

ZION



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

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ROOTED IN CHRIST, RISING IN FAITH, AND REACHING IN LOVE
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LITTLE ROCK
A.M.E. Zion Church

401 N. MCDOWELL STREET
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. DERRILL BLUE, PASTOR

Sunday, April 5, 2026

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

◇ *Enter to worship –Let’s Have Church!-*

◇ *“Happy Resurrection Day”*

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Derrill A. Blue, Pastor

THE INTROIT

“The Lord Is In His Holy Temple”

THE PROCESSIONAL

“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today” #176

THE INVOCATION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

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THE RITUAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

Part I

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THE GENERAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE PRAYER OF PARDON

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Because He Lives ” #193

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

[PRINTED ON THE LAST PAGE OF BULLETIN AND ON THE SCREEN]

THE GLORIA PATRI

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THE ADULT LITURGICAL DANCERS

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

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THE INSPIRATIONAL SELECTIONS

Little Rock Sanctuary Choir

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Bishop Daran H. Mitchell,
Presiding Prelate of the Midwest Episcopal District**

THE HYMN OF INVITATION

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE RITUAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

Part II

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THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this Thy holy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table; but Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that we may live and grow thereby, and that, being washed through His most precious blood, we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. AMEN.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by His oblation of Himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of His precious death until His coming again; hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we, receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, and may be partakers of His blessed body and blood, Who in the same night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.

THE SANCTUS

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory, Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF SACRAMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we Thy humble servants desire Thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching Thee to grant that, by the merits and death of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and through faith in His blood, we and Thy whole Church may obtain the remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion. And we offer and present unto Thee O Lord, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable holy, and living sacrifice, humbly beseeching Thee that all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighting our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by Whom, and with Whom, in the unity of The Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end AMEN.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men! We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God heavenly King. God the Father Almighty! O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ: O Lord God. Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art Holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE FELLOWSHIP

THE RECESSIONAL

THE DOXOLOGY

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

- *Worshippers may enter*



THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Because He Lives” #193

God sent his Son, they called Him Je-sus; he came to love, heal, and for-give; he lived and died to buy my par-don, an emp-ty grave is there to prove my Sav-ior lives.

(Refrain)

How sweet to hold a new-born ba-by, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but great-er still the calm as-sur-ance, this child can face un-cert-ain days because He lives.

(Refrain)

And then one day I'll cross the ri-ver; I'll fight life's fi-nal war with pain; and then as death gives way to vic-tory, I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He reigns.

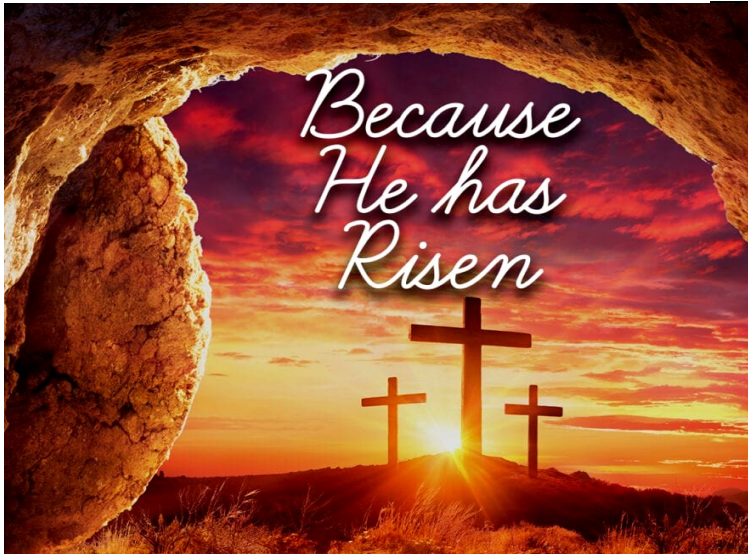
(Refrain)

REFRAIN

Be-cause He lives, I can face to-mor-row; be-cause He lives, All fear is gone; be-cause I know He holds the fu-ture, and life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.

A-men.





*Because
He has
Risen*

Prayer Requests

Heavenly Father, we are praying especially for the hospitalized, the homebound and their caregivers, please father, let your love shine brightly in their lives during this Season.

