

Sunday, August 18, 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

THE INTROIT "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

THE PROCESSIONAL

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THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSE "Holy Ground"

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "O How I Love Jesus" 266

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 Rev. Linwood Shaw

THE SERMON

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

"O How I Love Jesus" #266

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like mu-sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.

(Refrain)

It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sin-ner's per-fect plea.

(Refrain)

It tells of one whose lov-ing heart can feel my deep-est woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear be-low.

(Refrain)

REFRAIN

O how I love Je-sus, O how I love Je-sus, be-cause he first loved me!

A-men.



THE RESPONSIVE READING



Thirteenth Sunday Morning After Pentecost (Ephesians 6:10-20)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age.

Against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--

And for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel.

For which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Heavenly Father, comfort encourag discouraged and give us strength

Helen Ashmore

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Dorothy Cousar

1509 Chelveston Dr. Charlotte, NC 28208

Lila Blake

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Lelia Kent

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

Charlotte's Inspiration Station PraiseCharlotte.com

Sunday Mornings at 7:30AM

http://

praisecharlotte.com

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Atrium Healthcare-Cabarrus 920 Church Street North Concord, NC 28025

<u>The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar</u>

"We Are One!" Agts 9:31



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Sunday, August 18, 2024

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

Monday, August 19, 2024

- 9:30am Office Open
- ♦6:30pm Class for Quarterly Conference Reports in Multi Purpose Room

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

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

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

- ♦9:30am Office Open
- ♦ 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843 2528 code 2217017#)
- ♦7:00pm Mid Week Bible Study in Sanctuary and via Website

Thursday, August 22, 2024

• 9:30am - Office Open

Friday, August 23, 2024

♦9:30am - Office Open

Saturday, August 24, 2024 Family and Friends Weekend

♦9:00am - Little Rock Family and Friends Festival

Sunday, August 25, 2024 Family and Friends Wekend

- ♦9:00am Little Rock Sunday School for all ages in Sanctuary
- ♦ 10:00am Little Rock Morning Worship in Sanctuary and Website
- ♦2:00pm Family and Friends Concert Honoring Dr. William Crowder

Little Rock website address: www.littlerockamezion.org



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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

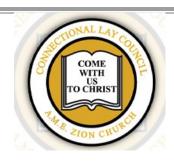
See any of the Men's Boosters
Ministry for a Registration Form

SHOTGUN START

8:45 AM

Mr. RON NELSON Men's Booster President

Rev. Dr. DWAYNE A. WALKER, Pastor



Little Rock Lay Council

Congratulations to the 2024-25 Elected Officers of our Lay Council:

President

Mrs. Gloria Joyner Johnson

First Vice President

Ms. Hazeline Smith

Second Vice President

Ms. Jenelle Perry

Recording Secretary

Mrs. Gearldine Lowe

Treasurer

Mr. Nate Robinson



Health Resource Ministry
Medical background not required to join.

Contact: Anika Robinson 704-517-6728



MECKLENBURG COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SENIOR CITIZEN NUTRITION PROGRAM



MOBILE PANTRY

IN PARTNERSHIP







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Lifting our community
through food.

Distribution of fresh produce, dairy and grocery.

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

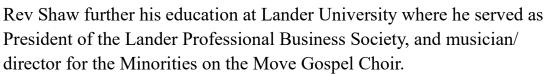
Preregistration Required Sign-up On Site

940 Brevard 940 N Brevard St 2nd Tuesday of Every Month September 10th, 2024 10AM- NOON



Rev. Linwood Devine Shaw

Linwood D. Shaw was born in Columbia South Carolina. He was educated in the public school system of Sumter County. He graduated with honors from Lakewood High School where he was Class President of his senior class, State Vice President of the South Carolina chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America, president of the debate team, musician for the gospel choir, marching band, and vice chair of the school improvement council.





Shaw answered the call to preach on Sunday June 29, 2014 at Beulah A.M.E. Church in Sumter SC. At Beulah he served as a member of the usher board, directed the youth choir, church musician, Sons of Allen,, Sunday School Secretary, and staff member for the summer tutorial program. He also served as the President of the Young People and Children's Division (YPD) for the Northeast South Carolina Annual Conference, and as the young adult Representative for the Northeast South Carolina Annual Conference.

Later Rev. Shaw joined Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Manning, SC where he was ordained and served as an associate minister. Linwood was responsible for assisting the pastor, teaching bible study, teaching adult Sunday school, and overseeing the church's media ministry.

Shaw's ministry has afforded him the opportunity to serve as minister of music for four congregations in both the upstate and midlands of South Carolina as well as the state of Georgia.

Rev. Shaw is employed by AURO Hospitality Group as the Director of Operations for the Fairfield Inn and Suites Uptown Charlotte.

He is the proud owner of Devine Dishes LLC Catering where he offers a full service catering experience with a standard of excellence. Rev. Shaw is very involved in the community. He is a member of the NAACP, SC/NC Notary, honorary member of the National Technical Honor Society, state co advisor for the South Carolina Chapter Future Business Leaders of America College Chapter, and is a member Phi Beta Lambda Business fraternity. Rev. Shaw is currently working on completing his degree in Apologetics from Liberty University.

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 **empower**ed 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.



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.



Please call the Church Office for details.



