

Sunday, June 8, 2025

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

Enter to Worship

"Let's Have Church"

Celebrating: Pentecost, Pastor's Appreciation and Children's Day

Ms. Hannah Robinson, Presiding

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Miss Kinsley Thomas

THE INVOCATION Master Carrington Powe

THE RESPONSE "Holy Ground"

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Jesus Loves Me"

THE RESPONSIVE READING Mr. Makis Blue

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (PRINTED ON BACK OF BULLETIN OR ON SCREEN)

Miss Norie Blue

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THE SCRIPTURE Miss Harper Horsley

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISIT

THE INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Mrs. Jada Goodwin

THE CHORAL SELECTION Little Rock Sanctuary Choir

THE SPEAKER Mr. Greylyn Goodwin

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 PENTECOST



Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church and reveals the descent or outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the believers in the Upper Room. Pentecost is sometimes referred to as Whitsunday referring either to the wearing of white robes by candidates for baptism or to the old Anglo-Saxon word "wit" meaning wisdom—an allusion to the outpouring of the Spirit of Wisdom. To the Christian, *Pentecost* means the Church's birthday that is celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter. Acts 2 gives the record of the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the Disciples and they began to speak in tongues preaching Christ as the risen Lord. Three thousand persons were baptized into the Christian faith at that time.

The day of Pentecost also occurs fifty days after the Passover. In the Jewish faith, this is the Feast of Weeks that commemorates the day on which Moses received the law on top of Mount Sinai. Tradition states that the early Christians observed Pentecost by shooting fire from the roof of the church to represent "the tongues of fire" that rested on the Disciples. Often this was not practical, so doves were collected and released during the worship service.

The liturgical color is red which is symbolic of the Holy Spirit, witness, zeal, power, loyalty and love. Prominent symbols include cloven tongues of fire, the descending dove, and a downward arrow. The Christian Church is often represented by using a ship or a rainbow (denotes the fulfillment of a promise). As Pentecost is celebrated, one should reflect on the coming of the Comforter (Holy Spirit) to the Disciples, and the power and miracles that resulted due to this coming, plus the need to allow the spirit to embody and empower persons today.



THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Jesus Loves Me"

Je - sus loves me! this I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so; Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong. (Refrain)

Je - sus loves me He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide. He will wash a - way my sin, let His lit - tle child come in. (Refrain)

Je - sus loves me, this I know, as He loved so long a - go, Tak-ing child - ren on , say - ing, "Let them come to me." (Refrain)

REFRAIN:

Yes, Je-sus loves me! Yes, Je-sus loves me! The Bi-ble tells me so.

A-men.





THE RESPONSIVE READING

The Children's Day Liturgy

Let us pray, children, for God's grace and guidance in our lives.

Lord, we ask for Your help.

May we be a light in the world, not a flame that burns out, but a candle that shines bright.

Lord, we ask for Your help.

May we see the world through Your eyes, not with greed or selfishness, but with kindness and compassion.

Lord, we ask for Your help.

May we love our neighbors as ourselves, and our enemies as You love us.

Lord, we ask for Your help.

May we be a force for good in the world, not a force for destruction

Lord, we ask for Your help.

May we be a source of joy and peac e, not a source of sorrow and conflict.

Lord, we ask for Your help.

May we be a reflection of Your love, not a frflection of the world's darkness.

Lord, we ask for Your help.

May we be a beacon of hope, not a beacon of despair.

Lord, we ask for Your help.

May we be a blessing to the world, not a curse.

Lord, we ask for Your help.

May we be Children of light, not children of darkness.

Lord, we ask for Your help.

May we be in the world, but not of it. Amen.



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Sunday Mornings at 7:30AM http://praisecharlotte.com

The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar



"We Are One!" Acts 9:31

Sunday, June 8, 2025 Pentecost, Pastor's Appreciation and Children's Day

- 9:00am Sunday School for all ages in the building
- ♦ 10:00am Sunday Morning Worship in Sanctuary and via Website

Monday, June 9, 2025

- 9:30am Office Open
- ♦6:00pm Little Rock AME Zion Board of Stewards Meeting via Conference Call
- ♦7:00pm Little Rock AME Zion Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

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

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

- ♦ 9:30am Office Open
- ♦7:00pm Western North Carolina Annual Conference Opening Worship Service, Dr. Derrill A. Blue,
 Preacher