Helen Ashmore

1026 Polk Street
Charlotte, NC 28206

Stephanie Ford

3008 Tuckaseegee Rd
Charlotte, NC 28208

Jeffery Walls

1106 Shiloh Church Road
Lilesville, NC 28091

Deloris Armstrong

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Charlotte, NC 28206

Lila Blake

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Matthews, NC 28104

JoAnn Thompson

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Charlotte, NC 28210

Damie Warren

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Charlotte, NC 28205

Alfred Tillman

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Charlotte, NC 28216

Rose Lowery

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Charlotte, NC 28216

Ella Turner

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Charlotte, NC 28227

Noel Lawrence

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Charlotte, NC 28215

Dorothy Cousar

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Charlotte, NC 28208

Richard & Phyllis Williams

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Charlotte, NC 28213

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Shirley Mack

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Charlotte, NC 28269

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Mint Hill, NC 28227

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James Brewer

7820 Antique Circle
Waxhaw, NC 28173

Eddie Simpson

Atrium Main
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Charlotte, NC 28203

Mary Ann Moore

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Imogene Martin

Five Oaks Rehab
413 Winecoff School Road
Concord, NC 28027

Beverly Koontz

Kings Mountain Memory
115 Ferguson St
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

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

Radio Ministry

<http://praisecharlotte.com>

WPZS 102.5FM Sunday Morning 7:30am

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)



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Sunday, April 5, 2026

- ◆ 6:00am - Easter Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary and via Website
- ◆ 9:00am - CED –Easter Program in the Sanctuary and via Website
- ◆ 10:00am - Easter Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, April 6, 2026

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Closed
- ◆ 7:00pm - AMEN Choir Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

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

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open
- ◆ 10:00am - Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843-2528 code 2217017#
- ◆ 12:00 Noon - Mid Week Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
- ◆ 6:00pm - Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843-2528 code 2217017#
- ◆ 7:00pm - Evening Bible Study, virtually

Thursday, April 9, 2026

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

Friday, April 10, 2026

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

Saturday, April 11, 2026

- ◆ 10:00am - Social Service Program in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 12, 2026

- ◆ 9:00am - Sunday School for all ages
- ◆ 10:00am - Morning Worship in the Sanctuary and via Website
- ◆ 12:00 Noon - Class #10 meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Little Rock website address: www.littlerockamezion.org



Little Rock Counseling and Grief Ministry

The Counseling Ministry will have **Tuesday Talk** In-person Support Sessions starting on March 2, 2026. Sessions are available weekly on **Tuesdays from 4:30pm-7:00pm**. You may also contact the church office to schedule a visit and/or referral if the aforementioned schedule does not meet your needs. If you need a listening ear or

someone to talk with, Support Services will be available. This is a free service to you. All sessions are confidential. We are here to support you.

Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, Counseling and Grief Ministry, **Reverend Michelle Courtney**

The Quadrennial Convention on Christian Education

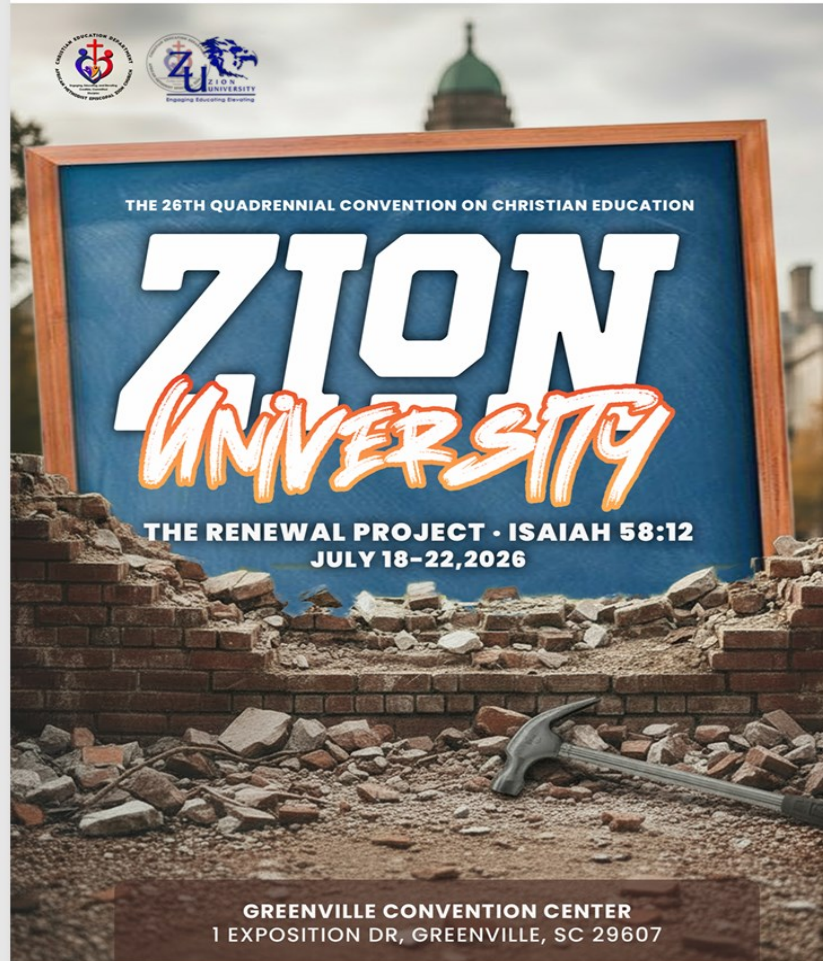
Please mark your calendar for Zion University, the *Quadrennial Convention on Christian Education*, to be held in *Greenville, South Carolina, July 18-22, 2026*.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND ZION UNIVERSITY?!

