

# ZION



THE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH  
*The Freedom Church*

*Rooted. Rising. Reaching.*

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

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**A.M.E. Zion Church**

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# ***Sunday, September 14, 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**

**“O Thou, In Whose Presence” #454**

**THE RESPONSIVE READING**

**THE GLORIA PATRI**

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

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**THE BAPTISM**

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS**

**THE CHORAL SELECTIONs**

**Little Rock Sanctuary 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

“O Thou, In Whose Presence” #454

O Thou in whose pres-ence my soul takes de-light, On whom in af-flic-tion I call, My com-fort by day, and my song in the night, My hope, my sal-va-tion, my all!

Where dost Thou, dear Shep-herd, re-sort with Thy sheep, To feed in the pas-tures of love? Say, why in the val-ley of death should I weep, Or a-lone in this wil-de-rness rove?

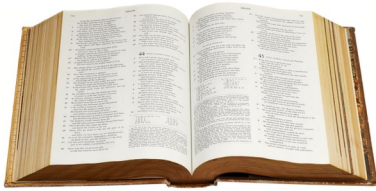
O, why should I wan-der an a-lien from Thee, Or cry in the des-ert for bread? Thy foes will re-joice when my sor-rows they see, And smile at the tears I have shed.

Re-store, my dear Sav-iour, the light of Thy face; Thy soul-cheer-ing com-fort im-part; And let the sweet to-kens of par-don-ing grace Bring joy to my des-o-late heart.

He looks! and ten thou-sands of an-gels re-joice, And myr-i-ads wait for His word; He speaks! and e-ter-ni-ty, filled with His voice, Re-ech-oes the praise of the Lord.

A-men.





## THE RESPONSIVE READING

*Third Sunday Morning In Kingdomtide*

*(II Corinthians 5:17-6:2)*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new.

*Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*

That is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

*Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us; we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.*

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

*We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.*

For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you."

*Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*

# *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....*

**Helen Ashmore**  
1026 Polk Street  
Charlotte, NC 28206

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Apt 1014  
Charlotte NC 28203

**Damie Warren**  
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Charlotte, NC 28205

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Road #227  
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Washington, DC 20011

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Mint Hill, NC 28227

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Charlotte, NC 28208

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Charlotte, NC 28208

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509 Hidden Minor Drive  
Matthews, NC 28104

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940 North Brevard Street  
Charlotte, NC 28206

**Minnie Cole**  
17211 Lovers Lawn  
Cornelius, NC 28031

**Alfred Tillman**  
1617 Crandon Dr  
Charlotte, NC 28216

## *Members in the hospital or assisted living facilities*

**Mary Ann Moore**  
9120 Willow Ridge Road  
Pineville, NC 28210

**Beverly Koontz**  
Country Time Inn Assisted  
Living  
602 Brevard St  
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



**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>**

# 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, September 14, 2025

- ◆ 9:00am - Sunday School for all ages in the building
- ◆ 10:00am - Sunday Morning Worship in Sanctuary and via Website
- ◆ 3:00pm - Rock Hill AME Zion Homecoming Service, Dr. Derrill A. Blue, Guest Preacher

## Monday, September 15, 2025

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

## Tuesday, September 16, 2025

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

## Wednesday, September 17, 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#
- ◆ 7:00pm - Little Rock Fall Revival, Dr. Timothy Freeman, of Trinity AME Zion, Greensboro, NC  
Guest Preacher

## Thursday, September 18, 2025

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open
- ◆ 7:00pm - Little Rock Fall Revival, Dr. Kia Hood Scott, of Greater Galilee Baptist, Charlotte, NC  
Guest Preacher

## Friday, September 19, 2025

- ◆ 9:30am - Office Open

## Saturday, September 20, 2025

- ◆ 8:30am - Young Adults in Christian Ministry Retreat
- ◆ 8:30pm - WNCC First Check Up Meeting at St. Stephens AME Zion Church, Gastonia, NC

