

# December Birthdays

12/01 Geneisha McNatt, Arthur McCallum, Lauren Holloway, Angela Brown  
 12/02 Maurice Evans  
 12/03 Marqual Evans, +Ernestine Baldwin  
 12/04 Todd Southerland  
 12/05 Sharon Scott  
 12/06 Adrienne Kennedy  
 12/07 Jermita McNatt, Maya Bennett, John Kennedy  
 12/08 Derek Southerland, +Georgia Turner  
 12/10 Adrianna Thompson, +Mamie Patrick  
 12/12 +Leonard Moore  
 12/13 Jasmine Thompson, William Dudle Jr, Martez Evans, Tony Bridgett, +Journey Kennedy  
 12/14 Aquilla Faust, Jean Bridgett, Billy Love, +Phillip McDougald  
 12/16 Abdul Ellis, Rev. Thomas Southerland  
 12/17 Antonio Morris, Maggie Holly  
 12/18 Jessica Underwood  
 12/19 Bria Berry Holly  
 12/20 George Kennedy, Gerald Mosby, Marlon McNair, Tyreik McCallum  
 12/21 Damorion JooJohnson, Jacquell Hill  
 12/22 Edward Hines  
 12/23 Leann McKiver  
 12/24 Grace Kennedy, +Annie Southerland  
 12/25 +Horace Blount Jr  
 12/26 Clarence Stockton  
 12/28 KaNisha Addison, George Lessane, Zay Ginns  
 12/29 Mary Houston, Montese Davis, +Shirley Blount  
 12/30 Branylyn Mosby,

## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 15th – Church Conference at 6:00pm
- Dec. 20th – Youth Virtual Bible study at 7:00pm via zoom
- Jan. 8th – Installation Sunday

## Contact Information

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-2:00  
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## Sick and Shut In

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. Linda Blackmon	Bro. Tony Bridgett	Bro. Kenneth Jenkins
Sis Louise Underwood		



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## Seasoned Spotlight The Young People's Choir



*“Train up a child in the way he should go  
 and when he is old he will not depart from  
 it.” Proverbs 22:6*

We spotlight the youth of First Baptist church  
 Young Peoples choir under the direction of Tara  
 Ganus. We honor the young people for their hard  
 work and dedication to serving the Lord and  
 doing their missionary work!

Well done young people!!

## A Moment in Black History

**December 5, 1946** - Spingarn Medal presented to Thurgood Marshall, director of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, "for his distinguished service as a lawyer before the Supreme Court.

**December 6, 1975** - Congresswoman Mia Love represents Utah's 4th Congressional District and is the first black Republican woman and the first Haitian American elected to the United States Congress. She is also the first black person elected to Congress in Utah.

## *Jesus Is the Reason for the Season!*

Christmas is celebrated on December 25 and is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. For two millennia, people around the world have been observing it with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis of their religion. Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends and, of course, waiting for Santa Claus to arrive. December 25—Christmas Day—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870.

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!!*

## The Praise of the Angelic Host

*“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, Good will toward men.”*

(Luke 2:13-15)

At the time of the birth of Christ, shepherds were nearby in the fields attending to their flocks when they were bombarded by an angel who announced his birth. Of course, the shepherds were afraid but once the angel gave them all the good news and where the baby was, there came a host of angels, praising God. Can you imagine how the night sky was filled with the angelic host? Can you imagine how the sound was of angels praising?

The gospel writer, Luke shares what they said in their praise.

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men”!

The angels' praise was not only God, but it addressed the earth and those of us living in it. Three things come out of their praise: Glory – Peace – Good Will.

**Glory** is honor and magnificence. What the angels said within the praise was that the highest glory, honor, beauty, and magnificence belongs to God. **Peace** is the freedom from disturbance. Within the angelic praise was that the earth would receive tranquility. Why? Because Jesus who is described as the “Prince of Peace” is now born. **Good will** is what is given to all men who allow Christ into their lives.

Although it would take 33 more years before the baby Jesus would become the perfect sacrifice for mankind, what the angelic host delivered on the night of His birth was a praise that was profound, prophetic, and promising to the world.

