

October Birthdays

- 10/1 Chanel Carter
- 10/2 Knox Thompson
- 10/3 Shaunta Johnson, Teral McNair
- 10/5 Lydia Moore, Elisha Little Jr.
- 10/7 Audra Williams
- 10/9 Margaret Lessane, James Dockery Sr., Carol McDougald
- 10/10 Sylvester Pruitt, Wendy Tyndall, Mr&Mrs. T.C. Southerland
- 10/11 Sharon Southerland
- 10/12 Lula Fletcher, +Mildred George
- 10/14 Linda Southerland, Jessica Wine, Jonathan Kennedy, Nyla McEachern
- 10/15 +Anthony Berry
- 10/17 Gwen Thompson, Christine Berry, Judy Shelby, Stephanie Pipkins
- 10/18 Patrick Sinclair, Alice Melvin, Anthony Thompson, +Edna Walters
- 10/19 Jessica McEachern, Ciera McEachern
- 10/20 Mr&Mrs. Marcus Leazer
- 10/21 Roland Little, +Lisa Fenner
- 10/22 Tommy Holt, Wanda Dockery
- 10/23 Dezeborah Evans, Jordan Scott
- 10/24 Daejon Crowder, +Henry Blount
- 10/25 Ian Thompson, +John Leazer, +Mary Evans
- 10/26 Wanda Odummo, +Mary McRae
- 10/27 Sadie Graham, Jeff Holman, Mr&Mrs. Craig Southerland
- 10/28 Cornell Underwood, Mr&Mrs. Robert Williams
- 10/30 Jamilia Flowers, Ethan Brown
- 10/31 Gloria Melvin, Abijah Southerland, Mr&Mrs. Charlie McCall

- October is Pastor Appreciation we ask that you show our pastor how much we appreciate him all month! We will celebrate our Pastor on Sunday Oct. 11, 2020 as a whole.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday Oct. 18th.
- 2020 has been unpredictable, so don't wait to make sure your voice is heard!!

**Early Voting starts
Oct. 15, 2020- Oct. 31, 2020**



Annual Women's Day Celebration
Sunday Sept. 27, 2020

Sick and Shut In

- Sis. Lela Crawford
- Bro. Joe Hall
- Sis. Lula McNeill
- Sis. Betty McNeill
- Sis. Neangela Brown
- Sis. Alma Dawson
- Sis. Mildred Davis

- Sis. Melissa Stephens
- Sis. Laura Cade
- Sis. Hazel Hall
- Sis. Alma Dawson
- Sis. Linda Blackmon
- Bro. Clarence Odum
- Bro. Tony Bridgett

- Bro. Willie Hall
- Sis. Shirley Blount
- Bro. James Dockery
- Sis. Louise Underwood
- Rev. Arthur Foy
- Sis. Treva Thompson

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Season Saint Spotlight Mr. & Mrs. James Dockery



Trustee Emeritus James "Billy" Dockery, and Sis. Dorothy Dockery are lifelong, dedicated servants of First Baptist Church. Their love and support for this church is tireless. They both give God praise through fervent praying, singing and working for the upbuilding of the Kingdom.

Born the identical twin of Rev. John "Bobby" Dockery, Mr. Billy is a proud graduate of the infamous JH Hayswood High School. As a young man he displayed his artistic ability through woodwork and created many masterpieces. He was also an avid gardener and to this day, Mr. Dockery is a book of knowledge on flowers, vegetables, and landscaping. Enjoying a long and productive life, his work resume "include: RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company, Lumberton Ice & Coal Plant, and WAGR Radio Station with DJ Triplett, where he developed his love for many genres of music. Mr. Dockery also worked for Southeastern Regional Medical Center over 35 years before retiring. He was affectionately known as "Papa Smurf". There, he received many accolades for his faithful and dedicated service. Many times he would stay overnight during snow, hurricanes, and other inclement weather. We are sure that the Hospital Gift Shop profited greatly from Papa Smurf, because it was his go-to place to shop for all occasional family gifts.

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A Moment in Black History

In 1965, the Voting Rights Act directed Attorney General to enforce the right to vote for African Americans

October 9, 1984 – W. Wilson Goode becomes the 1st mayor of Philadelphia

October 2, 1967 – Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993) was sworn in as the first African American associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He served until 1991 and was known for opposing discrimination and the death penalty, and for championing free speech and civil liberties

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As an active member of First Baptist Church, Mr. Billy enjoyed being a Scoutmaster, Trustee, and a member of the Gus Bullock Men's Chorus. His love for music led him to Quartet singing, and eventually becoming the manager of the Starlites, a local gospel singing group. Trustee Emeritus Dockery was recognized by the Family and Friends Ministry for Many Years of Dedicated Service to First Baptist Church. As an 88 year-old Octogenarian, Mr. Dockery is a Master Storyteller, with a mind like a steel trap. He continues to entertain his family and friends through singing. His signature song is, "God is Able".

Sis. Dorothy Dockery was educated in Columbus and Robeson Counties. Her employment includes the Carlton Motel, Jones Factory, Temptation Hosiery, Gerber Children's Wear, and Kash & Karry Cafe. There, Mrs. Dockery did what she loved most, cooking and feeding the community. The Lumberton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, recognized Mrs. Dockery for her Dedication, and Commitment in Community Outreach Services for the Citizens of Lumberton and Robeson County. She is also the recipient of the Zeta Phi Beta Community Pearl for Outstanding Humanitarian Service Indicative of the Founders. She is president of the Mothers Club, former Trustee Wife of the Year, and mother of the Young People's Choir, member of the Senior Missionary Department, Pastor's Aid Ministry, and the Sanctuary Choir. Her favorite song is "This Morning When I Rose". Still "Mrs. Independent" at 84, Mrs. Dorothy cooks daily, and is quite capable of taking care of her everyday needs.

Mr. and Mrs. Dockery were both recognized on their 80th birthdays, with a Proclamation from the City of Lumberton by Mayor Raymond B. Pennington, and Mayor Bruce W. Davis, respectively. Being married over 65 years, God has blessed them with a legacy of four amazing children, three children-in-law, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Their motto for life is: "If I can help somebody..."

Bedroom Blessings:

I bless you doorway to every bedroom as the gate of security of this room

Bed, I bless you with serenity and peace

I bless you as a place of dreams and the Presence of our God

I bless you with the blessings of rest and refreshment

I bless you bed, as a gentle invitation to slumber and sleep, to regenerate

Bedroom, I bless you with quietness

I bless you to be a haven that angels watch over

I bless you as a private place, leaving all the cares of the day at the gate

I bless you as the place where we awake, fresh and alive to begin each day

I bless you as a place of beauty

I do this blessing in the Name of Jesus, Who neither slumbers nor sleeps

But gives to us, as His beloved even in our sleep.



AMEN

Susie Scales Floral Club Ministry

Pastor Paul Matthews, All Floral club members, and the entire FBC family:

First, thank you for your prayers and concerns of Rev. Foy. He is currently resting at home. To those of you who prepared, some came by with the most delicious dishes of home cooked foods. The Susie Scale Floral club ministry will NOT plan or organize our regular inside the church anniversary celebration. The reschedule date will be given at a later time.

Let us continue to lift each other in prayer, and to encourage one another as we move forward charting territories. We are not in charge, but God Is.

In Faith, Love and Prayer

Shelby Foy, President SSFCM



First Baptist Church
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
By Sandra Cassidy



Hello Ladies and Gentlemen: As you are aware this is the month of October. We thank God and we welcome the fall season, with its crisp mornings. We are forever grateful for the colorful fall colors. We are delighted and blessed to see October.

Let us increase our awareness because it is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Yes that's right ladies and gentlemen this is the month that we increase our awareness of Breast Cancer.