## Sunday, September 21, 2025 Little Rock Celebrates -142 Years

- ◆ 9:00am - Sunday School for all ages in the building
- ◆ 10:00am - Sunday Morning Worship in the Sanctuary and via Website, Rev. Samuel Blanks, of Metropolitan AME Zion, Hartford, Connecticut, Guest Preacher

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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



# Celebrating 142<sup>ND</sup> Anniversary

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 10AM

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

## FALL REVIVAL

SEPTEMBER 17-18 2025  
7PM NIGHTLY



REV. DR. TIMOTHY FREEMAN  
TRINITY A.M.E. ZION CHURCH  
GREENSBORO, NC  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH



REV. DR. KIA HOOD SCOTT  
GREATER GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NC  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
**GUEST PREACHER**  
REV. SAMUEL BLANKS  
METROPOLITAN A.M.E. ZION CHURCH  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT



## Thank You, Office Volunteers!



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

## 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



## An Immersion Baptism Sunday, October 12, 2025

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 to schedule your Baptism Preparation Class.

On Sunday, October 12th at 3PM, we will have an Immersion Baptism at Rockwell AME Zion Church, Charlotte, NC.

Little Rock AME Zion Church  
401 N McDowell Street, Charlotte NC  
Senior Pastor Dr. Derrill A. Blue

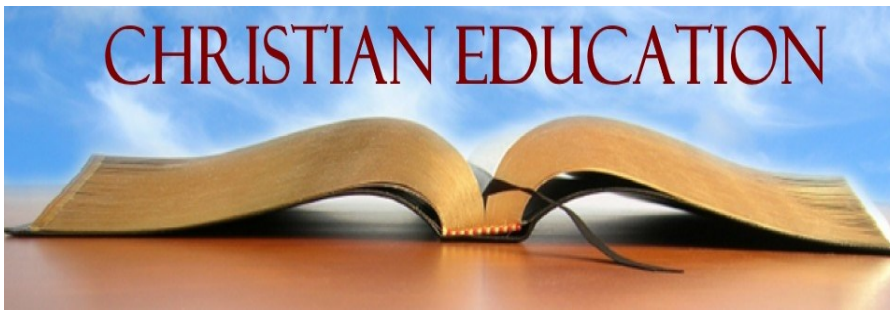
**REGIONAL  
VETERANS CLAIMS  
CLINIC & F.M.B.**

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



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





## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SUNDAY**

**Theme: “FRESH Fire: Reclaiming the Past, Igniting the Future”**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

10:00am

**All Christian Educators are asked to wear their stoles, navy blue, or department colors.**

### **The Assembly of Christian Educators ACE Scholarships**

Christian Education Department of the A. M. E. Zion Church

The ACE Scholarship Committee is excited to announce the Save-the Date for the ACE Scholars Program for the 2025 award cycle. The application is available now and will be awarded during the 2025 Elevate Winter Meeting.

There are three (3) scholarship categories available:

1. Denison D. Garrett (Undergraduate/Technical/Vocational Studies) - \$2,000.00
2. James W. Eichelberger (Graduate/Professional Studies) - \$1,000.00
3. George L. Blackwell (Seminary/Theological Studies) - \$1,000.00

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is **October 15, 2025 at 11:59 pm EDT**. The applicant must meet all the qualifications to be considered for the award, which is completely online and can be accessed by the following link: <https://form.jotform.com/ACEScholars/application>

### **Little Rock Street Ministry**

We thank Dr. Derrill Blue, the Little Rock Street Ministry, and the Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church family for your donation and service at the Stolen Lunches – Give Blessing Bags event. Together we assembled 1,000+ blessing bags. May God bless you always!



**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

**Lesson: 3**

**What Hilkiah Found in the Temple**

**Devotional Reading**

Romans 7:7-12

**Background Scripture**

2 Chronicles 33:1-33

**Affirmation**

In uncertain time, I will share with others reasons why worship is necessary.

