



### Pastor's Perspective

Grace and peace from God the Father through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We have hit the ground running! The Rock is still Rocking!!! We began our conference year with a successful Vacation bible School, Family and Friends Day weekend and our 136th Church Anniversary Celebration. All of these events were well attended and received great support from our congregation and community. Our theme for this conference year is "Healthy Churches Grow!" We are praying and encouraging one another to grow in every aspect, both individually and collectively. I praise God for the results we are already seeing in this regard.

We are proud to announce that our Community Development Corporation has been granted land from our city to build 100 apartment units. 50 of those units will be affordable and 50 will be market rate. We believe that this project, as well as the wrap around services we will provide, will assist us in expanding our mission, message and footprint in a way that will bless our Church and community for perpetuity! To God be the Glory.

We are working on other ways to address issues of cash flow that will assist us to improve our facilities and presentation of ministry in the very near future. I am meeting with ministers, ministries and members to discuss ways to be deliberate in our desire to grow. I am encouraged by what I am seeing and feeling from our congregation. God is truly doing great and marvelous things in this place!

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## Pastor's Perspective (continued)

We praise God for the 18 persons who have united with us during these last two quarters and look forward to more persons to join as we prepare for our focus on FRAngelism during the month of October.

As always, I must thank my wonderful Administrative staff, Ministerial staff and officers who work tirelessly to ensure that our vision becomes a reality.

Please continue to pray for us as we strive for Excellence in Ministry in our quest to be a healthy church.

Humbly submitted,

*Dr. Dwayne Anthony Walker, Pastor*

## Walker for Zion 2020

*“Making an Impact through Excellence in Ministry”*

By **G. Joyner Johnson**

On the weekend of April 5-7, 2019, an air of excitement and anticipation surrounded the Little Rock AME Zion Church as the Committee to Elect the Pastor, Dr. Dwayne A. Walker to the highly exalted office of Bishop of the AME Zion church, held the campaign kickoff.



In addition to the kickoff, the church also celebrated Dr. Walker's 30 years in

pastoral ministry!

## Walker for Zion 2020 (continued)

Dr. Walker began his ministry in 1989 at Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church in Detroit, MI. His next appointment was to Jones Tabernacle A.M.E. Zion Church in Indianapolis Indiana. He was then appointed to Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church in Charlotte, NC where he has served for 14 years. During his tenure at Little Rock, Dr. Walker has been actively involved in the



local communities and served on various commissions and boards... making an impact!

The Ecumenical

Service was held on April 5, 2019 and Rev. Haven O. Anderson, National Campaign Chairperson presided. Ministers of several denominations participated in the liturgy, made tributes, and gave words of congratulations to Dr. Walker. The guest preacher was Rev. Dr. Robert L. McGowens, Sr., Pastor of the Greater Galilee Baptist Church. He used Acts 27:21-25; 28:1-6 with the Subject, “Pushed By Purpose”, to deliver a rousing sermon that appealed to everyone.

A Community Prayer Walk through the streets of uptown Charlotte was led by Dr. Walker, on Saturday, April 6, 2019 as about 40 prayer warriors participated. The Street Ministry interfaced and passed out Blessing Bags containing toiletries, personal hygiene items and snacks along with an invitation to come to Little Rock.

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## Walker for Zion 2020 (continued)



Bishop George W.C. Walker, Sr., Retired Senior Bishop of the A.M.E. Zion Church and Dr. Walker's father, preached at the Celebration Service on Sunday, April 7, 2019. From I Samuel 17:50, he preached "Defying the Odds." Points of reflection were: Self Confidence, Impeccable Character and Audacious Courage.



Many pastors, ministers, Dr. Jimmy Jenkins, President, Livingstone College; Mr. Gary McFadden, Mecklenburg-County Sheriff, city and county officials and Rev. Dr. Daran H. Mitchell, Pastor Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church (Greensboro, NC/Piedmont Episcopal District Campaign Chairperson) wished him success. Also giving a heartfelt tribute to her father on behalf of her sisters was Ms. DeAndrea Walker.

Dr. Walker thanked the committee, his parents, his brother, his daughter, Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. J. Wardell Henderson and his lovely wife, Mrs. Myrtle Henderson, and all who participated in any way in this weekend of celebration.

He asked for continued prayers and support for his campaign to become the 106th Bishop in the line of Succession of the A.M.E. Zion Church. A great fellowship took place and thanks be to God for a successful campaign kick-off!



