

May Birthdays

- 05/01 Jeremiah Blount
- 05/04 London Dunlap, Leigh Crowder
- 05/05 Audrianna Morrison, Charles Berry Jr., Fredrick Gwyn, Dean Thompson Jr., Lessie Ware, +John Thompson
- 05/06 Mary Ann Stephens
- 05/08 Cameron Dammons, Destine Alford, +Mary Caple, +Carl McDougald
- 05/09 Glenn Coleman, Xzavier Ginns
- 05/12 Selena McDougald
- 05/13 Deloris Jennings, True Faulk
- 05/15 +Beulah Woods
- 05/16 +Hiawatha Berry Sr.
- 05/17 Layla Regan, +Charles McDonald, +Don McEachern
- 05/18 Diane McNair, Sabriya Cruz, Phillip Regan, Benjamin Harris, Chenadra Floyd
- 05/20 Bryan Southerland, Tiffany McMillan, Sharon Walker
- 05/21 Dean Thompson, Rolinda Little, Damita Stephens, +Hattie McDonald
- 05/22 Michael Campbell, Cathy McKinley
- 05/23 Ayanna McNatt, +Linda McKee
- 05/24 Christe O'Rourke, Dr. Thomas Southerland, +Vinnis Parnell
- 05/25 +Laddie Evans, Jaronta Bullard
- 05/26 Rosalind Dockery
- 05/27 Richard Thompson, David Thompson
- 05/29 Angelica Tisdale, Nikki Johnson
- 05/30 Tyra Holman, Sammy Morrison

Upcoming Events

- **May 12th** – Church Conference @6:30
- **May 8th & 9th** – Leadership Conference 6:30pm nightly
- **May 30th** – Memorial Day – Elizabeth Heights cemetery @12pm

Contact Information

- **Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-2:00**
- **Website: www.firstbaptistlumberton.com**
- **Conference Call: 435-777-2200 ID #: 739-3939**



Sick and Shut In

Sis. Lela Crawford
Bro. Joe Hall
Bro. James Dockery
Sis. Linda Blackmon

Sis. Melissa Stephens
Sis. Laura Cade
Sis. Betty McNeill
Bro. Tony Bridgett

Bro. Willie Hall
Sis. Shirley Blount
Sis. Alma Dawson

May Newsletter



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Seasoned Spotlight



Rev. Amy Grant

Reverend Amy Lee Goodman Grant was born April 14, 1941 to Evangelist Moses Goodman and Christine Allen Goodman in Fairmont NC. She graduated from Rosenwald High School in 1959 and moved to New York City immediately after her graduation. Reverend Grant, honoring her Christian roots quickly joined and became an active member of Lowly Nazarine Baptist Church located in the Bronx NY. She was a member of the choir, the missionary board and in 1983 presented her first sermon and was licensed as a Minister. Reverend Grant lived in New York until 1985. She moved to Winton North Carolina and later to Hampton, Virginia, where she was ordained as a Reverend at First Baptist Church East End in Newport News Virginia. Reverend Grant lived in Hampton before returning home to Lumberton, North Carolina in 2010. She joined First Baptist Church in 2012 and currently serves as an Associate Pastor, a Sunday School Teacher, a member of the missionary board, and the Women's Auxiliary.

Reverend Grant is the proud mother of three daughters, Chandler Goodman, Valerie Comrie, and Teresa Grant. She has 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She was married to Ronnie Lee Vann, the father of her daughters who passed in 1984 and to Roy Lee Grant who passed away in 2002.

A Moment in Black History

May 10, 1994 – Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was inaugurated as the first democratically elected State President of South Africa.

May 22, 1966 - Bill Cosby becomes the first African American to receive an Emmy for best actor in a dramatic series, for his role in I Spy

May 31, 1881- Booker T. Washington was recommended by General Armstrong for the principalship of the newly planned Tuskegee Institute.



HOW MOTHER'S DAY ORIGINATED



Mother's Day, holiday in honour of mothers that is celebrated in countries throughout the world. In its modern form the holiday originated in the United States, where it is observed on the second Sunday in May. Many other countries also celebrate the holiday on this date, while some mark the observance at other times of the year. During the Middle Ages the custom developed of allowing those who had moved away to visit their home parishes and their mothers on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. This became Mothering Sunday in Britain, where it continued into modern times, although it has largely been replaced by Mother's Day. Mother's Day is celebrated on Sunday, May 8, 2022.

Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, whose mother had organized women's groups to promote friendship and health, originated Mother's Day. On May 12, 1907, she held a memorial service at her late mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia. Within five years virtually every state was observing the day, and in 1914 U.S. Pres. Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday. Although Jarvis had promoted the wearing of a white carnation as a tribute to one's mother, the custom developed of wearing a red or pink carnation to represent a living mother or a white carnation for a mother who was deceased. Over time the day was expanded to include others, such as grandmothers and aunts, who played mothering roles. What had originally been primarily a day of honour became associated with the sending of cards and the giving of gifts, however, and, in protest against its commercialization, Jarvis spent the last years of her life trying to abolish the holiday she had brought into being.

Giving Information

- Text to give: Text "give" to (910) 407-7393
- Cash App: @fbc1ton

Celebrating Mothers

The saying "April showers bring May Flowers" is so appropriate for the month of May as we celebrate Mothers. Mothers are the flowers in our garden of life that exemplify beauty, strength and honor.

Whether you are a man or woman, you have been impacted by a mother or "mother figure". They carried us before we came into this world and most were the primary nurturer and our first teacher. The mother figures may have not had children biologically yet they provided many invaluable gifts through their services as aunts, teachers in church and school and throughout the community.

On Mother's Day, we take time to honor mothers living and those who have been called home. The Scriptures show that even at the cross, Jesus was concern about the care of his mother and the Apostle Paul credits Timothy's mother, Eunice for instilling in him faith in God.

I thank God for Ruth Elizabeth Matthews being the greatest mother to me and I celebrate my wife, Carla Evonne Matthews and all mothers, living and deceased for the love and service you have provided for your children and those God put in your life.



Coming Soon...



100th Church Anniversary/Homecoming
August 5-7, 2022