

Sunday, February 11, 2024

9:45 a.m. Moments of Centering: That we all may be aware of His Presence

Enter to Worship

Focus "Heritage"

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor

THE INTROIT "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

THE PROCESSIONAL

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THE INVOCATION

THE RESPONSE "Holy Ground"

HE HYMN OF PRAISE "Love Lifted Me" #429

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 Sanctuary Choir

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

THE CHORAL SELECTION

THE SERMON Dr. Dwayne A. Walker

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 *Epiphany*



The Season After Epiphany –

The first Sunday after Epiphany Day (January 6) is known as Baptism of the Lord referring to Matthew 3: 13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-22 and John 1:29-34. The appropriate symbols are water, the baptismal shell or

font, a descending dove, and a cross standing in water. The Greek word "Epiphaneia" means manifestation or appearance and serves as the etymological base for the epiphany. It is appropriate to use the Scriptures that tell of God's manifestation to humanity through Jesus Christ.

The emphasis for the remainder of the season is on the beginning of Jesus' ministry, the miracles performed, and Jesus' works and teachings. The last Sunday of this periods is known as the Transfiguration of the Lord referring to the revelation of Jesus' true nature to the disciples (Peter, James and John) on the Mount of Olives. Prominent symbols for the Transfiguration include a crown surrounded by rays or paintings of Jesus with a glorious radiating effect or glistening garments. White is the appropriate color for this Sunday. The beginning date of the season is January 6 and the appropriate liturgical color is green. Note that white is used on Epiphany Day and the first Sunday after Epiphany day.

Crown The crown is a headpiece worn to designate royalty, social, political or religious status. It represents Jesus as King, Ruler and Lord of all. The crown may also represent the final reward for believers who have been faithful to God.

Descending Dove Is a symbol of the Holy Spirit, denoting the descent upon Jesus at the time of His baptism by John the Baptist.



THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Love Lifted Me" #429

I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y deep-ly stained with-in, Sinking to rise no more; But the Mast-er of the sea, heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me, Now safe am I. (Refrain)

All my heart to Him I give, Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed pre sence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing, Love so might-y and so true, Mer-its my soul's best songs, Faith-ful, lov-ing ser-vice too, To Him be-longs. (Refrain)

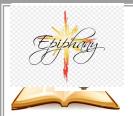
Souls in dan-ger look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves, He will lift you by His love, Out of the an-gry waves. He's the Mas-ter of the sea, Bil lows His will o-bey, He your Sav-ior wants to be, Be saved to-day. (Refrain)

REFRAIN

Love lift-ed me, Love lift-ed me, When no-thing else could help Love lift-ed me; Love lift-ed me, When no-thing else could help Love lift-ed me.

A-men.

THE RESPONSIVE READING



Sixth Sunday Morning In Epiphany
(Acts 8:26-35)

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. So he arose and went.

And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning.

And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said. "Do you understand what you are reading?"

And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.

The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer.

So He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away. And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth."

So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?"

Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

PRAY for the SICK

Please pray for the sick & those that care for them

Helen Ashmore

1026 Polk Street Charlotte, NC 28206

Dorothy Cousar

1509 Chelveston Dr. Charlotte, NC 28208

Lila Blake

509 Hidden Minor Drive Matthews, NC 28104

Lelia Kent

1337 Blu Steele Way Charlotte, NC 28134

Damie Warren

219 Maureen St. Charlotte, NC 28205

Joseph Scott

8214 Shadow Oaks Drive Apt # 312

Charlotte, NC 28269

Members in the hospital or assisted living facilities

Mary Ann Moore

9120 Willow Ridge Road Pineville, NC 28210

Coretta Shipman

Mercy Hospital 2001 Vail Ave Charlotte, NC 28204

Birdeal Moss

6501 Old Savannah Rd Charlotte, NC 28227

Andre Morgan

419 Amhurst SW Concord, NC 28025

Geneva Thompson

3614 Glenwood Dr Charlotte, NC 28208

Maxine Shankle

201 West 10th Street #1114 Charlotte, NC 28202

Wanda Cherry

2415 Impatien Dr Charlotte, NC 28215

Shirley Mack

7115 Rodden Mill Ct. Apt 112 Charlotte, NC 28262

Carline Dinkins

9620 Haying Place Mint Hill, NC 28227

Bertha Lampkin

3401 Reid Ave Charlotte, NC 28208

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

Charlotte's Inspiration Station PraiseCharlotte.com

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

James Brewer

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

Imogene Martin

HunterWoods Assistant Living 620 Tom Hunter Road Charlotte, NC 28213

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The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar

"Together, We Can...!"