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



Tape Audio Ministry

Tapes & DVD's are available after Sunday Morning Worship Service in the Audio/Visual Room (located in the hall behind the choir). CD: \$7.00; DVD: \$15.00



Sunday, August 25, 2024



Lesson: 13

Hope for the Eternal in the Present

Devotional Reading

Titus 1:1-3, 2:11-15

Background Scripture:

Titus 1:1-3, 2:11-15

Affirmation

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

AUDIO VISUAL MINISTRY

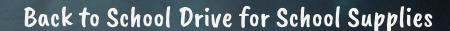
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The Christian Education Department is seeking to provide school supplies for our children. In order for this effort to be a success, we need your help. Items needed are:

- book bags,
- ⇒ Loose leaf paper spiral notebooks and composition books
- ⇒ pencils, crayons, colored pencils, pens,
- ⇒ glue sticks or
- ⇒ you can make a financial donation to Little Rock put in memo "CED--- for School Supplies.

COLLECTION BINS are in the education wing and Narthex. Please bring or make all donations by Sunday, August 18, 2024. Thanking you in advance for your help.

Christian Education Department Book Drive

We need your help to get books to our children. If you would like to donate new or gently used books, please place them in the donation bins by Sunday, August 18, 2024.

We would greatly appreciate books that have people who look like us. We will accept books for ages 0-18. Thank



Thank You, Office Volunteers!

This week "Thank You" to Ms. Angela Aiken, Mrs. Jennifer Mitchell and Ms. Alicia Goodson, for helping in the office. God bless each of you.



The One Hundred and Forty First Wear

Church Amiversary Celebration

In exlebration 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, we are exlebrating 141 years. Each member is asked to please pay \$1 for each year we have been in existence, or \$141.00 by Sunday September 8th, the Second Sunday in September.

You may use your offering envelope, Cashapp or Givelify to fulfill this asking. Please indicate—Church Anniversary on the envelope or e giving platform.

Fall Revival, September 9-10th at 7PM
Thank You.

Gilbert McRae, Committee Chairperson Bishop Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

Website: www.littlerockamezion.org

Little Rock First Quarterly Conference



Our first quarterly conference for this year, 2024-25 will be held on Monday, August 26th, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This year all reports will be electronically submitted one week prior to conference. On last week all class leaders, boards, ministries and ministers received their password and username. If you did not receive a password and username on last week please contact the office immediately. Since this is a new process a training

session will be held Monday, August 19th-6:30pm, in the Multi Purpose Room. Many leaders have already put your First Quarterly Conference Report in the Reporting Portal, Thank You, If you need assistance in the process please come to the meeting on Monday, August 19th. All REPORTS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 20th..

All persons attending the Monday evening meeting are asked to please bring a computer, username and password. Thank you.

C. D. Rippy Scholarship Available

Applications for the C.D. Rippy Scholarship are available in the education wing. You may request an electronic application from Mrs. Gloria Joyner Johnson. Please complete the application and return hard copies or electronically to the church office no later than Sunday, September 1, 2024.

The Criteria for the C. D. Rippy Scholar ship is:

- Applicants must have been an **active participating member** of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church for at least one (1) year prior to applying for the Scholarship.
- Applicants must be accepted for immediate enrollment or presently enrolled in an accredited two(2) or four (4) year institution of higher learning.

If you have any question please contact by call or text, Mrs. Gloria Joyner Johnson at (704) 336 -2983.



Little Rock Membership Guides

The membership guides are almost ready, but I need help on Wednesday, August 21st to put them together. If you can help anytime on Wednesday, please stop by the office and lend a hand.

Thank you and hope to see ya!

Family and Friends Sunday Dinner

Sunday, August 25, 2024 after Morning Worship Service

The Culinary Ministry would like to request your participation preparing a wonderful meal for Family and Friends Sunday Dinner. Please check below as to what you plan to bring—enough to feed at least 10 people. Please make sure you bring it in a throw away container.

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C	orn	Green Beans	
C	ollard Greens	Cornbread	
B	ottled Water/Tea	Rolls	
	Donations		
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PLEASE, PLEASE, HELP US TO MAKE THIS A GREAT DAY AND DINNER FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.			
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"Excellence In Ministry

Bishop Dwayne a. Walker, Pastor

"We Are One!"

Acts 9:31

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INTERCESSORY PRAYER CALL

Every Wednesday at 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

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PRAYER COORDINATORS

Rev. Belinda Austin | Rev. Diane Commander

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Equal Space: **SP**iritual and Faith-based **A**dvance **C**are Planning and Palliative Care **E**ducation



Faith-Based Advance Care Planning and Palliative Care Education for African Americans

Please join us for a focus group discussion of Advance Care Planning and Palliative Care.

Advance Care Planning is planning for the kind of medical care that you may want in the future if you become unable to make your own decisions.

Palliative Care is specialized medical care for people living with serious illness.

About the Study

The focus group will take place: Date: Monday, August 26, 2024 Tuesday, August 27, 2024 Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Zoom

Compensation will be provided for your participation. This research is being conducted as part of a research study funded by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation

Vining Davis Foundation.

How to Participate

For more information, and to register to participate, please contact:

Kenisha Bethea Kenisha.Bethea@duke.edu 919-668-8358

or

Tia Mitchell <u>Tia.Mitchell@duke.edu</u> 919-660-7547





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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>		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		
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
Class #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
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

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Rev. Belinda Austin Rev. James Lenoir Rev. Michelle Courtney Rev. Dr. Sonya Campbell Rev. Anthony Redfearn Rev. Diane Commander Minister of Evangelism Minister of Christian Education Minister of Evangelism for Inreach Minister of Youth and Young Adults Minister of Counseling Assistant Minister of Evangelism

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