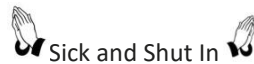


# APRIL Birthdays

- 04/01 Talisha McArthur, Bianca Clawson
- 04/04 Haruna Opoku, Betty Sanders, April Tyndall
- 04/06 Lynette Oliver
- 04/07 Brianna Opoku, Danielle Moore, +Horace Blount Sr., +George Leazer
- 04/08 Andrew McCallum, Brenfni O'Rourke, Jerry Stephens Jr.
- 04/09 Sherman Thompson Jr., Linda Mitchell
- 04/10 Joanie Underwood, Mamie Patrick
- 04/13 Asa King Brunette, Charles Berry Sr.
- 04/14 Lillian McLean, Maurice Coleman, Gwen McKiver
- 04/15 Kisha Alston, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Thompson, +Gary Kennedy, +J. C. McMillan
- 04/16 Isaiah Kennedy, Kyra Matthews, +Dec. Albert Baldwin
- 04/17 John Southerland, Lisa Southerland, Cory McKoy, Patricia McDougald, Catherine McArthur
- 04/18 Janiece Morant, +Hiawatha Berry III. +Greg Matthews
- 04/19 Serilda Goodwin, +Ruby Peterson
- 04/20 Stephanie Berry, William Evans Sr.
- 04/22 Verlie Haynes, Madge Hayes
- 04/23 Jayden Smith, Tamia Stackhouse, +Dec. James Mosby
- 04/24 Vinnis Parnell
- 04/25 Kenia McLaurin, Jada Coleman
- 04/27 Allena Opoku, Rev. Arthur Foy Jr., Berthel Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Daren Williams
- 04/30 Au'Bri Breeden, Arthur Foy III

## Upcoming Events

- **April 1<sup>st</sup> – April Fools**
- **April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday**
- **Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-1:30**
- **Website: [www.firstbaptistlumberton.com](http://www.firstbaptistlumberton.com)**
- **Conference Call: 435-777-2200 ID #: 739-3939**
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### Sick and Shut In

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| Sis. Lela Crawford    | Sis. Melissa Stephens | Bro. Willie Hall    |
| Bro. Joe Hall         | Sis. Laura Cade       | Sis. Shirley Blount |
| Bro. James Dockery    | Sis. Betty McNeill    | Sis. Alma Dawson    |
| Sis. Louise Underwood | Sis. Neangela Brown   | Sis. Linda Blackmon |
| Rev. Arthur Foy       | Bro. Tony Bridgett    | Bro. Herbert Evans  |



# April Newsletter



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## Season Saint Spotlight's *Deacon Noffie Salters*



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What is Easter?

Deacon Noffie Salters Jr. has been an active and dedicated member of First Baptist Church for several years. In 2011, he moved back to North Carolina and rejoined First Baptist. During his time here, Deacon Salters has served as a deacon and with the kitchen Ministry. He currently serves as the vice chairman of the Deacon Ministry and chairman of the kitchen Ministry. He and the members of this ministry have been working diligently through this pandemic. They have provided a meal every month, as well as provided repass for bereaved families. We are appreciative of this ministry for their willingness to continue to serve not only members of the church but the community as well.

Deacon Salters is married to his best friend, Deaconess Dorothy Colbert Salters. They have enjoyed 48 years together. He has three daughters, one deceased and has two great granddaughters who are the love of his life. A special “Thank you” goes to Deacon Salters for his hard work and helping hand.

## A Moment in Black History

**April 3, 1944** - The US Supreme Court, in an 8-1 ruling declared that Blacks could not be barred from voting in the Texas Democratic primaries. The high court repudiated the contention that political parties are private associations and held that discrimination against Blacks violated the 15th Amendment.

**April 19, 1866**- The African American citizens of Washington D.C. celebrated the abolition of slavery. 4,000 to 5,000 people assembled to the White House addressed by Andrew Johnson. Led by two black regiments the spectators and the procession proceeded up the Pennsylvania Avenue to Franklin Square for religious services and speech by prominent politicians. The sign on top of the platform read: "We have received our civil rights. Give us the right of suffrage and the work is done."