Thursday, June 12, 2025 Dr. Paula Blue, Birthday

- 9:30am Office Open
- ♦7:00pm WNCC Christian Education Night

Friday, June 13, 2025

- ♦ 9:30am Office Open
- ♦9:00am WNCC WH&OMS Missionary Day

Saturday, June 14, 2025

♦7:00am - Little Rock Buses depart for WNCC CED

Sunday, June 15, 2025 Father's Day

- 9:00am Sunday School for all ages in the budling
- ♦ 10:00am Sunday Morning Worship in Sanctuary

Little Rock website address: www.littlerockamezion.org





MEN OF ZION THE EXPERIENCE 2025



REV. SCOT C. MOORE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEN OF ZION August 7 - 9, 2025

LITTLE ROCK A.M.E. ZION CHURCH 401 N. MCDOWELL ST, CHARLOTTE NC 28204

Visit menofzion.org to register

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL DIRECTOR@MENOFZION.ORG

Tune in on: https://amez.tv/

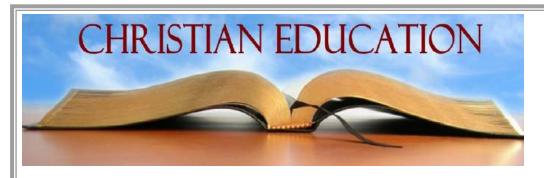


Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 8PM



Students will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, June 22, 2025 and will receive a gift of encouragement.

Christian Education Department



Children's Bible Study & Children's Band Page

Children's Bible Study sessions take place on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 for children up to age 12. Please join us for engaging Bible stories, interactive activities, and lively discussions. If you have not joined the Children's Ministry Band Page, please do so by scanning the code, to stay up to date on happenings within the children's department.

The login information for Children's Bible Study sessions is: Meeting Id: 826 301 5535.



Christian Education Night of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference is Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC. If you are a member of ACE and plan to attend, you are encouraged to wear your ACE stoles. The following is the dress code: females; navy blue dress/suit, white blouse; males: navy blue suit, white shirt, red or navy blue tie.

Christian Education Day at the WNCC is Saturday, June 14, 2025. Transportation will be provided to the Koury Convention Center. We have not yet received an official schedule of activities, but we have been approved to have conference tee shirts for CED Day. Each district will have a unique color tee-shirt and has been asked to wear it Saturday morning in the Districts Parade of Colors.

The tentative schedule below is based on a previous WNCC, and may be helpful for planning purposes. Tentative Transportation schedule is as follows:

Leave Little Rock 7:00am

Arrive at Koury Convention Center 8:15am

Departure time from Koury Convention Center 1:00pm

Arrival back at church 2:30pm





Sunday, June 15, 2025 Lesson: 3

Abraham Makes an Offering

Devotional Reading

Romans 4:1-15

Background Scripture

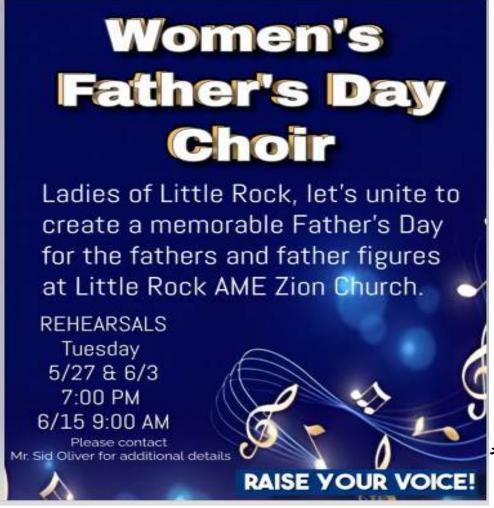
Genesis 22:1-19

Affirmation

We will endeavor to value God's testing and trusting in our own lives.



