

# Sunday, June 15, 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: Father's Day

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Derrill A. Blue, Pastor

THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSE "Holy Ground"

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Faith Of Our Fathers! Living Still" #529

THE RESPONSIVE READING

THE GLORIA PATRI

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

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THE BAPTISM

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISIT

THE CHORAL SELECTION

Little Rock Women's Choir

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Derrill Antonio Blue

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**

# "Faith of Our Fathers! Living Still" #529

Faith of our fa-thers, living still, In spite of dun-geon, fire and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy When-e'er we hear that glo-rious Word! Faith of our fa-thers, ho-ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fa-thers, we will strive To win all na-tions un-to Thee; And through the truth that comes from God, Man-kind shall then be tru-ly free. Faith of our fa-thers, ho-ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fa-thers, we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife, And preach Thee, too, as love knows how By kind-ly words and vir-tuous life. Faith of our fa-thers, ho-ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

A-men.





# THE RESPONSIVE READING

First Sunday Morning after Pentecost (Acts 3:1-7,11-16)

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;

Who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."

So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this?

Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? "

"The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus.

Whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go.

"But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,"

"And killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses."

"And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."



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# **The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar**



"We Are One!" Acts 9:31

### Sunday, June 15, 2025 Father's Day

- 9:00am Sunday School for all ages in the building
- ♦ 10:00am Sunday Morning Worship in Sanctuary and via Website
- ♦ 11:45am Little Rock Member's Meeting in the Sanctuary

### **Monday, June 16, 2025**

- 9:30am Office Open
- ♦7:00pm Little Rock AMEN Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

♦ 9:30am - Office Open

### Wednesday, June 18, 2025

- ♦ 9:30am Office Open
- ♦ 12:00 Noon Mid Day Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843-2528 code 2217017#
- ♦6:00pm Children's Bible Study via Zoom
- ♦ 7:00pm Little Rock Evening Bible Study via Zoom

### Thursday, June 19, 2025

Juneteenth

- ♦ 9:30am Office Closed
- ♦ 4:00pm Movie and Discussion in the Sanctuary

### **Friday, June 20, 2025**

• 9:30am - Office Open

### **Sunday, June 22, 2025**

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

# Little Rock website address: www.littlerockamezion.org



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# Do you know the truth about JUNETENTH?

JUNE 19TH 4PM

OF FREEDOM FOR AFRICAN- AMERICANS WITH A VIEWING OF THE DOCUMENTARY "JUNETEENTH: FAITH AND FREEDOM", PANEL DISCUSSION, AND VENDORS

LITTLE ROCK CULTURAL CENTER
401 N. MYERS ST. CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

CONTACT: REV. SONYA CAMPBELL MSCAMPBELL2@HOTMAIL.COM

REV. DR. DERRILL A. BLUE, PASTOR

# **Celebrating Black Music Month**

June is African American Music Appreciation Month! Created by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, this month celebrates the African American musical influences that comprise an essential part of our nation's treasured cultural heritage. Formerly called National Black Music Month, this celebration of African American musical contributions is re-established annually by presidential proclamation.

### **Sacred Music**

Sacred music, which includes spirituals and gospel music, illustrates the central role that music plays in African American spiritual and religious life. The earliest form of black musical expression in America, spirituals were based on Christian psalms and hymns and merged with African music styles and secular American music forms. Spirituals were originally an oral tradition and imparted Christian values while also defining the hardships of slavery. Gospel music originated in the black church and has become a globally recognized genre of popular music. In its earliest manifestations, gospel music functioned as an integral religious and ceremonial practice during worship services. Now, gospel music is also marketed commercially and draws on contemporary, secular sounds while still conveying spiritual and religious ideas.

### **Folk Music**

African American folk music links back to African cultural traditions. Stemming from field hollers, work chants and game songs, folk music bursts with social commentary. Popular folk protest music spread in the 1960s, and its influence is still found within hip-hop today.

### The Blues

The blues form the foundation of contemporary American music. As did sacred and folk music, the blues also greatly influenced the cultural and social lives of African Americans. Geographically diverse incarnations of the blues arose in various regions, including the Mississippi Delta, Memphis, Chicago, Southern Texas. Each regional manifestation of the blues features a uniquely identifiable sound and message. For example, Mississippi Delta blues illustrated the poverty of the region while celebrating its natural and cultural richness.

### Jazz

Jazz evolved from ragtime, an American style of syncopated instrumental music. Jazz first materialized in New Orleans and is often distinguished by African American musical innovation. Multiple forms of the genre exist to-day, from the dance-oriented music of the 1920s big-band era to the experimental flair of modern avant-garde jazz.

### **Rhythm and Blues**

The predecessor to soul music, R&B is another stylistically-diverse genre with roots in jazz, the blues and gospel music. R&B helped spread African American culture and popularized the idea of racial integration on the airwaves and in white society. Today's iteration of the genre has assimilated soul and funk characteristics.

### MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

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





### **Little Rock Quilting Ministry**

Have you ever considered 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 #5 - Will meet in the

Multi -Purpose Room on Sunday, June 22nd, immediately following Morning/Worship.

Class Leader, Mr. Lynn Crump

**Class #10** - Will meet in the Sanctuary on Sunday, June 29th, immediately following Morning Worship. Please plan to attend.

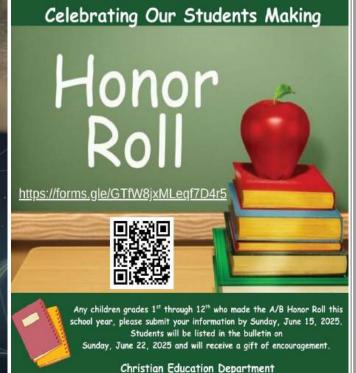
Class Leader, Ms. Chella Mills

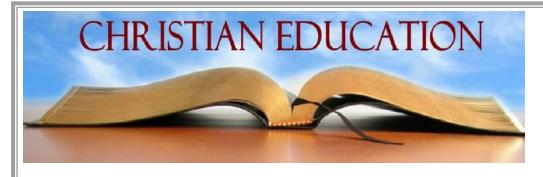
# Thank You, Office Volunteers!

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





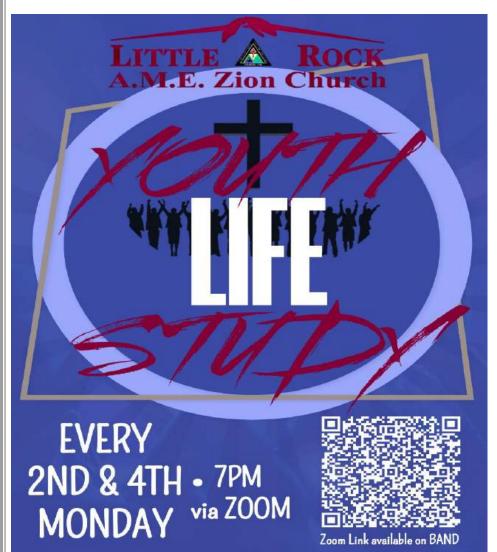




# Children's Bible Study & Children's Band Page

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.







Sunday, June 22, 2025

Lesson: 3

Isaac Calls on the Name of the Lord

### **Devotional Reading**

Genesis 26:12-23

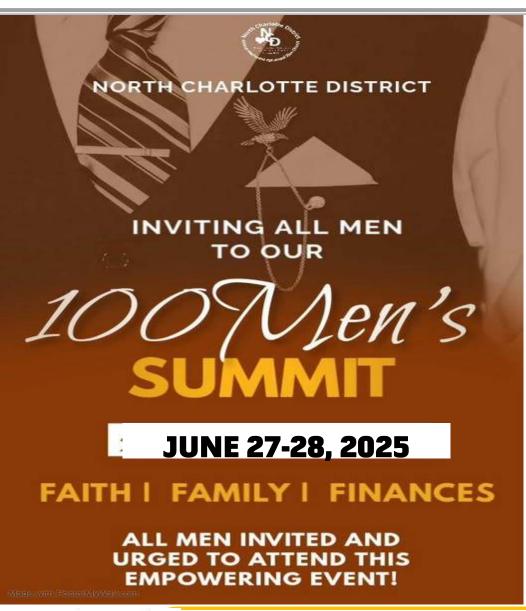
### **Background Scripture**

Genesis 26:1-33

### **Affirmation**

We appreciate both the privilege and responsibility of being included in the family of faith.





# 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 men 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.

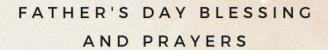


# AUDIO VISUAL MINISTRY

**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.



"God, we thank You for the love, sacrifices, and unwavering commitment of all fathers. We pray that You continue to bless them with the strength, wisdom, and patience they need to be the best fathers they can be. May

they always feel loved, appreciated, and supported today and every day."

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## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 roll-on essential oil blend. Botanical

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

Thank you.

Body Cream.

# **Members Meeting**

Please plan to remain after worship for a short Members Meeting in the Sanctuary. Your participation is needed.

# Happy Little Rock Day

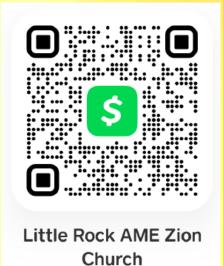


Excellence in Ministry

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 44,224.44

Needed \$ 5,775.56

Thank you Little Rock for being the Church!

50,000 45,000 40,000 35,000 25,000 20,000 10,000 5,000 1,000

# 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 Number 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
<i>Class</i> #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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### — EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY —