



**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

401 North McDowell Street, Charlotte, NC

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Sunday, April 14, 2024

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. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

THE INTROIT

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSE

“Holy Ground”

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Because He Lives” #193

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 Sanctuary Choir

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTION

THE SERMON

Rev. George W. C. Walker, Jr.

Pastor of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church, East Chicago, Indiana

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

“All Things Come of Thee”

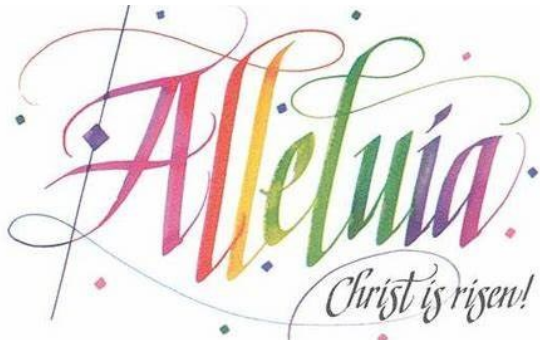
THE RECESSIONAL

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

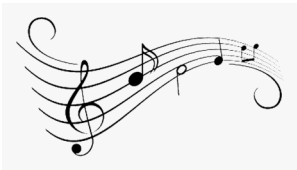
-Depart To Serve—Let’s Be The Church!-

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

“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 Lives
I Can Face
tomorrow



THE RESPONSIVE READING

Third Sunday Morning In Eastertide

(Romans 6:3-11)

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.

Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

He is Risen!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT 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
1337 Blu Steele Way
Charlotte, NC 28134

Damie Warren
219 Maureen St.
Charlotte, NC 28205

Joseph Scott
8214 Shadow Oaks Drive Apt # 312
Charlotte, NC 28269

Members in the hospital or assisted living facilities

Mary Ann Moore
9120 Willow Ridge Road
Pineville, NC 28210

Coretta Shipman
Pelican Nursing Home
2616 East 5th Street
Charlotte, NC 28204

Carlina Abraham
Atrium Healthcare
1000 Blythe Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28203

Birdeal Moss
6501 Old Savannah Rd
Charlotte, NC 28227

Shirley Mack
7115 Rodden Mill Ct. Apt
112
Charlotte, NC 28262

Geneva Thompson
3614 Glenwood Dr
Charlotte, NC 28208

Maxine Shankle
201 West 10th Street #1114
Charlotte, NC 28202

James Brewer
White Oaks Nursing Home
700 Howie Mine Road
Waxhaw, NC 28173

Imogene Martin
Hunter Woods Assisted Living
Center
620 Tom Hunter Road
Charlotte, NC 28213

Chella Mills
2612-3 Eastport Road
Charlotte, NC 28205

Charles Robinson
3705 Prosperity Church Rd
#227
Church, NC 28269

Carline Dinkins
9620 Haying Place
Mint Hill, NC 28227

**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

“Together, We Can...!”

Ephesians 4:11-16

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Sunday, April 14, 2024

- ◆ 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
- ◆ 3:00pm - Dr. Dwayne A. Walker Celebrates 35 Years in Pastoral Ministry and Community Involvement

Monday, April 15, 2024

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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

Wednesday, April 17, 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

Thursday, April 18, 2024

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

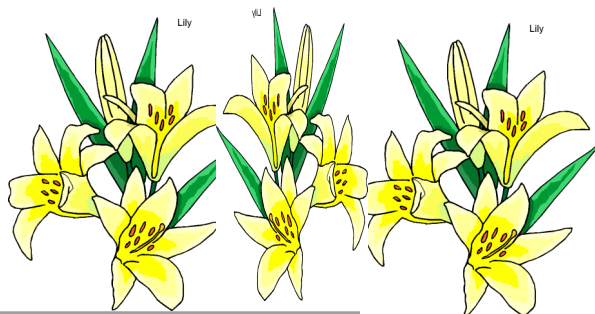
Friday, April 19, 2024

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

Sunday, April 21, 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





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.