Ephesians 4:11-16

Sunday, February 11, 2024

- ♦9:00am Adult Sunday School via website www.littlerockamezion.org and in Sanctuary
- ♦9:00am- Sunday School for all ages in the building
- ♦ 10:00am Morning Worship in Sanctuary
- ♦12:15pm Culinary Ministry Bake /Food Sale in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 12, 2024

- ♦ 9:30am Office Open
- ♦6:00pm Little Rock Board of Stewards Meeting via Conference Call
- ♦7:00pm Little Rock Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, January 13 2024

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

Wednesday, February 14, 2024—Ash Wednesday

- ♦9:30am Office Open
- ♦ 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843 2528 code 2217017#
- ♦7:00pm Ashe Wednesday Service in the Sanctary and via Livestream

Thursday, February 15, 2024

♦ 9:30am - Office Open

Friday, February 16 2024

♦9:30am - Office Open

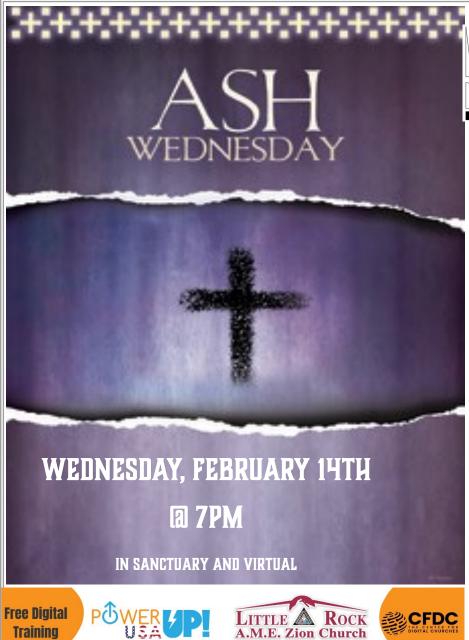
Saturday, February 17, 2024

- ♦9:00am Power Up USA in Multi Purpose Room
- ♦2:00pm Meeting in the Fellowship Hall concerning Voting

Sunday, February 18, 2024 (DIVINE NINE SUNDAY)

- ♦9:00am Adult Sunday School via website www.littlerockamezion.org and in Sanctuary
- ♦9:00am Sunday School for all ages in the building
- ♦10:00am Morning Worship in Sanctuary

Little Rock website address: www.littlerockamezion.org



Google Apps

Feb 5th | 6:00pm - 7:00pm - In-person

In Partnership with







Productivity with Canva & Evernotes

February 17 | 10:00am - 12:30pm - In-person

Adult/Seniors Digital Literacy Class

Feb 17th | 10:00am - 12:30 pm - In-person

401 N. McDowell St, Charlotte, NC 28204

















Day at "The Rock"

Divine Nine

On February 18, 2024 the Divine Nine (D9) organizations will celebrate their place in Black History. The Divine Nine consist of the nine recognized Black Greek-letter organizations which are members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. These nine organizations have a significant place in Black American history and culture. Collectively these organizations comprise of nearly 4 million members and have been around since the early 1900's. They are committed to public service, scholarship, social action, brother and sisterhood. They promote community awareness and actions through educational, economic, and cultural service activities.

We ask that you wear your fraternity and sorority colors on next Sunday, February 18th and make a contribution of \$20 or more per person to the C.D. Rippy Scholarship fund. Please invite family and friends who are also members of the D9. Please use your church envelopes or online given platforms, designate your gift for the C.D. Rippy Scholarship by denoting "D9" beside your contribution. If making online contributions, be sure to denote D9 and C.D. Rippy Scholarship. These contributions can be made until February 18, and we will make a presentation to Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, our pastor, on the fourth Sunday.





