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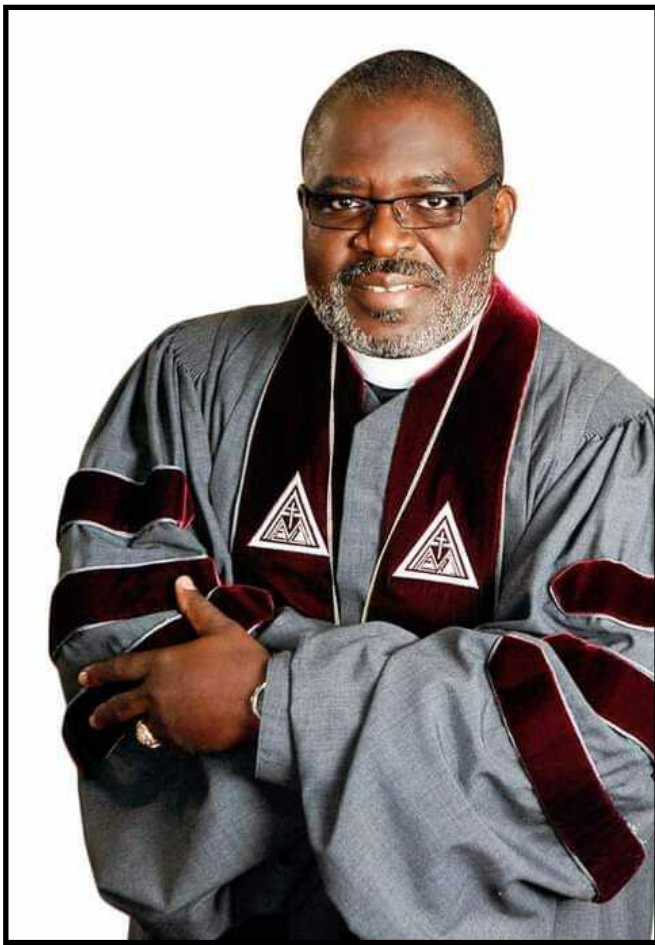
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Bishop Dwayne A. Walker

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Alabama - Florida Episcopal District



It is my sincere delight to report on the pastoral labors of Little Rock. This will be my final pastoral report of my 35 years as a pastor in The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. I cannot adequately express how grateful I am to Almighty God, my father, Bishop George W.C. Walker, Sr., Bishop George E. Battle, Jr., and Bishop Darryl B. Starnes, Sr., for entrusting me with this wonderful opportunity.

We have labored together for almost 20 years! God has richly blessed our time together. We have celebrated high moments and endured low moments together. We have accomplished a great deal together, and we have weathered some rough storms together. Together, God has seen us through!

Because of the fact that the General Conference would soon convene, I led the congregation in organizing for the conference year with just a few slight changes to the budget and leadership. I am scheduled to serve as pastor until the last Sunday in September. I shared with them the theme which would be our focus, "We are One!" from Acts 9:31. I know that the success we have enjoyed as pastor and people is because we have understood the importance of cooperation and collaboration. We have leaned on one another in the past, and we should continue to lean on one another in the future.

Plans are now underway for our Annual Family and Friends Weekend. We have a Cook Out and Back to School Bash for the church and community on Saturday, August 24th, and our Family and Friends Day

FROM THE PASTOR

Service on Sunday morning, August 25th, with Dr. Claude A. Shuford, pastor of Mount Zion AME Zion Church, Montgomery, Alabama, as our guest preacher. We will have our Family Feast following the morning service and our Concert featuring our Music Ministry at 2 pm. During the concert, we will honor Dr. William S. Crowder for his many years of service to Little Rock as an organist and former Minister of Music. We are also planning our 141st Church Anniversary, September 8, 2024, with a two-day Revival featuring Bishop W. Darin Moore as our Revivalist.

As usual, we continue to make repairs and improvements on our facility as the need arises. Our Worship services continue to be a blessing to all in attendance. We thank God for the 10 persons who have united with us during this quarter. Our hearts go out to the families of Mr. Curtis Sinclair, Mrs. Wynette Grier, and Ms. Rashonda Wallace, who have exchanged labor for reward.

May God continue to bless this great church with more success as we prepare to receive our new pastor. We pray for Bishop Starnes as he selects the person who will lead Little Rock to even greater heights as we continue to strive for Excellence in Ministry.

I praise God for a wonderful Administrative and Ministerial Staff. Ms. Glain Haynes Lewis is a hard-committed and loyal Administrative Assistant who always goes above and beyond the call of duty. We still mourn the loss of our Office Assistant, Ms. Gayle Tabron. We will always remember her faithful service to this ministry.

I am so wonderfully blessed with a Ministerial Staff who always rises to the occasion, as they have held up my arms, assisting me to serve the congregation. Each of them brings their unique gifts to this ministry.

