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THE AME ZION CHURCH

The Freedom Church

Rooted. Rising. Reaching.

ROOTED IN CHRIST, RISING IN FAITH, AND REACHING IN LOVE

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LITTLE ROCK
A.M.E. Zion Church



401 N. MCDOWELL STREET

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

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Sunday, August 10, 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

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

THE RESPONSIVE READING

THE GLORIA PATRI

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

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTION

Little Rock Sanutary Choir

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Derrill 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

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

I am weak and I need thy strength and power, to help me o-ver my weakest hour, lead me through the darkness thy face to see Lead me, Oh Lord Lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am putting all my trust in Thee: Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without Thy light to see. Lord just always to me thy servant be, Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

CHORUS

Lead me, guide me along the way, For if you lead me I cannot stray. Lord let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

A-men.

Lead ME
Guide ME
along the way



THE RESPONSIVE READING

Eighth Sunday Morning After Pentecost

(Acts 20:17-28, 32)

From Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called for the elders of the church.

And when they were come to him, he said unto them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you."

Serving the LORD with all humility, with many tears, and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews:

"And how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house."

"Testifying to Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

"And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there."

"Except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me."

"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy."

"And the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

"And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more."

Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.

For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

Sick Et Shut-in

Please Pray for the sick and those who care for them.

Heal me Lord, and I will be healed. Save me and I will be saved....

Jeremiah 17:14

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Mary Ann Moore
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Beverly Koontz
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Living
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Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Imogene Martin
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413 Wincoff School Rd
Concord, NC 28027

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

Dorothy Cousar
Novant Orthopedic Hospital
1901 Randolph Road
Charlotte, NC 28204

**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



“Rooted, Rising, and Reaching”

Rooted in Christ, Rising in Faith, and Reaching in Love

Colossians 2:6–7 (NIV)

Sunday, August 10, 2025

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

Monday, August 11, 2025

- ♦ 9:30am - Office Open
- ♦ 6:00pm - Board of Stewards Meeting via Conference Call
- ♦ 7:00pm - Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom
- ♦ Birthday of Bishop Dwayne A. Walker, Presiding Prelate of the Alabama –Florida Episcopal District

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

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

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

- ♦ 9:30am - Office Open
- ♦ 1:00pm - Little Rock Quilting Ministry in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ 1:00pm - Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843-2528 code 2217017#
- ♦ 6:30pm - Little Rock Members Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, August 14, 2025

- ♦ 9:30am - Office Open

Friday, August 15, 2025

- ♦ 9:30am - Office Open

Saturday, August 16, 2025

- ♦ 10:00am - Bread of Life and Heaven Storehouse Ministry in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ 3:00 pm - Little Rock “Back to School Bash”

Sunday, August 17, 2025

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

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MEN'S BOOSTERS **10TH ANNUAL** **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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

September
26 | 2025

AWARD CEREMONY **TROPHIES AND PRIZES AWARDS:**

Men & Women Teams
Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin

FISH FRY WILL BE SERVED
DURING CEREMONY

SHOTGUN START **9:00 AM**

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

PAYMENT OPTIONS
Cash, Check or CashApp: \$LRMB401



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Mr. RON NELSON
Men's Booster President
Rev. Dr. DERRILL BLUE, Pastor

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact: Lynn M. Crump
Phone: 704-756-8762



Mr. Gilbert McRae,
NCD CED Director



Dr. Wardell Henderson
NCD Presiding Elder

BACK TO SCHOOL

CED MASS MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 - 9:30AM

WEAR YOUR CED - YELLOW TEE SHIRTS
for a District Group Photo

Workshop Presenters: CED Directors
Dance Ministry: CREAM - Wesley AMEZ

BRING SCHOOL SUPPLIES for a CMS School



Held @ Rockwell AMEZ Church
Rev. Jordan Boyd, Pastor



Thank You, Office Volunteers!



This week "Thank You" to Ms. Angela Aiken and Mrs. Elouise Cummings.



Quilting Ministry If you would like to join this ministry please contact Mrs. Elouise Cummings at (704) 773-0884. The Quilting Ministry will meet on Wednesdays at 1:00pm.

ReCharge at the Rock Interest Poll

We are encouraging members to lead a session, (one time,) or section, (multiple weeks,) of the ReCharge at the Rock devotional. Participation in this ministry can deepen one's faith, enhance public speaking skills, and foster a sense of community and connection with others. Please submit your answer to the following poll to let us know your interest in serving in the ReCharge at the Rock ministry.

<https://forms.gle/ZwZxvAAmtU3LSGi8>

Interested members will need to attend a group session with our pastor, Dr. Derrill Blue, prior to recording and he will determine the devotion topics. Members will sign up based on the calendar. Grace and Peace, Valencia Tims




WH&OMS –Buds of Promise

The Bud's (ages 1-12) will meet on the first Saturdays of the each month at 11AM in the Children's Room. The meetings will include lunch, games and songs. Parents of children under 5 years of age and under are ask to please remain with you child (ren) during all meetings. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Yolanda Wallace at (704)534-2144. Thank you.

