

Sunday January 21, 2024

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

Enter to Worship

Focus "Ministry"

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 "Yes, God Is Real" #53

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 Youth and Young Adult 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

"Yes, God Is Real" #53

There are some things I may not know, There are some plac-es I can't go; But I am sure of this one thing, That God is real for I can feel Him deep with-in.

(Refrain)

Some folks may doubt, some folks may scorn, All can de-sert and leave me alone. But as for me, I'll take God's part, for God is real and I can feel Him in my heart.

(Refrain)

I can not tell just how you felt When Je-sus took your sins a-way. But since that day, yes since that hour, God has been real, for I can feel His ho-ly pow'r.

(Refrain)

REFRAIN

Yes, God is real, real in my soul, Yes, God is real for He has washed and made me whole; His love for me is like pure gold, Yes, God is real for I can feel Him in my soul.

A-men.



THE RESPONSIVE READING



Third Sunday Morning In Epiphany

II Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully.

But by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded.

Who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness.

Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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2 Corinthians

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

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

Elaine Redfearn

2718 Philips Ave Charlotte, NC 28208 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

Maxine Shankle

201 West 10th Street #1114 Charlotte, NC 28202

Geneva Thompson

3614 Glenwood Dr Charlotte, NC 28208 Little Rock A.M.E. Zion **Church Radio Ministry**

Radio Ministry

http://praisecharlotte.com

WPZS 100.9FM

Sunday Morning 7:30am

James Brewer

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

Imogene Martin

Members in the hospital or assisted living facilities

HunterWoods Assstance Living 620. Tom Hunter Road Charlotte, NC 28213

Charlotte's Inspiration Station PraiseCharlotte.com

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<u>The Little Rock Church Weekly Calendar</u>

"Together, We Can...!"

Ephesians 4:11-16

Sunday, January 21, 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

Monday, January 22, 2024

♦ Office Open at 9:30am

Tuesday, January 23 2024

- ♦ Office Open
- ♦7:00pm Little Rock Sanctuary Choir Reahearsal

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

- ♦9:30am Office Open
- ♦1:00pm Intercessory Prayer call 1 (720) 843 2528 code 2217017#
- ♦6:00pm Mecklenburg County Candidates Formun

Thursday, January 25, 2024

♦ 9:30am - Office Open

Friday, January 26, 2024

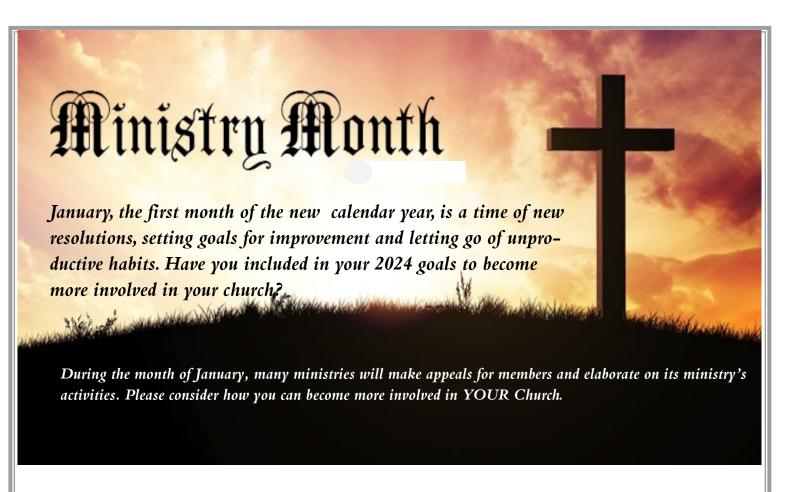
♦9:30am - Office Open

Sunday, January 28, 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
- ♦ 12:00 Mid Day Little Rock Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall

Little Rock website address: www.littlerockamezion.org





C. D. Rippy Scholarship Forms

Little Rock students who are attending an accredited institution of higher learning are encouraged to pick up an application from the Lay Council table in the education wing or email the church office at contact@littlerockamezion.org requesting a CD Rippy application. All applicants must be **ACTIVE** members for at least a year. Please review and complete your application and return with requested documentation (proof of current enrollment) no later than <u>January 28, 2024</u>.