Finally, I praise God for my wife, Donna, my daughters, DeAndra, Dana, Daivene, and Deborah, as well as my grandchildren, for their love and support. I am a blessed man!

My prayers and best wishes will always be offered for this great church.

To God be the Glory for the things God has done.

Humbly Submitted,

Bishop Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

19TH ANNUAL LITTLE ROCK DAY

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A.M.E. Zion Church

Excellence In Ministry:

TOGETHER, WE CAN....!

Ephesians 4:11-16

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

19th Annual LITTLE ROCK DAY

Spring Revival

Tues. MAY 14TH - Thurs. MAY 16TH, 7PM

SPRING REVIVALIST

Bishop George D. Crenshaw,
Presiding Prelate, Alabama-Florida
Episcopal District.

Annual Excellence in
Ministry Awards Luncheon

Sat. MAY 18TH, 2PM

**Little Rock Day
Worship Service**

Sunday, MAY 19TH 10AM

MORNING PREACHER

Bishop Dennis V. Proctor
Presiding Prelate, Northeastern
Episcopal District

Rev. BELINDA AUSTIN, General Chairperson

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Bishop George D. Crenshaw



Bishop Dennis V. Proctor



A Joyous Celebration of Faith and Service at the 19th Little Rock Day

By Dianna Davis

Under the visionary leadership of Rev. Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church celebrated the 19th Little Rock Day with an outpouring of faith, fellowship, and service from May 14th to May 19th, 2024. The week-long celebration was a testament to our church's unwavering commitment to excellence in ministry, and it was a blessing to see so many join in honoring God's work in our community.

The festivities began with our Spring Revival, led by the esteemed Bishop George D. Crenshaw, Presiding Prelate of the Alabama-Florida Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Zion Church. Held from May 14th to May 16th, Bishop Crenshaw's powerful messages each evening reinvigorated our spirits, calling us to a deeper walk of faith and service.

Saturday, May 18th, marked a special moment as we gathered for the Excellence in Ministry Awards Luncheon. This event celebrated the heart and soul of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church—the dedicated individuals whose service has made an indelible impact on our ministry. Their selfless commitment was recognized, and the luncheon served as a beautiful reminder of the strength found in service to others.

The celebration culminated on Sunday, May 19th, with our Little Rock Day Worship Service, featuring the inspiring Bishop Dennis V. Proctor, Presiding Prelate of the Northeast Episcopal District. Bishop Proctor delivered an uplifting sermon that challenged and encouraged us to continue our mission of faith and service. The atmosphere was filled with joy, music, and heartfelt worship as we reflected on the 19 years of blessings and growth.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Reverend Belinda Austin, the 19th Little Rock Day General Chairperson, for her leadership in organizing this momentous occasion. To all who attended and contributed, we are thankful for your support and participation. www.littlerockamedion.org

As we look forward to the future, may we continue to walk in faith, serve our community, and glorify God in all that we do.

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Little Rock Day Awards Luncheon



Excellence in Ministry Award Honorees

Mrs. Antoinette Cody, Mrs. Cynthia Mackey, Mrs. Mary Davis, Ms. Sandra J. Lee, and Mr. Larry Austin



Little Rock Day Committee

General Chairperson: Mrs. Belinda Austin

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HEAVEN'S STOREHOUSE MINISTRY

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A Historic Moment of Compassion: Little Rock and Liberian Ministries Unite

by Linda Kennedy

Today marks a historic moment of solidarity and compassion as Little Rock Heaven's Storehouse Ministry, Street Ministry, and Little Rock A.M.E Zion Church have joined hands to support the Light of Word International Ministries in Liberia, West Africa. Under the visionary leadership of Pastor Lazarus Culee Sumo, this collaboration exemplifies the power of unity and service across borders.

Tamia Manubah El and his wife, Jahmay Manubah El, representing the Liberian church, gratefully received generous donations of clothes and shoes. These essential supplies, gathered and sent with love, will aid families and individuals in need in Liberia, providing not only physical comfort but also hope for a brighter future.

This charitable act would not have been possible without the dedication of our community leaders, Ron Metz and Michael Washington. Their unwavering guidance has been instrumental in making this effort a reality. A special heartfelt thank you also goes to Pastor Dr. Dwayne Anthony Walker of Little Rock A.M.E Zion Church for spearheading this impactful project, demonstrating what is possible when faith and action unite.

As these ministries continue to work together, they remind us all of the importance of compassion and support. Together, we can continue to make a difference and spread love and hope across borders. This is just the beginning of a journey toward creating a world where no one is left behind.

PASTOR'S APPRECIATION

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Ephesians 4:11-16
Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

Sunday @ 10:00am
June 23, 2024

Rev. Dr. Dwayne A. Walker
PASTOR'S APPRECIATION
REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER CHURCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

If you would like to express your thanks, you may do so by contributing monetarily through
CashApp \$Dwayneawalker, or leave at the office. Checks are to be made directly to Dr. Dwayne A. Walker.
Cards can be mailed to the address below!

