

- 4/01 Bianca Clawson Richardson, Talisha McArthur
- 4/02 Arayah Baxter
- 4/04 +Betty Sanders, Haruna Opoku
- 4/05 Vivian Breeden
- 4/06 Teresa Todd, Lynette Oliver
- 4/07 Brianna Opoku, +George Leazer, +Horace Blount Sr.
- 4/08 Andrew McCallum, Brefni O'Rourke, Jerry Stephens Jr.
- 4/09 Sherman Thompson Jr., Linda Mitchell
- 4/10 Joanie Underwood, +Mamie Patrick
- 4/13 Senai Baker, +Charles Berry Sr.
- 4/14 Gwen McKiver, Rev. Amy Grant
- 4/15 Kisha Alston, +Gary Kennedy
- 4/16 Isaiah Kennedy, Kyra Matthews, +Albert Baldwin
- 4/17 Catherine McArthur, John Southerland, Lisa Southerland
- 4/18 Janiece Morant, +Hiawatha Berry III, +Greg Matthews
- 4/19 +Ruby Peterson
- 4/20 Stephanie Berry, William Evans Sr., Donnie Stockton
- 4/22 Mishell McKee, Verlie Haynes
- 4/23 Jayden Smith, Tamia Stackhouse, +James Mosby
- 4/24 Vinnes Parnell
- 4/27 Berthel Thompson
- 4/30 Au'Bri Breeden

Upcoming Events

- **April 3rd** – Membership committee zoom meeting at 6pm
- **April 4th** – Youth Virtual Bible study at 7pm via zoom
- **April 17th** – Bereavement Ministry meeting at 6pm in the Fellowship
 - **April 25th – 27th** – Spring Revival at 6pm nightly
- **April 29th & 30th** – Robeson County Baptist Union at Holy Swamp Baptist church at 10am
- ***In person Prayer meeting at 6:30pm and Bible study at 7:00pm every Wednesday night!***

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| Bro. James Dockery | Sis. Betty McNeill | Sis. Alma Dawson |
| Sis. Linda Blackmon | Bro. Tony Bridgett | Bro. Kenneth Jenkins |
| Sis Louise Underwood | Bro. Thomas McKee | |

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Seasoned Saint Spotlight

We Honor Deacon William A. Evans Sr



Deacon William Evans, Sr is the eighth of thirteen children. He was educated in the Lumberton City Schools attending South Lumberton Elementary School from first grade to eighth grade; he attended and graduated from J. Hayswood High School in 1963. After graduation he lived in Manhattan New York for two years and was drafted into the US Army in 1965 where he served for one year and reenlisted in 1967 and served until 1971. He attended Robeson Technical College and received an associate degree in business management in 1973. He later attended Pembroke State University (currently UNC-Pembroke) graduating in 1977 with BA Degree in Business Management. He worked for 29 ½ and retired from Weyerhaeuser Industries (formerly Willamette and Boise Cascade) in 2006. Deacon Evans has been a member of First Baptist Church for over 60 years and has served in many capacities on various choirs, committees, and organizations; this includes the Gus Bullock Men’s Choir, E.B. Turner Chorus, Sanctuary Choir, Music Committee, Finance Committee, Church Anniversary Committee, and Laymen’s League. He has been a deacon of this church since 1973 and continues to be a very active member here at First Baptist. Deacon Evans married Alice Faye ((Smith) Evans on June 17, 1967, and they have four children: Valerie, William, Jr., Elaine, and Veronica (Savage). He is the proud grandfather of five grandchildren: Jessica Wine, DeShauntes Evans, Zachari Graham, Abdullah (AJ) and Aaron Savage, and great grandfather of

A Moment in Black History

April 4, 1968 - At 6:01 p.m. civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was hit by a sniper's bullet. King had been standing on the balcony in front of his room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, when without warning, he was shot.

April 24, 1950 - The United Negro College Fund was founded.

April 6, 1850 - The Olivet Baptist Church (OBC), founded on April 6, 1850, was at one time the largest Protestant church in the world, reaching 20,000 members under the leadership of Pastor Lacey Kirk Williams. It is the second oldest black church in Chicago, Illinois, and the oldest African American Baptist church in the city. Olivet became known early on as a "mother" church of Chicago, since so many Baptist congregations broke off from it over the years.

What Easter means to me!

Easter, the Sunday when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. The date - fixed by a church council in A.D.325 as the Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox - is in March or April.

Easter for me, means family coming together to praise the Lord and recognize Him being raised from the grave, conquering death and sin. His resurrection means the eternal life that is granted to all who believe in Him.

May your heart be filled with the freshness of spring and with the beautiful gift only God can bring!!

Happy Easter! Deaconess JoAnn McDuffie

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 March, you would need to turn it in no later than February 22nd. Thank you and continue to be blessed!

Sincerely,
Kanisha Addison
Executive Secretary

Always Remember

The song that was sung the day I walked down the aisle and surrendered my life to Christ was the chorus of a hymn that is genuinely sung during the Easter season. *"Lest I forget Gethsemane, Lest I forget Thine agony, Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary"*. The focus of the chorus is remembering the sacrifice made by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for you and I. The Apostle Paul reminded the Corinthians of what Jesus said to his disciples at the "Last Supper" when Christ said, *"This cup is the New Testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me"* (1 Corinthians 11:25). This was to keep in remembrance of the sacrifice made for them.

As we enter into this season of Palm Sunday, Passion Week and Easter or Resurrection Sunday, let us not forget that our salvation is rooted and grounded in the events done during this time. The palm branches that were laid on the ground in celebration of entrance of Jesus that many who yelled, 'Hosana, Hosana', would in less than a week yell, 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him'. The betrayal of a disciple and the denial of another seem to put the emphasis of condemnation on them but in reality, the will of the Father was being done.

Jesus knew of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial but didn't allow their decisions to displace his destination of the cross. He understood that they were apart of the Father's plan that would lead to salvation for you and I. **The Father will put people in your lives for the mere purpose to propel you to the next level of ministry.** Our focus is to not allow the decisions of others cause us to forget that God is in control.

As we celebrate our risen Savior, always remember the difference He made for us that we too can make a difference.