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Sunday, November 23, 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. Belinda Austin

THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSE "Holy Ground"

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

THE RESPONSIVE READING

THE GLORIA PATRI

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

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTIONS

Little Rock Youth and Young Adult Choir

THE SERMON Rev. Simon Ajose

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

Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

REFRAIN

Just a clos-er walk with Thee, Grant it, Je-sus, is my plea, Dai-ly walk - ing close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but Thou art strong; Je -sus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satis-fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee. (Refrain)

Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I fal-ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur-den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. (Refrain)

When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more; Guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er To Thy king-dom shore, to Thy shore. (Refrain)





THE RESPONSIVE READING

Dr. Wilma Mae Rice Day Reading

Where there is confusion in the world,

With hearts and hands we will pray for direction

Where there are people who are lost and looking for a Savior,

With hearts and hands, we will lead people to Christ.

Where there is a lack of love within leadership,

With hearts and hands, we will be loving leaders

With hearts and hands, Let the legacy of our lives be representation of our faith in you.



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....

Helen Ashmore

1026 Polk Street Charlotte, NC 28206

Jennifer Mitchell

8207 Abbottsgate Lane Charlotte, NC 28269

Damie Warren

4219 Maureen Drive Charlotte, NC 28205

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3705 Prosperity Church Road #227 Charlotte, NC 28269

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Doris Reese

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Imogene Martin

Five Oaks Rehab 413 Wincoff School Rd Concord, NC 28027

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

Ledger & Shirley Morrissette

Providence Meadow 412 Kuykendall Lane Charlotte, NC 28270

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

Charlotte's Inspiration Station PraiseCharlotte.com

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

The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar



¹³ "Rooted, Rising, and Reaching"

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

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

Sunday, November 23, 2025 WH&OMS YAMS Founders Day

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

Monday, November 24, 2025

♦ 9:30am - Office Open

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

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

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

- ♦ 9:30am Office Open
- ◆ 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843-2528 code 2217017#
- ♦1:30pm Closing for Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 27, 2025 Happy Thanksgiving Day

♦ 9:30am - Office Closed

Friday, November 28, 2025

♦9:30am - Office Closed

Saturday, November 29, 2025

- ♦ 10:00am Little Rock Bread of Life and Heaven Storehouse Ministry in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, November 30, 2025
- 9:00am Sunday School for all ages in the building
- ♦ 10:00am Sunday Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
- ♦2:45pm North Charlotte District Fellowship Singing at Greenville AME Zion Church, Charlotte, NC

Little Rock website address: www.littlerockamezion.org





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Holiday Blues

The Counseling Ministry is offering a **Grief Support Group- Navigating through the holidays.** Whether your loss is recent or long ago, the holiday season can be challenging after losing a loved one. This support group will offer a compassionate space, supportive discussion, guided reflection, and a confidential environment for those who are grieving. Groups will be held Thursday, December 4th at 1:00 pm in person 6:00

pm via zoom and Thursday December 11th at 1:00 pm in person and 6:00 pm via zoom.

If you have any questions please reach out to Adrienne Pihlgren at 609-217-2115 or aaronadrienne3@gmail.com.



Join Troop #2176

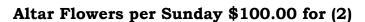
Troop #2176 is looking for some scouts! If you have a little girl in grades K-3 that would like to be a Daisy or Brownie, we'd love to have them join the new troop. For more information, please email <a href="https://little.com/lit





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.

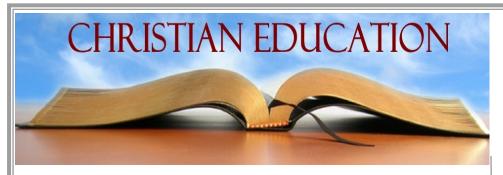


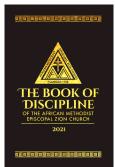
Please call the Church Office for details.



The Pastor's Aide Ministry

The Pastor's Aide Ministry is beginning a Christmas Project to acknowledge our seniors 80 and above. If you are 80 years of age or older please sign up in the hall way outside the office door for a Christmas Fruit Basket. The Pastor's Aide Ministry will be assisting our pastor in celebrating our 80 year olds and older jewels. The deadline is November 30, 2025 to be included. Thank you Carol Staley, Pastor's Aide Ministry Leader





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.M.E. Zion Book Store

3225 West 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
All members of the Board of Trustees, Board of Stewards, Class Leaders and Officers are encouraged to purchase a new Book of Discipline.