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On Sunday, June 23, 2024, Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church celebrated our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Dwayne Walker, and the First Family for 19 years of service. A Pastor's Appreciation Reception was held and many expressions of kindness and love were shown through monetary gifts and cards from church members and friends. We thank Rev. Dr. Walker for his leadership and dedication throughout the years! To God be the glory for all of the wonderful things He has done! Mrs.

Carol Stanley,

Pastor's Aide Society Director

CHILDREN'S DAY - GRADUATION SUNDAY

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On Sunday, June 9, at Little Rock AME Zion Church, we observed Children's Day and Graduate Sunday. Two of our children, Kamaria Mobley and Bryant Bouleware, Jr., participated in the liturgy for the morning service.



We celebrated four of our remarkable graduates this year. Our high school graduates are Sebrina Washington, who will be attending the University of South Carolina Lancaster, and Marlon Martin, who is headed to North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University to pursue a B.A. in Liberal Studies. Jordan McKinney, a college graduate, earned his B.S. in Computer Information Systems from Livingstone College.

Although two of our graduates were unable to attend the celebration, each one received the greatest gift their church could provide—the WORD.

Antoinette Cody

Christian Education Director

DEACONESS CONSECRATION SERVICE

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By Linda Kennedy

On July 7, 2024, seven new Deaconesses (Mrs. Angela Caldwell, Ms. Mary Davis, Mrs. Carol Staley, Mrs. Meloney Looper, Mrs. Kim Johnson, Mrs. Jada Goodwin, and Mrs. Eloise Cummins) were consecrated during Worship Service Little Rock. This Consecration Ceremony was held during Worship Service. Pastor Walker directed the Consecration Ceremony.

The sanctuary was filled with joy and reverence as church members, friends, and family gathered to witness this sacred occasion. The congregation joined in prayer and song, lifting the new deaconesses and asking for God's blessings upon their ministry.

A reception was held immediately following morning worship where attendees congratulated the new deaconesses and enjoyed refreshments. The event was a profound reminder of the strength and dedication within the Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church Family.

Congratulations to all the newly consecrated deaconesses!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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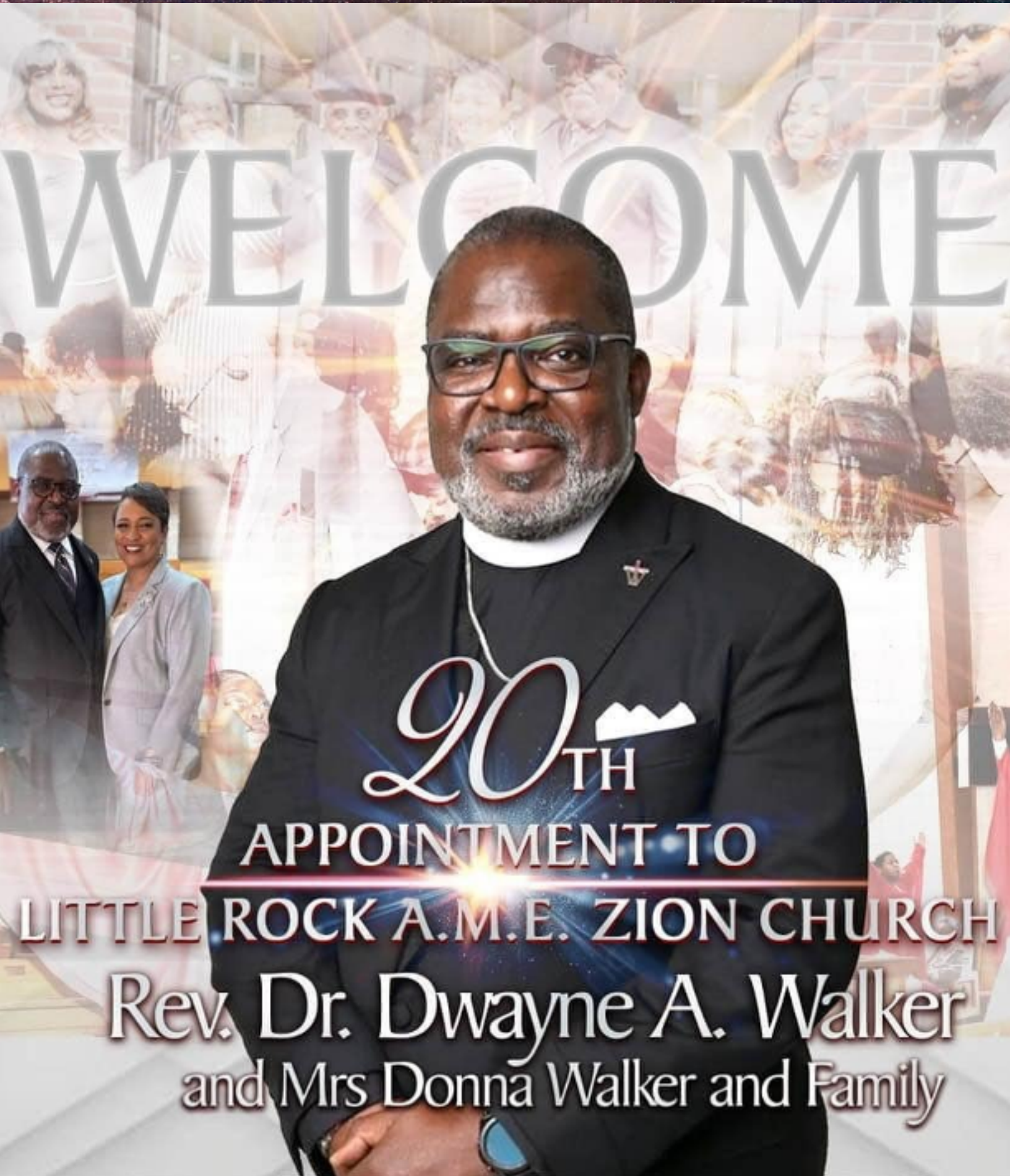
This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church was a tremendous success, drawing in a large and enthusiastic group of children, youth, and adults from both the church and the surrounding community. The well-attended event was filled with engaging Bible lessons, exciting activities, and powerful worship moments that inspired participants of all ages.

