eleorating 2023-2024 Theme:

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

LITTLE ROCK

A.M.E. Zion Church

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EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY 401 North McDowell Street, Charlotte, NC contact@littlerockamezion.org | www.littlerockamezion.org | 704-334-3782

Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

Enter to Worship "Easter Sunday"

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP THE INTROIT THE PROCESSIONAL

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THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSE

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

THE RESPONSIVE READING

THE GLORIA PATRI

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

***THE PRAYER HYMN**

Little Rock Mass Choir

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

"Holy Ground"

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" #176

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTION **THE SERMON** Rev. Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor 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 Eastertide



Eastide cover a fifty day period (6) Sunday that challenges persons to reflect on the resurrection of Jesus. Ascension Day is celebrated the sixth Thursday after Easter and

commemorates the last manifestation of Jesus to his followers after the resurrection. Ascension Sunday is the Sunday following Ascension Day. The season ends with the day of Pentecost. White is the appropriate color for the season, with gold as an accent color.

There are many symbols for this significant celebration. They hold meanings that enhance the celebration and express the root of Christian belief that believers will eventually be raised from the dead and enjoy eternal life. The symbol for Lent and Easter are different. Whereas the major symbols for Lent represent the agony, suffering, and pain that Jesus endured; the symbols of Easter represent new birth and renewal. Most of the symbols represent something that was dead or dormant but births forth into new life and growth.



THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" #176

Christ the Lord is risen to-day, Al - le-lu - ia! Earth and Heaven in cho-rus say, Al - le-lu - ia! Raise your joys and tri-umphs high, Al le-lu - ia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re-ply, Al - le-lu - ia!

Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le-lu - ia! Fought the fight, the bat-tle won, Al - le-lu - ia! Death in vain for-bids Him rise, Al - le-lu - ia! Christ has opened par - a - dise, Al - le-lu - ia!

Lives a-gain our glo-rious King, Al - le-lu - ia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le-lu - ia! Once He died our souls to save, Al - le-lu ia! Where's thy vic -tory, boasting grave? Al - le-lu - ia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le-lu - ia! Fol-low-ing our exalt-ed Head, Al - le-lu - ia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Al le-lu - ia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le-lu - ia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Al - le-lu - ia! Praise to thee by both be given, Al - le-lu - ia! Thee we greet tri-um-phant now, Al - le -lu - ia! Hail the Res-ur-rec-tion, thou, Al - le-lu - ia!

King of glo- ry, soul of bliss, Al - le-lu - ia! Ev-er-last-ing life is this, Al -le-lu - ia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al-le-lu - ia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - le-lu - ia!

A-men.



THE RESPONSIVE READING

Easter Sunday Morning Acts 13:26-33

Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent.

"For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him."

"And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb."

"But God raised Him from the dead. He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people."

"And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus."

"As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'" PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT CARE FOR THEM.

He is Risen!

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



Sunday Mornings at 7:30AM

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The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar

" Together, We Can....!"

Ephesians 4:11-16

Sunday, March 31, 2024—EASTER SUNDAY

- ♦ 6:00am Sunrise Service at Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church, Guest Preacher, Dr. Dwayne A. Walker
- +9:00am Easter Recitation by the CED Department via website www.littlerockamezion.org and in Sanctuary
- ♦9:30am- Adult Sunday School via website and in the Sanctuary
- ◆10:00am Easter Morning Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, April 1, 2024

♦ 9:30am - Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

- ♦9:30am Office Open
- ♦7:00pm Little Rock Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

- ♦9:30am Office Open
- ◆1:00pm Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843 2528 code 2217017#)
- ♦7:00pm Bible Study in the Sanctuary in person and via livestream

<u>Thursday, April 4, 2024</u>

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

Friday, April 5, 2024

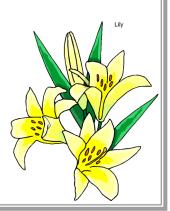
♦9:30am - Office Open

Sunday, April 7, 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 and Holy Communion in Sanctuary

Little Rock website address: www.littlerockamezion.org

Easter's Blessing



WALKER for Bishop 2024

CELEBRATING

of Pastoral Ministry and Community Involvement

Sunday, APRIL 14 @3:00 pm

401 North McDowell Street, Charlotte, NC 28204 | (704) 334-3782 www.walkerforbishop2024.com | www.littlerockamezion.org EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY

401 M Speaker: Rev. Dr. Clifford Jones, Pastor Friendship Missionary Baptist Church & Friendship MB Choir Community Leaders and Elected Officials

Gave the Date

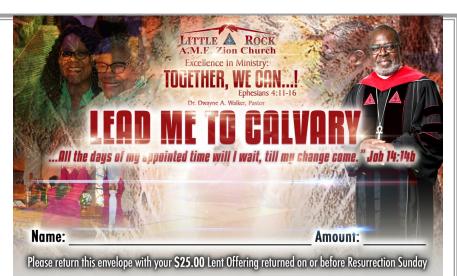
Lenten Sacrificial Offering

Please return your Lenten Offering prior to or on Easter Sunday March 31, 2024.