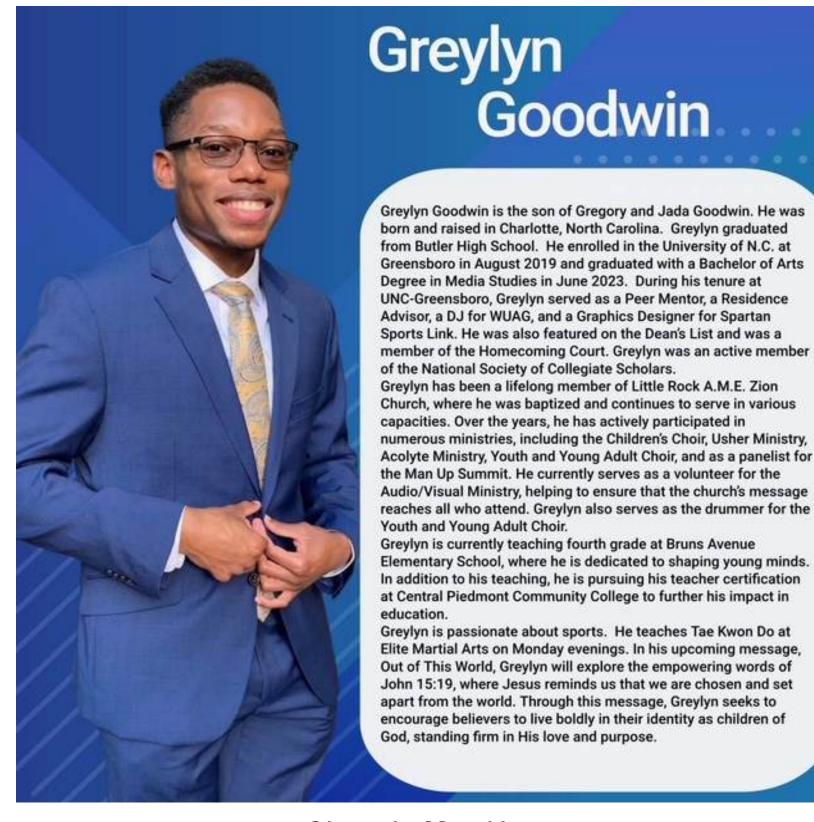








Little Rock Children's Day Speaker



Church Meeting

On next Sunday, June 15th, our Pastor, Dr. Derrill A. Blue would like to speak with the Church in a short meeting after Morning Worship. Please plan to attend.

Thank you.



All Men Are Invited!!!

The North Charlotte
District Men will gather
at Little Rock AME Zion
Church on Friday evening June 27th and Saturday June 28th. As the
host church we need our
men to participate in this
event.

The district is asking for only a \$10 registration for this event. The registration will include a full breakfast on Saturday Morning. All mem from Little Rock see Mr. Ron Nelson for details. Please make checks payable to Little Rock and add in the memo line "100 Men's Summit",



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.



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Our Pastor, Dr. Derrill A. Blue will be the preacher for the 134th Session of the West North Carolina Conference

Wednesday, June 11, 2025—7PM

Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at the Four Season / Koury **Convention Center**

3121 Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, NC

The Church Van will be available for transportation. The van will depart from the church at 5pm on Wednesday, June 11th. Please call the office if you would like to reserve a seat.



MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

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



Thank You, Office Volunteers!

This week "Thank You" to Ms. Angela Aiken, Ms. Alicia Goodson and Ms. Elouise Cummings.

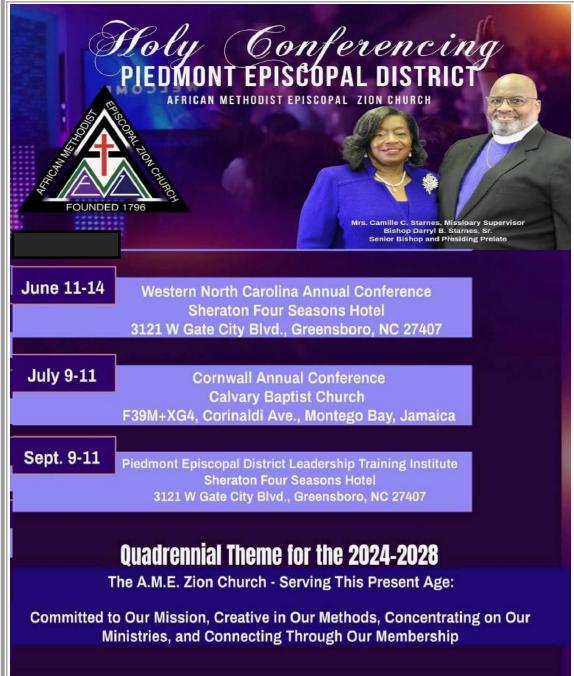




Little Rock

Have you ever con-

sidered the artistry and detail handwork of a professional quilt? This kind of craftmanship is still being passed along here at Little Rock. If you would like to join this ministry please contact Mrs. Elouise Cummings at (704) 773-0884. The Quilting Ministry will meet following Bible Study on Wednesdays.



Class Meetings

Class #2— will meet via Zoom for our year end class meeting at 7pm on Thursday, June 12. The Zoom link for the meeting will be emailed to members. Class Leader, Ms. Ty Humes

Class #5 - Will meet in the Multi -Purpose Room on Sunday, June 22nd, immediately following Morning / Worship.