Sunday, November 30, 2025

Lesson: 13

Ezekiel's Vision of Hope

Devotional Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

Background Scripture

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Affirmation

When God shows his presence in our lives and the land, I will pay attention to the signs of hope that God sends.



Christmas Recitations and Pageant

Christmas recitations will take place in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Children ages 3 to 12 are invited to participate. One rehearsal will take place on Friday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. If you would like for your child to receive a Christmas speech, please scan the QR code below and fill out the form. A Christmas speech will be emailed to you.

The Christmas Pageant will be held on December 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. The children will be performing a Christmas play. Speaking and non-speaking parts are available. The rehearsals are taking place at the Little Rock Cultural Center. If you would like for your child to participate, please scan the QR code and fill out the form. The remaining rehearsal dates and times are listed. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Jada Goodwin.



Rehearsal Dates: Saturday, December 6, 2025- 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Friday, December 12, 2025- 6:30-8:30 (Dinner and Dress Rehearsal)

Young Adult Missionary Society ~ Historical Review

The vision of the Young Adult Missionary Society began in August 1975when Dr. Willa Mae Rice, then General President of the WH&OM Society, brought a resolution to the 18th Quadrennial Convention held in Los Angeles, CA to establish a department for women ages 27-40. The resolution was not adopted, but in 1979 at the 19th Quadrennial Convention held in Miami, FL, the delegates voted to bring the Y.A.M.S. in under the umbrella of the Parent Body.

However, in 1983 at the 20th Quadrennial Convention in New Orleans, LA, the YAM Society was adopted as the sixth Department of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society. Dr. Adlise I. Porter, the Second Vice - President, was appointed Coordinator of the Department by the Convention. Through her spiritual gifts, Dr. Porter developed the structure of the Department which included writing



the operational guidelines for the Department's Thematic Bible Studies, Social Concerns Projects, motto, colors, and theme song. Prior to the 22nd Quadrennial Convention held in New Orleans, LA, the YA.M.S. Anniversary Day was called "Willa Mae Rice Day". It was during this Convention that a resolution was adopted to change "Willa Mae Rice Day" to "Founders' Day" to honor Dr. Rice as Founder and Dr. Porter as the Organizing Coordinator.

In 1991, at the 22nd Quadrennial Convention, Mrs. Joann B. Holmes became the first elected General Coordinator. During the 23rd Quadrennial meeting, a resolution was adopted to change the ages of Y.A.M.S from 27-40 to 22-40. To chart the course of the Y.A.M.S. into the 21st century, Mrs. Sandra B. Crowder was elected the 3rd General Coordinator at the 24th Quadrennial Convention in Dallas, TX. In 2007, at the 26th Quadrennial Convention in Orlando, FL, Mrs. Dawn L. Walker was elected the 4th General Coordinator of the Y.A.M.S. In Orlando, FL, Dr. Joy L. Kennedy, was elected the 5th General Coordinator. During the 29th Quadrennial

Convention, a resolution passed changing the title from General Coordinator to Connectional Coordinator. Recently, at the 30th Quadrennial Convention, Ms. Karlease M. Smalls was elected as the 6th Connectional Coordinator of Y.A.M.S., in New Orleans, LA.

Y.A.M.S. MOTTO: "With hearts and hands, We reach up to God for strength and direction We reach out to love and touch others. We reach down to lift fallen humanity."



Dr. Willa Mae Anderson Rice, the 12th president, elected in 1971, brought her vision of the Young Adult Missionary Society to the Women's Home and Over seas Missionary Society during the 18th Quadrennial Convention in Los Angeles, California, Au gust 1975. It was in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 1983 that her vision was made manifest as the Young Adult Missionary Society became the sixth department of the W.H.&O.M. Society.

While serving as President, the first Agape Luncheons were held in support of Second Mile, the name of the Socie ty changed to Woman's Home and Overseas Missionary Society, and she established Satellite Mission Institutes. Her contributions in the ecumenical community were numerous. She was elected World Secretary of the World Federation of Methodist Women in 1976, and served on the National

Board of Church Women United, World Methodist Council, National Council of Churches Board of Governor, and National Council of Negro Women.

