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THE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
The Freedom Church

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LITTLE ROCK
A.M.E. Zion Church



401 N. MCDOWELL STREET

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
REV. DR. DERRILL A. BLUE, PASTOR

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Sunday, February 8, 2026

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

Enter to Worship

“Let’s Have Church”

THE PRELUDE..

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Derrill A. Blue, *Pastor*

THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSE

“Holy Ground”

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“We’ve Come This Far By Faith “ #259

THE RESPONSIVE READING

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (PRINTED ON SCREEN & BACK OF BULLETIN)

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTIONS

Little Rock Sanctuary Choir

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Paula B. Blue

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

“All Things Come of Thee”

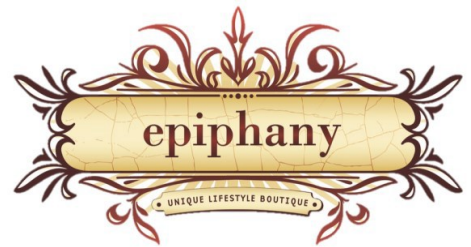
THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

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

The Season

Epiphany



The first Sunday after Epiphany Day (January 6) is known as Baptism of the Lord referring to Matthew 3: 13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22 and John 1:29-34. The appropriate symbols are water, the baptismal shell or font, a descending dove, and a cross standing in water. The emphasis for the remainder of the season is on the beginning of Jesus' ministry, the miracles performed, and Jesus' works and teachings. The last Sunday of this periods is known as the Transfiguration of the Lord referring to the revelation of Jesus' true nature to the disciples (Peter, James and John) on the Mount of Olives. Prominent symbols for the Transfiguration include a crown surrounded by rays or paintings of Jesus with a glorious radiating effect or glistening garments. White is the appropriate color for this Sunday. The beginning date of the season is January 6 and the appropriate liturgical color is green. Note that white is used on Epiphany Day and the first Sunday after Epiphany day.

Crown The crown is a headpiece worn to designate royalty, social, political or religious status. It represents Jesus as King, Ruler and Lord of all. The crown may also represent the final reward for believers who have been faithful to God.

Descending Dove Is a symbol of the Holy Spirit, denoting the descent upon Jesus at the time of His baptism by John the Baptist.



THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“We’ve Come This Far By Faith” # 259

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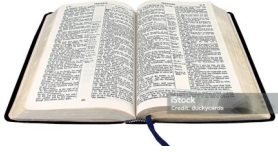
We’ve come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the Lord; Trust-ing In His Ho-ly Word—
He’s nev-er failed— me yet. Oh—, Oh-- can’t turn a-round, we’ve come this far by
faith.—

Don’t be dis - cour - aged - with trou—ble— In your life.— He’ll bear— your bur-dens
and move all mis -er-y and strife. That’s why
(Refrain)

Just the oth--er day I heard a man say, he did -n’t be-lieve In God’s Word; I can say the
Lord made a way, He’s nev—er failed me Yet. Thank God.
(Refrain)

A-men.

faith



THE RESPONSIVE READING

Fifth Sunday Morning in Epiphany

(Colossians 1:21-29)

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and irreproachable in His sight—

If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church.

Of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God.

The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations but now has been revealed to His saints.

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.



Sick and Shut-in

*Please Pray for the sick and
those who care for them.*

*Heal me Lord, and I will be
healed. Save me and I will be
saved....*

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

Praise 100.9
Charlotte's Inspiration Station
PraiseCharlotte.com

Sunday Mornings at 7:30AM

<http://praisecharlotte.com>

The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar



“Rooted, Rising, and Reaching”

Rooted in Christ, Rising in Faith, and Reaching in Love

Colossians 2:6–7 (NIV)

Sunday, February 8, 2026

- ♦ 9:00am - Sunday School for all ages
- ♦ 10:00am - Sunday Morning Worship in Sanctuary and via Website
- ♦ 12:00noon - Super Bowl Tailgating in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ 3:00pm - North Charlotte District Agape Service at Columbus Chapel AME Zion Church

Monday, February 9, 2025

- ♦ 9:30am - Office Open
- ♦ 6:00pm - Board of Stewards Meeting via Conference Call
- ♦ 7:00pm - Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
- ♦

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

- ♦ 9:30am - Office Open
- ♦ ♦ 12:00 Noon - Mid Week Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ 1:00pm - Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843-2528 code 2217017#
- ♦ 7:00pm - Evening Bible Study, virtually

Thursday, February 12, 2026

- ♦ 9:30am - Office Open
- ♦ 7:00pm - Little Rock Liturgical Dancers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, February 13, 2026

- ♦ 9:30am - Office Open

Sunday, February 15, 2026

- ♦ 9:00am - CED—Sunday School for all ages
- ♦ 10:00am - Sunday Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

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Class Meetings

Class #5 –Will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 8th, immediately following Morning Worship. Class Leader, Mr. Lynn Crump

Class #10 - will meet in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 15th, immediately following Morning Worship . Cass Leader, Mrs. Chella Mills

Class #6 - will sit together for Morning Worship on Sunday, February 15th. Class Leader, Mrs. Mary Davis.

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.