Class Leader, Mr. Lynn Crump



Western North Carolina Annual Conference CED

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some shirts were on a second order and can be picked up in Greensboro. Please see CED Directors in the Nursery.

Happy Little Rock Day

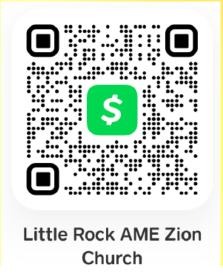


Excellence in Ministry

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).

Our goal is \$50,000.00 We realize that these are tough times, so we ask that you do the very best you can.

The bulletin, and the screen in church will display the QR Code. This may be used by friends and family to GIVE.



Celebrating "Excellence in Ministry"

Dr. Derrill A. Blue, Pastor



Goal \$50,00.00

Raised 44,116.00

Needed \$ 5,884.00

Thank you Little Rock for being the Church!

50,000 45,000 40,000 35,000 25,000 20,000 15,000 10,000 1,000



Do you know the truth about JUNETEENTH?

JUNE 19TH 4PM

COME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE DAY OF FREEDOM FOR AFRICAN- AMERICANS WITH A VIEWING OF THE DOCUMENTARY "JUNETEENTH: FAITH AND FREEDOM", PANEL DISCUSSION, AND VENDORS

LITTLE ROCK CULTURAL CENTER
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REV. DR. DERRILL A. BLUE, PASTOR



2	Carolyn Pratt	
	Phyllis Williams	
3	Vernon Powell	
	Donnie Henderson	
	Zoe Aiken	
4	Cassidy Blake	
5	Jada Johnson	
6	George Wright	
	Toni Cothran	
`	Wanda Cherry	
7	Jade Kennedy	
	Priya Jaglal	
	Ellinder Sinclair	
10	Kiera B. Weathers	
12	Dr. Paula B. Blue	
	Quaron Potts	
13	Morgan Murphy	
	Melvin McCoy	

15	Marissa Mackey	
17	Johnnie Mae Tracey	
	Frank Brown	
	Melanie Howard	
18	Charles Mobley	
	Jennifer Johnson	
19	Shirley Morrissette	
	Theresa Perry	
	Deidra Brown	
	Quwamee Bell	
20	Linda Berry	
21	Damie L. Warren	
22	Ernestine Robinson	
	Makis Antonio Blue	

24	Kennedi Kornegay
25	Erica Willis
26	Jonell Williams
	Ayira Wiltshire
	LaKrisha Gibbs
	Dr. Angelia Fryer
27	Olinka Birdsong
	Dana Brown
28.	Kimberly Wilson
	Antisha Peterkin
29	Anthony Dixon, Jr.
30	Ruby Tarver
	Aki Neal

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Marion & Damie Warren			
Ledger and Shirley Morrissette			
Gary & Maloney Looper			
Marvin & Lisa Fuller			
Renwick & Gwen Hall			
Archie & Georgianna Ademu-John			
Greg & Jada Goodwin			
Melvin & Selita Weathers			
Ralph & Sonya Burt			

June 6	15 years
June 9	62 years
June 10	52 years
June II	36 years
June 15	33 years
June 16	34 years
June 19	27 years
June 22	26 years
June 23	32 years
June 30	31 years





Little Rock Lay Council

The Connectional Lay Council is asking each congregation to donate items for Dialysis and Chemotherapy outpatients as listed below. Please place items on the Lay Council table in the hallway. The items will be packaged at the AME Zion Headquarters for the CLC Outreach Project during the 13th Quadrennial Convention July 26-31, 2025 in Winston-Salem,

North Carolina. For more information, contact Gloria Joyner Johnson, President.

Dialysis Patient Care Items: Microwave Heating Pads, Barf Bags, Journals

Chemotherapy Patient Care Items: Travel Pillows, Cozy Socks, Anti-nausea acupressure wrist bands, Seat Belt Shields, Mouthwash tablets, Calendula soap, cream, oil, balm, Nix nausea rollon essential oil blend, Botanical Body Cream.

Both Groups Needs: Throw Blankets, Lip Balm, No-sweat Ice Packs, Puzzles, Coloring Books and Coloring Pencils, Dry-Mouth Lozenges

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

Class Numb	er Class Leader	Contact Number
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	Lynn Crump	704756-8762
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
Class #10	Chella Mills	980 353-6317
Class #11	Glain Haynes Lewis	704 399-0581
Class #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
Bread of Life Ministry

9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 12:00 noon 1st & 3rd 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

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