members, presiding elders, pastors, clergy, Christian educators, lay leaders, children, youth, young adults,

EVERYONE!! Our bishops, board members, members of VICYC, ACE, or YACM, church school leaders, supporters of Christian education, and especially all CED delegates.

This gathering will celebrate the work accomplished around the globe, foster connection among ministry leaders, and provide space for reflection and forward-looking conversation to advance Christian Education in our Zion.



THE 26TH QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Zion University: The Renewal Project - Isaiah 58:12
July 18-22, 2026

REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS OPEN MARCH 1

Pre-Registration March 1-June 30	On-Site Registration Beginning July 1
Children (3-12): \$150	Children (3-12): \$175
Youth (13-21): \$150	Youth (13-21): \$175
Emerging Adults (22-25): \$165	Emerging Adults (22-25): \$190
Adults (26+): \$175	Adults (26+): \$200

GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER
1 EXPOSITION DR, GREENVILLE, SC 29607



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.



Bishop Daran H. Mitchell

Presiding Prelate of the Midwest Episcopal District, AME Zion Church

Bishop Daran H. Mitchell is the 108th Bishop in the line of succession for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion (A.M.E. Zion) Church. He is currently the presiding prelate of the Midwest Episcopal District, providing leadership and oversight of the Missouri, Michigan, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, and Trinidad and Tobago Conferences. Before his elevation to the Episcopacy, Bishop Mitchell served as Pastor of Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, for 12 years. He is a dedicated servant leader, engaging preacher, justice activist, community leader, ecumenist, and educator. A Florida native, Bishop Mitchell answered his calling at age 16 and, for the last 36 years, has dedicated his entire life to serving God and God's people.



Bishop Mitchell earned a Bachelor of Arts degree (Magna Cum Laude) in Religion/Philosophy-Liberal Studies from Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida; a Master of Divinity degree from Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, North Carolina; and a Doctor of Ministry degree with an emphasis in Liturgy and the Black Church from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia.

Bishop Mitchell has received training and certification in the Pastoral Care Specialist program at the Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, North Carolina; the Institute for Church Administration and Management (ICAM) at the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Atlanta, Georgia; the North Carolina Rural Leadership Development Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Spiritual Director and Congregational Coaching Certification, Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, North Carolina.

As a Pastor, Bishop Mitchell led several congregations over the past thirty years in South Carolina, New York, and North Carolina. In addition to his pastoral leadership, Bishop Mitchell has served as an adjunct professor in Religion at the following institutions: Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina; the North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, North Carolina; New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and presently serves as Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology (Preaching) at the Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, North Carolina.

Bishop Mitchell has also served on many boards and organizations within and beyond the A.M.E. Zion Church. He is the Chairman of the Board of Lay Activities, vice-chairman of the Christian Education (Home and Church), and vice-chairman of the Worship and Ritual Committee of the A.M.E. Zion Church. Bishop Mitchell is also a member of the Tau Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; a member of Boyer Lodge Number 1 (Harlem, NY); a Board member of the African American Community Collaborative; and a member of the Academy of Homiletics.

Bishop Mitchell has published numerous articles, sermons, and meditations for various periodicals and publications. He co-authored a book with Dr. Harry L. White, Jr., "Are You Smarter Than a Sunday Schooler?" and recorded his first single, "God Stepped In," in 2023.

Bishop Mitchell has received numerous awards and honors, including induction into the Martin Luther King, Jr., Board of Preachers (2014), the Livingstone College/UNCF Leaders' Hall of Fame (2016), the Teaching Excellence and Service Award at Hood Theological Seminary (2018), and the Bishop Alfred Gilbert Dunston, Jr. College of Preachers, Livingstone College (2024).

Bishop Mitchell is married to the Reverend L. Lynn Kennedy Mitchell, and they are the proud parents of one son, Reverend Caylen Mitchell, and a daughter in love, Alexis.