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Gloria Joyner Johnson.



During the month of January we celebrate "MINISTRY"

Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church

18th Annual Ministry Fair

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Immediately Following Morning Worship in the Fellowship Hall

All are invited to stop by and discover the various ministries available to you.

Contact the Church:

contact@littlerockamezion.org | www.littlerockamezion.org | 704.334.3782

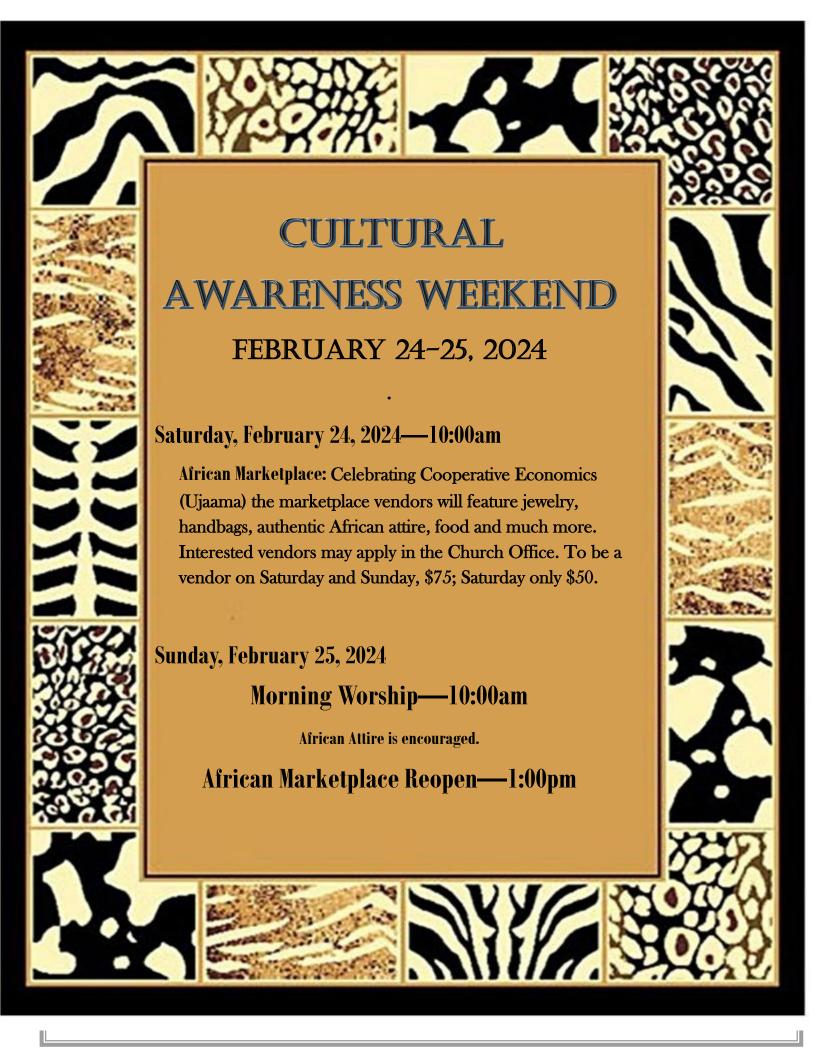


The Quilting Ministry

The Quilting Ministry of Little Rock AME Zion Church has resumed with a new project, to make 100 quilts for anyone sleeping on the streets of Charlotte. The members of this ministry NEEDS YOUR HELP in this time of harsh, cold weather. The quilts are needed now. If you are a quilter please consider making a quilt, if you are not a quilter please consider purchasing a blanket and giving it to the ministry. This minis-

try in conjunction with the Street Ministry is taking these new or gently used quilts and blankets to give to those in need on the streets.

You may bring your new or gently used quilts and blankets to the Fellowship Hall on Sundays or during the week during office hours. These items should be placed in the container labeled "QUILTS". THANK YOU.





