



LITTLE  ROCK
A.M.E. Zion Church

Celebrate 141 years
Together!

2024 - 2025

Theme:

“We Are One!”

Acts 9:31



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Sunday, January 9, 2025

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

Dr. Derrill A. Blue, Pastor

THE INTROIT

“Surely the Presence of the Lord” #222

THE PROCESSIONAL

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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 BACK OF BULLETIN OR ON SCREEN)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTION

Little Rock Sanctuary Choir

THE SERMON

Dr. Derrill A. Blue

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
After
Epiphany

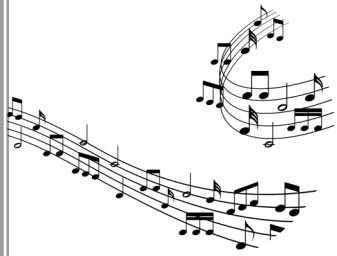


The Season After Epiphany –The first Sunday after Epiphany Day (January 6) is known as Baptism of the Lord referring to Matthew 3: 13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22 and John 1:29-34. The appropriate symbols are water, the baptismal shell or font, a descending dove, and a cross standing in water. The Greek word “*Epiphaneia*” means manifestation or appearance and serves as the etymological base for the epiphany. It is appropriate to use the Scriptures that tell of God’s manifestation to humanity through Jesus Christ.

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 period 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

REFRAIN

We've come this far by faith Lean - ing on the Lord: Trust-ing in His Ho-ly Word, _____ He nev-er failed _____ me yet. 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 we've
(Refrain)

Just the ot-her day, I heard a man say he did— n't be-lieve in God's Word;
I can say, God has made a way He's nev - er failed me yet, thank God,
We've
(Refrain)





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.



REMEMBER OUR SICK & SHUT-IN

“Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me, and I will be saved, for You are my praise.”

(Jeremiah 17:14)

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

Helen Ashmore
1026 Polk Street
Charlotte, NC 28206

Dorothy Cousar
1509 Chelveston Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28208

Lila Blake
509 Hidden Minor Drive
Matthews, NC 28104

Lelia Kent
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Charlotte, NC 28134

Adrienne Baker
419 Amhurst Street
Concord, NC 28025

Jenetta Frazier
11118 Northlake Landing
Dr. #2308
Charlotte, NC 28216

Members in the hospital or assisted living facilities

Mary Ann Moore
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Pineville, NC 28210

Deloris Armstrong
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Brighton
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West
Charlotte, NC 28277

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Charlotte, NC 28227

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Apt 112
Charlotte, NC 28262

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Charlotte, NC 28208

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Waxhaw, NC 28173

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Five Oaks Rehab
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Concord, NC 28027

Brenda Kearse
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Charlotte, NC 28206

Damie Warren
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Charlotte, NC 28205

Charles Robinson
3705 Prosperity Church
Road #227
Charlotte, NC 28269

Carline Dinkins
9620 Haying Place
Mint Hill, NC 28227

Jo Ann Thompson
7400 Limrick Drive
Charlotte, NC 28210

Rose Lowery
2733 LaSalle St
Charlotte, NC 28216



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



The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar

“We Are One!” Acts 9:31

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Sunday, February 9, 2025

- ◆ 9:00am - Sunday School for all ages
- ◆ 10:00am - Sunday Morning Worship in Sanctuary and via Website
- ◆ 12:00 noon - Supper Bowl Tailgating Activities in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 10, 2025

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open
- ◆ 12:00 Noon - Mid Day Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
- ◆ 1:00pm - Intercessory Prayer via conference call
- ◆ 7:00pm - Evening Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, February 13, 2025

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open
- ◆ 7:00pm - Little Rock Liturgical Dancers Rehearsal

Friday, February 14, 2025

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

Saturday, February 15, 2025

- ◆ 11:00am - Little Rock Bread of Life and Heaven Storehouse Ministry in the Fellowship Hall
- ◆ 11:00am - Little Rock Liturgical Dancers Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, February 16, 2025

- ◆ 9:00am - Little Rock Sunday School for all ages
- ◆ 10:00am - Little Rock Morning Worship in Sanctuary
- ◆ 12:00pm - Little Rock Members Meeting in the Sanctuary
- ◆ 12:30 noon - Little Rock Acolytes Ministry Rehearsal in the Sanctuary



MEMBERS MEETING

Little Rock Members Meeting

On next **Sunday, February 16th**, immediately following Morning Worship, Little Rock Membership is asked to remain in the Sanctuary after the benediction for an important Members Meeting.

Bread of Life and Heaven Storehouse Ministries

Both of these ministries will be functioning on Saturday, February 15th, beginning at 11:30am. The Heaven Storehouse Ministry is presently NOT taking any more clothes due to space limitations. Bread of Life will provide eat in or take out meals for anyone who needs food.

