



**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 21, 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

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THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSE

“Holy Ground”

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Love Lifted Me ” #429

THE RESPONSIVE READING

THE GLORIA PATRI

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

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***THE PRAYER HYMN**

Little Rock Youth and Young Adult Choir

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTION

THE SERMON

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

“All Things Come of Thee”

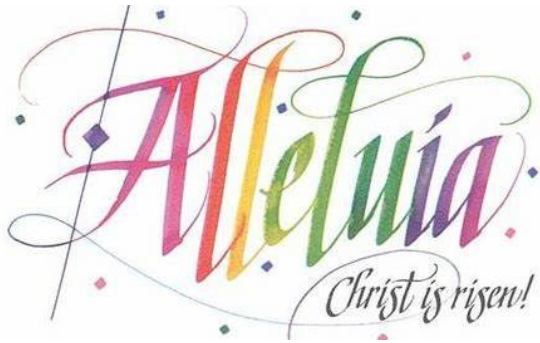
THE RECESSIONAL

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

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

The Season of *Eastertide*



Eastertide 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

“Love Lifted Me” # 429

I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y deep-ly stained with-in, Sinking to rise no more; But the Mast-er of the sea, heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me, Now safe am I. (Refrain)

All my heart to Him I give, Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed pre sence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing, Love so might-y and so true, Mer-its my soul's best songs, Faith-ful, lov-ing ser-vice too, To Him be-longs. (Refrain)

Souls in dan-ger look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves, He will lift you by His love, Out of the an-gry waves. He's the Mas-ter of the sea, Bil lows His will o-bey, He your Sav-ior wants to be, Be saved to-day. (Refrain)

REFRAIN

Love lift-ed me, Love lift-ed me, When no-thing else could help Love lift -ed me; Love lift-ed me, Love lift-ed me, When no-thing else could help, Love lift-ed me.

A-men.

*Love
Lifted
Me*



THE RESPONSIVE READING

Fourth Sunday Morning In Eastertide

(1 Peter 2:19-25)

For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently?

But when you do good and suffer for it, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

“Who committed no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth” who when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed.

For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

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Charlotte, NC 28205

Joseph Scott
8214 Shadow Oaks Drive Apt #312
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Members in the hospital or assisted living facilities

Mary Ann Moore
9120 Willow Ridge Road
Pineville, NC 28210

Coretta Shipman
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Charlotte, NC 28204

Carlina Abraham
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Charlotte, NC 28203

Birdeal Moss
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Charlotte, NC 28227

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Charlotte, NC 28262

Geneva Thompson
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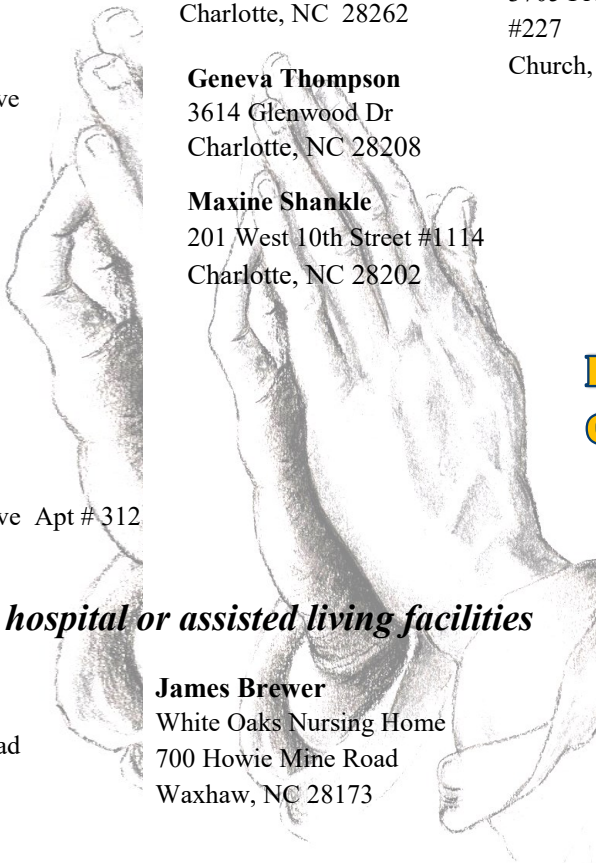
Imogene Martin
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Charlotte, NC 28213

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2612-3 Eastport Road
Charlotte, NC 28205

Charles Robinson
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#227
Church, NC 28269

Carline Dinkins
9620 Haying Place
Mint Hill, NC 28227

Gayle Tabron
3130 Village Glenn Lane
Charlotte, NC 28269



**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 21 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

Monday, April 22, 2024

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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

Wednesday, April 24, 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 25, 2024

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

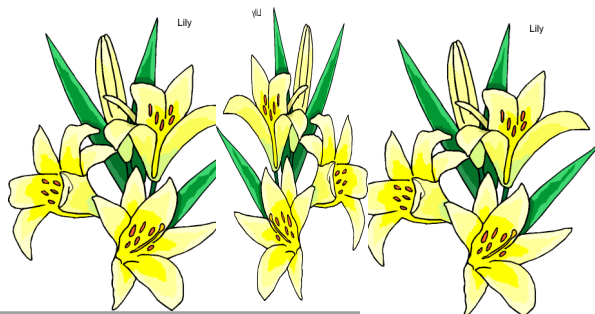
Friday, April 26, 2024

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

Sunday, April 28, 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



Bible Study



wednesday evenings

7:00PM

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

The Flowers on the Altar

Today were given in

Celebration of

Mr. Scott Howard

Happy Birthday Granddaddy

Love You,

Rudy, Kennedy, Scarlett, Scott IV, and Rhyan

HAPPY
Birthday
GRANDAD

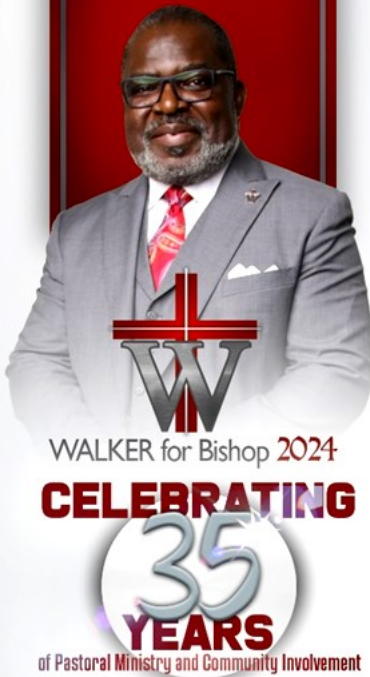


Statement of Appreciation

*On behalf of Dr. Walker and the 35th Year Planning Committee:
Thank each of you and the various ministries of Little Rock, for your prayers, support, and financial contributions to the 35th Year of Pastoral Ministry and Community Involvement Celebration on Sunday, April 14th. Your generosity touched us in ways that cannot be expressed. We Thank God for each of you and pray God's continued blessings in your lives. You continue to exemplify the words found in Matthew 5:16: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. NKJV.*

Peace and Blessings on you all,

Rev. Belinda Austin & 35th Year Planning Committee



Volunteers ARE NEEDED!

The Church Office is in need of help during business hours. At the present time we have limited staff in the office. If you can assist with filing, answering phones, organizing files, etc., please contact the office. A few hours a day would be very helpful. Assistance is needed from 10AM-5PM daily. The office number is (704)334-3782.

Thank you!



**Health Resource Ministry Meeting
Sunday, April 21, 2024,
after morning worship in the sanctuary.
Medical background not required to join.**

**Contact: Anika Robinson
704-517-6728**





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 21,553.50

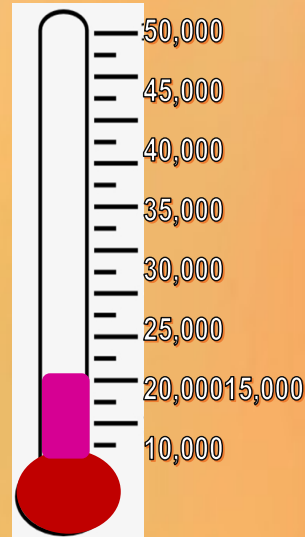
Needed \$ 28,446.50

Thank you Little Rock for being the Church!