Friday 1:00 PM
Saturday 8:30 AM



The North Charlotte District's

109th DISTRICT CONFERENCE SESSION

Friday & Saturday
April 19-20, 2024
@ Union Bethel AMEZ,
Cornelius, NC



Rev. Dr. Wardell Henderson, Jr.
Presiding Elder

Workshop Sessions!
Growth Activities!
Friday Night Live!
Local Preacher's Hour!
The Business!
Food & Fellowship!
Sharing!

THEME:

Believers Walking in Maturity

Eph 4:13-15

PRESENTERS:



Rev. Dr. Dwayne Walker

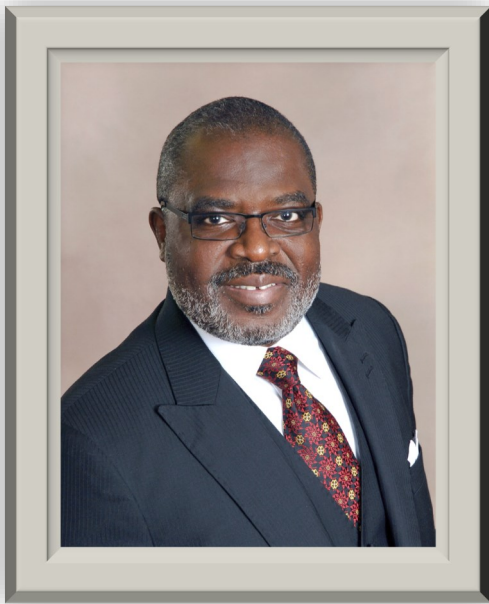


Rev. Dr. Sheldon Shipman



Rev. Cathy Henderson

Looking to see all churches present—Leaders and Laity!



Charlotte African American Leadership Award

Rev. Dr. Dwayne A. Walker will receive the 11th Annual Charlotte African American Leadership Award on Saturday April 20, 2024 at 1:00PM at the Grady Cole Center located at 310 North Kings Drive.

All are invited and admission is free.

Congratulations Dr. Walker!

You Are Invited to ...

Clement Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church

2207 New Land Road, Charlotte, NC 28216

Rev. Shelia S. Herron, Host Pastor

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker will be the Guest Preacher on

Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 2pm

for Rev. Herron's 32nd Anniversary. The choir will be traveling with the pastor.

The Flowers on the Altar

Today were given in

Celebration of

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker

35 Years in Pastoral Ministry and

Community Involvement.



We are so thankful that over half of those years have been spent with us at Little Rock,

What a Blessing!!

Save the Date

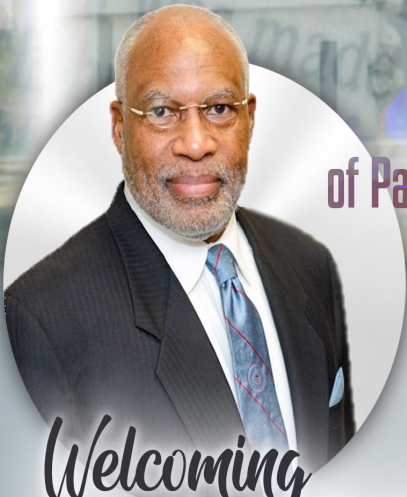


WALKER for Bishop 2024

CELEBRATING

35
YEARS

of Pastoral Ministry and Community Involvement



Welcoming

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

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



Guest Preacher

Rev. George Washington Carver Walker Jr.,

Pastor of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church,

East Chicago, Indiana

Rev. George W. C. Walker, Jr. was born in Columbia, South Carolina. At the age of three he moved with his family to Chicago, IL, where he received his early education in the Chicago Public Schools. He is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta GA, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. It was during his matriculation at Morehouse that Rev. Walker accepted the call to the Christian Ministry. While a student, he served as pastor of the Prospect A.M.E. Zion Church Monroe, GA.