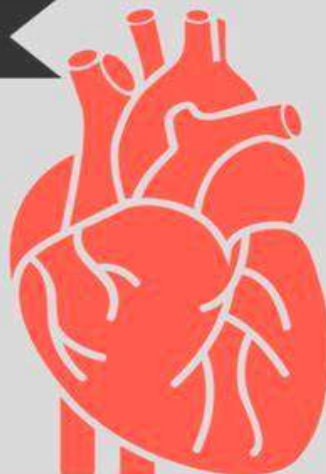
Class Meeting

Class Meeting #3—will meet on Tuesday, 11th, at 6:30pm via Zoom the information will be emailed to members by the class leader. Class Leader: Mr. Keith Powe.

Please submit all bulletin and announcement request to the church office at contact@littlerockamezion.org by end of business on Wednesdays

LOVE YOUR HEART

- Get active
- Eat well
- Control cholesterol
- Manage blood pressure
- Reduce blood sugar
- Lose weight
- Quit smoking



1 of every 3 deaths in the United States is caused by heart disease.

99% of Americans need to improve their heart health.



Each year, an estimated 785,000 people will have their first heart attack.



Every 39 seconds someone dies from heart disease and stroke.

AMERICAN HEART MONTH



AMERICAN HEART MONTH





Super Bowl

**TAILGATE
DROP-IN**

FOOD, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER MORNING
WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO WEAR YOUR
FAVORITE SPORTS PARAPHERNALIA
TO MORNING WORSHIP**

FLORENCE GRIFFITH JOYNER

Florence Griffith Joyner, born on December 21, 1959, in Los Angeles, California, was a super speedy track and field star known for her incredible speed and stylish running outfits! People called her "Flo-Jo," and she set world records in the 100m and 200m sprints that still stand today. Flo-Jo won three gold medals at the 1988 Olympics, and her colorful nails and lightning-fast runs made her a track sensation. People everywhere admire Flo-Jo for her lightning speed and fabulous style, showing that you can be both fast and fabulous in sports!

*"When anyone tells me I can't do anything...
I'm just not listening any more."*



JERRY RICE

Jerry Rice, born on October 13, 1962, in Starkville, Mississippi, is a football superstar famous for being one of the greatest wide receivers in the NFL. With his amazing catching skills and lightning-fast moves, Jerry played most of his career with the San Francisco 49ers. Jerry Rice holds many records and won three Super Bowls, showing everyone what it means to be a true football legend. His dedication to the game and love for scoring touchdowns make him an inspiration, proving that with hard work and a big heart, you can become a sports hero.

*"Today I will do what others want, so
tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't."*



VENUS & SERENA WILLIAMS

Venus and Serena Williams, born on June 17, 1980, and September 26, 1981, respectively, are incredible tennis-playing sisters who have taken the sports world by storm. Hailing from Compton, California, they started playing tennis at a very young age and quickly became champions! Venus, known for her powerful serves, and Serena, famous for her fierce determination, have won many Grand Slam tournaments and Olympic gold medals. These awesome sisters show us that with passion, hard work, and support for each other, you can achieve greatness in anything you love to do.

*"I don't like to lose -- at anything
-- yet I've grown most not from
victories, but setbacks."*

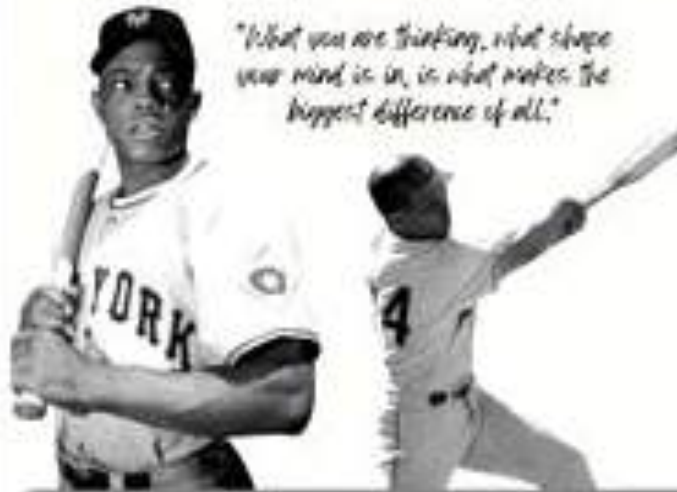
Serena Williams



WILLIE MAYS

Willie Mays, born on May 6, 1931, in Westfield, Alabama, is a baseball legend known for his incredible skills and joyful spirit. Nicknamed the "Say Hey Kid," Willie played for the New York/San Francisco Giants and New York Mets and is celebrated for his amazing catches and powerful hits. He brought so much excitement to the game! Willie Mays became one of the greatest baseball players of all time, earning many awards and making fans cheer with his fantastic plays. His love for the game and happy attitude make him an all-time favorite, teaching us that playing sports with joy and passion can lead to greatness.

*"What you are thinking, what shape
your mind is in, is what makes the
biggest difference of all."*



Little Rock A. M. E. Zion Church

Soul Food Dinner

Sunday, February 23, 2025

The Culinary Ministry request your participation in preparing a wonderful Soul Food Meal for our Heritage Celebration. Please complete this form with what you will bring – in a throw away container – enough to feed at least 10 people. The suggested menu is listed below.