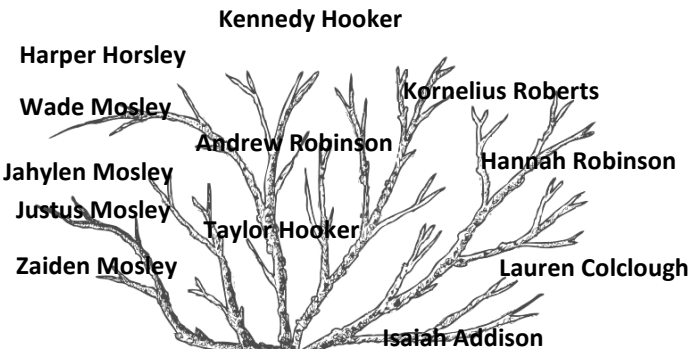
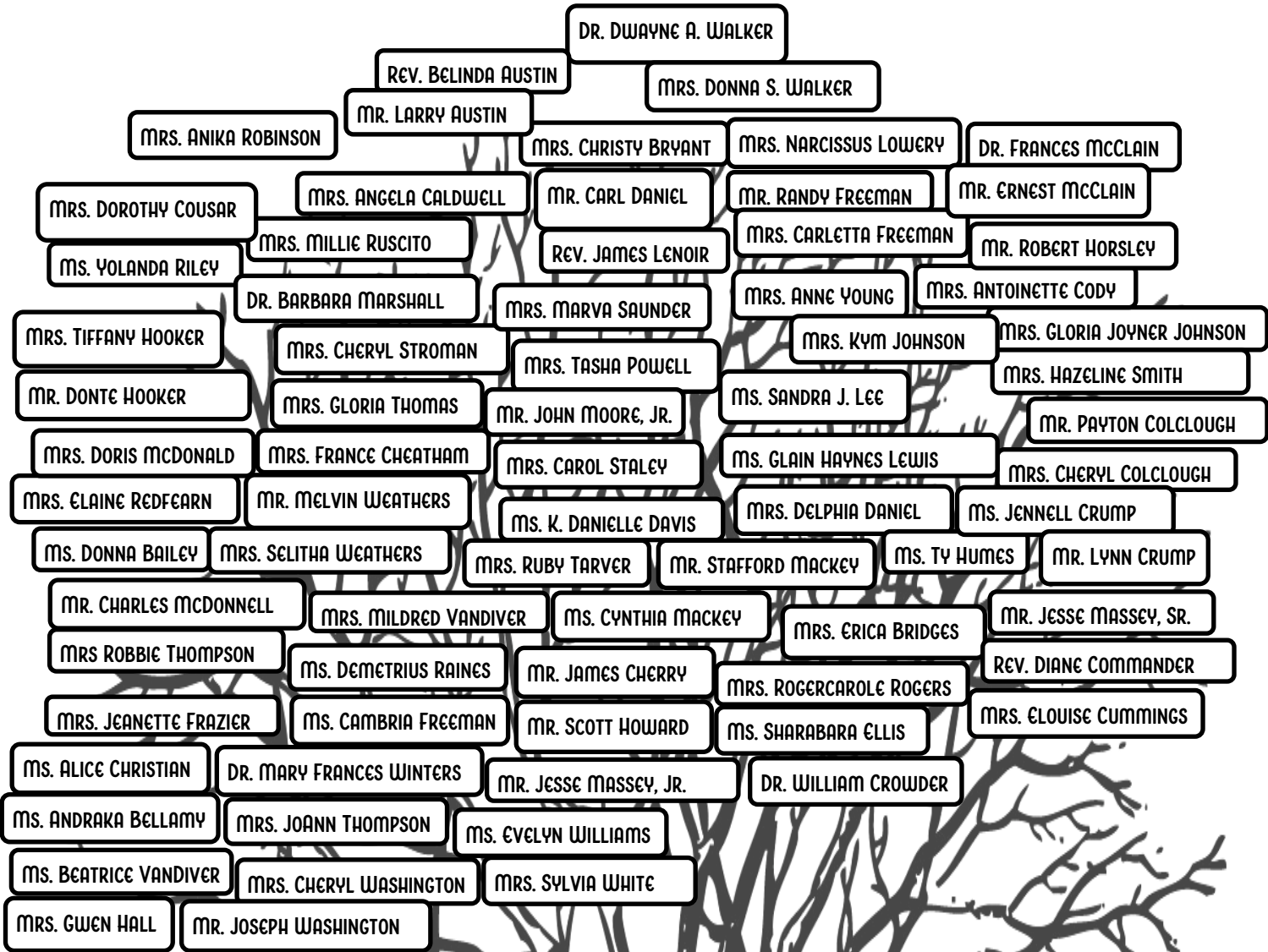
Little Rock AME Zion Church Cashapp QR Code. Please scan to pay \$lrmez. In the comment section please include "LRD" Thank You.