Each day was filled with opportunities for learning and spiritual growth, as dedicated teachers and volunteers shared God's Word through interactive lessons, crafts, music, and games. The joy and energy of the children were contagious, and it was clear that they left with a deeper understanding of their faith and a sense of community.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to making this year's VBS a memorable and impactful experience. The church is already looking forward to next year's event, confident that the seeds planted in the hearts of all who attended will continue to grow.

20TH YEAR APPOINTMENT

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APPOINTMENT TO

LITTLE ROCK A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Dwayne A. Walker
and Mrs Donna Walker and Family

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Little Rock's Territory Expands Under Walker

By G. Joyner-Johnson

(And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.) 1 Chronicles 4:10

Upon his appointment as pastor of the Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, Charlotte, NC, Dr. Dwayne Anthony Walker arrived at the church structure built in 1981 under the leadership of Rev. Dr. William White. It was September 2005, and the structure contained the 1,000+-seat sanctuary, an education wing, and a fellowship hall. Located in uptown Charlotte, it was bordered by 7th and 8th Streets and North McDowell Street. The rear church parking lot was bordered by North Myers Street, which ended at the African-American Museum of History and Culture, the former home of Little Rock Church.

This red brick edifice was built in 1911 under Rev. Douglas, who served as the pastor of Little Rock at that time. After the congregation moved across the parking lot to the current location in 1981, the "old" Little Rock Church building was sold to the city of Charlotte and became the African-American Museum of Arts and Culture. The city used this structure until the completion of the Harvey Gantt Museum of African-American History and Culture, at which point all art and artifacts were moved to the location on Mint Street.

Dr. Walker and the Trustees of Little Rock, with the approval of the membership, negotiated with the city to buy back the 1911 structure ("old" Little Rock Church). This was accomplished, and the mortgage was burned in 2009, transforming it into the Little Rock Cultural Center.