As a breast cancer survivor, I want to encourage all of us to continue supporting breast cancer awareness and being aware of the importance of mammogram screenings, and breast exams.

Although Covid-19 has been at the fore front in our minds, let's not forget the challenges that breast cancer patients have to endure.

Galatians 6:2 instructs us to bear one another's burdens, In essence bring about some form of relief or comfort to someone else's challenging situation. It doesn't mean to take cancer on itself, but by prayer and supplication, you can help ease the minds of those suffering with it. Sometimes by doing this you have supported some of the weight for that moment in time. I guess what I'm saying is that **SOMEBODY PRAYED FOR ME HAD ME ON THEIR MIND; TOOK THE TIME TO PRAY FOR ME! I'M SO GLAD THEY PRAYED, I SO GLAD THEY PRAYED, I'M SO GLAD THEY PRAYED FOR ME!**

So when we are in our prayer closets or in our prayer times let's just take the time to pray for anyone, and everyone, who may or may not be suffering with breast cancer or any other type of cancer. Amen.

God is a healer and we as his children can bombard heaven with our prayers. I am confident of this one thing, the prayers of the righteous availeth much!

A- Always be alert to what your body tells you!

W- Watch as well as pray. Look for any unusual things in your breast!

A- Allow your family and friends to be supportive.

R- Respect yourself and others. Trust God!

E- Exams are very important. Mammograms and self-exams.

N- Never give up hope or keep it all locked in!

E- Express concerns to your doctor.

S- Seek the Lord to gain inner peace. You are not ALONE!

S- Serve as a reminder to other women, that God can, and God will heal you.

Keep the faith! Breast Cancer in its earliest detection can be cured. I'm a living witness!

From January 2012- October 2020, I'm cancer free. **Halleluiah** Thank you Lord!

Be Encourage my sisters and brothers! **God is still in the healing business.**

Thank you for your time. May God continue to bless you and may heaven shine upon you!

“We Must Vote Like We’ve Never Voted Before”

Sis Priscilla Leazer

As stated above by the late venerable Congressman John R. Lewis, we must vote like we’ve never, ever voted before. This election is the most important one we’ve experienced in the last several decades. To quote John R. Lewis, “The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in democracy.” People have bled and died for this privilege and it is our responsibility to us and our community to exercise our right to vote. There has been a continual effort to suppress the minority vote. This election is extremely important for many reasons; Social Justice, Police brutality, an out of control pandemic, climate change, and other important issues. We should study the candidates’ record so we will know what they stand for. Above all thing we must vote so we can be represented. If we do not vote, we will not have anyone to represent us, to speak for us, or to protect our rights, our interest and our livelihood. If we are not at the table where decisions are made then we are left out of the equation. History dictates that we must vote. After the Civil War, the 15th Amendment of 1870 gave citizens (men) the rights to vote regardless of race, color, or previous servitude, however due to the Jim Crow laws and the Black Codes the Black man was not allowed to vote. Later the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote was ratified on August 18, 1920, 100 years ago. However Black women were prevented from voting because of obstacles like poll taxes, literacy test and other discriminatory practices. Therefore neither black men nor black women were given the freedom to vote until the voting Right Act of 1965. This act was signed into Law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on August 6, 1965. President Johnson was prompted to sign this legislation after, “Bloody Sunday”, where police met peaceful marchers on the Edmund Pettus Bridge with billy clubs, tear gas and whips in Selma, Alabama. The Voting Right Bill was passed in the U.S. Senate by a 77 to 19 vote on May 26, 1965. The House of Representative passed the bill by a 333 to 85 vote on July 9, 1965. The Voting Right Act is considered to be one of the most far-reaching pieces of Civil Rights Legislation in U.S. History. The Voting Right Act has to be reapproved periodically. This legislation is sitting on the desk of the Majority Leader, Mitchell McConnell Jr., waiting for the necessary action to be passed. This legislation must be passed in order for us to continue to have the right to vote.

We need to vote for all elections, local, state and national, not just the Presidential elections. Most of the laws and rules that impact our lives directly are made on the local and state levels. Therefore we must vote all the way down the ticket. This will give us people on all levels to support our interest and who will be able to help the President of our choice accomplish his or her agenda. Do you remember how President Barack Obama had such a struggle to get laws passed due to a lack of support in Congress? First Lady Michelle Obama said if we had voted in the mid-term election, President Obama would have more support and would have been able to pass more legislation.

We need to understand the election process. The popular votes do not always determine who the winner will be. The Electoral College has 538 votes. The winner must get more than ½ of these votes which is at least 270 votes. In the Electoral College each state gets 2 votes for its two U.S. Senators and one more additional vote for each member it has in the House of Representatives. The number of members in the House is based on the population of the state. The candidate who gets the most popular votes in a state gets all of the Electoral College votes for that state. This is one of the many reasons we need to be counted in the U.S. Census. A clear example of why our vote count so much can be seen in the result of the last presidential election. While Senator Hillary Clinton won the most popular votes nationwide, President Trump won the election because he had the most Electoral College votes due the states he won. (Trump won N.C. by 173,000 votes but 233,000 Black people in Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro and Durham did not vote). The need to vote in this election just became more critical due to the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (9/18/2020). It is believed that certain important laws such as; Roe vs. Wade, Voting Rights, ObamaCare, Women Rights and LBGTQ will be challenged.

Important Dates and Facts

- Robeson County Board of Elections – (910) 671-3080
- Regular Voter Registration Deadline is October 9th
- Mail in votes should be done early enough to be received by Election Day, Nov. 3rd
- Voters may do same day registration at any One Stop Early Voting Site in their county from Thursday, October 15th until October 31st.
- Election Day is November 3rd from 6:30am to 7:30 pm. If you are in line at 7:30 pm, you will still be allowed to vote.
- Felony convictions do not prevent one from voting. If you have completed all of the terms of your sentence (including parole, probation and restitution), you are allowed to register to vote in N.C. To make the process easier you may want to ask for your certificate of restoration of forfeiture right of citizenship form for your releasing officer.
(N.C. Sen.Stat.13-1)

Please develop your plan for voting now with the idea of encouraging and helping others. Let's make a difference. Let's vote like we've never, ever voted before. The right to vote is the greatest right we have other than the "Right to the tree of life" Revelation 22:14



Which Party Is Jesus With?

By Pastor Paul G. Matthews



In this political season, it seems to be turning into a very volatile election. The country will decide on whether to continue with our current head of state or possibly change. Political party lines have been drawn causing divisions within our country, state, county, city and even the community of faith. The question arises, “What political party would Jesus be a part of?” To answer this question, we must look at both political parties. Both Democrat and Republican parties have issues and agendas that have a biblical perspective but also have contradictory values. Both parties have churches and faith leaders promoting that God is with them yet many of the parties’ leaders and candidates show no sign of God in policies or lifestyles. We can find clarity of this question in the prophecy of Isaiah.

In the 9th chapter of Isaiah, the prophet gives the nation hope in the midst of spiritual darkness. There would be a time of judgment where Zebulon and Naphtali would fall to the Assyrian empire. The nation would feel the gloom but the Isaiah gives hope. Isaiah 9:6a declares, “*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder...*” Many believed that

Isaiah spoke of someone of David’s Lineage that would bring deliverance but didn’t understand that Jesus, referred as the Son of David, would be the Deliverer. *The government being on his shoulder* basically means that Jesus would have the authority. In other words, instead of being a part of a particular party, Jesus would be the authority that all parties and government would be upon His shoulder. So instead of being loyal to a party with our vote, let’s vote with a loyalty to He who is called Wonderful Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace(Isa. 9:6b).