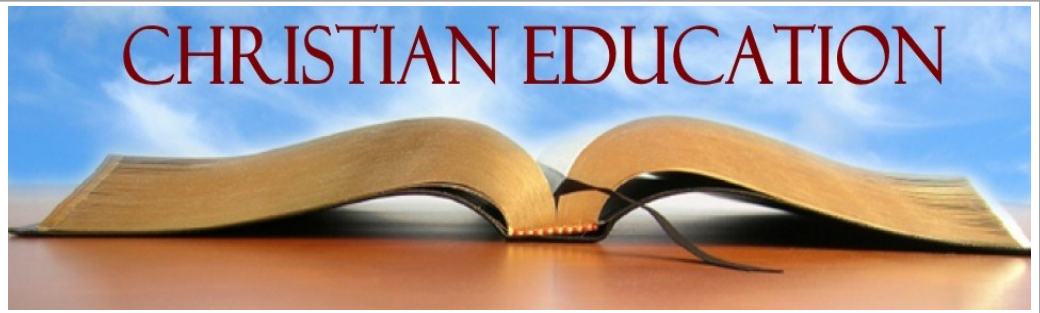
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MEMBERS LISTED ON THE TREE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN \$200 TOWARD LITTLE ROCK DAY GOAL OF \$50,000



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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday, April 28, 2024



Lesson: 9

Faith Of A Canaanite
Woman

Devotional Reading
Psalm 61

Background Scripture:
Matthew 15:21-28

Affirmation
Great faith yields great
reward.

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.

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 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. Stratford YMCA, 1946 West Blvd Charlotte, NC 28208

Register



VOTE

Livingstone College

Invites You...

Prayer Meeting Choir Alumni Reunion

“YOUR PRESENCE, PRAYERS AND SUPPORT WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED”



SUNDAY
APRIL 28
2024

3:00PM



VARICK AUDITORIUM, 701 W. Monroe Street, Salisbury, NC



JOIN US FOR A "Message in Song" **"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 THE PUBLIC IS INVITED!!

Young Adults in Christian Ministry

Our YACM fellowship for the month of April will be held at Mr. Charles Chicken and Fish (Uptown location). We need the final headcount by 4/19/24 at 9am through the Survey QR Code so we can make reservations. The address for this location is 413 Dalton Ave, Charlotte, NC 28206. If there are any questions please contact Mrs. Racquel Kornegay.



YACM Fellowship

Date: 4/21/24

Sign Up: QR Code

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.



Little Rock Fourth Quarterly Conference





Our final quarterly conference for this year, 2023-24 will be held on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:30pm. If you need a board or ministry form for Quarterly Conference please look on the bookcase in the hall.

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

If the Fourth Quarterly Conference is virtual the link will be emailed the week of May 2nd.

Thank you



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.

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HEART STUDY

PARTNER FOR SUCCESS WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF BLACK CARDIOLOGISTS.

You Can Make a Difference!

The observational African American Heart Study will investigate the association between lipoprotein(a) and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease in 5,000 African American participants in the U.S.

GLOBAL PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:
Elizabeth Ofili, MD, MPH, FACC
Sponsor: Amgen



WHAT IS THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HEART STUDY?

African American Heart Study is an observational study (that means, there are no investigational drugs or devices involved), requiring one single visit to your doctor's office.

The study aims to provide insights into how lipoprotein(a) and cardiovascular disease are related in African Americans, a disease compared with other racial and ethnic groups.

This study is seeking volunteers that self-report as Black, African American, or of African descent, and are between 18 – 85 years old.

You do not need to have a history of heart disease to be selected for the study.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS STUDY

PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- be 18-85 years of age
- self-identify as Black, African American, or of African descent

PARTICIPANTS MUST NOT:

- have severe kidney disease (stage iv or v)

Other eligibility criteria apply.



THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HEART STUDY
Now enrolling.

- ♥ Only One Office Visit
- ♥ No Therapeutic Drugs
- ♥ Get Screened for Lp(a)
- ♥ Work with a Health Coach
- ♥ \$125 Participant Stipend

www.health360x.com/aaheartstudy



ABC MISSION

To Promote the Prevention and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease, including Stroke, in Blacks and other Minorities and to Achieve Health Equity for all through the Elimination of Disparities.

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Join Little Rock INTERCESSORY PRAYER CALL

Every Wednesday

at 1:00 pm

1 720 843 2528 code: 2217017 #

PRAYER COORDINATORS

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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, 123 Langtree Road, Mt. Mourne, North Carolina 28123

REV. LOUIS HUNTER, JR., PASTOR

**Our representative is Ms. Rogercarol Rogers. Please support
Please support our representative with your presence.**

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ADULT DIRECTOR REV. LEE PAYNE, YOUTH DIRECTOR

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DR. WARDELL HENDERSON, PRESIDING ELDER



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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