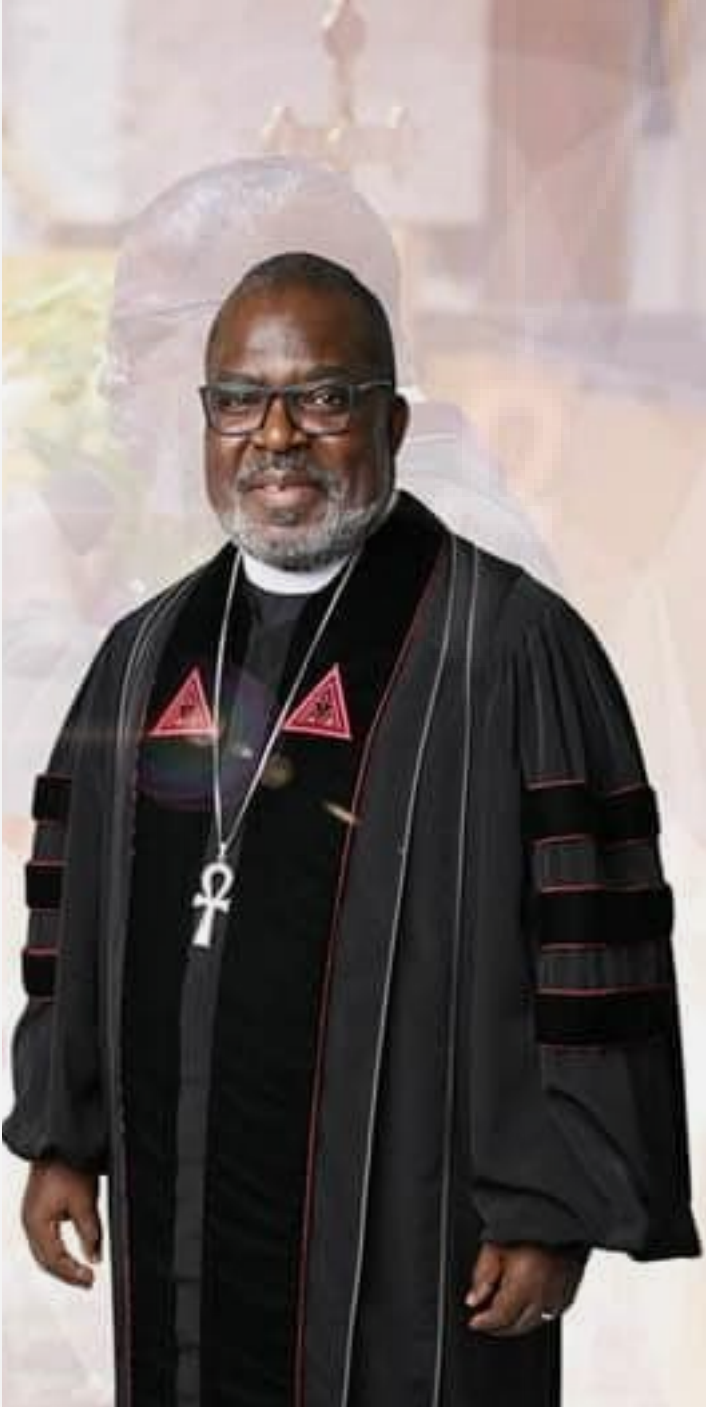
Shortly after this acquisition, Dr. Walker envisioned further growing the Little Rock campus while addressing the serious problem of homelessness in the city. Adjacent to the Little Rock Cultural Center was a lot owned by the city but not being used. With the support of the officers and members of Little Rock, Dr. Walker proposed that the city donate the land to Little Rock to build affordable housing. After strong negotiations, the city council agreed, and the deed to the land changed hands. A developer and funding were acquired, and in April 2024, the ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in the courtyard of the Varick on 7th, a 105-unit apartment building (53 units designated affordable) adjacent to the Little Rock Cultural Center. The western border of Varick on 7th is N. Alexander Street.

Since Dr. Walker arrived as the pastor in 2005, the Little Rock campus has grown to include two additional buildings, and the congregation has grown spiritually, numerically, and physically, enlarging Zion's territory in uptown Charlotte, NC. With God's guidance, a caring heart, and the comprehensive vision of a leader, he has surely led God's people to higher heights in the community with the practice of "Excellence in Ministry."



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By Nathan Roberts

Rev. Dr. Dwayne Anthony Walker marks a significant milestone as he celebrates his 20th year of service at Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church. From answering the call to preach to enrolling at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., his journey has been nothing short of inspirational. During his time as a student, Rev. Dr. Walker displayed strong leadership qualities, serving as Assistant Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church.

As the congregation commemorates this momentous occasion, they reflect on the impact Rev. Dr. Walker has had on the community and the lives he has touched over the past two decades. His dedication to spreading the message of faith and compassion has left a lasting legacy within the walls of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church.

Having served tirelessly in his role, Rev. Dr. Walker's commitment to the church's mission and values has been unwavering. His ability to connect with the youth and young adults has been particularly noteworthy, fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members of the congregation.

The leadership of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church acknowledges Rev. Dr. Walker's outstanding contributions and the positive influence he has had on the spiritual growth of the church community. His 20 years of service exemplify a steadfast commitment to faith, service, and the teachings of the church.

Looking ahead, Rev. Dr. Walker has announced that in 2024 he will be a candidate to become Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church at its worldwide denominational elections. With his experience and vision, Rev. Dr. Walker is well-positioned to provide exemplary leadership at the denominational level if elected. The Little Rock A.M.E. Zion congregation offers Rev. Dr. Walker its full support in prayer as he seeks to answer God's call.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WEEKEND

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LITTLE ROCK A.M.E. Zion Church

Bishop Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

Family and Friends Weekend

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
with free giveaways!