BLACK HISTORY MONTH Trivia

Livingstone College was founded 1879 and Bishop James Varick became the first President.

In 1999 all 50 states legally recognized the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday for the first time.

North Charlotte District CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The Men of Zion (rescheduled for Saturday, February 24th) - 8am, CED Mass Meeting - 11am to 2pm, Lay Council Meeting Rockwell AME Zion Church

Little Rock Culinary Ministry

The Culinary Ministry will have a Baked Goods/Food Sale on next Sunday, February 11, 2024 immediately after Morning Worship in the Fellowship Hall, you may purchase:

A slice of Cake—\$3

Small Bundt Cakes—\$5

Grilled Chicken Subs \$7

Taco Salad—\$7

Hot Dogs—\$3

Accepting only cash and checks.



Heart Month

-FEBRUARY 2023

FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEART HEALTH



Heart diseases is the leading cause of death for men, women, and people of most racial and ethnic groups in the United

States



1 in 3 U.S. adults is currently living with a type of heart disease



Taking care of your teeth can impact heart health by reducing your chances of having a heart attack or a stroke by 50%



of heart disease can be **prevented**

Key Risk Factors for Heart Disease:

- Diabetes
- Overweight and obesity
- Poor Diet
- Physical inactivity
- Excessive alcohol use



Stay Active! Just 30 minutes of exercise 5 days a week will significantly improve your hearth health and reduce your risk of acquiring heart disease



February's Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1. Autumn Clark
- Morghyn Mosley Isaiah Moore Jean Brown
- Jada Goodwin Gregory Kennedy
- 4. Adrienne Ricketts
- 5. Ranzeno Frazier
- 6. Thomas Anderton, Sr.Lisa Renee FullerMichael Robinson
- 8. Carol Minor
 Stephanie Haynes
 Yorlette Anthony
 Ladocia Crowder
- 9. Alexander BridgesLaresa DavisDiedre Myric-Thompson

- 12. Brittany Warren
- 13. Lisa Ellison
- 14. Rosie Lowery
- 16. Michael Porter Michelle Belk
- 17. Patricia LoveMarilyn Raines
- 18. Melvin WeathersLydia Galbreath
- 20. Jelani Wiltshire, Jr
- 21. Alice Christian
 Gregory Goodwin
 Isaiah Robinson

Patricia Prince

- 22. Renwick Hall
 Doret Lawson
- 22. Mary Davis
 Sabrina Compton
 Porcia Douglas
- 23. Brenda Lattaker
- 24. Geraldine J. Walker Archie Ademu-John
- 25. Joseph Washington
- 26. Chandler Colclough

 Jeanette Frazier
- 27. Angela Smith Bernia Johnson
- 28. Constance McClain

 Patrice Tillman

Happy Anniversary

Jason and Anika Robinson

February 16

22 years



Sunday, February 18, 2024



Faith in Times of Trouble

Devotional Reading

Matthew 8:18-27

Background Scripture:

Daniel 6:1-28

Affirmation

Whether in the fiery furnace or the lion's den, our God is with us.

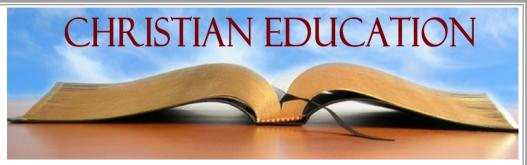
AUDIO VISUAL MINISTRY

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.



Ministry of Kindness

Your gifts will make a world of difference in someone's life. Thank you in advance for sup-



Mark Your Calendars!!

Little Rock Church Bus will provide transportation to the Board of Bishops Meetings daily February 20-23rd. The bus will leave the church at 8am on Tuesday, February 20th and 9am on February 21st. The

times for February 22 & 23, TBD. The Board of Bishops are meeting at the Kenneth Monroe Transformation Center, Rock Hill, South Carolina.



Bank Name	Debit Card	Multi-purpose Room Sundays btw 10:00AM and 12:30PM		
Givelify	Givelify APP	www.givelify.com		
- PayPai	Paypal	www.littlerockamezion.org Go to Online giving (bottom of page). Click on TO GIVE SECURELY ONLINE PAYPAL (right side of page)		
S Cash App	CASHAPP	Download CASHAPP on Smartphone. Tap on \$ sign (bottom of app). Type in the amount you are sending. Choose Pay. Type \$LRAMEZ in the To: line. Type in reason for the money in the Next: line. Then tap Pay.		

Early Voting & Election Information

<u>Election Day:</u> Tuesday March 5, 2024. Election Day Polls are open from: 6:30AM - 7:30PM. <u>First Day of Early Voting:</u> Thursday February 15, 2024. <u>Last Day of Early Voting:</u> Saturday, March 2, 2024.

Mecklenburg County Presidential Preference Primary Election Sites

One Stop Early Voting

ALLEGRA WESTBROOKS REGIONAL LIBRARY 2412 BEATTIES FORD RD CHARLOTTE

BALLANTYNE - CARMEL COMMONS 7611 PINEVILLE-MATTHEWS RD CHARLOTTE

CORNELIUS TOWN HALL 21445 CATAWBA AVE CORNELIUS DAVIDSON TOWN HALL & COMMUNITY CENTER 251 SOUTH ST DAVIDSON

EASTWAY REGIONAL RECREATION CENTER

3150 EASTWAY PARK DR CHARLOTTE

418 N COLLEGE ST CHARLOTTE

4301 BEATTIES FORD RD CHARLOTTE

4301 BEATTIES FORD RD CHARLOTTE

4300 CONFERENCE DR CHARLOTTE

4301 MATTHEWS STATION ST MATTHEWS

MARION DIEHL CENTER 2219 TYVOLA RD CHARLOTTE

MINT HILL LIBRARY 6840 MATTHEWS-MINT HILL RD CHARLOTTE
MT. ISLAND LIBRARY 4420 HOYT GALVIN WAY CHARLOTTE

HUNTERSVILLE - NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY 16500 HOLLY CREST LN HUNTERSVILLE

PINEVILLE LIBRARY 505 MAIN ST PINEVILLE

STEELE CREEK - MASONIC TEMPLE LODGE 13611 STEELE CREEK RD CHARLOTTE

SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY 5801 REA RD CHARLOTTE

SOUTHPARK REGIONAL LIBRARY

TUCKASEEGEE RECREATION CENTER

UNIVERSITY AREA

7015 CARNEGIE BLVD CHARLOTTE

4820 TUCKASEEGEE RD CHARLOTTE

9315 N TRYON ST CHARLOTTE

UPTOWN - OVERSTREET MALL 101 S TRYON ST #10 CHARLOTTE

HUNTERSVILLE DAVID B. WAYMER RECREATION CENTER 14008 HOLBROOKS RD RD HUNTERSVILLE

WEST BOULEVARD LIBRARY 2157 WEST BLVD BLVD CHARLOTTE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				February 15	February 16	
All Voters will be asked to show PHOTO ID.				All 22 Sites 8 am – 7:30 pm	All 22 Sites 8 am – 7:30 pm	Closed
	February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24
Closed	All 22 Sites 8 am - 7:30 pm	All 22 Sites 8 am - 7:30 pm	All 22 Sites 8 am - 7:30 pm	All 22 Sites 8 am - 7:30 pm	All 22 Sites 8 am - 7:30 pm	All 22 Sites 8 am – 3 pm
February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	February 29	March 1	March 2
All 22 Sites 1 pm – 4 pm	All 22 Sites 8 am - 7:30 pm	All 22 Sites 8 am - 7:30 pm	All 22 Sites 8 am - 7:30 pm	All 22 Sites 8 am - 7:30 pm	All 22 Sites 8 am - 7:30 pm	ALL 22 SITES (Final Day) 8 am – 3 pm
Closed	Closed	March 5 Election Day 6:30am-7:30pm Voting in your assigned polling place which can be found on	Eligible individuals may register and vote during the one-stop early voting period.			

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

Class Number	er Class Leader	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	Rev. James H. Lenoir	704 806-2591
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. Deanna Courtney	704 281-1661
Class #10	Chella Mills	704 858-2414
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

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Belinda Austin Rev. James Lenoir Rev. Deanna 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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