## The 14th Annual Little Rock Day Celebration

By **Judy Galbreath and Lisa Fuller**

Dr. Dwayne A. Walker, Pastor presented Mr. Christopher Caldwell to the congregation as the General Chairperson of the 14<sup>th</sup>



Annual Little Rock Day Observance. Little Rock Day is a time when we come together to thank and praise God for his many, many blessings. He has be-

stowed upon us, and to celebrate one another for our commitment to "Excellence in Ministry".

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## 14th Little Rock Day (continued)

The Steering Committee members, Mrs. Angela Caldwell-Help Meet, Mr. Robert Horsley and Mrs. Atanya Graham-Finance, Mrs. Mattie Kluttz-Awards/Culinary, Ms. Sandra J. Lee-Secretary/Consultant, Sister Diane Commander and Mrs. Anika Robinson-Public Relations were tasked to raise \$50,000.00 for the church budget. All collaborated to make this event a “sweet” success.

### Revival



The celebration began with a 3-night Revival on May 22<sup>nd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>. The Guess Revivalist was Rev. George W. C. Walker, Jr. Pastor of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion, East Chicago, IN. Rev. Walker's subjects were: When the Church Loses Power; I've Got to Make It; and, The Good Shepherd. The congregation felt blessed! Our spirits were lifted! And, as we praised God for his Goodness and His Mercy, we were revived again!

## The Evening of Excellence Awards Banquet

The Annual Excellence in Ministry Awards Luncheon was replaced this year with “An Evening



of Excellence Awards Banquet”. Koinonia, our fabulous Instrumental Ministry, set the mood of excellence with beautiful music. General Chairperson Caldwell, served as the Master of Ceremony and shared that the

“Excellence in Ministry” Award is given to a person who garnered the most votes from the congregation, for having gone beyond the call of duty, and exemplified “Excellence in Ministry”. Mr. Gilbert McRae, Leader of Leaders and the Council of Leaders, served as facilitators for the Little Rock Day Celebration.

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## 14th Little Rock Day (continued)

Beautifully dressed guests arrived and received royal greetings as they walked the Red Carpet to be photographed. Under the leadership of Mrs. Mattie Klutz, Chairperson of The Culinary Ministry, the room was decorated with beautiful shades of burgundy and gray linens with floating flower arrangements.

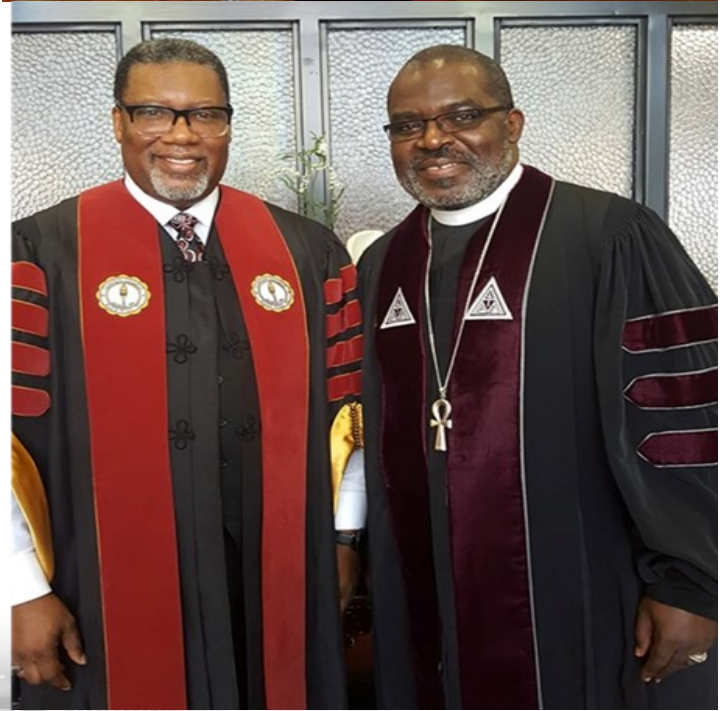


Mr. Thornton Haynes, Chairperson of the Nehemiah Ministry received "The Excellence in Ministry Award". Mr. Haynes also currently serves on the Little Rock Board of Trustees, is a member of the Culinary and the Parking and Security Ministries. Mr. Haynes graciously accepted his award and thanked everyone. Receiving "Ministry Recognition Awards", were Mrs. Robin Bradford; Mrs. Kay Frazier; Ms. Sandra J. Lee; and Mr. Rudy Miller.



Our Little Rock Day Celebration culminated on Sunday, May 26th. Dr. Lester A. McCorn, President of Clinton College in Rock Hill, SC was the Guest Preacher. Members, visitors and friends sat in awe eagerly awaiting the Word. Dr. Lester A. McCorn chose Jeremiah 8:18-21 "A Solution for Society's Sickness". He reminded us that "Grace and Mercy" is the cure.

