eleorating 2023-2024 Theme:

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

LITTLE ROCK

A.M.E. Zion Church

year

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

Sunday, May 12, 2024

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

Enter to Worship "Happy Mother's Day" and Mrs. Emma Clarissa Clement Day "Let's Have Church"

THE PRELUDE THE CALL TO WORSHIP THE INTROIT THE PROCESSIONAL * 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) MS. TY HUMES *

*THE PRAYER HYMN THE PASTORAL PRAYER Little Rock Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

"Faith of Our Mothers" #528

Mrs. Angela Caldwell

"Holy Ground"

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

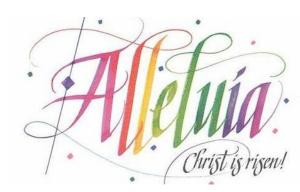
THE CHORAL RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTIONTHE SERMONDr. Dwayne A. WalkerTHE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIPTHE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGSTHE OFFERTORY"All Things Come of Thee"THE RECESSIONALTHE BENEDICTIONTHE 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

"Faith Of Our Mothers" #528

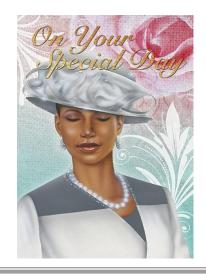
Faith of our Moth-ers, liv-ing still, In cra-dle song and bed-time prayer, In nur-sery love and fire-side lore, Thy pres-ence still per-vades the air; Faith of our Moth-ers, living faith, We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our Moth-ers, lov-ing faith, The fount of child-hood's trust and grace, O, may thy con-se-cra-tion prove The well-spring of a no-bler race; Faith of our Moth-ers, lovi-ng faith, We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our Moth-ers, guid-ing faith, For youth-ful long-ing, youth-ful doubt, How blurred our vi-sion, blind our way, Thy prov-i-den-tial care with-out; Faith of our Moth-ers, guiding faith, We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our Moth-ers, Christian faith, In truth be-yond our man-made creeds, Still serve the home and save the Church, And breathe thy spirit thro' our deeds; Faith of our Moth-ers, Christian faith, We will be true to thee till death.

A-men.





THE RESPONSIVE READING

The Litany of the 144th Anniversary of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society

God, we hear your invitation to us:"Come to me, you who are weary and heavy burdened. I will give you rest." We acknowledge our souls' need for rest and quiet nourishment.

We lay down our burdens.

We acknowledge our souls' need of connection with You.

We turn our intentions toward You now. We confess our tendency to overlook rest as a necessary part of soul and selfcare.

We confess our pride in thinking that our work is so important that we may not set it down.

We confess our obsession with productivity, results, measurable progress.

We confess our neglect of the good soil of our souls.

We confess our tendency to forget that it is in You that we live and have our being and that Your love is better than life.

We ask now for body, mind, spirit, whole-person nourishment, for rest and resurrection, for new life, and for healing and consolation of our souls.

> We thank You for meaningful mission work; for blessings and burdens. May we remain continuously mindful of our great need for Your Daily bread, the presence of Christ in our lives. Amen.

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 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

Michelle Belk 7323 Marlbrook Dr Charlotte, NC 28212

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Sunday Mornings at 7:30AM

http:// praisecharlotte.com

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Hunter Woods Assisted Living Cen-

White Oaks Nursing Home

700 Howie Mine Road

Waxhaw, NC 28173

Aldergate At Home 3800 Shamrock Dr Charlotte, NC 28215

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<u>The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar</u>

" Together, We Can...!"

Ephesians 4:11-16

Sunday, May 12, 2024—Mother's Day

- ♦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, May 13, 2024

- ♦ 9:30am Office Open
- ♦ 6:00pm Board of Stewards Monthly Meeting via conference call
- ♦7:00pm Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

- ♦9:30am Office Open
- ◆7:00pm Little Rock Spring Revival in Sanctuary and via livestream

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

- ♦9:30am Office Open
- ◆1:00pm Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843 2528 code 2217017#)
- \blacklozenge 7:00pm Little Rock Spring Revival in Sanctuary and via livestream

<u>Thursday, May 16, 2024</u>

- ♦ 9:30am Office Open
- \bullet 7:00pm Little Rock Spring Revival in Sanctuary and via livestream

Friday, May 17, 2024

- ♦9:30am Office Open
- ♦7:00PM Charlotte District Conference, Moore's Sanctuary AMT Zion Church, Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Guest Preacher

Saturday, May 18, 2024

• 2:00pm - Little Rock 19th Annual "Excellence in Ministry Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 19, 2024 - LITTLE ROCK DAY

- ♦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 Annual Little Rock Day Celebration Worship in Sanctuary and via Website

Little Rock website address: www.littlerockamezion.org



Little Rock Quilting Ministry

Have you ever consider the artistry and detail handwork of a professional quilt? This kind of craftmanship is still being passed on here at Little Rock. Please look in the hallway at some examples of the work of this ministry.