**Apr 20, 1853** - Harriet Tubman starts the Underground Railroad



## A message from Rev. Sandra Cassidy



I want to especially thank you for all your hard work on the cards. I could not have done it without all your expertise and your diligent help. I also want to express sincere thanks to the Sunday School Department and Education committee for supplying the much needed cards for this project. To God be all the Glory. I thank Pastor Matthews and Sister Leazer for the vision that God placed in them, and their support and encouragement to me. Job well done. I believe the Lord would say Well done thy Good and faithful servants. I like what the pastor said, when God gives a vision, He will also provide provision. Thank you everyone for your cards and the hand written messages on them. You truly have touched someone's life.

I would like to leave these words of encouragement: I meet you in the stillness of your soul. It is there that I seek to commune with you. . A person is open to my Presence is exceedingly precious to Me. My eyes search to and fro throughout the earth. Looking for one whose heart is seeking me. I see you trying to find me; our mutual search results in joyful fulfillment. Stillness of soul is increasingly rare in this world addicted to noise and speed. I am pleased with your desire to create a quiet space where you and I can meet. Don't be discouraged by the difficulty of achieving this goal. I monitor all your efforts and am blessed by each of your attempts to seek My face. (Taken from Daily Devotional Jesus Calling)

*"Be still before the Lord, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."* Zechariah 2:13

## A Holy Week Reflection



As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I hope that we can have an in-depth reflection of Holy Week. From a triumphant entry to an empty tomb, each event reveals to us areas in our life that need to reflect the Lord. Here are a couple of events, words and things that occurred for your reflective consideration.

In the whole scheme of this week, Palm Sunday started with shouts of "Hosanna" but by Friday, the shouts were of "Crucify Him". Whenever we get closer to the purpose God has ordained for our lives, the shouts may change, but the assignment doesn't. If you recall, "Hosanna" means save now or please save. Although "Crucify Him" was what many shouted-on Friday, the assignment was still to be our sacrifice or **be crucified** so that all who believe would be **saved**. Beloved, let's not become distracted from the voices but committed to the assignment from God.

Speaking of assignments, Jesus shows us how to handle those who are assigned to us. All those who are in your life are either not assigned to you or have the same assignment. When Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane, he took his inner circle of Peter, James and John a little further with him before going to pray. Eight stayed around the gate but three went further and were given the assignment to be on watch while Jesus went to pray to the Father. All twelve were assigned as disciples but all twelve wouldn't become apostles. Judas, the betrayer was assigned for a season but when Satan had entered into him, his assignment changed. Jesus didn't abort anything but rather told him to do what he was assigned to do quickly. Every assignment is not the same or with every person but *"we know that all things (assignments) work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose (Rom. 8:28).*

Lastly, the words spoken from the cross give a true understanding of what really is important for a follower of the one who died on the cross. Forgiveness, faith, parental honor are just to name a few. Just like in Numbers where those who were poisoned by the snake bites were healed when they looked upon the brazen serpent that was nailed and lifted up by Moses, we can and will be changed when look at the cross. The poison of sin that comes from the bites of this life can no longer dwell in us. As the hymn writer declared, "I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary, to view the cross where Jesus died for me...."

Allow this Holy Week to be a reflection of one who has denied himself, taken up his cross and followed Jesus.

# What is Easter?

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus is the fulfilled prophecy of the Messiah who would be 53). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to to the New Testament, Easter is three days after the Easter follows a period of fasting called Lent, in which remembrance. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and day period was established by Pope Gregory 1 using the wilderness.

The week leading up to Easter is called The Holy day Jesus entered Jerusalem and was celebrated), his disciples to observe Passover), and Good Friday Easter is a very significant date within Christianity and God, fulfilled prophecy and through his death, has in his death and resurrection.



from the tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. (Isaiah renew daily hope that we have victory over sin. According death of Jesus on the cross.

many churches set aside time for repentance and ends on Good Friday, the day of Jesus' crucifixion. The 40 the 40-day pattern of Israel, Moses, Elijah and Jesus' time in

Week, or "Passion Week", and includes Palm Sunday (the Maundy Thursday (the "Last Supper" where Jesus met with (when Jesus would be crucified on the cross).

is the foundation of the Christian faith. Jesus, the Son of given the gift of eternal life in heaven to those who believe