



LITTLE ROCK
A.M.E. Zion Church



*Celebrate 141 years
Together!*

2024 - 2025

Theme:

“We Are One!”

Acts 9:31



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Sunday, June 29, 2025

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

Rev. Dr. Derrill A. Blue, Pastor

THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSE

“Holy Ground”

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour ” #291

THE RESPONSIVE READING

THE GLORIA PATRI

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

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISIT

THE CHORAL SELECTION

Little Rock AMEN 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 ADMISSION INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP

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

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour” #291

Pass me not, O gen-tle Saviour, Hear my hum-ble cry; While on oth-ers Thou art call-ing, Do not pass me by.

(Refrain)

Let me at Thy throne of mer-cy Find a sweet re-lief; Kneel-ing there in deep con-tri-tion, Help my un-be-lief.

(Refrain)

Trust-ing on-ly in Thy mer-it, Would I seek Thy face; Heal my wound-ed, brok-en spir-it, Save me by Thy grace.

(Refrain)

Thou the spring of all my com-fort, More than life for me, Whom have I on earth be-side Thee? Whom in Heaven but Thee?

(Refrain)

Refrain

Sav-iour, Sav-iour, hear my hum-ble cry, While on oth-ers Thou art call-ing, Do not pass me by

A-men.



THE RESPONSIVE READING

Third Sunday Morning After Pentecost

(Acts 9:22; 26-31)

But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple.

But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles.

And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road.

And that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out.

And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him.

When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.

Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified.

And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT IN

*"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed;
save me, and I will be saved, for
You are my praise."*

(Jeremiah 17:14)

Please Pray for the sick and those who care for them

Helen Ashmore
1026 Polk Street
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Dorothy Cousar
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Charlotte, NC 28208

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Charlotte, NC 28262

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Charlotte, NC 28216

Eddie Simpson
1225 South Caldwell Street
Charlotte, NC 28203

Charles Mobley
4414 Rose Ridged Place #9
Charlotte, NC 28217

Members in the hospital or assisted living facilities

Mary Ann Moore
9120 Willow Ridge Road
Pineville, NC 28210

Imogene Martin
Five Oaks Rehab
413 Wincoff School Rd
Concord, NC 28027

Beverly Koontz
Country Time Inn Assisted
Living
602 Brevard St
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

James Brewer
White Oaks Nursing Home
700 Howie Mine Road
Waxhaw, NC 28173



**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>

The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar

“We Are One!” Acts 9:31



Sunday, June 29, 2025

- ◆ 9:00am - Sunday School for all ages in the building
- ◆ 10:00am - Sunday Morning Worship in Sanctuary and via Website
- ◆ 2:45pm - North Charlotte District Fifth Sunday Fellowship, Myers Tabernacle AME Zion Church

Monday, June 30, 2025

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

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

Wednesday, July 2, 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, July 3, 2025

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

Friday, July 4, 2025

- ◆ Office Closed

Saturday, July 5, 2025

- ◆ 10:00am - Bread of Life and Heaven Storehouse Ministry in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 6, 2025

- ◆ 9:00am - Sunday School for all ages in the building
- ◆ 10:00am - Sunday Morning Worship in Sanctuary with Holy Communion

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Little Rock website address: www.littlerockamezion.org

**LITTLE  ROCK
A.M.E. Zion Church**

VBS

**REGISTER
NOW**

**JULY
7TH - 9TH
2025**

6PM



THE JESUS CONNECTION

DOWNLOADS FROM HEAVEN

**401 N. McDowell Street, Charlotte, NC 28204
Dr. Derrill A. Blue, Pastor**

MEN OF ZION THE EXPERIENCE 2025



**THE RIGHT REVEREND
BISHOP DARRYL B. STARNES SR.
HOST BISHOP**

August 7 - 9, 2025

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401 N. MCDOWELL ST.
CHARLOTTE NC 28204*



**REV. SCOT C. MOORE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MEN OF ZION**

*REGISTRATION IS \$189 WHICH
INCLUDES - RETREAT MATERIALS,
MEALS, AND A MOZ T-SHIRT*

*SHERATON CHARLOTTE HOTEL
555 S MCDOWELL ST. (704.372.4100)
\$169 PER NIGHT - GROUP NAME "MEN OF ZION"*



**REV. DR. DERRILL BLUE
HOST PASTOR**

Visit menofzion.org to register



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DIRECTOR@MENOFZION.ORG*



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 Zi-

on 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 roll-on 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 Quilting Ministry

Have you ever considered the artistry and detail handwork of a professional quilt? This kind of craftsmanship 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.

MINISTRY OF KINDNESS

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

Class Meeting

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 and Mrs. Elouise Cummings .



5TH Sunday

29 JUNE; 2:45 PM

North Charlotte District 5th Sunday Fellowship

Rev. Jordan Boyd, Speaker

Join In.....

SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!
KICKING OFF THE
NEW CONFERENCE YEAR
UNITED IN PRAISE!

HOST CHURCH -MYERS TABERNACLE AME ZION
509 CHERRY STREET | CHARLOTTE, NC 28204
Rev. Dr. Franklin Russell, Pastor

North Charlotte District
Presiding Elder Dr. Winstell Henderson
& First Lady Mrs. Myrtle Henderson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sign up for Gloo to receive Little Rock messages via text



TEXT Hello!

833-242-9403

Please add this number to your contacts

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. QR code below:

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Lesson: 6

The Boy Jesus In The Temple

Devotional Reading

Psalm 27

Background Scripture

Luke 2:41-52 35:1-7

Affirmation

We value the wisdom shown by young Jesus at the Temple.



LITTLE ROCK A.M.E. Zion Church

YOUTH LIFE STUDY

EVERY 2ND & 4TH • 7PM MONDAY via ZOOM



Zoom Link available on BAND

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Rev. Dr. Derrill A. Blue, Pastor

Join Little Rock **INTERCESSORY PRAYER CALL** EVERY WEDNESDAY at 1:00 pm

1 720 843 2528 code: 2217017 #

PRAYER COORDINATORS
Rev. Belinda Austin | Rev. Diane Commander

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Membership Guide



As a new fiscal year is about to begin, please help the church office keep in contact with you by updating your physical address if you have moved, correcting your name, email or phone numbers which maybe out dated.

As in years prior, if you would like to be included in our business section and you were not included on last year, please call the church office to be included this year.

Little Rock Day

As we come to the close of the Conference Year 2024-25, Little Rock, we have only two Sundays to reach our goal of \$50,000.00.

As of today, we have raised \$44,524.44 of the 50,000.00 goal. We are only \$5,174.56.

Please search your heart, if you can help us reach this goal, we NEED your help.

Goal \$50,00.00

Raised 44,825.44

Needed \$ 5,174.56

**Thank you Little Rock for
being the Church!**

THE LAST SUNDAY



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.



JULY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

01.	James Foster	12	Damie Warren	28	Kayla Price
02	Phillip White		Stafford Mackey		Dr. Frances McClain
	Mary Ann Moore		Kayle Carrouthers		Phyllis Moore
03	Lynn Crump	14	Alex Jackson		Meliya Geneva Ghee
05	Matthew Jaglal		Ralph Burt		Carolyn Reynolds
06	Daphnie Miller	15	Kayden Prince	29	Jeremy Coffey
	Lauren Pittman	16	Wanda Burns		Carol Staley
	Jackson Riley		Hazeline Smith	30	Shamiyah Crowder
07	Daviene Cannon	17	Patricia Brown-Glover		Robert A. Horsley
	Philandis Bolden	18	Tiffany Howard		Kenielle Albany
08	Khareem Thompson		Evelyn Williams		Geraldine Lowe
10	Judy Galbreath	20	Yvette Wiltshire	31	William G. Lowe
11	Larry Staley, Jr.	23	Delores Goodson		Sebrina Washington
	Jennell Crump	26	Willette Crowder		Henrietta Wright
	Andre Morgan		Jaiden Alexander		Tammy Morrison
12	Kayle Carrouthers		Renwick Quashie		Kim Roberts