Ash Wednesday Service

February 18th—7PM

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a [solemn](#) reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Presented by Zetas of Pineville-Matthews, NC
In partnership with Pearlz for Empowerment Foundation



TRAILBLAZE YOUR WAY TO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP



**Scholarship
Award
\$5,000**

- Oratorical Competition
- No written essay required
- Deadline: March 1, 2026

SCAN ME



[TTZ Scholarship 2026](#)

Requirements:

- *Must be a Mecklenburg County resident and high school senior*
- *Must be a Black/African American Female*
- *Must be accepted to a 4 year college or university*
- *Must possess a 3.0 or higher GPA*



TrailblazingTTZ



Zetas of Pineville-Matthews



www.tauthetazetapm.com



Sunday, February 15, 2026

Lesson: 11

The Lord's Day

Devotional Reading

Psalm 118:19-24

Background Scripture

Genesis 2:2-3; Exodus 20:8-11;
Matthew 12:1-14; 28:1-10; John
20:19; Acts 20:7; Romans 14:4-8

Affirmation

We experience a connection to
God's creative energy in the
rhythm of work and rest.

2026 Primary Election Important Dates

- 2026 Primary Election Day: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026. Absentee Ballots
- Last day to request a ballot: Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 by 5:00 p.m.
- Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 in our office by 7:30 p.m.

Early Voting

- **First Day of Early Voting:** Thursday, February 12th, 2026.
- **Last Day of Early Voting:** Saturday, February 28th, 2026.

**NORTH CHARLOTTE DISTRICT
WOMEN'S HOME AND OVERSEAS MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

AGAPE SUNDAY

CELEBRATION



**REV. BELINDA AUSTIN,
LITTLE ROCK
AME ZION CHURCH**



**MS. CASTELLA
CONNER,
DISTRICT PRESIDENT**



**REV. DR. WARDELL
HENDERSON,
PRESIDING ELDER**

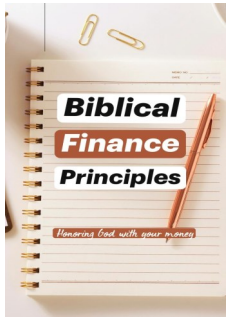
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FEBRUARY 2026

3:00 PM

**COLUMBUS CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH, HOST CHURCH
REV. JARMA CHISHOLM, HOST PASTOR
15501 DAVIDSON-CONCORD RD
DAVIDSON, NC 28036**

This Is Exciting! Look!!!



Bible Study will resume **THIS** week on Wednesday, January 14th, noon in the Fellowship Hall and 7PM virtual.

For the next few weeks our Bible Study schedule is going to be:

- o **Week 5 - DEBT ELIMINATION**
- o *Debt Stacking and ways to pay off debt FAST!*

- o **Week 6 - WRAP-UP & REVIEW**

Completing the Financial House

EVERYBODY who attends the class will get a **COMPLIMENTARY FNA** [Financial Needs Analysis aka a Financial Plan] and unlimited one-on-one sessions with the Financial Coach.

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WAYS TO GIVE



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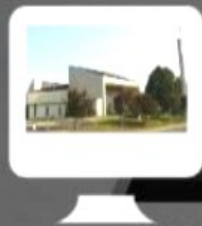
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Little Rock A.M.E. Zion

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Class 6 members are invited to
sit together in worship as
we celebrate our heritage & bond in Christ.



*“So we, though many,
are one body in Christ.”*

— Romans 12:5

FEBRUARY 15TH

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DR. PAULA B. BLUE, FIRST LADY

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HERITAGE

Month Celebration

HERITAGE SUNDAY SERVICE

FEB 22ND 2026 - 10AM

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AFRICAN MARKETPLACE

SAT FEB 21ST 10-4PM ----- SUN FEB 22ND 12-3PM ----- SAT FEB 28TH 10-4PM

FILM AND PANEL DISCUSSION SAT FEB 28TH 4:30PM

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February's Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Morghyn Mosley
Jean Brown
3 Jada Goodwin
Gregory Kennedy
4 Adrienne Ricketts
5 Ranzeno Frazier
6 Lisa Renee Fuller
Vanessa Williams
7 Dirk Clark
8 Carol Minor
Stephanie Haynes
Ladocia Crowder
9 Diedre Myric-
Thompson
13 Lisa Ellison

14 Rosie Lowery
16 Michael Porter
Michelle Belk
17 Patricia Love
Marilyn Raines
18 Melvin Weathers
Lydia Galbreath
20 Jelani Wiltshire, Jr
21 Alice Christian
Gregory Goodwin
Isaiah Robinson
Patricia Prince

22 Renwick Hall
Doret Lawson
22 Mary Davis
Porcia Douglas
23 Brenda Lattaker
25 Joseph Washington
26 Chandler Clark
Jeanette Frazier
Ashton Jefferson
27 Angela Smith
28 Constance McClain
Patrice Tillman
Sylvia Thomas

Happy Anniversary

Jason and Anika Robinson

February 16

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February is American Heart Month



Little Rock is joining the effort. Wear red on
Sunday, February 15th,
to help raise awareness for heart health.