After receiving his degree, Rev. Walker entered Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, N.C. and served as pastor of the Indian Hill A.M.E. Zion Church Fort Mill, S.C. and later the Union Ezell A.M.E. Zion Church Fort Lawn, S.C. He received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1997 and in June of that year he was appointed to the St. Matthew-Gordon A.M.E. Zion Church in Chicago, IL.

In August of 2003 Bishop Clarence Carr, Assisting Bishop of the Michigan Annual Conference, appointed Rev. Walker to the St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church of East Chicago, Indiana.

Rev. Walker served as President of the National Christian Youth Council of the A.M.E. Zion Church from 1990-1994. It was during his term as President that the name of the Organization was changed to the Varick International Christian Youth Council and the name of the choir was named the C.R. Thompson Mass Choir. He represented the youth of the A.M.E. Zion Church at the World Methodist Council Conference in Singapore and Rio de Janeiro. While attending these conferences he was appointed to the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council.

Rev. Walker currently serves as the assistant Treasurer of the Michigan Annual Conference, Vice President of the Chicago District Ministerium, Chairman of the Chicago District Board of Conference Studies and many boards and organizations, including N.A.A.C.P. and the Urban League.

Rev. Walker is married to the former Dawn L. Walker and is the proud father of four beautiful children: George III, Deziree Imani, Daniel Lee, Deleah Lynell and one grandson.



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.



Goal \$50,000.00

Raised 20,270.50

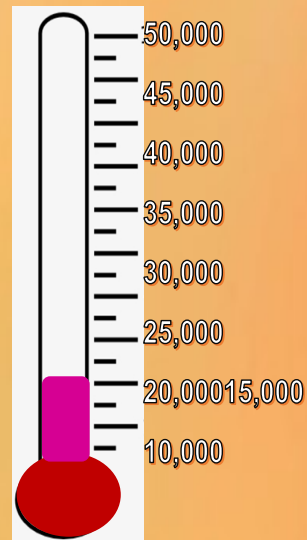
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Thank you Little Rock for being the Church!