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Senior Pastor Dr. Derrill A. Blue

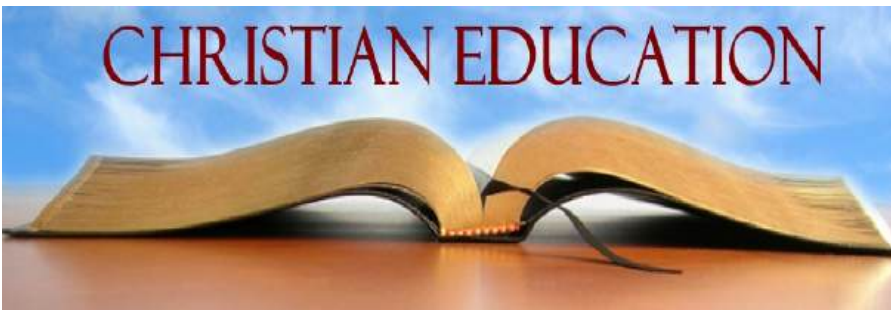
**REGIONAL
VETERANS CLAIMS
CLINIC & F.M.B.**

Claims Assistance. VA Mortgage Info. Speakers. VSOs
803 Fresh Line Dancing. Good Food. Music



SEPTEMBER 27TH 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



CD Rippy Scholarship Application

Sunday, August 17, 2025



Little Rock students who are currently enrolled in an accredited institution or have been accepted and will begin this fall an institution of

higher learning are encouraged to pick up an application from the Lay Council table in the education wing.

All applicants must be **“ACTIVE”** members at Little Rock for at least a year and currently active in a Little Rock Ministry. Please complete your application and return with the requested documentation (proof of current enrollment) to the Church Office or Mrs. Gloria Joyner Johnson no later than **August 31, 2025**.

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Gloria Joyner Johnson, Lay Council President.

Lesson: 12

Jews and Gentiles Form One Temple

Devotional Reading

Romans 9:14-24

Background Scripture

Ephesians 2:11-22

Affirmation

We will seek to accept the value of differing Christian Faith practices that may be unfamiliar and practice dialoguing with others

Little Rock "Back to School Bash"

August 16th, 3PM-6PM

Food, Fun and Games for Everyone, Plan to join us, bookbags will be given out.

**BACK TO
SCHOOL BASH**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

**Our Pastor, Dr. Derrill A. Blue will be the preacher n
At**

**Rock Hill A.M.E. Zion Church,
3620 Rock Hill Church Road,
Concord, North Carolina, 28027 .**

**Pastor, Rev. C. Rashard Alexander,
(a son of Little Rock)**



Sunday, September 14, 2025—3PM

**The Church Van will be available for transportation. The
van will depart from the church after Morning Worship. Please call the
office if you would like to reserve a seat.**

September 28, 2025

**Dr. Derrill A. Blue, will return to his home church in Broadway, North Carolina as
the guest preacher for an afternoon program.**

As our pastor visits home, we want to show his family, he is loved here at Little Rock.

How can we do that? We need to travel with him to Broadway.

**The Church is looking at chartering a bus for this event. We need an approximate
count of persons desiring to go to Broadway. Please call or stop by the
Church Office an put your name on the list. You may call the
office at (704)334-3782 during the week.**

**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.



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Charles Robinson	11	Bishop Dwayne A. Walker	21	Jean Ann Cherry
3	Carolyn Coleman		Lauren Colclough		Shirley Mack
4	Elijah Howard		Dr. Sonya Campbell		Tacia Fields
	Zora Aiken	12	Albert Frazier	22	Payton Colclough
	JoAnn Thompson		Mitzi Porter	23	Cambreia Freeman
5	Ronnie Grier	13	Karen Jackson		Josiah Taylor
6	Imogene Martin	14	Charles McDonnell	25	Alexander Ademu-John
	Jerald Wallace		Gary Brown	26	Sharelle Burt
7	Loretta Jefferson	16	Tatiana Graham	27	Carolyn Powell
	Jelani Wiltshire	17	Robin Bradford	28	Ashley Riley
9	Beverly Irby		Stephanie Prince	29	Norman Harris
10	Yvonne Rose		Gabriella Roberts	30	Frances Cheatham
			Demetrius "Dee" Rainer		Lorna Moore
		18	Gina Frierson	31	Jordan Wallace
		20	Joy Springs		Jared Moore



Happy Anniversary

<i>Carl & Delphia Daniel</i>	<i>August 9</i>	<i>39 years</i>
<i>Greg & Linda Kennedy</i>	<i>August 11</i>	<i>40 years</i>
<i>Larry & Rev. Belinda Austin</i>	<i>August 19</i>	<i>52 years</i>
<i>Dr. William & Sarah Crowder</i>	<i>August 27</i>	<i>59 years</i>
<i>Anthony & Kris Gibbs</i>	<i>August 28</i>	<i>21 years</i>

MEMBERS' MEETING

The Church Annual Members Meeting

Little Rock Organizational Meeting for the Year 2025-26 will be held on Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All MEMBERS are invited to attend.

The budget will be presented along with officers and plans for this conference year.

Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church

Celebrating

142 years

September 21, 2025

Fall Revival

September 17-19, 2025

In celebration of the many blessings God has bestowed on us from the backyard of Mrs. Mary Ann Hunter's home in 1884 to the present edifice on the corner of 7th and North McDowell Street, each member is asked to please pay \$1 for each year we have been in existence, or \$142.00 (if you have NOT made a pledge) by the third Sunday in September.

You may use your offering envelope to fulfill this asking.



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

<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>704 756-8762</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>

CHOIR REHEARSALS
MASS CHOIR
SANCTUARY
A.M.E.N. CHOIR
YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT
LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY (ADULTS)

TUESDAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SUNDAY 7: 00 P.M.
TUESDAYS 7:00 P.M.
1ST & 3RD MONDAYS, 7:00 P.M.
1ST AND 2ND SUNDAY
THURSDAYS, 7:00 P.M.

*VIA ZOOM

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*

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REV. JAMES LENOIR
REV. MICHELLE COURTNEY
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REV. ANTHONY REFEARN
REV. DIANE COMMANDER
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REV. DR. BARBARA MARSHALL
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MINISTER OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS
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