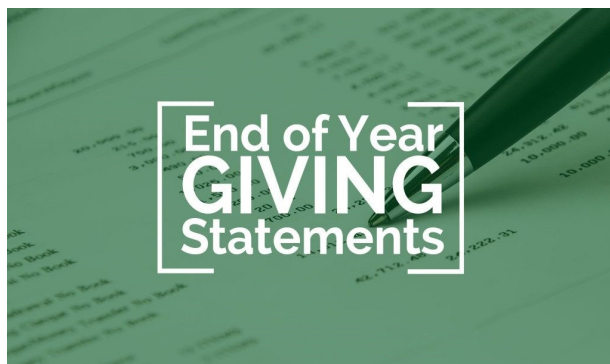


Please find the two questions in Celebration of Black History Month for the weekly bulletin.

1. _____ the first woman and African-American to become a self-made millionaire.

2. _____ served as the first African-American justice on the United States Supreme Court.

Gilbert/ Historical Society Ministry



The 2025 End of Year Giving Statements were mailed. If you do not receive a statement, please contact the office. We will resend it to you. Thank you for your generosity during the year.

Little Rock AME Zion Church
401 N McDowell Street, Charlotte NC
Dr. Derrill A. Blue, Senior Pastor

2026

MILITARY VETERANS MINISTRY



Offering encouragement, spiritual support, and
advocacy for LRAMEZion service members.



Charles McDonnell, USAF
Darrell Bonapart, USA
Carl Daniels, USMC
Barbara Summey Marshall, USN

FOR MORE INFORMATION
910-977-2303



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Mrs. Narcissus Lowery

2026 Home Missions Department Representative

Mrs. Narcissus Lowery has been a faithful member of Little Rock AME Zion Church since 1954. She is the tenth and only surviving child of eleven children born to the late Mr. Alexander "Ben" Byers and Mrs. Ella Craig Byers of Clover, South Carolina.

At Little Rock AME Zion Church, Mrs. Lowery has served in numerous capacities over the years. She is currently the president of the Senior Usher Board, in which she joined in 1956. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees, Board of Deaconess, Lay Council, Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society and Adult Ministry. In addition, she has served as a Class Leader, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, Prayer Counselor and Co-Chair and member of Little Rock Day Committee.

On the North Charlotte District, Mrs. Lowery was appointed District President of the Usher Board in 1995 and faithfully served until her retirement in 2022. She served as the Chaplain of the Usher Board for the Western North Carolina Conference and a delegate to the Annual and General Conferences.

Mrs. Lowery was married for over 60 years to the late Mr. Fred Marshall Lowery. She is the devoted mother of four sons and two daughters and a proud grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

Mrs. Lowery's favorite Scripture is "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" -Psalm 27:1.

She lives by the message of her favorite song:
"99 and 1/2 Won't Do."



As the Home Missions Representative Mrs. Lowery needs your prayers and financial support.

Levels of support

Platinum \$125.00 and above
Gold \$100.00
Silver \$50.00
Bronze \$25.00
Patron \$10.00

Please make checks payable to:
Little Rock AME Zion or donations can
be made through Givelify
Indicate Mrs. Narcissus Lowery
Home Missions in the memo.

Thank you for your support.



Super Bowl

TAILGATE DROP-IN

FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, February 8, 2026
Immediately following morning worship
in the
Fellowship Hall

Ministries, we need your support!
Help make this event a success by
sponsoring a tent with snacks to share.

For more information, please contact
Anika Robinson or Erica Bridges

Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church

Dr. Derrill A. Blue, 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>
<i>Class #2</i>	<i>Angela Aiken</i>	<i>864 608-7158</i>
<i>Class #3</i>	<i>Keith Powe</i>	<i>704 968-7353</i>
<i>C-class #4</i>	<i>Tasha Powell</i>	<i>704 605-9659</i>
<i>Class #5</i>	<i>Lynn Crump</i>	<i>704 756-8762</i>
<i>Class #6</i>	<i>Mary Davis</i>	<i>704 691-5448</i>
<i>Class #7</i>	<i>Loretta Jefferson</i>	<i>704 651-1146</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
 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 MEN'S BOOSTERS MINISTRY
 BREAD OF LIFE/HEAVEN STORE HOUSE MINISTRIES
 BIBLE STUDIES
 ADULTS
 YOUNG LIFE STUDY
 CHILDREN
 CHOIR REHEARSALS
 MASS CHOIR
 SANCTUARY
 A.M.E.N. CHOIR
 YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT
 LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY (ADULTS)

9:00 A.M.
 10:00 A.M.
 1ST SATURDAY, 9:30 A.M.
 1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS, 11 A.M.
 WEDNESDAYS 12 NOON & 7:00 P.M. *
 2ND & 4TH MONDAYS, 7:00 P.M. *
 WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 P.M. *

TUESDAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SUNDAY 7: 00 P.M.
 TUESDAYS 7:00 P.M.
 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS, 7:00 P.M.
 1ST AND 2ND SUNDAY
 THURSDAYS, 7:00 P.M.

*VIA ZOOM

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*

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REV. BELINDA AUSTIN	MINISTER OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE
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