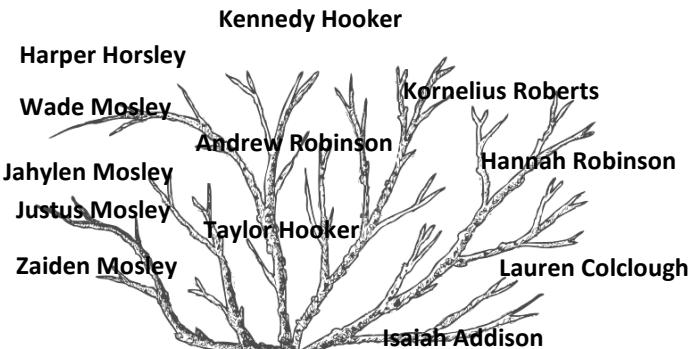
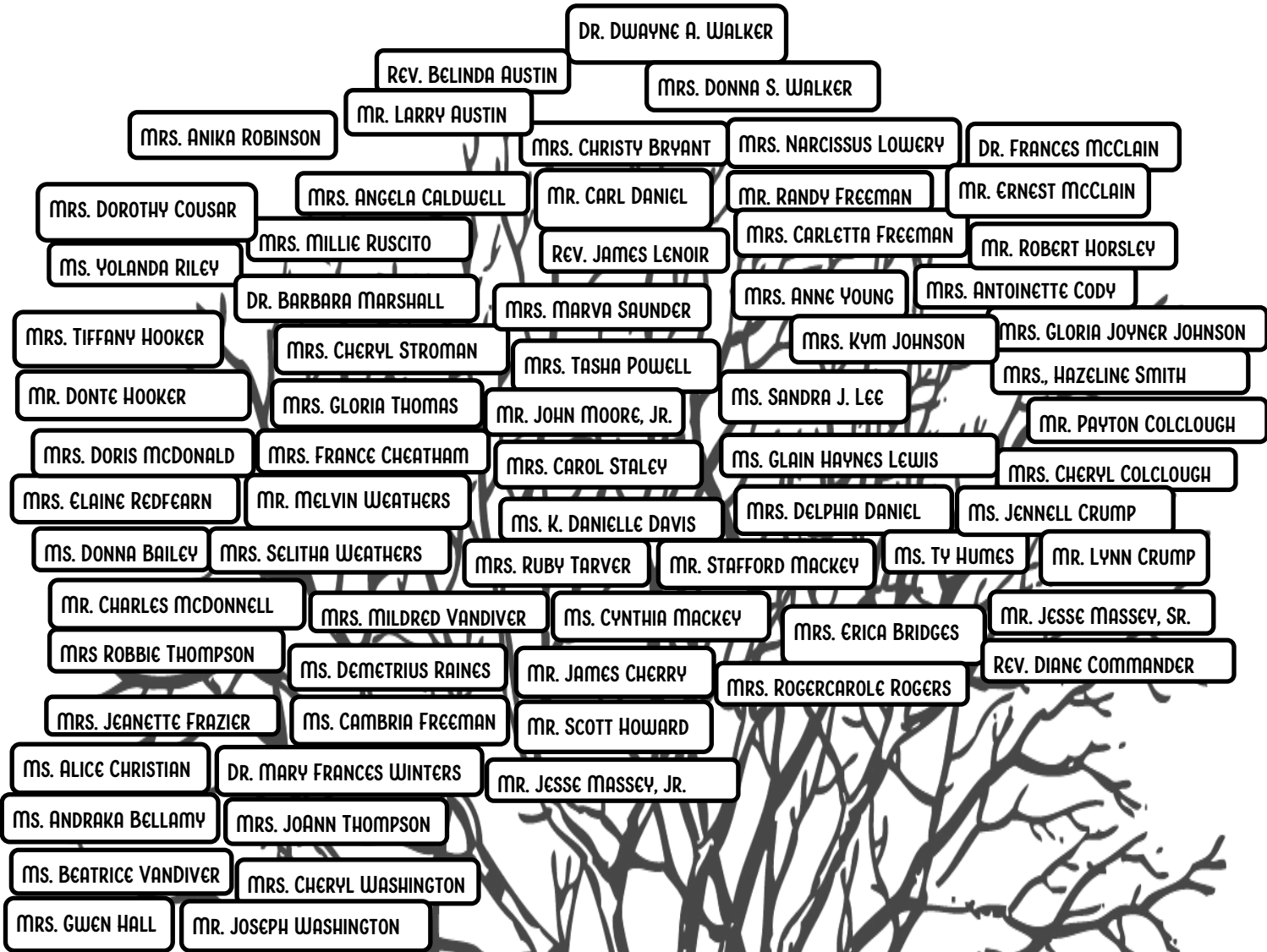
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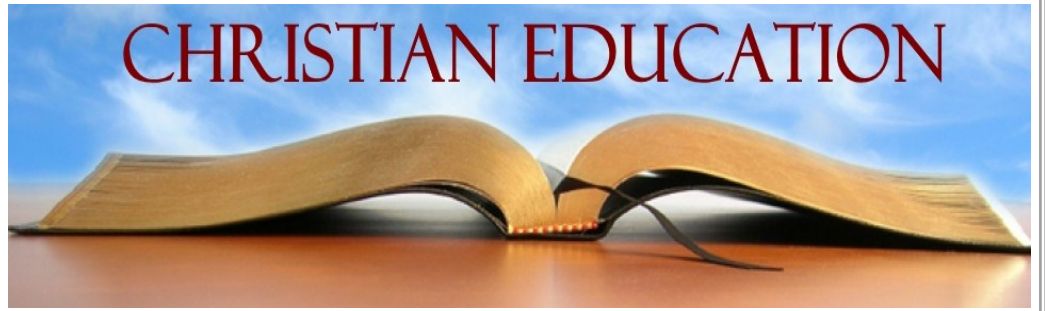
**Little Rock AME Zion
Church**



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 21, 2024



Faith Of A Woman Who Loved Jesus

Devotional Reading
Romans 8:1-16

Background Scripture:
Luke 7:36-50

Affirmation
We love the Lord and He has forgiven us.