You may receive a Lenten Envelope from an Usher. This Sacrificial Offering will be placed on the Altar TODAY.

"...Lead Me To Calvary"





Jail / Prison Ministry

Orientation for Community Volunteers to participate/ support Little Rock's Jail/Prison Re-Entry Program at the Dallas Corrections, 520 Justice Court, Dallas, NC 28034 on April 15, 2024 at

6:30pm. You will need a photo ID to participate. Transportation available from church if needed.

For more information contact Reverend Anthony or Sister Elaine, Redfearn, 704.759.4968, 704.492.2436.

Graduation Information for the Class of 2024

All high school and college graduates are asked to complete the information below and email or text it to the Christian Education Director, Mrs. Antoinette Cody at <u>Acody13@yahoo.com</u> or 704.281.2765 by Sunday, April 7, 2024. Thank you.

Name (as you want it printd):		
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:	



Excellence in Ministry

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.

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.



Little Rock AME Zion Church



Celebrating "Excellence in Ministry"

Sunday, May 19, 2024

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

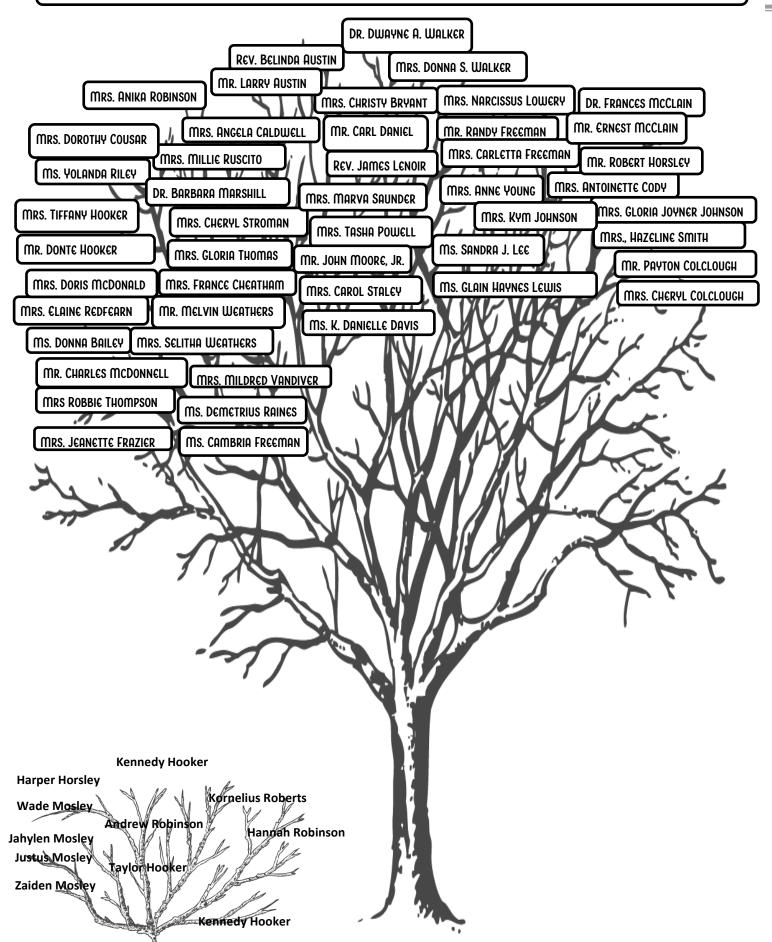


Goal \$50,000.00 <u>Raised 13,645.50</u> Needed \$ 36,354.50 Thank you Little Rock for being the Church!

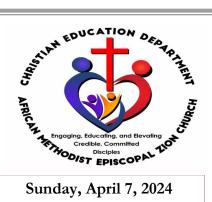
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MEMBERS LISTED ON THE TREE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN \$200 TOWARD LITTLE ROCK DAY GOAL OF \$50,000



Youth, College Students and Children who have contributed \$25 toward our \$50,000 goal.



Sunday, April 7, 2024

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ministry of Kindness

Your gifts will make a world of difference in someone's life. Thank you in advance for sup-SUNDAY SCHOOL porting this ministry.



