

A Moment in Black History

National Theme: "African-Americans and the Arts".



The Greatest Love of All

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." – 1 Corinthians 13:13

The 13th chapter of the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Corinth is a passage that is occasionally used at weddings. It gives a description of love that we tend to attribute to marriages. That relationship between husband and wife is one of the main relationships we have. It starts off other relationships like mother to child, father to child, siblings' relationships, then extends more into family as well as with our neighbor. However, as Christians, we see relationship begin with God the Father and the love shared toward mankind. John 3:16 expresses it as "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

We were created in the image and likeness of God and although, Adam's fall in the garden changed his physical location, God always maintained an agape love towards us. The word agape has a meaning of selflessness. Just as John 3:16 reads, God's love toward mankind was expressed through Him giving of Himself in the form of His Son, Jesus. That type of agape love is also expressed through many charities who give to those in need. That's why Paul describes love as charity in 1 Corinthians 13. Let's take a look at a verse in that chapter and see how God expresses His love to us.

In verse four, Paul says "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up". God's love suffers long because of our inconsistencies and lack of understanding. His love doesn't envy because at times we don't make God priority, He continues to prioritize us with daily grace and mercy. In other words, you could literally replace the word charity with God and the meaning would still be the same.

As we approach the season of recognizing and remembering the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord & Savior, let's see how Christ exemplified charity in sacrificing His life for you and me. Here we see in Christ and God the father, the greatest love of all!

Keeping In Touch

Hello fellow church members and friends. I hope everyone is staying safe and practicing social distancing. I would like to encourage anyone who would like to write an article or have some information, or an upcoming event that they would like to be in the newsletter, please email me at fbcltonnc@gmail.com or drop it off at the church. In case you would like to submit an article for the upcoming month newsletter, you would need to have it in by the last Wednesday of the month. So if you would like to do an article for the month of April, you would need to turn it in no later than March 28th. Thank you and continue to be blessed!

Sincerely,
Kanisha Addison Executive Secretary
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Spring Forward
set your clocks ahead an hour

March Birthdays

- 3/05 +Elisha Little Sr.
- 3/06 Elaine McNair
- 3/07 +John McMillan, +Lena Thompson
- 3/14 Jennifer Williams
- 3/17 Sarah Phillips, Kamiya Brunson
- 3/22 JaCory Faulk
- 3/24 Sylvia Evans
- 3/26 Wixie Stephens
- 3/27 Marian Carmichael, +Joyce Coleman,
+Dec. James Brown

Upcoming Events

- **March 14th** – Pastor and choir will render service at Aaron Swamp Baptist Church for their pastoral anniversary at 7pm
 - **March 17th** – Trustee Anniversary at 10am
- **March 20th & 21st** – Leadership Conference at 6:30pm nightly in the Chapel
 - **March 24th** – *Palm Sunday*
- **March 24th** – Pastor and choir will render service at FBC Fairmont for their Deacon Installation service at 4pm
 - **March 31st** – *Easter Sunday!*
- **Special Notice!!** All rentals of the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary are currently suspended until further notice for non-members.
- **In person Prayer meeting at 3:00pm and Bible study at 3:30pm every Wednesday! Virtual Bible Study at 7:00pm**

Contact Information

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm
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 Sis Louise Underwood Sis. Carl McDougald Sis. Ann McCormick
 Sis. Judy McCormick Shelby Sis. Gennifer Howard Dec. William Evans

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Seasoned Saint Spotlight

Vivan Breeden



Vivian Breeden a mother of three children, thirteen grandchildren, and the youngest of nine siblings. Sis. Vivian was the primary caregiver for her beloved mother who lived 106 years and 11 days old. She is a

twelve-year Breast Cancer survivor. The cancerous cells were present, but they were found in time, only having a small surgery performed and to endure radiation. Yes, and thank God for healing virtue. Her past time hobbies are acting as a yard sale vendor and bowling and league bowling. Sis. Vivian is a faithful member who is a dedicated attendee to our Wednesday Prayer meeting & Bible study. She currently serves on the Membership Ministry, Family and Friends Day Committee, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Ministry, the Sanctuary Choir, McDuffie-Bostic Usher Ministry, and the Women of the Church, which she is current president. God bless you!