2025-2026 Capital Campaign Pledge—March

Total Amount Pledged for year **\$168,984.00**

As of March 31, 2026

Total Amount Projected for Month **\$ 13,575.00**

Total Amount Given in pledges This Month **\$ 15,045.00**

To God Be the Glory, for all the great things He has done!

**Save
the Date**

North Charlotte District

111th District Conference



STANDING IN THE GAP

*...We are more than Conquerors
through Christ who loved us
Romans 8:37*

Ezekiel 22:30

Thursday–Saturday, April 23rd–25th

Speakers:

Bishop Eric Leake

Presiding Prelate, SAED

Rev. Thelma Gordon

Pastor, St. John AMEZ

NCD Presiding Elder,
Dr. Wardell Henderson,
HOST

To be held at Little Rock AMEZ Church
401 North McDowell Street, Charlotte NC 28208

Rev. Dr. Derril A. Blue, Host Pastor



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.



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IN PERSON or MAIL
401 N. McDowell Street
Charlotte, NC 28204

Christian Education YACM and Seniors Gathering

The Christian Education Young Adults (YACM) and Adults 41-60 are partnering for Praise & Paint! **April 18 from 3:00p - 4:30p.m**

**PRAISE &
PAINT**
for Christian Education



To register, please click the link below:

<https://forms.gle/RGaeqEKAwxgsosBu7>

or scan the QR code. A small fee of \$10 is the cost to covers paint supplies and refreshments.

For questions, please contact YACM Director, Mrs. Racquel Kornegay or Adults Director, Ms. Valencia Tims.

THE WOMEN'S HOME AND OVERSEAS MISSIONARY SOCIETY



YAMS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE & LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE

"Empathy and Compassion"

Ridgecrest Conference Center
Ridgecrest, NC



April 9 - 12,
2026

Virtual registration now opened on amezion.org/whoms or by QR code

Karlease Smalls, Coordinator of YAMS

Sandra B. Crowder, International President

Rev. Patty Smith, 2nd Vice President



TRINITY A.M.E. ZION WOMEN'S MINISTRY
SISTERS IN SPIRIT
PRESENTS

2026 WOMEN'S *Retreat*

FAITHFUL WOMEN WALKING IN PURPOSE



REV. DR. TRESSALA
HICKLIN
FRIDAY NIGHT



REV. DR. PAULA BLUE
SATURDAY WORKSHOP



REV. DR. TRACEY
MATTHEWS
SUNDAY



KAREN I. SMITH
WOMEN'S MINISTRY
DIRECTOR

**MAY
1ST-3RD
2026**

FOUNDERS INN SPA, VIRGINIA BEACH

\$180 WITH BUS TRANSPORTATION

\$150 RETREAT ONLY

PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE 2026WOMENSRETREATAMEZ@GMAIL.COM

REGISTER NOW!



Church Women United

Church Women United Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026, 10:00 am. We will be meeting at 2600 Rocky River Rd. Charlotte, NC. Please come out and join us for Community service, great information and sisterhood.

Little Rock Class Meetings

Class #4—will meet in the Little Rock Cultural Center on April 12th immediately following Morning Worship. Mrs. Tasha Powell, Class Leader

Class #6—will meet in the Sanctuary (front, 8th Street side) on April 12th, immediately following Morning Worship. Mrs. Mary Davis Class Leader

Class #7—will meet in the sanctuary (rear 7th street side) on April 12th, immediately following Morning Worship. Mrs. Loretta Jefferson, Class Leader

Class #9—will meet virtually on April 13th at 7PM. The link will be emailed to members.

Rev. Michelle Courtney, Class Leader

Class #10— will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 12th immediately following Morning Worship. Ms Chella Mills, Class Leader

Class #11—will meet virtually on Monday, April 20th at 7pm, virtually. The link will be emailed to members. Ms. Glain Haynes Lewis, Class Leader

Class # 12—will meet virtually on April 9th at 7PM. The link will be emailed to members.

Dr. Angelia Fryer, Class Leader

Fourth Quarterly Conference Reports

In the North Charlotte Fifth Sunday Fellowship Bulletin, the due date for fourth Quarterly Conference Reports was moved up. (Just the reports). Based on that, Little Rock's new due date for portal reports submission will be Tuesday, April 14th by midnight so Dr. Blue can review them prior to the Elder reading them.

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 6th, for Easter
Monday, (Mental Health Day).
Thank you.