Saturday
AUG 24 | 9AM - 12NN

LITTLE ROCK'S CHURCH COOK OUT
featuring Food and Fellowship
Activities for All Ages

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT
First Come, First Serve and Children
must be present to receive giveaways

FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY

Sunday
AUG 25 | 10AM

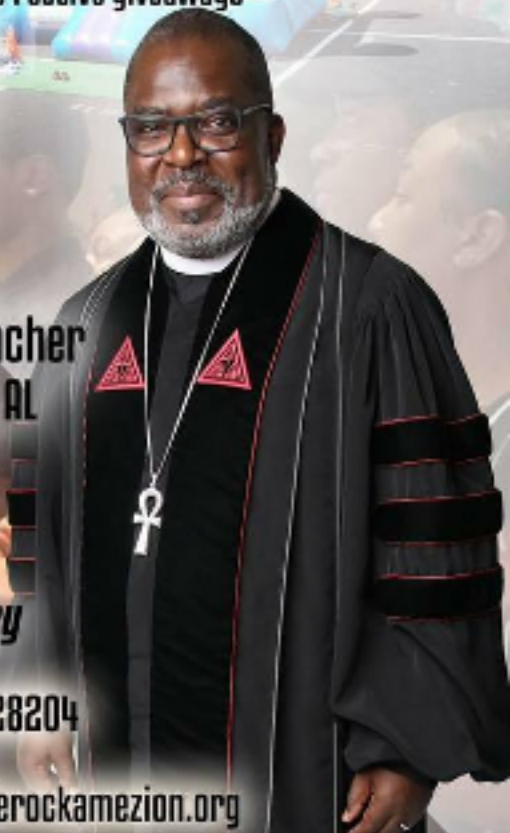
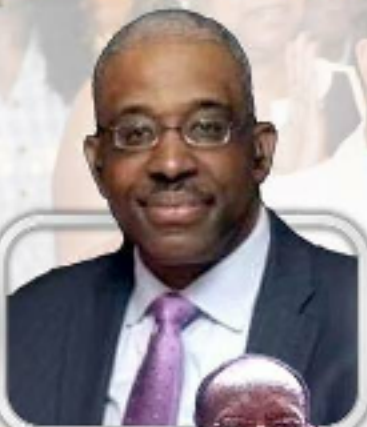
DR. CLAUDE A. SHUFORD, Guest Preacher
Pastor of Mt. Zion AME Zion, Montgomery, AL

CONCERT | 2PM

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS WEEKEND

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By Nathan Roberts

What an unforgettable weekend! On August 24-25, Little Rock AME Zion Church came alive with joy and community spirit. We celebrated our Family and Friends Weekend with an array of exciting activities that brought everyone together. The air was filled with the delicious aroma of fried fish as our culinary ministry served up plates of crispy goodness. And let's not forget about the jumpy house and games that had everyone laughing and playing.

We also had a book bag and school supply giveaway, ensuring our kids are ready to tackle the upcoming school year. We are thrilled to announce that over 200 book bags were given away, each filled with essential school supplies.

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Dr. Claude A. Shuford



Guest Preacher Dr. Claude A. Shuford, Pastor of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion Church in Montgomery, Alabama, delivered a powerful message. His sermon was the highlight of our Family and Friends Weekend.

Dr. Shuford spoke about the importance of faith and perseverance. He emphasized that "faith is not just about believing, but about trusting God through every challenge." His words resonated deeply with our members.

The congregation was moved by his message, leaving the service uplifted and encouraged. Dr. Shuford reminded us that, no matter the circumstances, we need to hold steadfast to our faith.

"When we walk in faith, we walk in victory," he declared, igniting a wave of "Amens" throughout the church.

Photos by Anika Robinson

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Our Culinary Ministry, led by Mrs. Mattie Klutz and Ms. Stephanie Hines outdid themselves yet again with a scrumptious brunch that left everyone talking!

The menu was a delightful mix of comfort foods and healthy options. Members raved about the turkey, fried chicken, and the ever-popular greens. Not to mention the fresh fruit platters and yogurt parfaits that added a refreshing touch to the meal.



"Those shrimp and grits were to die for!" exclaimed Sister Mary. Brother John couldn't get enough of the pancakes, saying, "The best I've ever had!"

The atmosphere was warm and inviting, perfect for fellowship and good conversation. The aroma of freshly brewed coffee filled the air, making it a cozy and delightful experience for all.

Following the brunch, church members, friends, and family gathered for an afternoon filled with powerful ministry through music. The Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Men's Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Frances McClain, opened the concert with heartfelt performances that set a reverent and joyful tone for the event.

Their stirring harmonies were followed by the inspiring voices of the youth and adult choirs, under the skillful leadership of Mr. Sid Oliver, who brought together generations to praise through song. The choirs not only



Little Rock Men's Choir

uplifted spirits but also contributed to the worship service by creating a spiritual atmosphere where hearts were opened, and the congregation was united in praise and worship.

Each choir's contribution to the service was a reminder of the power of music to deepen our connection with God, offering a beautiful expression of faith that touched every soul present. The concert was a true celebration of fellowship, music, and the enduring power of ministry.



Little Rock Youth Choir



Little Rock Adult Choir

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Dr. William S. Crowder



Dr. William S. Crowder, Sarah Crowder, and Family



Our Friends and Family Weekend services came to a heartfelt conclusion as we honored Dr. William S. Crowder for his many years of dedicated musical service to both our church and the broader community. Members from across the community and the A.M.E. Zion Church family gathered to share in this special recognition, celebrating the lasting impact Dr. Crowder has made through his passion and commitment to ministry through music.

The joy and admiration felt by all were undeniable, and his loving family could not have been prouder. This recognition was a testament to the influence of Dr. Crowder's musical legacy, which has touched countless lives, uplifted our worship, and strengthened the bonds of fellowship within the church. We are truly blessed to have had the privilege of celebrating his remarkable contributions and look forward to the many ways his influence will continue to resonate for years to come.

Photos by Anika Robinson

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

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Celebrating the Legacy of Former First Lady Mrs. Geneva Walker

By Dianna Davis

In 2005, upon her arrival as the First Lady of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, our beloved Mrs. Geneva Walker envisioned something extraordinary—a liturgical dance ministry that would enrich the spiritual experience of our congregation. Guided by her faith and passion, she quickly brought this vision to life, forming an adult liturgical dance ministry that captured the hearts of all who witnessed it.

Recognizing the potential for this ministry to inspire future generations,

Adult Liturgical Dance Ministry

Mrs. Walker expanded her efforts to include both youth and young adults, ensuring that people of all ages could express their faith through the beauty of dance. Her vision was one that transcended age, speaking directly to the soul, and it continues to bless our church community in profound ways.

Today, decades later, her legacy lives on. The liturgical dance ministry remains a vibrant part of our worship, touching hearts and elevating our collective worship experience. With the dedication and commitment of its members, we look forward to many more years of ministry inspired by Mrs. Walker's original vision.

There are currently children, young adults and adult members involved in the dance ministry, continuing to build upon the foundation laid by Mrs. Walker. We are deeply grateful for her contribution, which has and will continue to bring glory to God for generations to come.

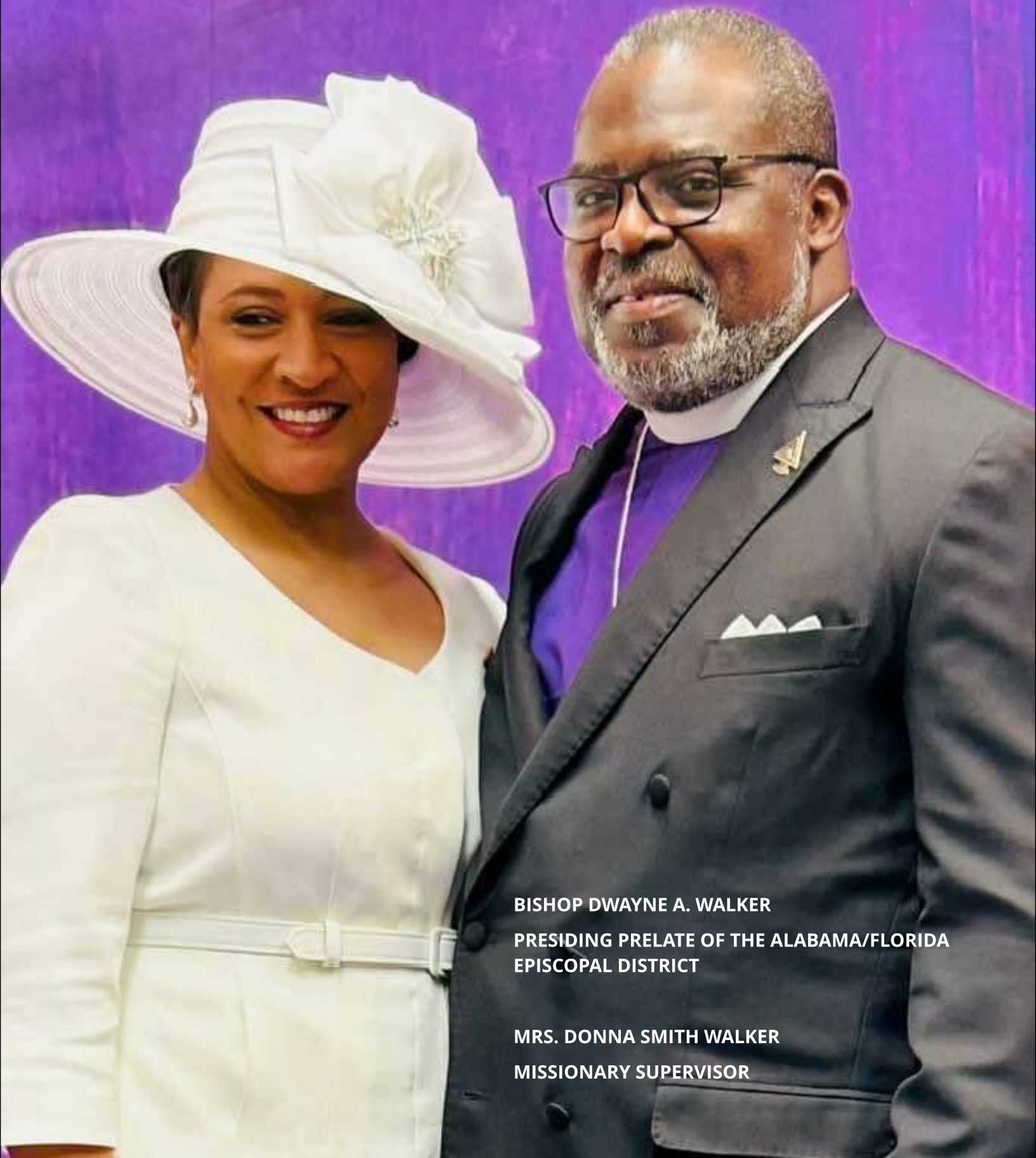
Let us continue to support and pray for the growth and success of this powerful ministry, as it remains an integral part of our worship at Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church.

Youth Liturgical Dance Ministry



BISHOP DWAYNE A. WALKER

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**PRESIDING PRELATE OF THE ALABAMA/FLORIDA
EPISCOPAL DISTRICT**

MRS. DONNA SMITH WALKER

MISSIONARY SUPERVISOR

Bishop Dwayne A. Walker Embodies the Resilient Spirit of the A.M.E. Zion Church By Nathan Roberts

In a denomination known for its trailblazing history, Bishop Dwayne A. Walker represents a new generation of leadership in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. As the 111th Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church, Bishop Dwayne A. Walker now presides over the Alabama-Florida Episcopal District, bringing with him a wealth of experience and a compelling vision for the future. His journey to this moment is a testament to the enduring spirit of a church born from the struggle for racial equality.

The A.M.E. Zion Church traces its roots back to 1796, when a group of African Americans in New York City, dissatisfied with the racial discrimination they faced in the John Street Methodist Church, decided to form their own congregation. This act of defiance and determination became the foundation of a denomination that has consistently played a pivotal role in the fight for civil rights and social justice. Over the centuries, the A.M.E. Zion Church has weathered many storms, from the challenges of the Great Migration to the upheavals of the Civil Rights era. Through it all, the church has remained a steadfast beacon of hope and a powerful voice for the marginalized.

Bishop Dwayne A. Walker's path to the bishopric reflects the same commitment to service and leadership that has defined the A.M.E. Zion Church from its inception. A native of Rock Hill, South Carolina, Bishop Dwayne A. Walker was called to the ministry at a young age. He pursued his theological education at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., where he served as Assistant Pastor while still a student. His dedication and potential were quickly recognized, leading to his appointment as Pastor of Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church in Detroit, Michigan, upon his graduation. Over the years, Bishop Dwayne A. Walker has continued to answer the call to serve, leading congregations in Indianapolis and Charlotte, North Carolina. His ministry has been marked by a passion for community engagement, spiritual growth, and social transformation.

In 2024, Bishop Dwayne A. Walker feels a new call – to the office of Bishop in the A.M.E. Zion Church. His candidacy was met with widespread support, reflecting the respect and admiration he has earned throughout the denomination. His election as the 111th Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church is a testament to his leadership skills, his theological depth, and his unwavering commitment to the mission and values of the church.

As Bishop of the Alabama-Florida Episcopal District, Bishop Dwayne A. Walker now oversees a diverse region encompassing vibrant urban centers and rural communities. His vision for the district is rooted in the historic mission of the A.M.E. Zion Church – to love God with all one's heart, soul, and mind, and to love one's neighbor as oneself. He is committed to strengthening the bonds of fellowship among the churches of the district, nurturing the spiritual growth of the laity and clergy, and equipping the church to be a transformative presence in the world.

Bishop Dwayne A. Walker's leadership comes at a time when the A.M.E. Zion Church, like many other mainline denominations, faces the challenges of changing demographics and evolving social norms. Yet, he remains undaunted, drawing on the resilient spirit of his forebears in the faith. He knows that the church has always been at its best when it has been a prophetic voice for justice and a beacon of hope in the face of adversity. As he often says, "God is glorified, Jesus is magnified, people are edified, faith is fortified, and ministry is multiplied."

In Bishop Dwayne A. Walker, the A.M.E. Zion Church has a bishop who embodies its rich heritage and looks boldly toward its future. His life and ministry are a testament to the power of faith to transform lives and to change the world. As he leads the Alabama-Florida Episcopal District, he carries with him the prayers and dreams of the entire denomination, and the hope that through the grace of God, the A.M.E. Zion Church will continue to be a light shining in the darkness, guiding generations to come.

BISHOP DWAYNE A. WALKER

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"We Are One!"
Acts 9:31



Saturday | September 21, 2024, at 4 PM

Bishop Dwayne A. Walker

FAREWELL RECEPTION

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CHRISTIAN INVITATIONS

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Twelve individuals who successfully completed the New Members Class were confirmed as the newest members of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church.

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