If you would like to join this ministry please contact Mrs. Eloise Cummings at (704) 773-0884.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

The Military Ministry will be having its call for "Cell Phones for Soldiers" during the month of May. So, if you have a new to slightly used cell phone that you would like to donate, please bring it to the church and deposit in the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" drop box located in the hallway on the table near the church office. Your donation will help our soldier make that call home much easier. The cell phones are refurbished or dismantled to use the parts that are salvageable and sold on the open market. The proceeds from the sale of the cell phones will be used to help fund the soldiers' ability to connect with their loved ones at home. We (the Military Ministry) thank you so kindly for your donation to this worthy cause.



The Linstitute programs MAY 22-24, 2024 register at www.thegiftcollaborative.org



22nd |7:30P - 9:30PWORSHIP SERVICE23rd |10:00A - 3:00PHEALTH INSTITUTE - 'Navigating Health'23rd |7:00P - 9:00PSOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE - 'Building Capacity for Change'24th |10:00A - 2:00PSOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE (Continuation)

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Celebrating the 144th Anniversary of The Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society

Anniversary Emphasis: Continue the Mission Journey with Self-Care and Wellness

Quadrennial Theme: Reaching the Masses in an Ever-Changing World, the Journey Continues Self-Care and Wellness, Equity and Justice, Leadership and Legacy, Empathy and Compassion

Mrs. Sandra Crowder, International President

Continue the Mission Journey with Self-Care and Wellness

"Continue" A poem by Maya Angelou (edited & adapted)

My wish for you Is that you continue Continue

To be who and how you are To astonish a mean world With your acts of kindness Continue

To allow humor to lighten the burden of your tender heart Continue ...

To remind the people that Each is as good as the other And that no one is beneath Nor above you Continue

To remember your own...years And look with favor upon the lost And the least and the lonely Continue To put the mantel of your protection Around the bodies of The old and defenseless Continue ...

To plant a virtual kiss of concern On the cheek of the sick And the aged and infirm And count that as a Natural action to be expected Continue

To let gratitude be the pillow Upon which you kneel... Continue ...

To dare to love deeply... ... And by doing so, You and your work Will be able to continue Eternally

May the work of your hands and the strength of your spirit be blessed, as we all continue.



The Inspiration of Emma Clarissa Clement on Mother's Day.

On Mother's Day in 1946, the American Mothers organization gave **Emma Clarissa Clement** its "Mother of the Year" honor, the first Black woman to receive the award.

Clement, the granddaughter of an escaped slave, lived in Providence, Rhode Island and came south to attend Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina, where she married Rev. George Clinton Clement on May 25, 1898. Clement, 71, when she received the award, had accomplished much as a mother, civic leader and religious educator in the state of Kentucky. As a widow, she raised four sons and three daughters, four of whom went on to become college professors. All seven of the Clement children graduated from Livingstone College, the chief institution of higher learning in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Upon

winning the award, Clement accepted the honor on behalf of all Black mothers. She continued working in the state for the A.M.E. Zion church until her passing in 1952. The American Mothers organization is an offshoot of the Golden Rule Foundation, founded by Eleanor Roosevelt, Sara Delano Roosevelt, Mamie Eisenhower, JC Penney, and Norman Vincent Peale. The organization recognizes mothers from all walks of life who have used the role to provide inspiration and instruction to the nation's future.



Congratulations to this year's "Excellence in Ministry" Nominees'. They are:

Mr. Larry Austin

Mrs. Antoinette Cody

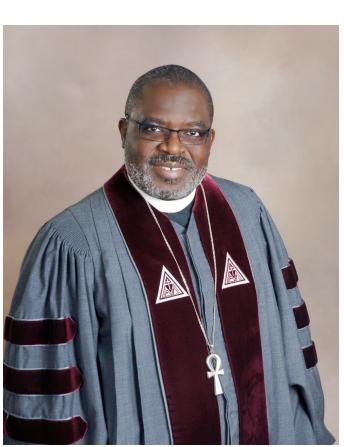
Ms. Sandra J. Lee

Mrs. Mary Davis

Mrs. Cynthia Mackey

Thank you for your participation on last Sunday. This week, the link will be emailed to members on Sunday morning. Voting will begin at 12:noon and end at 7PM. After Morning Worship the QR Code will be displayed on the screen in the sanctuary. You may used the QR code for voting.

Please vote for only one of the above persons.



