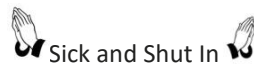


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07/01 Lyfe Love
 07/02 Ariel Page, Toronica Jenkins
 07/03 Georgianna Parnell
 07/04 Jordan Thompson
 07/06 Tony Alston, +Zack McCormick Jr.
 07/08 Victoria Williams
 07/09 Marcia Dunlap
 07/10 Melonee Bennett, Paul Matthews, +Randolph McNair
 07/12 James McDougald
 07/13 Deja Jenkins, +Odessa Williams
 07/14 Marcell McDuffie
 07/15 Jerry Stephens Sr.
 07/16 Taxiuss McNatt, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Matthews, +Carolyn Kyle
 07/18 Jameah McKee
 07/19 Harrison Tisdale
 07/20 Jason McCallum, Tabatha Mitchell
 07/21 Carlton Graham, Jakari Council, Annie Thompson, Tony Robeson
 07/22 Katie Barnhill, +Edward Green
 07/26 Tavon Southerland, Jewel Moody, JaBrae Faulk, Mr. & Mrs. Shaun Southerland, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Howard
 07/27 David Thompson, Kedonya Fletcher
 07/28 Kendrick Mitchell
 07/29 Thomas McKee, +Jamie Gage
 07/30 Marli Bennett, Ellen Ellis
 07/31 Dallys Jenkins

Upcoming Events

- **Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-1:30**
- **Website: www.firstbaptistlumberton.com**
- **Conference Call: 435-777-2200 ID #: 739-3939**
- **Text to give: Text “give” to (910) 407-7393**
 - **Cash App: @fbcilton**



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. Louise Underwood	Sis. Neangela Brown	Sis. Linda Blackmon
Bro. Tony Bridgett	Bro. Herbert Evans	Sis. Katie Barnhill
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Seasoned Saint Spotlight's



Dec. William Evans

Deacon William Evans, Sr. was born on April 20, 1943 to the late James Evans and Mary Lizzie Kirk Evans. He 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.

He 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 Church.

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.

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A Moment in Black History

July 28, 1868 – The 14th amendment, making blacks citizens was passed, 1868.

July 26, 1948 – President Truman issued Executive Order No. 9981 directing equality of treatment and opportunity in the armed forces.

July 01, 1863 – Dutch West Indies abolishes slavery.

Update from the COVID-19 Ministry

The COVID19 Team Ministry continues to update and developer-entry safety guidelines and procedures for in-person worship. **Currently we are in Phase II and the church is operating with a maximum capacity of 75 worshipers. Additionally, you can worship with us via social media: Zoom, Facebook, and dial in telephone.** This plan provides risk protection recommended for large group gatherings to remove as much risk as possible; however, it does not remove all risks as everybody may not be fully vaccinated. These are the directions of the plan: **Masks and 6' social distancing** will be required at all times while on the church property. **Entry:** Please enter the church building by using the side handicap ramp. Upon entering the vestibule, while continuing to maintain social distancing, attendance will be taken, be prepared to have your temperature taken, and answer screening questions. **Hand washing** is essential and there is a wall mounted sanitizer in the vestibule for your convenience. As you enter the sanctuary an offering basket is located on the ushers' table to place your tithes/offerings. While online giving is encouraged, please feel free to take extra envelopes home with you so that you may prepare your envelope prior to coming to church. **Seating:** Please adhere to seating markings and the guidance of the ushers. Families of up to 6 may sit together; otherwise, a maximum of 2 people per pew, sitting at opposite ends of the pew. **No Hymnals and Bibles in the pews.** Monitors will display the scriptures. **Water Fountains: Not in use.** However, the ushers can provide you with a small bottle of water upon request. **Bathrooms:** Adhere to stall signage. **Exit:** After morning worship please exit the sanctuary using the clearly marked exit signs on either side of the pulpit. **We know, for some of us, it has been quite some time since we have seen one another; however, please refrain from handshaking, hugging and kissing, for your protection as well as others.**

Although our Ushers, Nurse's Aides, and Security Team are back for full servant hood, some may have chosen not to return to church at this time. Therefore, there will be need for volunteers. We are asking that anyone who wishes to assist/serve on any of these Ministries please contact Sister Lois Baker, COVID 19 Team Ministry at (910-674-3109) or Sister Kanisha Addison, Church Secretary(910-739-3939) and leave your name and contact information.

This has been a challenging time in the life of the church, and we ask for your continued prayers for the COVID19 Team Ministry and for one another.

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Necessary Change (Part 1) – Forgetting the Past

Remember ye not the former things, Neither consider the things of old. Behold I will do a new thing; Now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will make even a way in the wilderness, And rivers in the desert. (Isa. 43:18-19)

One thing that is always constant that we may either embrace or reject is change. A baby develops to a child, then a teenager, then a young adult, then an adult and then a senior adult. The athlete that was dominant in their sport during their prime has to recognize that change is evitable. We have experienced having just the telephone landline change to wireless smartphones that allow us to call, text and even facetime. Many other products that we once use have changed to improve our living.

When the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah to Israel, He tells Israel to not remember or to forget the former things. **Remember** in this passage, means to recall with a mindset to respond. In other words, relive it. Just like the thief who hung on the cross beside Jesus made the request for Jesus to remember him; it was a request to be brought back. Jesus granted his request by saying, "Today you will be with me in paradise". In Isaiah, the Lord didn't want Israel to relive the time they were under his punishment, neither did He want them to relive the deliverance that He had did for them.

We should never forget what the Lord has done for us however our remembrance should not be so that we cling to those former things, not having any room for anything new. We have such a vast history of First Baptist Church: two churches coming together to become one; great men and women who made an impact in our community and a pastor who made an impression both within the church and community and had a great influence in the state of North Carolina. We will always remember these and much more but if we desire just to relive those days, we miss what new things the Lord has in store for us.

Every good and not so good thing in our past was for a reason and a season. Who we were before accepting Christ as Lord and Savior was for a time and purpose. Paul says, *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Cor. 5:17).* We remember who we use to be but we don't try to relive it because the old things are passed

away

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 kanishaaddiosn@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 July, you would need to turn it in no later than June 30th. Thank you and continue to be blessed!

Sincerely,
Kanisha Addison
Executive Secretary
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