SUGGESTED MENU:

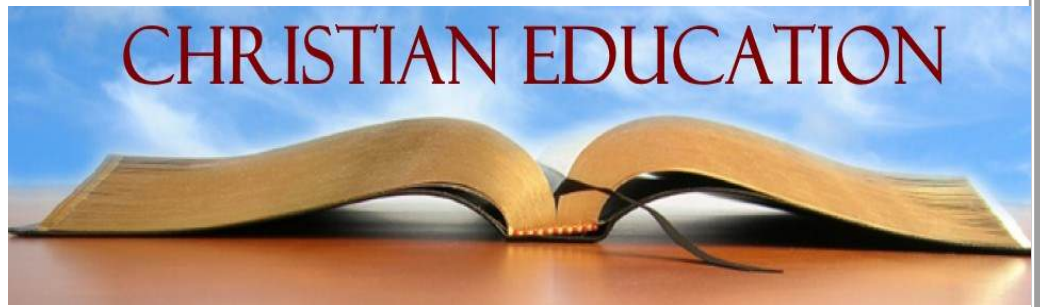
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Beans	<input type="checkbox"/> Collards/Mustard Greens	<input type="checkbox"/> Corn
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabbage	<input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Potatoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Rice
<input type="checkbox"/> Mac & Cheese	<input type="checkbox"/> Potato Salad	<input type="checkbox"/> Broccoli
<input type="checkbox"/> Baked, Fried Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Pork Chops	<input type="checkbox"/> Ribs
<input type="checkbox"/> Cornbread	<input type="checkbox"/> Rolls	<input type="checkbox"/> Cakes
<input type="checkbox"/> Pies	<input type="checkbox"/> Lemonade/Tea	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottle Water

Donations are also welcomed

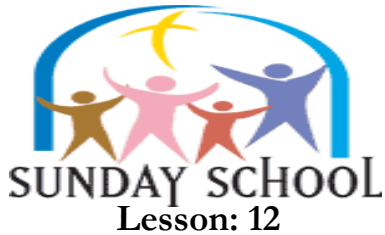
Name _____

Phone # _____

Please return this sheet to a member of the Culinary Ministry or to the
Church Office.



Sunday, February 16, 2025



The First Will be Last

Devotional Reading

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Background Scripture

Matthew 19:16-30

Affirmation

I always will put value on my relationship with God above every thing else.



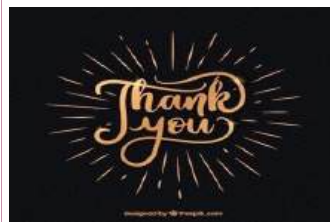
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Acolyte

ministry

Practice 3rd Sundays

Following Morning Worship



Thank You, Office Volunteers!

This week "Thank You" to Ms. Angela Aiken, Mrs. Elouise Cummings and Ms. Alicia Goodson.

MINISTRY OF KINDNESS



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

Lay Council Dues for 2025

The Annual Lay Council Membership Drive has begun. Please plan to pay your annual dues of \$5.00, \$20.00 for a four-year membership or \$125.00 for a Life Membership. Pay your dues by writing "Lay Council Dues" on your offering envelope or in the remarks if you use the Pay Pal or Givelify. For more information contact Ms. Jeanelle Perry, Lay Council 2nd Vice President (Membership Chairperson) or Gloria Joyner Johnson, President.



February's Birthdays and Anniversaries

2. Morghyn Mosley

Isaiah Moore

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

24 Geraldine J. Walker

25 Joseph Washington

26 Chandler Colclough

Jeanette Frazier

Ashton Jefferson

27 Angela Smith

28 Constance McClain

Patrice Tillman

Sylvia Thomas

Happy Anniversary

Jason and Anika Robinson

February 16

23 years



HERITAGE & CULTURAL AWARENESS WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 22-23, 2025

Saturday, February 22, 2025—10:00am

African Marketplace: Celebrating Cooperative Economics (Ujaama) the marketplace vendors will feature jewelry, handbags, authentic African attire, food and much more.

Vendors are encouraged to contact Mrs. Robin Bradford at: robkeit88@yahoo.com or the church office for an application.

Vender fees \$50 for Saturday

\$75 for Saturday and Sunday

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Morning Worship—10:00am

African Attire is encouraged.

Soul Food Feast in the Fellowship Hall

African Marketplace Reopen—12:00 Noon

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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>Tyteen Humes</i>	<i>770 548-6255</i>
<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>Lynn Crump</i>	<i>704756-8762</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 @ 7:00 p.m.
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.
Youth Young Adult Choir Rehearsal	1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 12:00 noon
Bread of Life Ministry	1st & 3rd 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	Retired Minister
Rev. Michelle Courtney	Minister of Evangelism for Inreach
Rev. Dr. Sonya Campbell	Minister of Youth and Young Adults
Rev. Anthony Refearn	Minister of Counseling
Rev. Diane Commander	Local Elder
Rev. Paula Blue	Associate Minister
Rev. Linwood Shaw	Associate Minister

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Mr. Sidney Oliver	Minister of Music
Ms. Glain Haynes-Lewis	Administrative Assistant

— EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY —