



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

*Celebrating 140 years*

**2023-2024**  
Theme:

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

**EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY**

**401 North McDowell Street, Charlotte, NC**

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# *Sunday, July 21, 2024*

*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**

**Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, *Pastor***

**THE INTROIT**

**“Surely the Presence of the Lord”**

**THE PROCESSIONAL**

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**THE INVOCATION**

**THE RESPONSE**

**“Holy Ground”**

**THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“I Love To Tell The Story” #389**

**THE RESPONSIVE READING**

**THE GLORIA PATRI**

**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (PRINTED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE BULLETIN OR ON SCREEN)

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**\*THE PRAYER HYMN**

**Little Rock Youth and Young Adult Choir**

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

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**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS**

**THE CHORAL SELECTION**

**THE SERMON**

**Dr. Dwayne A. Walker**

**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

### “I Love To Tell The Story” # 389

I love to tell the sto-ry Of un-seen things a-bove, Of Je-sus and His glo-ry, Of Je-sus and His love, I love to tell the sto-ry, Be-cause I know 'tis true; It sat-is-fies my long-ings As no-thing else can do.

(Refrain)

I love to tell the sto-ry; More won-der-ful it seems Than all the gold-en fan-cies Of all our gold-en dreams. I love to tell the sto-ry, It did so much for me; And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

(Refrain)

I love to tell the sto-ry; 'tis plea-sant to re-peat What seems, each time I tell it, more won-der-ful-ly sweet. I love to tell the sto-ry, For some have nev-er heard The mes-sage of sal-va-tion From God's own ho-ly Word.

(Refrain)

I love to tell the sto-ry, For those who know it best Seem hun-ger-ing and thirst-ing To hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glo-ry, I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old sto-ry That I have loved so long.

(Refrain)

#### REFRAIN

I love to tell the sto-ry, 'Twill be my theme in glo-ry, To tell the old, old sto-ry Of Je-sus and His love.

A-men.



# THE RESPONSIVE READING

## *Ninth Sunday Morning After Pentecost*

( Acts 28:16-20,23-24, 30-31)

**N**ow when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

*And it came to pass after three days that Paul called the leaders of the Jews together.*

So when they had come together, he said to them: “Men and brethren, though I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

*“Who, when they had examined me, wanted to let me go, because there was no cause for putting me to death.”*

“But when the Jews spoke against it, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not that I had anything of which to accuse my nation.”

*“For this reason therefore I have called for you, to see you and speak with you, because for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.”*

So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God.

*Persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved.*

Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him.

***Preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.***

# PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & 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

**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

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

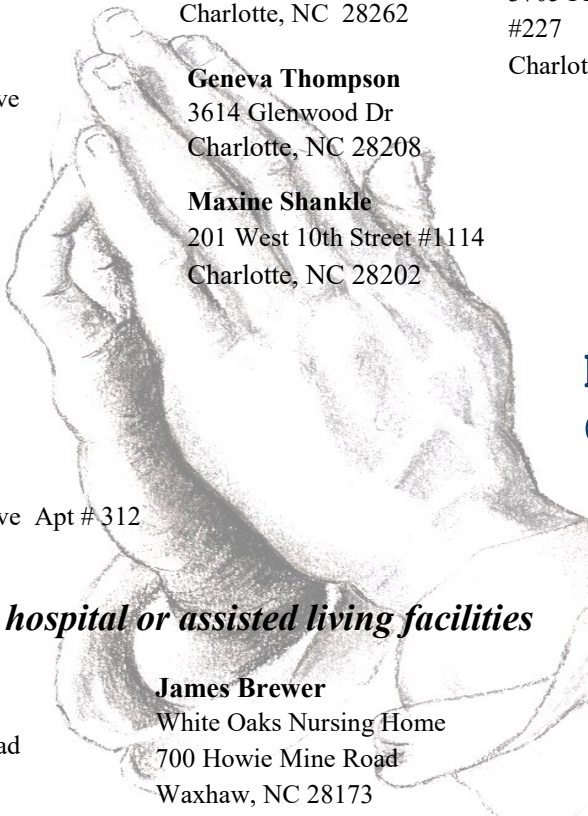
**Imogene Martin**  
Hunter Woods Assisted Living  
Center  
620 Tom Hunter Road  
Charlotte, NC 28213

**Chella Mills**  
2612-3 Eastport Road  
Charlotte, NC 28205

**Charles Robinson**  
3705 Prosperity Church Rd  
#227  
Charlotte, NC 28269

**Carline Dinkins**  
9620 Haying Place  
Mint Hill, NC 28227

**Jo Ann Thompson**  
7400 Limrick Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28210



**Little Rock A.M.E. Zion  
Church Radio Ministry**

**Praise 100.9**  
Charlotte's Inspiration Station  
[PraiseCharlotte.com](http://PraiseCharlotte.com)

**Sunday Mornings at  
7:30AM**

**[http://  
praisecharlotte.com](http://praisecharlotte.com)**



# **The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar**

**“We Are One!”** Acts 9:31

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## **Sunday, July 21, 2024**

- ◆ 9:00am - CED Sunday School for all ages in the Building
- ◆ 10:00am - Sunday Morning Worship in Sanctuary and via Website
- ◆ 3:00pm - Evening Program at Rock Hill AME Zion Church, Concord, NC Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Guest Preacher

## **Monday, July 22, 2024**

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

## **Tuesday, July 23, 2024**

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

## **Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

- ◆ 6:30am - Bus departs for General Conference
- ◆ 9:00am - The Opening Service for the 52nd Session of the AME Zion General Conference, Greensboro, NC
- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open
- ◆ 1:00pm - Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843 2528 code 2217017#)

## **Thursday, July 25, 2024**

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

## **Friday, July 26, 2024**

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

## **Sunday, July 28, 2024**

- ◆ 6:30am - Little Rock Bus departs from Church for General Conference
- ◆ 8:00am - Little Rock Morning Worship in Sanctuary and Website

**Little Rock website address: [www.littlerockamezion.org](http://www.littlerockamezion.org)**







ROCK HILL  
AME ZION CHURCH



JULY  
**21**  
2024

**@ 3 PM**

**GUEST PREACHER:**  
REV. DR. DWAYNE ANTHONY WALKER, PASTOR  
LITTLE ROCK A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

# WELCOME

**Of Our Pastor**

*Service*

**THE REV. C. RASHARD ALEXANDER**



**ROCK HILL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**  
3620 ROCK HILL CHURCH ROAD CONCORD, NC 28027



**ADD MY NAME!  
OUR VOICES!  
OUR POWER!**

**SCAN ME**



**PROJECT 100 VOTER DATABASE**

## **Project 100—A..M.E. Zion Church**

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church is committed to increasing civic participation in communities to make emphatic, positive differences. How do we do this? One powerful agent of change is exercising our right to vote. Informed voting that equips us to make choices that affect the course that our nation takes is necessary. **Voting is D.E.E.P.** Voting outcomes **define** our options and we must define how we engage the church in facilitating better outcomes for our people. Voter **education** is one vehicle that must be used to equip us to exercise our right and duty to vote while voting in our best interests. Through voter education people are **empowered** to do what is necessary for positive change while engaging others in the process. We must diligently **protect** our right to vote. While information is power, voting is the actual catalyst to ignite this power. Therefore, we can conclude that “Voting is D.E.E.P.” -- definitive, educational, empowering, and protective.

Little Rock, you are asked to join Project 100 in raising your voice for a better future. Please scan the code above and add your name .

## **52nd Session of the General Conference**


### **African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church**

Greensboro, NC

July 20-27, 2024

There is a need for Ushers during the General Conference to be held at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC! Ushers are needed for: Opening Worship Service - Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 9:00am; Freedom and Social Justice Night, Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 7:30pm ; Next Generation Celebration, Friday July 26, 2024 at 9:30am and Closing Worship Service Sunday, July 28, 2024 at 9:30am

**USHERS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ONE HOUR PRIOR TO SERVICE!**

Please note that the Grand March of Ushers will be held on  Sunday following the offering. Women Ushers are asked to wear white uniforms or white tops and black skirts. Men Ushers are asked to wear black suits, white shirts ties or bowties and or white shirts and black pants.