BLACK CANDIDATES FORUM

Presented by the Charlotte Black Voter Project



Moderated by Dedrick Russell
Executive Producer for
Community Content at WBTV

Charlotte Black Voter
Project is hosting a
candidate forum that will
feature Black candidates
running for statewide
government offices in 2024.

The event aims to engage Black voters and encourage them to participate in the upcoming election.

Register today and for more information, scan below

Wednesday, January 24 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Little Rock AME Zion Church 401 N. McDowell Street Charlotte, NC 28204



2023-24 Annual Assessment Forms

All Ministries of Little Rock AME Zion Church have received their Annual Assessment Forms for the 2023-24 Church Year. These forms were emailed to Ministry Leaders. If you do not recieve a form please contact the Church Office. Please take time and fill the form out and return it to either Rev. Austin or the Church Office. Your response is very important. Please return the form by the fouth Sunday, January 28th. Thank you.

MINISTRIES OF THE WEEK

During "Ministry Month" January, we will highlight a few of our many ministries for your consideration to apply your gifts and serve in God's Kingdom.

Little Rock Audio/Video & Technology Ministies

THESE MINISTRIES ARE LED BY MR. GREG GOODWIN AND MR. ANTHONY GIBBS

These ministries aid the other ministries in meting the virtual needs of our congregation. Training for the ministry will be provided by senior members. These ministries enhance= the spirituality of the worship service through amplification of the music and the preached word, and provide quality CD's and stored livestream services on the website.

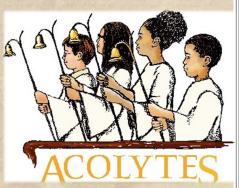


To join these ministry contact either Mr. Anthony Gibbs or Mr. Greg Goodwin at (704)334-3782

Acolyte Ministry

THIS MINISTRY IS LED BY MRS. ERICA BRIDGES

This ministry encourages our youth to take an active role in the Sunday Morning Worship. Acolytes are trained to light and extinguish the altar candles, which is symbolic of the presence of God in our midst. You must be at least 8 years of age to participate.



To join this ministry, please contact Mrs. Erica Bridges (704) 492-0789



Sunday, January 28, 2024



Faith and Transformation

Devotional Reading

Ezekiel 11:17-21

Background Scripture:

Romans 12:3-8

Affirmation:

We are many members, but we are one body.

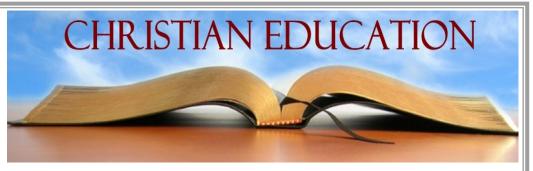
AUDIO VISUAL MINISTRY

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-



The Third Quarterly Conference

The Third Quarterly Conference will be Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 6:30pm. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend. Thank you for your reports.



Tapes & DVD's are available after Sunday Morning Worship Service in the Audio/Visual Room (located in the hall behind the choir).

CD: \$7.00; DVD: \$15.00



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.



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	Debit Card	Multi-purpose Room Sundays btw 10:00AM and 12:30PM	
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Œ	Paypal	www.littlerockamezion.org Go to Online giving (bottom of page). Click on TO GIVE SECURELY ONLINE PAYPAL (right side of page)	
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Lay Council Annual **Membership Campaign**

The Annual Lay Membership Campaign Begins!!!!

For \$5.00 now your annual membership will be good until 2025. For \$20.00, your 4-year membership will be good until 2028. Life Membership is \$125.00 (no more annual dues). Life Member Black and Gold stole is an additional \$50.00 (for Hood Seminary Scholarship). Pay your dues using the offering envelope, complete with your name. At "other" write Lay Council dues or designate Lay Council Dues on Cash App or Givelify. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Joyner Johnson, Local President or Ruby Tarver, 2nd Vice President (Membership Chairperson).

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 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
<i>Class</i> #10	Valencia Tims	704 626-0272
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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