SENIOR DAY FAMILY REUNION



Thursday, April 30

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Valerie C. Woodard Conference Center
3205 Freedom Drive (Enter Door E)

Honoring the Legacy, Inspiring the Future

Hosted by
Commissioner Vilma D. Leake

- **Celebrate family and community** with Mecklenburg County's MeckRoots program
- **Bring a family member or friend** to share in the experience
- **Share your story** by bringing a family photo — past or present
- **Enjoy a boxed lunch**, provided for all registered attendees
- **Connect across generations** through memories, storytelling, and shared history
- **Explore resource tables** featuring County services and programs that support older adults



Register today!
Engage.MeckNC.gov

Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church
Black Tie Gala
Rooted, Rising, & Reaching

May 16, 2026

5pm

Le Meridian Hotel
555 S. McDowell Street Charlotte, NC

Tickets : \$75.00
Exclusively on Eventbrite



Dr. Derrill A. Blue, Pastor

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

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LITTLE ROCK AME ZION
Military Veterans Ministry



CALL 704-334-3782 OR 910-977-2303

Thank you for your donation toward the flowers which adorn the sanctuary this Easter Season.

Mrs. Mary Davis in memory of departed love ones.



Sunday April 12, 2026



Lesson: 7

Respect for Rightful
Authority

Background Scripture:

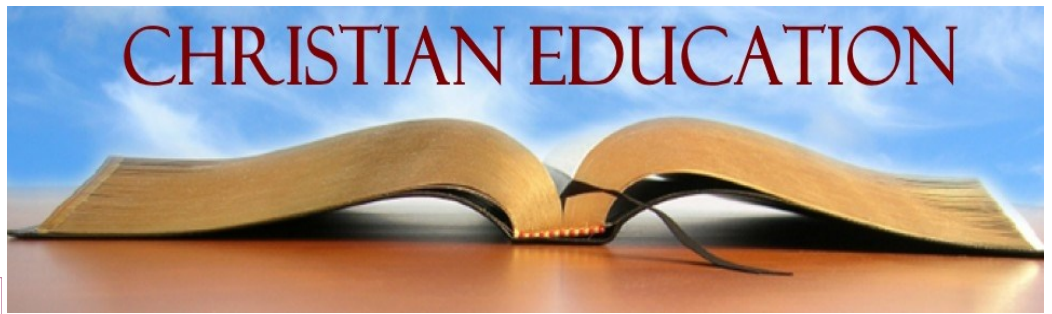
Mark 12:13-17; Romans 13:1-14; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Devotional Reading:

Proverbs 31:4-9

Affirmation:

We will consider God's directive for relating to government authorities' who rule justly.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LITTLE ROCK
A.M.E. Zion Church

YOUTH
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STUDY

EVERY
2ND & 4TH • 7PM
MONDAY via ZOOM

Zoom Link available on BAND



**Graduation
Information for
the Class of 2026—
Deadline TODAY**

All high school and college graduates are asked to please provide the following information, (1) name, (2) Graduate's parents or spouse name, (3) High school or College graduating from, (4) Future plans after high school, (5) degree conferred, (6) Honors/awards/ recognitions. Scholarships from high school or college (7) cell phone number, to the Christian Education Director, Mrs. Antoinette Cody, by **Sunday, April 5, 2026**. The email address is acody13@yahoo.com. Thank you.



Bible Study

Wednesdays @12 Noon
in the Fellowship Hall
and 7PM virtually .

**AUDIO VISUAL
MINISTRY**
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering in the Audio/Visual and IT Ministry PLEASE call the Church Office at (704)334-3782.

Training will be provided.

Little Rock Day

Sunday

May 17, 2026

*Mr. Brandon & Mrs. Sharelle McNair,
Chairpersons*

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

Raised \$1157.00

*Thank you Little Rock for
being the Church!*

Every member, who has not made a pledge, 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 may GIVE your \$200.00 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.

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><i>Class Number</i></u>	<u><i>Class Leader</i></u>	<u><i>Contact Number</i></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>
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:00 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	10:00 A.M.
MEN'S BOOSTERS MINISTRY	1ST SATURDAY, 9:30 A.M.
BREAD OF LIFE/HEAVEN STORE HOUSE MINISTRIES	1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS, 11 A.M.
BIBLE STUDIES	
ADULTS	WEDNESDAYS 12 NOON & 7:00 P.M. *
YOUNG LIFE STUDY	2ND & 4TH MONDAYS, 7:00 P.M. *
CHILDREN	WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 P.M. *
CHOIR REHEARSALS	
MASS CHOIR	TUESDAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SUNDAY 7: 00 P.M.
SANCTUARY	TUESDAYS 7:00 P.M.
A.M.E.N. CHOIR	1ST & 3RD MONDAYS, 7:00 P.M.
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT	1ST AND 2ND SUNDAY
LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY (ADULTS)	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.

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