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401 N. MCDOWELL STREET

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Sunday, August 31, 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 "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" #286

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 VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTIONS

Little Rock AMEN Choir

THE SERMON Rev. Dr. Derrill A. Blue

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY "All Things Come of Thee"

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

-Depart To Serve—Let's Be The Church!-

The Season

Kingdomtide



Kingdomtide begins on the last Sunday in August and continues until the beginning of Advent, which starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. During this period, special emphasis is placed on the Kingship of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The observance is wrapped up in the heightened awareness of one of the basic tenets of the Christian Faith—the hope of the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven.

"Kingdomtide represents the ongoing of the Spirit released on the Day of Pentecost that is continuing to change and empower persons." The liturgical colors for Kingdomtide are **Green** and **Gold.** The Green is symbolic of the freshness of nature, hope, life and growth. The Gold is used for the lettering. The **Fringe** denotes worth, virtue, glory to God and Christian might. The Kingship of the Christ Child and the price Jesus paid on Calvary is also represented in the Gold color.

The **CROWN** and **SCEPTER** designate royalty, social, political or religious status. They represent Jesus as King, Ruler and Lord of all. The crown also symbolizes the final reward for believers who have been faithful to GOD.



THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" #286

My hope is built on no-thing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on Je-sus' Name.

(Refrain)

When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His unchang-ing grace; In ev-ery high and storm-y gale, My anchor holds with-in the veil.

(Refrain)

His oath, His cov-e-nant, His blood, Sup-port me in the whelm-ing flood; When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

(Refrain)

When He shall come with trum-pet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found! Dressed in His right-eous-ness a-lone, Fault-less to stand be-fore the throne.

(Refrain)

REFRAIN

On Christ the sol-id Rock I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

A-men.

THE RESPONSIVE READING



First Snday Morning In Kingdomtide
(Revelation 19:1, 4, 6-8)

After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

"Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power to the Lord our God!

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying "Amen! Alleluia!"

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Sick & 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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Kings Mountain, NC 28086

Imogene Martin

Five Oaks Rehab
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 O Charlotte's Inspiration Station

Sunday Mornings at 7:30AM http://praisecharlotte.com

The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar



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

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)



















Sunday, August 31, 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, Columbus Chapel AME Zion Church

Monday, September 1, 2025 Labor Day

- ♦ 9:30am Office Closed
 - Tuesday, September 2, 2025
- ♦ 9:30am Office Open

Wednesday, September 3, 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#

Thursday, September 4, 2025

♦ 9:30am - Office Open

Friday, September 5, 2025

• 9:30am - Office Open

Saturday, September 6, 2025

- ◆10:00am Little Rock Street Ministry, McCrorey YMCA
- 10:30am Heaven Storehouse and Bread of Life Ministry in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 7, 2025

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

Little Rock website address: www.littlerockamezion.org



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MEN'S BOOSTERS OLF 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

AWARD CEREMONY

TROPHIES AND PRIZES AWARDS:

Men & Women Teams

Longest Drive

Closest to the Pin

FISH FRY WILL BE SERVED

DURING CEREMONY

ROOTED, RISING AND REACHING

Rooted in Christ | Rising in Faith | Reaching In Love

Mr. RON NELSON Men's Booster President Rev. Dr. DERRILL BLUE, Pastor September 26 | 2025

SHOTGUN START

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

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cash, Check or CashApp: \$LRMB401



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Lynn M. Crump Phone: 704-756-8762

You Are Invited To Join Our Pastor 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 is almost full. The van will depart from the church after Morning Worship.



On Sunday, September 28th, Dr. Derrill A. Blue will return to visit his home church in Broadway, North Carolina.

The bus and van are full for this event.

Stay tune for addition events.

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.

A SEASONAL JOB WITH AN ETERNAL PURPOSE

Work with Operation Christmas Child to process gift-filled shoeboxes for children around the world in Jesus' Name.

Whether you're a people person or like working behind the scenes, we have a variety of seasonal employment openings—from assisting teams of volunteers to lifting carrons of shoeboxes or operating forklifts in our warehouse.



Work from approximately mid-November to mid-December at one of our regional shoebox processing centers:

Atlanta, GA | Baltimore, MD | Boone, NC | Charlotte, NC Aurora, IL | Coppell, TX | Englewood, CO | Fullerton, CA

Apply at samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs



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S U N D A Y SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 10AM

DR. DERRILL BLUE, PASTOR DR. PAULA BLUE, FIRST LADY

FALL REVIVAL SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2025 7PM NIGHTLY

LITTLE ROCK A.M.E. ZION CHURCH 401 NORTH MCDOWELL STREET CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

REV. SAMUEL BLANKS METROPOLITAN A.M.E. ZION CHURCH MARTFORD, CONNECTICUT



An Immersion Baptism In October

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church has three modes of Baptism, sprinkling, pouring and immersion.