# September Birthdays and Anniversaries

01	Ledger Morrisette Ann Little	12	Kayla Weathers Michelle Blackett Sharbara Ellis	20	Dr. Barbara Marshall Emanuel Freeman Gwen Hall Marva Saunders Lanita Walker
02	Antoinette Cody Ciara Maddox	13	Atanya Graham Noel Lawrence Thomas Porter, Esq.	21	Michael Washington
04	Dr. William Crowder Nakia Lowe	14	Sharon Smith	22	Christopher DuBois
5	Rev. Rebecca Warren Nicole Bonaparte	15	Valarie Stewart	23	Monica Morrison
06	Adrienne Coefield Patricia McCoy Tamara Tillman	16	Nathan Roberts Richard Williams	24	LaToya Potts Carolyn Harrison Donna Outten Thornton Haynes Christian Howard
08	Kenny Miller	17	Keyon Howard Kahan Polk Larry Staley, Sr.	25	James Brewer Samuel Crowder Natalie Bailey Brooklyn Bell
09	Darius Christian	18	Vanessa Metz	27	Narcissus Lowery
11	Carlenard Graham Michael Gregory Deidre Lynch	19	Selita Weathers Ella Poindexter Jason Robinson Donna Smith Walker	30	Carletta Freeman Asia Clark
		20	Elizabeth Hardin		



Richard and Phyllis Williams	September 4	65 years
Charles and Julian McDonnell	September 3	22 years
William and Dianna Davis	September 7	40 years
Rev. Anthony & Rowena Redfearn	September 12	38 years
Keith and Robin Bradford	September 17	41 years
Ronald and Vanessa Metz	September 21	37 years
Rev. Dr. Derrill And Rev. Dr. Paula Blue	September 27	17 years
Michael and Tracie Gregory	September 27	11 years
James and Ann Cherry	September 30	41 years



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**YACM**

**RETREAT**

**SAT | SEPT. 20TH**

Check In &  
Breakfast 8:30AM  
Sessions 9:15AM



*Director*

**MRS. RACQUEL KORNEGAY**



2025  
Little Rock YACM  
Members Registration

**Faithfulness - Perseverance - Development - Punctuality**

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# Annual HOMECOMING & REVIVAL SERVICES

REV. C. RASHARD  
ALEXANDER, HOST PASTOR

SUN, SEPT. 14 TO  
WED, SEPT. 17, 2025

HOMECOMING @ 2:30 PM  
REV. DR. DERRILL A. BLUE, PASTOR  
Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church

REVIVAL NIGHT 1  
REV. BRITTANY WHITE, PASTOR  
St. Matthew A.M.E. Zion Church

REVIVAL NIGHT 2  
REV. DR. KAY M. GABRIEL, PASTOR  
Pleasant Ridge A.M.E. Zion Church

REVIVAL NIGHT 3  
REV. DR. CALVIN L. MILLER, PRESIDING ELDER  
Winston Salem District

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

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)
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# *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><i>Class Number</i></u>	<u><i>Class Leader</i></u>	<u><i>Contact Number</i></u>
<i>Class #1</i>	<i>Dr. Sonya Campbell</i>	<i>704 858-4601</i>
<i>Class #2</i>	<i>Angela Aiken</i>	<i>864 608-7158</i>
<i>Class #3</i>	<i>Keith Powe</i>	<i>704 968-7353</i>
<i>C-class #4</i>	<i>Tasha Powell</i>	<i>704 605-9659</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>Loretta Jefferson</i>	<i>704 651-1146</i>
<i>Class #8</i>	<i>Stafford Mackey</i>	<i>704 898-3890</i>
<i>Class #9</i>	<i>Rev. Deanna 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  
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. \*  
WEDNESDAYS, 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

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

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REV. JAMES LENOIR  
REV. MICHELLE COURTNEY  
REV. DR. SONYA CAMPBELL  
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REV. DIANE COMMANDER  
REV. DR. PAULA BLUE  
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