We thank God for leading, guiding, keeping us and for allowing us to exceed our goal to the grand total amount of \$52,090.00. God gets the Glory.



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# Vacation Bible School

By **Yolanda Brown**

Our annual Vacation Bible School Week was held from July 8-12, 2019 at 6pm nightly, led by Ms. Antoinette Cody, Director of Christian Education and Rev. James H. Lenoir, Superintendent of Sunday Church School. "S.T.U. Super Training University with Jesus," was the theme from Text Ephesians 6:11, "Put on the Whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Each evening began with an opening ceremony that consisted of reading the theme verse, the affirmation, pledge to the Christian flag, pledge to the Bible, a pledge to live as a member of God's family and prayer. This was followed by a meal prepared by the culinary ministry.

There were 131 children, youth, teens, young adults, adults and staff that participated in VBS for the week, along with volunteers that assisted with teaching, culinary, crafts, music and registration.

It was a great week, enjoyed by all, thanks to the great leadership of Ms. Antoinette Cody and the generous spirit of all the volunteers.



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## Graduation Sunday At The Rock!

By **Judy Galbreath**

This significant day was observed Sunday, June 9th. We were proud to have five high school graduates and five college graduates to matriculate to schools of higher learning. We also had three Graduate students who received their Master's degree. Ms. Antoinette Cody, Director of Christian Education assisted Dr. Walker in congratulating the graduates and giving each of them a Bible.



## Pastor's Appreciation and Welcome Back Celebration 2019

By **Carol Staley**

Our Pastor's Appreciation and Welcome Back Celebration for Rev. Dr. Dwayne Anthony Walker and his family was held on June 30th. This church family lovingly recognized and appreciated Dr. Walker for all of his Leadership, Strength and Support that he has provided to this flock. He and his family were showered with gifts, notes and donations with lots of Love in Christ. We thank God and our Pastor for all of the Wonderful Years he has shared with us.

## Pastor's Appreciation (continued)



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# LITTLE ROCK MEN'S BOOSTERS

## 5th

### ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

By **Ralph Burt**

**Photos by Ralph Burt**

The Men's Boosters of Little Rock AME Zion Church where Mr. Christopher Caldwell serves as the Chairperson hosted their 5th Annual Golf Tournament on the beautiful greens of Old Sycamore Golf Club.

We had an awesome time in fellowship with one another over golf, food and fun. A special thanks to all those who participated and a special shout out to the Little Rock Culinary Ministry for the delicious food.

**Congratulations** to all the winners and we hope to see you again next year. Holes were sponsors by: Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church; Fulfilling Dreams Child Care; N.C. Central University, and Eagle Athletic Foundation.

The Men's Booster Ministry contributed \$2,500.00 to the C. D. Rippy Scholarship Fund via the proceeds from this event. God Gets The Glory...



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# Friends and Family Weekend 2019

By **Carol Staley**

Our Friends and Family Weekend was held on August 17-18, 2019. This was a Vision of our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Dwayne Anthony Walker for fun and fellowshiping at the Rock. All events were held at the church.

The Cookout Event began on Saturday morning where we all enjoyed music, friend fish, hot dogs, hamburgers, bingo for our adults and a huge bouncing house for the children to enjoy.

Thanks to all of those who cooked the great feast especially the Culinary Ministry under the direction of Mrs. Mattie Kluttz. We were blessed to have many special guests, families and friends.

After Sunday Morning Worship Service, we all enjoyed a Family and Friends Dinner. This was an awesome fellowshiping event. The food was delicious and plentiful.

The celebration concluded with an Evening Concert where our entire Music Department participated led by our fantastic musical leaders.

All ministries collaborated and interfaced to exhibit, "Excellence in Ministry".

We thank God for His Blessings. Our Family and Friends Weekend was a tremendous success because of all of the participation and love.



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# Little Rock Deaconess Day & Consecration Service

By **Sister Diane Commander**

An atmosphere of reverence and humbleness rose among us as, seven new Deaconess were consecrated on August 25th at Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church where Rev. Dr. Dwayne Anthony Walker is the Pastor. This was a very high moment in the life of our church, as Bishops and Deaconess are the only consecrated positions in the church. Deaconess are members who exemplify humility and pious living. They go about doing good, preparing elements for Holy Communion, assisting and preparing candidates for baptism. They are to be ever ready to take up any duty for which willing hands cannot otherwise be found and carry out other duties as outlined in *The Book of Discipline of the A.M.E. Zion Church*. "As we are a Growing Church, the Deaconess are utilizing their different skill sets to serve as mothers to the church and assist with other ministries such as the Bread of Life, Heaven's Storehouse and the Street Ministry", said Dr. Walker.