If you desire to be Immerse please notify the Church Office. Because we do not have within our church the necessary equipment to handle an Immersion Baptism we will have to make arrangements with another church to fulfill this desire.

In October we will have an Immersion Baptism. If you desire to participate please call the Church Office to schedule your Baptism Preparation Class



"Together We Thrive, Together We Survive"

Today, we're

excited to announce a new ministry, The Little Rock A. M. E. Zion Health Awareness Ministry under the Leadership of Mrs. Gloria Var-This new branch of the ner. church's outreach will focus on promoting a ministry designed to address crucial health needs that affect all cultures within our church community, as well as community. The ministry will work to address health disparities, and ensure access to quality healthcare for all members of the church and community. If you would like to be a part of this new ministry, please contact Mrs. Varner following our morning worship service.



North Charlotte District
Christian Education Department
Dr. Wardell Henderson, Presiding Elder
Brother Gilbert McRae, NCD CED District Director
Right Reverend Darryl. B. Starnes, Sr. Presiding Prelate



YOUNG ADULT CHRISTIAN MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO OUR

COFFEE & CONVERSATION GATHERING

A gathering of Young Adults (20-40) to have a light breakfast and a hearty conversation on topics that impacts our community and walk in Christ.





DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

TIME: 10AM-12PM

LOCATION: JONAHVILLE AME ZION CHURCH 10600 ASBURY CHAPEL ROAD, HUNTERSVILLE, NC. JONAHVILLE AME ZION CHURCH, PASTOR MARK A. EVANS

CONTACT TAMMY LANE, NCD YACM DIRECTOR WITH RSVP & QUESTIONS 7048773735 OR TAMMYL.LANE70@GMAIL.COM

Thank You, Office Volunteers!

This week "Thank You" to Ms. Angela Aiken, Ms. Alicia Goodson and Mrs. Elouise Cummings for your assistance in the Church Office.



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.

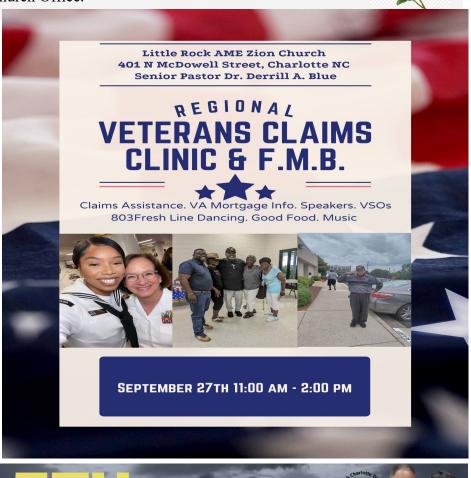
The meetings will include lunch, games and songs.

Parents of children under 5 years of age and under are ask to please remain with your child(ren) during all meetings. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Yolanda Wallace at (704)534-2144.

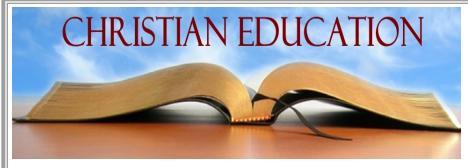
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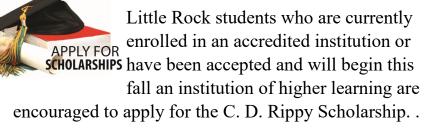
Church Office Closed Monday, September 1 for holiday.







C.D. Rippy Scholarship Application



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 **TODAY**.

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

September is Christian Education Month

THEME: FRESH Fire: Reclaiming the Past, Igniting the Future



Sunday, September 7, 2025

Lesson: 1
The Ministry of Isaiah

Devotional Reading

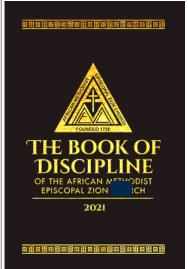
Isaiah 2:1-5

Background Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-3l; 7:1-7; 20:1-6; 38:1-22

Affirmation

In the face of a crisis, if God sends me, I will work to stabilize my nation and/or community.



The A.M.E. Zion Church Book of Discipline

The 2024 Book of Discipline of the AME Zion Church is available for purchase at A.ME.. Zion Book Store 3225 W. Sugar Creek Road, Charlotte, NC 28269 Currently hard copies only are available.

Cost -\$29.95 + tax \$2.17=\$32.12 for pick-up. (Shipping is an additional cost.)

Order on line at: https://amezionpublishinghouse.org

Little Rock Class Meetings

Class #12—Will meet to organize on on Sunday, September 7th, in the Fellowship Hall after Morning Worship. Food will be served. Please plan to attend. Class Leader, Dr. Angelia Fryer

Class #11—Will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, September 10th. This will be a meet an greet new members and an organizational meeting. Class Leader, Ms. Glain Haynes Lewis

Class # 6— Will meet via Zoom on Thursday, September 11th. The link will be emailed to class members. Class Leader, Mrs. Mary Davis

Heaven Storehouse and Bread of Life Ministries

The Bread of Life (Food) and Heaven Storehouse (Clothes) Ministries will be open Saturday, September 6th, in the Fellowship Hall between 10am-1pm to receive assistance.