## **Church Bus Schedule for General Conference**

The bus will leave Little Rock on Wednesday, July 24th of the Opening Worship Service at 6:30am on July 28th for the Service of Consecration at 6:30am. Only a few seats available.





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# MEN'S BOOSTERS

## 9th Annual Golf Tournament

★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
★ September 14, 2024 ★

**Rocky River Golf Club**  
6900 Bruton Smith Blvd. Concord, NC 28027

### Tournament Registration

7:30 - 8:30 AM

Team of Four - \$500

Individual Golfer \$125

### AWARD CEREMONY

TROPHIES AND PRIZES AWARDS:

Men & Women Teas

Longest Drive

Closest to the Pin

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

DURING CEREMONY

### SHOTGUN START

8:45 AM

See any of the Men's Boosters  
Ministry for a Registration Form

Mr. RON NELSON  
Men's Booster President

Rev. Dr. DWAYNE A. WALKER, Pastor



# Little Rock YACM

JOIN NOW

BAND GROUP

(Ages: 22-40 Years old)



Prayer Call: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday



(Scan the QR codes)

Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church Website:

<https://littlerockamezion.org>

## The 2024-25 Membership Guide Information

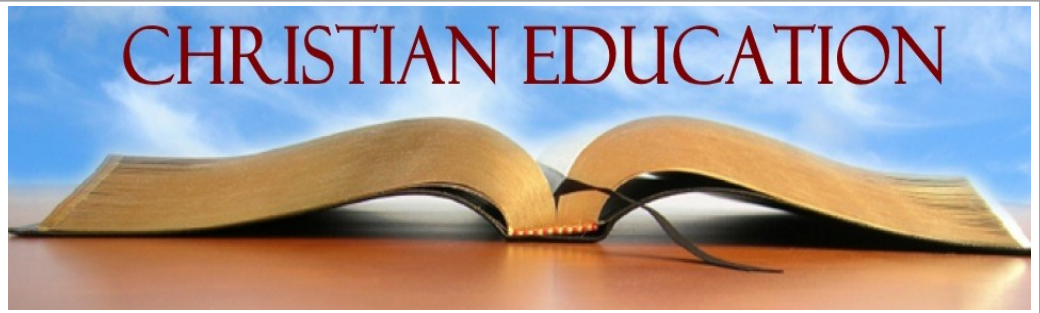
### For the Business Directory

If you are a business owner and would like to advertise your business in the membership guide please contact the church office with: the name of your business, location, and contact information.

### For the Membership Guide

If you have moved, changed your name, or telephone number please email the correct information to the church office. If you need to correct something from last year's book please email those correction also to the church office. The office email address is: [contact@littlerockamezion.org](mailto:contact@littlerockamezion.org). Please get this information to the office prior to July 31st.





Sunday, July 28, 2024



Lesson: 8

Delightful Precepts

Devotional Reading

Proverb 30:1-9

Background Scripture:

Psalms 119:73-80

Affirmation

We are open to God's  
steadfast love, working in  
us.

**AUDIO VISUAL  
MINISTRY**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you are interested in volun-  
teering in the Audio-Visual and/  
or the Information-Technology  
Ministry

PLEASE call the Church Office  
at (704)334-3782.

Training will be provided.

## Ministry of Kindness

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



## Western North Carolina Conference CED

### Day Trip to the North Carolina State Fair (NCSF)

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 **“Senior Day” at the NCSF**

All Seniors 65+ Free Admission and Free Breakfast

Transportation by Amtrak **\$54.00 (non-refundable)**

Train departs Charlotte Station on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:45am. Please arrive at the Train Station 30 minutes prior to departure, arriving at NCSF at 9:45am. Train departs the NCSF at 2:30pm the same day arriving back into Charlotte at 6pm.

Please join us for this fun outing!