Livingstone College awarded her an Honorary Degree of Humane Letters for "Excellence in Religious Journalism and World Religious Leadership" in 1979. In recognition of her religious work, she was named by the NAACP Women's Convention as an "Outstanding Woman in Religion in America, 1981. Three former Presidents invited Dr. Rice to the White House: Eisenhower, Ford and Carter.

Willa Mae Rice was born in Haynes, Arkansas, to Alexander and Ophelia Anderson, who relocated their family, including her two brothers, to Pittsburgh, PA., 1922. For 30 years she was Editor of the Nation's largest Black newspaper, The Pittsburgh Courier, until the illness of her husband, the late Henry R. Rice. She was a member of the Wesley Center A.M.E. Zion Church, Pittsburgh, PA. Dr. Rice died December 27, 1991 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Class Meeting

Class #5—Will meet on Sunday, December 7th following Morning Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Class Leader, Mr. Lynn Crump.

Class #1 –Will meet on Sunday, December 14th following Morning Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Class Leader, Rev. Dr. Sonya Campbell

Class #6 & Class #7—Will meet Sunday December 14th in the Cultural Center following Morning Worship.

A NEW MINISTRY—T.U.T.O.R.

T.U.T.O.R. is a virtual tutoring ministry that will be held online in private, monitored Zoom rooms.

T.U.T.O.R.
Together Unlocking Talent,
Optimism, and Resilience

T.U.T.O.R. is open to learners and teachers of all ages T.U.T.O.R. is an excellent growth and leadership opportunity for young people seeking volunteer experience.

Each one of us has a skill, a gift that someone else would love to have T.U.T.O.R. gives you the opportunity to share that gift from the comfort of your home.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE—Children, youth and adults looking to learn and grow All participants are invited to serve as a tutor mentor or mentee

HOW IT WORKS—Mentors will be paired with mentees to meet in a private Zoom room for 1-hour Thursdays between 4-8pm. Meetings will be recorded and a transcript made available to each participant for safety and for student learning and review.

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In your own words, share why you want to participate in T.U.T.O.R.	

To sign up please fill out this paper form above and drop in the box outside the church office or scan the QR Code to the right.

Questions or to learn more about this ministry, please contact: Mrs. Yolanda Holt ydfholt@gmail.com Subject Line: Tutoring Ministry.





North Charlotte District Fifth Sunday Fellowship

The North Charlotte District Fellowship will be held at Greenville AME Zion Church on Sunday, November 30th at 3PM.

On this the first Sunday of Advent (the beginning of the Church Year) the District will have a seasonal Sing Out, in celebration of the upcoming Advent/Christmas Season. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this event.



No Bible Study this Wednesday, November 26. Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, December 3rd, noon in the Fellowship Hall and 7PM virtually.



Little Rock Church Office Thanksgiving Schedule

The office will close Wednesday, November 26th at 2PM. The office will reopen on Monday, December 1st, regular business hours.

The November 30th, bulletin deadline for announcements is Monday, November 24th, Noon.

Happy Thanksgiving







Need a Ride to "The Rock" for Sunday Morning Worship?

New riders are asked to contact the Church Office on or before Friday's and leave your contact information at **704-334-3782**. Regular riders only need to the call the office if they **do not need** a ride on Sunday.



Little Rock Lay Council-Food Pantry

The Lay Council "Thanks" all those who have stepped up to help us help others during these unusual times. The shelves are full now. If any member, friend or neighbor is in need of food please let them know we are

here to help.

Little Rock was given a few turkeys for Thanksgiving, we still have 3 remaining. If you need a turkey for Thanksgiving please call the Church Office. Available on a first come basics.

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 Num	<u> Class Leader</u>	Contact Number
Class #1	Dr. Sonya Campbell	704 858-4601
Class #2	Angela Aiken	864 608-7158
Class #3	Keith Powe	704 968-7353
<i>C-lass</i> #4	Tasha Powell	704 605-9659
Class #5	Lynn Crump	704 756-8762
Class #6	Mary Davis	704 691-5448
Class #7	Loretta Jefferson	704 651-1146
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. *

THURSDAYS, 7:00 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

*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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REV. JAMES LENOIR
REV. MICHELLE COURTNEY
REV. DR. SONYA CAMPBELL
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