Mrs. Carletta Freeman serves as the President of Little Rock's Deaconess Board. Existing Deaconess participated in the Liturgy. The seven newly consecrated Deaconess were: Mrs. Erica Bridges, Mrs. Kay Frazier, Ms. Artie N. Collins, Mrs. Linda Kennedy, Mrs. Tasha Howard Powell, Mrs. Donna Riley and Mrs. Tracee Morrisette.

We were blessed by an awesome word, "A Standard Worth Preserving" delivered by Dr. Charles Tillett, Presiding Elder of the Lincolnton District. We were also blessed with the presence of our Presiding Elder of the North Charlotte District, Rev. Dr. J. Wardell Henderson, Jr. who led the Ritual of Consecration during which Dr. Walker assisted with the Capping Ceremony. Mrs. Myrtle Henderson, the lovely wife of Presiding Elder Henderson, was also in attendance for this holy service. The Holy Spirit abided with us...



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## New Youth in Action Reporter

Christian Howard is the son of Tasha and Vernon Powell. He is an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student at Vance Zebulon High School. His hobbies are reading, writing and basketball. When asked, what is your goal in life, Christian stated, "My goal is to go to Howard University, and then on to law school, to become a Criminal Defense Attorney". We know that with commitment and tenacity, Christian can achieve this goal.

## Little Rock's Christian Education Youth Department Dinner Theater

### "GOD'S TROMBONES"

By **Christian Howard**

**God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse**, is a 1927 book of poems by James Weldon Johnson patterned after traditional African-American religious oratory. The work represents what the author called an "art-governed expression" of the traditional black preaching style.

On Friday, August 23, the Christian Education Youth Department of Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church where Dr. Dwayne Anthony Walker is the Pastor along with Young Adults and Adults performed these awesome sermons. There was amazing food and great music between each sermon, and everyone enjoyed this wonderful event. Our production depicted the introductory prayer, "**Listen, Lord a prayer**". This prayer was followed by seven verse sermons entitled "**The Creation**", which explained and elaborated on how God made us. "**The Prodigal Son**", which was a parable on how to be patient and the power of forgiveness. "**Go Down Death**" - **A Funeral Sermon**, which explained to a lady nearing death how God showed her that she would be okay. "**Noah Built the Ark**", explained Adam and Eve and how sin entered the world. "**The Crucifixion**", described Jesus' crucifixion. "**Let My People Go**", described Moses' journey freeing the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt. The Last, "**Judgement Day**", gave us insight on what the Apocalypse would be like.

There was a really good turn out of youth and young adults people at the production. I say that because, I feel like doing this play was especially imperative for their understanding. A lot of the time the Bible is confusing, and it makes us less likely to want to read and even less likely to comprehend it, but this play gave us a chance to give a humorous relatable spin on these fundamental stories in the Bible. Not only was this production comical, but it was extremely powerful and I feel like each and every person in attendance took a gem home with them from this play and I know, if Little Rock repeated this performance next year or again, the turn out will be exponentially better based off of this last performance and the feedback that we received. Hats off to Mrs. Kenielle Albany, Past Director of the Christian Education Youth Department, our Culinary Ministry, Music Ministry, our cast, and the many members of Little Rock who participated and/or attended the performance of God's Trombones.



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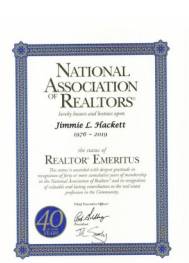
## Ms. Chandler Colclough

What a great way to end the weekend! Watching our big girl, Chandler, get inducted into The Golden Key International Honor Society (top 15% of her class). We are so proud of you. We cannot wait to see what else God has in store for you. ❤️ ☐



## Mr. Jimmie Hackett, Sr.

Mr. Jimmie Hackett reached Emeritus Status with the National Association of REALTORS and was presented a genuine 10K Gold filled Lapel Pin to be worn with pride for his dedication to the Real Estate Profession. The Charlotte Regional REALTOR Association presented Jimmie FREE Annual Dues beginning 2020 and exemption from their bi-annual Code of Ethics Training. Your Church Family Salute you for a job well done!



# Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society in Action

By **Roye Buck**

## Youth Missionary Outreach

The Youth Missionaries distributed blue ribbons to



the congregation as they lifted up Bullying Awareness Month. Mrs. Atanya Graham, Local Youth Secretary, presented facts on bullying among youth. Thank you Youth and Mrs. Atanya Graham.

## Life Members Month Observed

The missionaries participated in the Liturgy.



## Global Missions Sunday Observed



The missionaries participated in the Liturgy.

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