**All monies are due by Sunday, August, 11, 2024**

Send payments to:

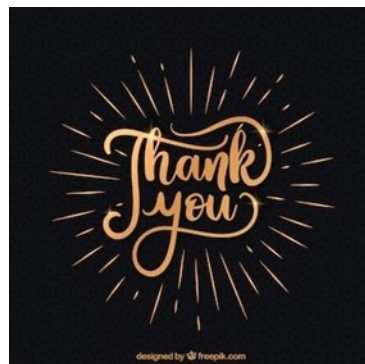
Dr. David A. McLean Cash App: \$DM4CED or mail to

3722 David Cox Road Charlotte, North Carolina 28269

**Thank You,**

**Office Volunteers!**

This week “Thank You” to Ms. Angela Aiken, 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; (704) 334-3782.



## Little Rock First Quarterly Conference



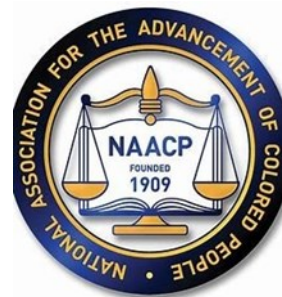
Our first quarterly conference for this year, 2024-25 will be held on Monday, August 26th, at 6:30pm. This year all reports will be electronically submitted one week prior to conference. Since this is a new process a training session will be held to assist in the process. Please read the bulletin for information concerning the training session.

All ministers, class leaders and ministries leaders are asked to please assign a person to do your quarterly reports and send them to the training meeting.

The First Quarterly Conference will be held in person

## Are You A Member of NAACP?

If you would like to join the NAACP today, please consider joining. Applications 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](mailto:mscampbell2@hotmail.com).



## Are You or Someone You Know In Need of A Fan?

Mecklenburg County residents who are 60 years and older and adults ages 18 to 59 who receive disability income can register to pick up a fan. Registration is available online or by calling one of the eight pickup locations:

Albemarle Road Recreation Center, 5027 Idlewild Road North in Charlotte, 980-314-1101

David B. Waymer Recreation Center, 14008 Holbrooks Road in Huntersville, 980-314-1127

Eastway Regional Recreation Center, 3150 Eastway Park Drive in Charlotte, 980-314-3772

Northern Regional Recreation Center, 18121 Old Statesville Road in Cornelius, 980-314-6772

Southview Recreation Center, 1720 Vilma St. in Charlotte, 980-314-1105

Sugaw Creek Recreation Center, 943 W. Sugaw Creek Road in Charlotte, 980-314-1124

Tyvola Senior Center, 2225 Tyvola Road in Charlotte, 980-314-1320

West Charlotte Recreation Center, 2401 Kendall Drive in Charlotte, 980-314-1120

Walk-up requests will not be accepted. Fans are limited to one per person. When picking up a fan, an individual must show a valid driver's license or state ID providing proof of age and a current Mecklenburg County address.

## 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.









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

**Contact: Anika Robinson**  
**704-517-6728**



Debit Card 	Multi-purpose Room Sundays btw 10:00AM and 12:30PM
Givelify APP 	<a href="http://www.givelify.com">www.givelify.com</a>
Paypal 	<a href="http://www.littlerockamezion.org">www.littlerockamezion.org</a> Go to Online giving (bottom of page). Click on TO GIVE SECURELY ONLINE PAYPAL (right side of page)
CASHAPP 	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

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>
<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>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 @ 12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.
Youth   Young Adult Choir Rehearsal	1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 12:00 noon
Children's Choir Rehearsal	2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 11:00 a.m.
Bread of Life Ministry	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	Minister of Christian Education
Rev. Michelle Courtney	Minister of Evangelism for Inreach
Rev. Dr. Sonya Campbell	Minister of Youth and Young Adults
Rev. Anthony Redfearn	Minister of Counseling
Rev. Diane Commander	Assistant Minister of Evangelism

## DIRECTORY OF LEADERS

Mr. Larry Austin	Chairman, Board of Stewards
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Mr. Sidney Oliver	Minister of Music
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