Charlotte District Conference

Our Pastor, Dr. Dwayne A. Walker has been invited to bring the message on Friday, May 17, 2024 at 7PM at the Charlotte District Conference.

Please mark your calendars and join him at

Moore's Sanctuary

A. M. E. Zion Church

4103 Morris Field Road Charlotte, NC 28208

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

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Excellence In Ministry:

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Ephesians 4:11-16

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Spring Revival Tues, MAY 14TH - Thurs, MAY 16TH, 7PM

SPRING REVIVALIST Bishop George D. Crenshaw, Presiding Prelate, Alabama-Florida Episcopal District.

Annual Excellence in Ministry Awards Luncheon Sot, MAY 18TH, 2PM

Little Rock Day MORNING PREACHER **Worship Service**

Bishop Dennis V. Proctor Presiding Prelate, Northeastern Episcopal District

Sunday, MAY 19TH 10AM

Rev. BELINDA AUSTIN, General Chairperson 401 North McDowell St, Charlotte, NC 28204 (704) 334-3782 | www.littlerockamezion.org



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. 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.



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Celebrating "Excellence in Ministry"

Sunday, May 19, 2024

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

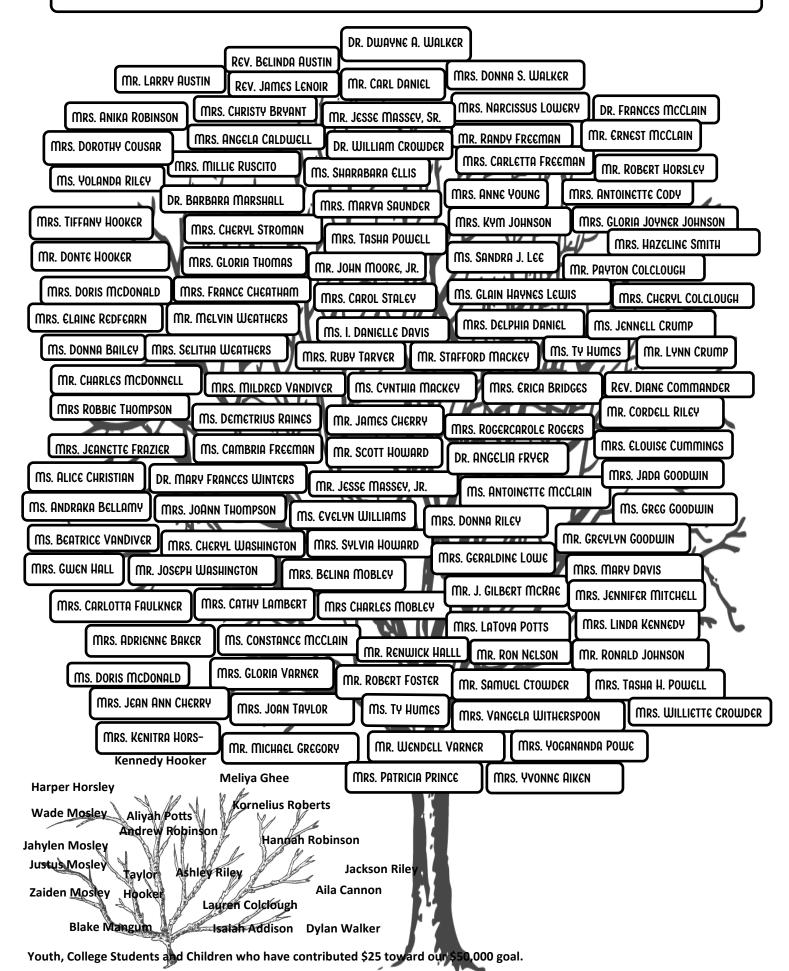


\$50,000.00 Goal **Raised** 32,045.00 Needed \$ 17,955.00 Thank you Little Rock for being the Church!

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



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





- 1 Ernestine Durante
- 2 Ernest McClain
 - Eula Lawrence

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- Jasmine Tillman
- 4 Michelle Anderton
- Wynetta Grier
- 5 Tyteen Humes
 - Aliyah Potts
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- 8 Valaria Young
- 9 Quinton Gossette
- 9 Dorothy Cousar
- 11 Marion WarrenTanja BellDavid Dozier