Ministry of Kindness

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



Get The Vote Out With You Can Vote at the 2024 YMCA Healthy Kids Day Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please See Dr. Sonya Campbell for additional information.



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.

April Birthdays!

And Anniversaries!

1	Sylvia House Ezra Corbett	9	Monazhya Abraham Matthew Weathers	21	Tracey Jaglal Nathaniel Lewis
2	Courtney Martin		Hazeline Wallace		Sonya Burt
3	Rev. James Lenoir Dawn Aiken	11	Carl Daniel Sidney Oliver	22	Delphia Daniel Michelle Scott
5	Belinda Mobley		Tonja McKinney	23	Jesse Massey, Sr.
4	Jamey Stephens <i>The Fourth Sunday</i> DeViyah Wade	12	Gloria Thomas	24	Warren Jordan
7	Ja'mice Wilson	13	Scott Howard RogerCarole Rogers	25	Ronald Metz Robbie Thompson
8	DeAndra Walker <i>of Advent</i> Charles Carrouthers Tamesha Hughes-Frazier Charlene Carrouthers	15	Jahylen Mosley		Charles Carlton
		16	Angela Thompson	26	Ramiyah Harper Marcus Jones Mabel McCullough
		18	Andrew Robinson		
			Simone Smith	27	Kyla Barnes Leashia Kierce
		21	A.J. Watkins	30	Lauren Howard

PEACE

Scottie & Latoya Potts



17 years

Please notify the Church Office at (704) 334-3782 if you are a member of Little Rock and your birthday or anniversary is not including in the bulletin during the month of your birthday or anniversary.

Young Adults in Christian Ministry

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
Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month -
Time: 6:30pm

Zoom link access: QR Code

← 2) YACM Fellowship 4/21/24 (Once a Month) April's location: QR Code



HOTDOG SALE

After Morning Worship in the Fellowship Hall there will be a Hot Dog Sale. You may purchase 2 HOTDOGS AND CHIPS - \$7.00
1 HOTDOG AND CHIPS - \$4.00







Go to the Fellowship Hall and support the Walker for Bishop Campaign. Thank YOU.

Bible Study



wednesday evenings

7:00PM

Debit Card 	Multi-purpose Room Sundays btw 10:00AM and 12:30PM
Givelify APP 	www.givelify.com
Paypal 	www.littlerockamezion.org 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 Class Meetings

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

Sunday, April 21, Class #1

Will met in the fellowship hall following Morning Worship. Class Leader, Rev. Sonya Campbell

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

NORTH CHARLOTTE DISTRICT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PRESENTS

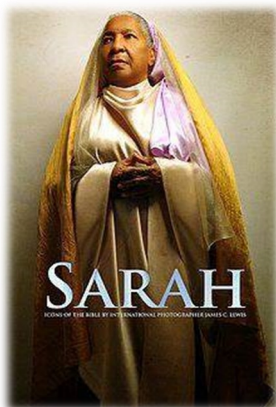
MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE

Educational program by the Adult Department

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 - 3:00PM

CALDWELL CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH

REV. LOUIS HUNTER, JR., PASTOR



MR. J. GILBERT MCRAE, DISTRICT DIRECTOR

MRS. PHYLLIS DALTON-REID, ADULT DIRECTOR

REV. LEE PAYNE, YOUTH DIRECTOR

MS. SHARON PLUMMER, VARICK CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

DR. WARDELL HENDERSON, PRESIDING ELDER



JOIN US FOR A

“MESSAGE IN SONG”

THE LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE PRAYER MEETING CHOIR ALUMNI
WILL CELEBRATE ITS 64TH YEAR WITH A REUNION CONCERT

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

VARICK AUDITORIUM – LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE

**701 W. MONROE STREET
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA**

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED!!

**A SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN \
EMORY OF ADVISOR,
REV. WILLIE L. ALDRICH**

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>
<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>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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