Sunday School books for all ages are located in the Children's Room.



401 N McDowell St, Charlotte, NC 28204 littlerockamezion.org | (704) 334-3782 Rev. Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

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The Faith of Four Friends

Lesson: 5

Devotional Reading John 4:4-18-31

Background Scripture: Luke 5:17-26

Affirmation

We value the encouragement and support that we can offer friends in the faith.

AUDIO VISUAL MINISTR

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.

Young Adults in Christian Ministry

Thank you to every Young Adult who participated in the fellowship on March 10th. Also, shout out to everyone who was present for YACM observance Sunday and thank you to those who par-

ticipated in different parts of the service. The upcoming events scheduled for YACM are listed below. Mark your calendars and please plan to attend! If there are any questions please contact Mrs. Racquel Kornegay.



1) YACM Prayer Call Frequency: Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month - Time: 6:30pm

Zoom link access: QR Code

← 2) YACM Fellowship

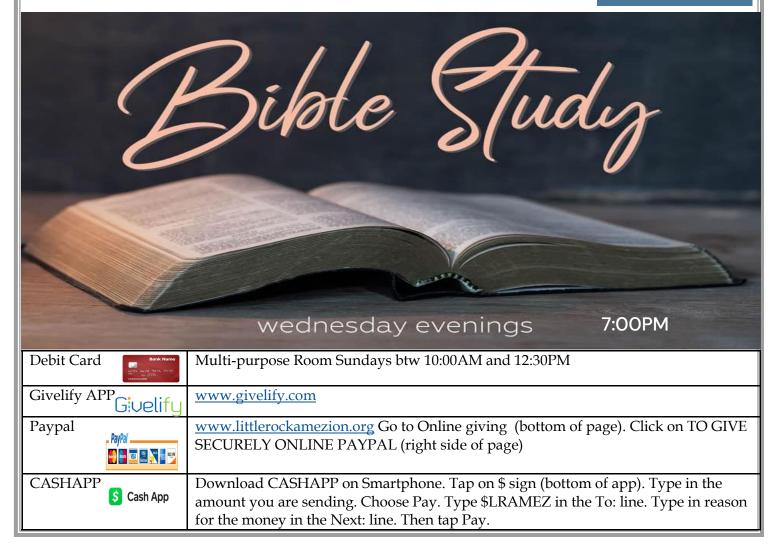
Frequency: 4/21/24 (Once a Month) April's location: QR Code



Little Rock Church Office—Closed

The Church Office will be closed Easter Monday, April 1st. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd, normal hours.





Little Rock Class Meetings

Tuesday, April 9, Class #12

will meet via Zoom at 7PM. The login will be emailed to members. Class Leader, Dr. Angelia Fryer.

Thursday, Aprl 11, Class #8

will meet via Zoom at 7PM. The login will be emailed to members. Class Leader, Mr. Stafford Mackey .

Thursday, April 18, Class #6

Class #6 will meet via Zoom at 7 PM. The login will be emailed to the members. Class Leader: Mrs. Mary Davis

Little Rock Fourth Quarterly Conference



Our final quarterly conference for this year, 2023-24 will be held on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30pm. Please read the bulletin for information

concerning in person or virtual.

All ministers, boards, and ministries are asked to please have your final reports into the office by no later than noon, April 22nd.

Thank you



Thank you to the following members who contributed to the beautification of the sanctuary with Easter Lilies.

Dr. Dwayne A. & Mrs. Donna S Walker in memory of departed love ones

Mr. Larry & Rev. Belinda Austin in memory of departed love ones Mr. Lynn & Mrs. Jennell Crump in memory of their parents

Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church

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Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor



The Twelve Classes of Little Rock

Gilbert McRae, Leader of Leaders 704-567-7588 Class #13—New Members

Class Number Class Leader		<u>Contact Number</u>
Class #1	Dr. Sonya Campbell	704 858-4601
Class #2	Tyteen Humes	770 548-6255
Class #3	Keith Powe	704 968-7353
Class #4	Sharbara Ellis	704 535-9516
Class #5	Rev. James H. Lenoir	704 806-2591
Class #6	Mary Davis	704 691-5448
Class #7	John Moore, Jr.	704 502-8295
Class #8	Stafford Mackey	704 898-3890
Class #9	Rev. Michelle Courtney	704 281-1661
<i>Class</i> #10	Chella Mills	980 353-6317
<i>Class</i> #11	Glain Haynes Lewis	704 399-0581
<i>Class</i> #12	Dr. Angelia Fryer	704 572-8517

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

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