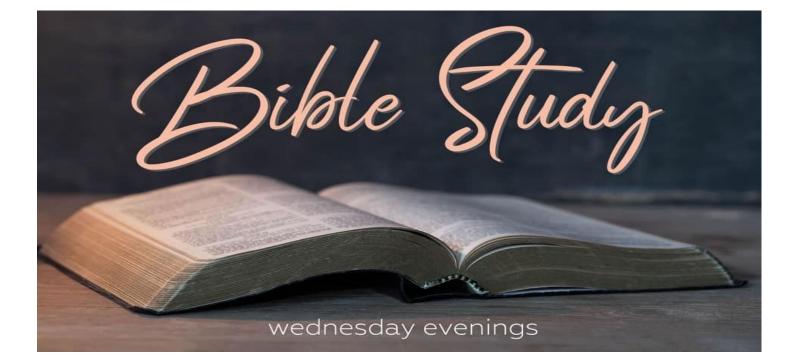
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17	Jeanette Burton	
18	Jeryn Coffey	
19	Beverly Koontz	
	Jhanique Prince	
	Alanna Taylor	
20	Scottlan Moore	
23	Brenda Anderson	

- 25 Greylyn Goodwin
 27 John E. Moore, Jr
 Tinashe Monroe
 Kay Frazier
 Cornelius Harris
 28 Kym Johnson
 Tasha Howard –Powell
 Debra Williamson
 29 Elaine Redfearn
- 31 Jared MooreRev. Anthony Redfearn



Mr. Samuel & Mrs. Willette Crowder Mr. Stafford & Mrs. Cynthia Mackey Mr. Payton & Mrs. Cheryl Colclough Dr. Dwayne A & Mrs. Donna S. Walker Mr. Ralph & Mrs. Sonya Burt

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Thank You, Office Volunteers!

This week "Thank You" to Mrs. Jennifer Mitchell, Dr. Angelia Fryer, Mrs. Hazeline Smith, and Mrs. Anika Robinson for helping in the office. Due to limited staff volunteers are needed to keep the Church Office operating. God bless each of you. If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours or a day from 10AM-5PM please call the office.



Graduation Information for the Class of 2024

Graduate Sunday will be observed **Sunday**, **June**, **9**, **2024**. To ensure that all our graduates are recognized, we ask that you submit the information below, if you have not already done so, by **May 19**, **2024**. We would also like to highlight awards, scholarships received, and other forms of recognition. Please email or text information to the Christian Education Director, Mrs. Antoinette Cody at <u>Acody13@yahoo.com</u> or 704.281.2765. Thank you.

Name (as you want it printed):				
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:			



Sunday, May 19, 28, 2024



Reconciled to God

Devotional Reading

Acts 2:37-47

Background Scripture:

Romans 5:1

Affirmation

When searching for peace, we need only turn to God.

AUDIO VISUAL MINISTR

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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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ministry of Kindness

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



GAMMA PHI DELTA FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

THE 'C' (2.0 – 2.9 GPA) SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Applicant must have a 2.0-2.9 GPA (C) and must show satisfactory academic progress.
- 2. Applicant must be in the graduating year of high school and have been accepted into a school of higher education for the following semester/quarter.
- 3. Applicant must submit a photo (approximately) 3" by 5" with application. (Photo is not returnable); by submitting, student agrees that photo may be used for publication (if an award is granted).
- 4. Applicant must submit an official high school transcript and a copy of a college/university letter of acceptance with the application.
- 5. Applicant must submit a completed typed application (if handwritten, it must be printed). Application must be complete in every detail with required information and signatures affixed. Format and text cannot be altered.

6. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATIONS (ONE FROM A PERSON OF CHOICE OR CHAPTER AND ONE FROM AN ACADEMIC PROFESSOR, INSTRUCTOR OR TEACHER)

7. Application must be received by June 30, 2024. Email or Priority Mail ! NO EXCEPTIONS.

AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- 1. Recipient must enroll in school on a full-time basis during the academic year or will forfeit the award for non-enrollment.
- 2. Recipient must use awards to pursue a course of study leading to a degree in any accredited university, college, or junior college in the United States.
- 3. A recipient who withdraws during the academic year and does not transfer to another institution will forfeit the unused portion of the award.
- 4. Recipient must forward to the foundation an official grade report at the end of each semester/quarter. Failure to do so may forfeit the unused portion of the award.

(Gamma Phi Delta Foundation Scholarship)



Health Resource Ministry Medical background not required to join.

Contact: Anika Robinson 704-517-6728



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.

Debit Card	Multi-purpose Room Sundays btw 10:00AM and 12:30PM
Givelify APP Givelify	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 S Cash App	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.

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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

<u>Class Number</u> <u>Class Leader</u>		<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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Rev. Belinda Austin Rev. James Lenoir Rev. Michelle Courtney Rev. Dr. Sonya Campbell Rev. Anthony Redfearn Rev. Diane Commander Minister of Evangelism Minister of Christian Education Minister of Evangelism for Inreach Minister of Youth and Young Adults Minister of Counseling Assistant Minister of Evangelism

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