Street Ministry

Little Rock Street Ministry will be handing out Blessing Bags at the McCorey YMCA on Saturday, September 6th, beginning at 10AM. Join them if you can.

Western North Carolina Conference First Check up Meeting

The First Check-Up Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 20th, beginning at 8:30am at St. Stephens AME Zion Church, Gastonia, North Carolina.

If you have not made a pledge please remember to pay your General Claims and Quarterly Conference Dues. General Claims is \$100 a year and Quarterly Conference Claims are \$40 per year.



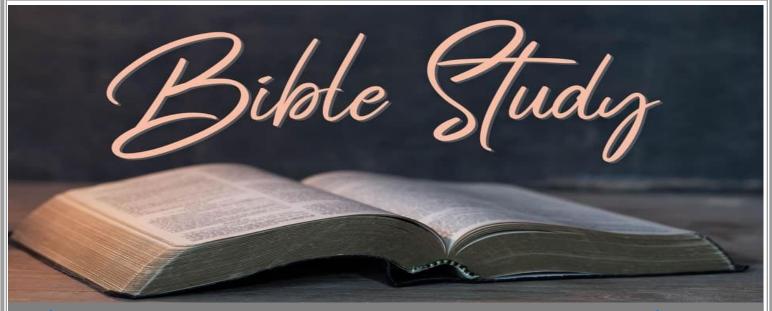
Altar Flowers

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.





Bible Study will resume Wednesday, October 1st

Wednesdays-12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall and 7PM via Zoom



WH&OMS Allie Clark Day Aside

Missionaries are encouraged to attend Day Aside at Greenville AME Zion Church, Charlotte, NC, on Saturday, September 13th at 9AM. Attire is departmental colors or white. The registration for this meeting is \$7 per person.

Greenville AME Zion Church is located at 6116 Montieth Drive Charlotte, NC 28213. The Host Pastor is Dr. Sheldon Shipman.



Global Mission Sunday

Sunday, September 28th. Watch the bulletin for additional information.

Debit Card	Multi-purpose Room Sundays btw 10:00AM and 12:30PM	
Givelify APP	www.givelify.com	
Paypal	www.littlerockamezion.org Go to Online giving (bottom of page). Click on TO GIVE SECURELY ONLINE PAYPAL (right side of page)	
Zelle	Download Zelle App.	



City of Charlotte Primary Election Important Dates

City of Charlotte Primary Election Day:

Tuesday, September 9 2025. Election Day Polls are open from: 6:30am - 7:30 p.m.

Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 in office by 7:30 p.m.

- **First Day of Early Voting:** Thursday, August 21, 2025.
- Last Day of Early Voting: Saturday, September 6, 2025.

Mecklenburg County voters who will cast their ballot early and in person should remember these key steps and dates.

<u>Check your voter registration</u> to make sure your information is up to date. Only during early voting can voters register and vote the same day. Voters who will vote on Election Day in November are required to register by Aug. 15.

Bring a photo ID with you when you vote early. Most voters will use their driver's license, but there are many types of accepted photo IDs. Voters without an ID can still vote with a provisional ballot. Read 10 facts about photo ID from the N.C. Board of Elections.

Early voting is open at 8 a.m., at Hal Marshall Center. Additional locations open Sept. 2 at 8 a.m.

East - Independence Regional Library, <u>6000 Conference Drive</u>
Marion Diehl Rec Center, <u>2219 Tyvola Road</u>
South County Regional Library, <u>5801 Rea Road</u>
SouthPark - Southpark Regional Library, <u>7015 Carnegie Blvd</u>.
Steele Creek - Masonic Lodge, <u>13611 Steele Creek Road</u>
University City Regional Library, <u>5528 Waters Edge Village Drive</u>
West Boulevard Library, <u>2157 West Blvd</u>.



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	Angela Aiken	(864) 608-7158
Class #3	Keith Powe	704 968-7353
Class #4	Tasha Powell	704 605-9659
Class #5	Lynn Crump	704756-8762
Class #6	Mary Davis	704 691-5448
Class #7	Loretta Jefferson	704 568-9212
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
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
MEN'S BOOSTERS MINISTRY
BREAD OF LIFE/HEAVEN STORE HOUSE MINISTRIES
BIBLE STUDIES
ADULTS
YOUNG LIFE STUDY
CHILDREN
CHOIR REHEARSALS
MASS CHOIR
SANCTUARY
A.M.E.N. CHOIR

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT

LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY (ADULTS)

9:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 1ST SATURDAY, 9:30 A.M. 1ST &3RD SATURDAYS, 11 A.M.

WEDNESDAYS 12 NOON & 7:00 P.M. *

2ND & 4TH MONDAYS, 7:00 P.M. *

WEDNEDAYS, 6:00 P.M. *

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

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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