Terry & Michelle Belk

July 5

8 year

Milton & Deirdre Lynch

July 6

23 years

Cordell & Donna Riley

July 6

29 years

Gregory & Jacqueline Glenn

July 7

46 years

Tony & Kym Johnson

July 20

34 years

Ernest & Dr. Frances McClain

July 21

52 years

Ron & Seritha Nelson

July 21

53 years

Carl & Atanya Graham

July 24

30 years

Jerry & Brenda Coffey

July 27

33 years



Happy Anniversary!

2025-2030 Capital Campaign

1 **John 5:14** - And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:

Dear Members of Little Rock:

I. Overview:

As I shared at the first Members Meeting held on December 19, 2024, the church will move to a monthly asking from our adult members.

The goals are as follows:

- Pay off the mortgage
- Create a constant cash flow
- Pay for church renovations and property maintenance.

II. Cost:

The Board of Stewards and Trustees is projecting the cost of all the annual expenses to cover the mortgage, renovations, and church expenses is

\$609,000.00

□ Through **prayer, supplication, and pledges**, the Board of Trustees firmly believes that we, the members of Little Rock, can **and** will be able to raise

the additional \$609,000.00 that is needed – *“And this is the confidence that we have in **him**, that, if we ask anything according to **his** will, he heareth us!”*

III. How can we do this:

We can achieve our goal of \$609,000.00 in this way

The members participate in a Financial Tier Pledge System, based upon a member's current financial situation.

IV. Financial Tier Pledge System:

Here at Little Rock, we have approximately 400 paying members.

□ **Platinum Pledge:**

□ We need **50** Members to Pledge \$2,700 or \$225/Month, this would raise: \$135,000

□ **Gold Pledge:**

□ We need **100** Members to Pledge \$2,100 or \$175/Month, this would raise: \$210,000

□ **Silver Pledge:**

□ We need **130** Members to Pledge \$1,200 or \$100/Month, this would raise: \$156,000

□ **Bronze Pledge:**

□ We need **120** Members to Pledge \$900 or \$75/Month, this would raise: \$108,000

TOTAL PLEDGES RAISED \$609,000.00

V. Other:

It is very important to remember that if you choose a Pledge Amount, that the Church **still needs your commitment to your regular weekly/monthly tithes**, so that we can continue to pay our monthly expenses.

VI. Breakdown of \$609,000.00

The amount covers Little Rock Day, Church Anniversary, General Claims, Capital Improvement, Lenten/Advent Offering, Federation, Ministry of Kindness, Lay Council Dues, Missionary Assessments, Connectional and District Expenses.

Principal Mortgage Payment - \$100,000.00

Mortgage Expense - \$108,000.00

CD Rippy Scholarship Fund - \$15,000.00

Connectional Expenses - \$79,000.00

Property Maintenance - \$144,000.00

Ministry of Kindness- \$14,000.00

Transfer to Reserve Fund- \$30,000.00

LR Cultural Expenses - \$30,000.00

District Expenses - \$27,000.00

Office Expenses - \$34,000.00

Worship Ministry Expenses - \$20,000.00

Home Missions Expenses - \$8,000.00

VII. Close: - 2030 Capital Campaign

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Dr. Derrill A. Blue, 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>Lynn Crump</i>	<i>704756-8762</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 @ 7:00 p.m.
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.
Youth Young Adult Choir Rehearsal	1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 12:00 noon
Bread of Life Ministry	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

Rev. Belinda Austin	Minister of Evangelism
Rev. James Lenoir	Retired Minister
Rev. Michelle Courtney	Minister of Evangelism for Inreach
Rev. Dr. Sonya Campbell	Minister of Youth and Young Adults
Rev. Anthony Refearn	Minister of Counseling
Rev. Diane Commander	Local Elder
Rev. Paula Blue	Associate Minister
Rev. Linwood Shaw	Associate Minister

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— EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY —