P **SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE - 'Building Capacity for Change'**
- 24th | 10:00A - 2:00P **SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE (Continuation)**

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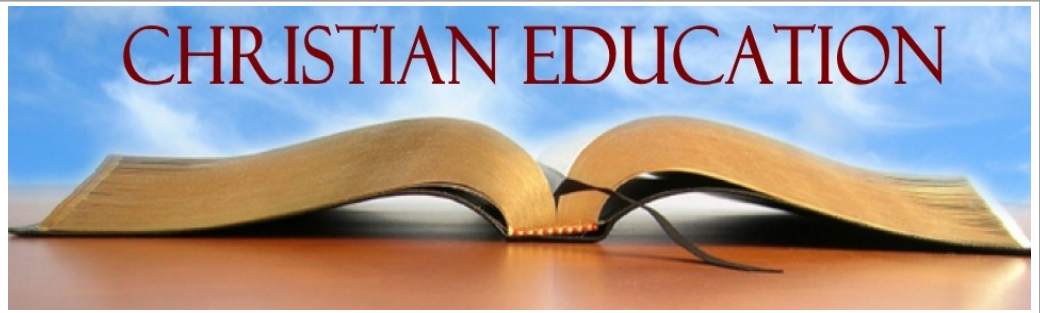
Join Little Rock  
**INTERCESSORY PRAYER CALL**

Every Wednesday  
at 1:00 pm

**1 720 843 2528** code: **2217017 #**

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Sunday, May 26, 2024



Who Has Believed?

**Devotional Reading**  
Deuteronomy 30:11-20

**Background Scripture:**  
Romans 10:1-21

**Affirmation**  
Confess with your mouth  
and believe in your heart  
that Jesus is Lord.

**AUDIO VISUAL  
MINISTRY**  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering in the Audio-Visual and/or the Information-Technology Ministry

PLEASE call the Church Office at (704)334-3782.

Training will be provided.

## Ministry of Kindness

Your gifts will make a world of difference in someone's life. Thank you in advance for supporting this ministry.



## Graduation Information for the Class of 2024

Graduate Sunday will be observed **Sunday, June 9, 2024**. To ensure that all our graduates are recognized, we ask that you submit the information below, if you have not already done so, by **May 19, 2024**. We would also like to highlight awards, scholarships received, and other forms of recognition. Please email or text information to the Christian Education Director, Mrs. Antoinette Cody at [Acody13@yahoo.com](mailto:Acody13@yahoo.com) or 704.281.2765. Thank you.

Name (as you want it printed):	
Parents or/Spouse:	
High School Graduating from:	
Future Plans after high school:	
College Graduating from:	
Degree conferred from college:	
Honors/Awards/Recognitions/Scholarships	
Phone: (c)	email:



**Health Resource Ministry  
Medical background not required to join.**

**Contact: Anika Robinson  
704-517-6728**



### *Altar Flowers*







The Flower Ministry invites the members of Little Rock to honor a loved one or special date in yours or a loved one's life by sponsoring Altar Flowers on any Sunday (s) throughout the year—a birthday, wedding, anniversary, etc.



**Altar Flowers per Sunday \$100.00 for (2)**

Please call the Church Office for details.

Debit Card 	Multi-purpose Room Sundays btw 10:00AM and 12:30PM
Givelify APP 	<a href="http://www.givelify.com">www.givelify.com</a>
Paypal 	<a href="http://www.littlerockamezion.org">www.littlerockamezion.org</a> Go to Online giving (bottom of page). Click on TO GIVE SECURELY ONLINE PAYPAL (right side of page)
CASHAPP 	Download CASHAPP on Smartphone. Tap on \$ sign (bottom of app). Type in the amount you are sending. Choose Pay. Type \$LRAMEZ in the To: line. Type in reason for the money in the Next: line. Then tap Pay.

# Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor



## The Twelve Classes of Little Rock

*Gilbert McRae, Leader of Leaders 704-567-7588*

**Class #13—New Members**

<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Class Leader</u>	<u>Contact Number</u>
<i>Class #1</i>	<i>Dr. Sonya Campbell</i>	<i>704 858-4601</i>
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<i>Class #3</i>	<i>Keith Powe</i>	<i>704 968-7353</i>
<i>Class #4</i>	<i>Sharbara Ellis</i>	<i>704 535-9516</i>
<i>Class #5</i>	<i>Rev. James H. Lenoir</i>	<i>704 806-2591</i>
<i>Class #6</i>	<i>Mary Davis</i>	<i>704 691-5448</i>
<i>Class #7</i>	<i>John Moore, Jr.</i>	<i>704 502-8295</i>
<i>Class #8</i>	<i>Stafford Mackey</i>	<i>704 898-3890</i>
<i>Class #9</i>	<i>Rev. Michelle Courtney</i>	<i>704 281-1661</i>
<i>Class #10</i>	<i>Chella Mills</i>	<i>980 353-6317</i>
<i>Class #11</i>	<i>Glain Haynes Lewis</i>	<i>704 399-0581</i>
<i>Class #12</i>	<i>Dr. Angelia Fryer</i>	<i>704 572-8517</i>

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Little Rock Choir Rehearsal	Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study	Wednesdays @ 12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.
Youth   Young Adult Choir Rehearsal	1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 12:00 noon
Children's Choir Rehearsal	2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 11:00 a.m.
Bread of Life Ministry	Saturdays @ 11:00 a.m.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

### The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; The third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic\* Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting. Amen.

*\*Universal Body of Christ*

## MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Belinda Austin	Minister of Evangelism
Rev. James Lenoir	Minister of Christian Education
Rev. Michelle Courtney	Minister of Evangelism for Inreach
Rev. Dr. Sonya Campbell	Minister of Youth and Young Adults
Rev. Anthony Redfearn	Minister of Counseling
Rev. Diane Commander	Assistant Minister of Evangelism

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