eleorating 2023-2024 Theme:

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

LITTLE ROCK

A.M.E. Zion Church

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## Sunday, June 16, 2024

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

Enter to Worship "Let's Have Church" "Happy Father's Day"

THE PRELUDE THE CALL TO WORSHIP THE INTROIT THE PROCESSIONAL \*

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, *Pastor* "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

THE INVOCATION THE RESPONSE "Holy Ground" THE HYMN OF PRAISE God Of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand" #530 THE RESPONSIVE READING THE GLORIA PATRI THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (PRINTED ON THE ON SCREEN)

**\*THE PRAYER HY** 

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Little Rock Youth and Young Adult Choir

THE PASTORAL PRAYER THE CHORAL RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTION THE SERMON

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker Pastor

"All Things Come of Thee"

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS THE OFFERTORY 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

## "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand" #530

God of our fa-thers, whose al-might-y hand Leads forth in beau-ty all the star-ry band Of shin-ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies, Our grate-ful songs be-fore Thy throne a-rise.

Thy love di-vine hath led us in the past, In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our Rul-er, Guard-ian, Guide and Stay; Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho-sen way.

From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes-ti-lence, Be Thy strong arm our ev-er sure de-fense; Thy true re-li-gion in our hearts in-crease, Thy boun-teous good-ness nour-ish us in peace.

Re-fresh Thy peo-ple on their toil-some way; Lead us from night to nev -er - end-ing day; Fill all our lives with love and grace di-vine, And glory, laud, and praise be ev-er Thine.

A-men



## THE RESPONSIVE READING



Fourth Sunday Morning after Pentecost Acts 15:1, 6-11

And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

> So the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them:

"Men, and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.

> "So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as He did to us, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

"Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

> "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."



## "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts." - Zechariah 4:6

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**Imogene Martin** 

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## The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar

" Together, We Can...!"

Ephesians 4:11-16

## Sunday, June16, 2024 HAPPY FATHER 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, June 17, 2024

♦ 9:30am - Office Open

#### Tuesday, June 18, 2024

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

#### Wednesday, June 19, 2024—Juneteenth Day

- ♦9:30am Office Closed
- ◆1:00pm Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843 2528 code 2217017#)
- ♦7:00pm Little Rock Mid Week Bible Study in the Sanctuary and via livestream

#### Thursday, June 20, 2024

- ♦ 9:30am Office Open
- ◆7:00pm Little Rock Liturgical Dancer Rehearsal

## Friday, June 21, 2024

♦9:30am - Office Open

#### Sunday, June 23, 2024– Pastor's Anniversary Celebration

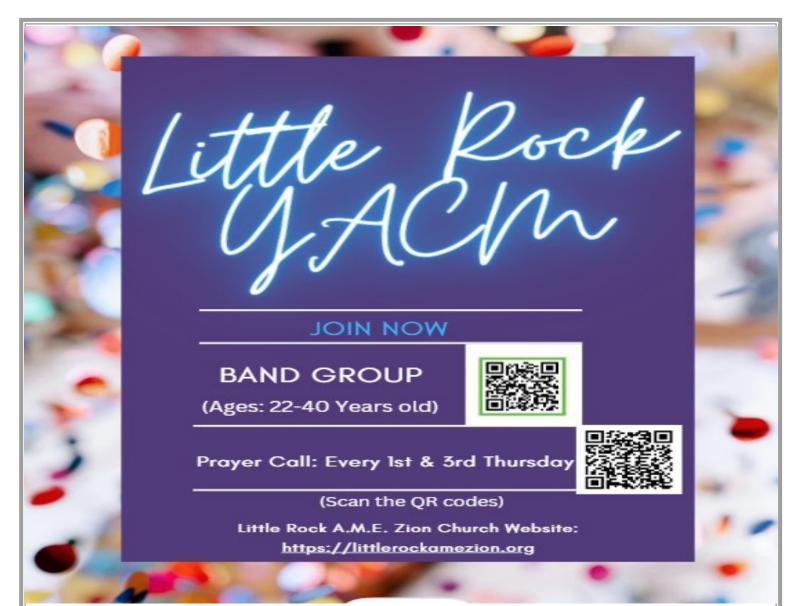
- ♦9:00am Sunday School in person for all ages in the building
- ♦9:00am– Adult Sunday School via website and in the Sanctuary
- ◆10:00am Morning Worship in Sanctuary and via Website



# What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree, The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea, The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night, The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity, And the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities. As there was nothing more to add, He knew that His masterpiece was complete. He called it **Dad**.



## 52nd Session of the General Conference African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

Greensboro, NC July 20-27, 2024

The General Conference is the lawmaking body of The A.M.E. Zion Church, which meets every four years. The General Conference is composed of an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates, representing Annual Con-



ferences from around the world! The purpose of the General Conference is to address current church legislation and consider new legislation that could impact the life and organization of the Denomination. One of the most important actions of the General Conference is to elect Bishops, who serve as its General Spiritual Superintendents, General Officers, who provide day to day administrative oversight of its programmatic areas and the Judicial Council that represent the appellate function of the Church.

If you would like to volunteer for the 52nd Sessiesion of the General Conference please notify the Headquarters' at <u>Pedoffice@att.net</u> of your availability.



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

Goal \$50,000.00 <u>Raised 50,525.08</u> Needed \$ Thank you Little Rock for being the Church!

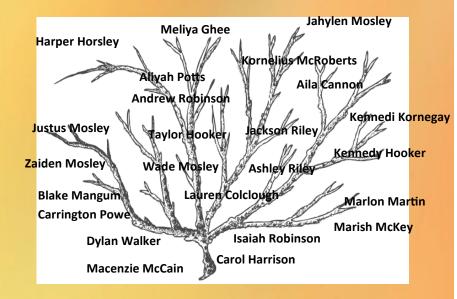


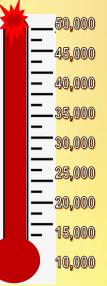
## **Celebrating "Excellence in Ministry"**

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

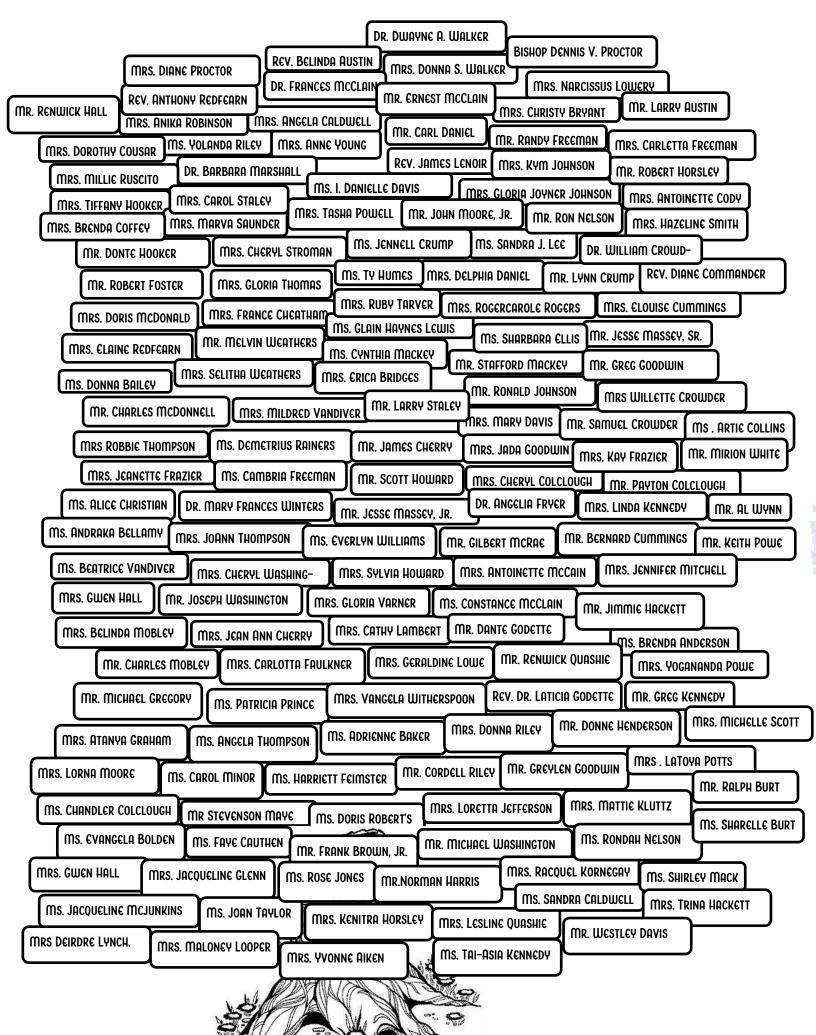


Youth, College Students and Children who have contributed \$25 toward our \$50,000 goal.





#### The Following members and friends have contributed \$200 or more toward our \$50,000 Little Rock Day Goal.



## SUN: BUCKS Have you heard about North Carolina's new SUN Bucks program?

Beginning this summer, SUN Bucks will provide families with a **one-time** payment of \$120 in food assistance benefits per eligible child.

Benefits will be issued on debit–like cards that can be used to buy healthy food at grocery stores, farmers markets, and some online retailers. SUN Bucks is a new program that will provide grocery–buying benefits to qualifying families with school– aged children during the summer months when schools are on summer break.

#### Who is eligible for SUN Bucks?

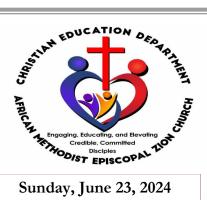
Some children will automatically qualify for SUN Bucks based on their participation in one or more benefit programs, while other children will need to apply by August 31, 2024. The 2024 SUN Bucks application will be available beginning in May. Visit <u>www.ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks</u> for more information about eligibility and the application.

#### Stay updated on SUN Bucks!

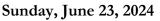
Visit <u>www.ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks</u> for more information and frequently asked questions. Follow @NCDHHS on Instagram, Facebook, and X (Twitter) to stay in the loop for important program updates and announcements.



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## **Are You A Member of NAACP?**

If you would like to join the NAACP today, please consider joining. Appliciations are available on the bookcase in the hall. If you need more information please contact Dr. Sonya Campbell, North Charlotte District Coordinator. She may be

reach at mscampbell2@hotmail.com.

**Devotional Reading** Psalm 23

**Empowered Servants** 

**Background Scripture:** Hebrew 6:9-20

## Affirmation

We can see parallels between God's promise to Abraham and God's faithfulness in all promises.

**AUDIO VISUAL** MINISTR **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.

## Celebrating Our Students Making

If your child has made the A/B Honor Roll this school year please submit their information by completing the form using the

Honor

QR Code or Link

Monday June 17, 2 Students will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday June 23, 2024 and will receive a gift of encouragement.

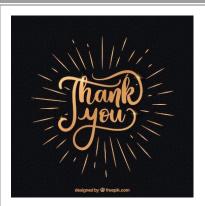


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Christian Education Department

The Link: https://forms.gle/5UxHTVhRrDgS6va5A



## Thank You, Office Volunteers!

This week "Thank You" to Mrs. Alicia Goodson for helping in the office. 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.





## Health Resource Ministry Medical background not required to join.

## Contact: Anika Robinson 704-517-6728



## 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.

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.

## Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church

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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

#### MINISTERIAL STAFF

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