

A Moment in Black History

May 2, 1920- First game of the National Negro Baseball League is played in Indianapolis.

May 12th, 2015 - Harriet Tubman was an amazing woman: she escaped slavery, freed hundreds of others, and even worked as a spy in the Civil War. Now she's going to grace the front of the twenty-dollar bill.

May 31, 1955- Supreme Court ordered school integration "with all deliberate speed."

May as Mental Health Awareness Month

1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year



1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year

1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year



You are not alone. Millions of people are impacted by mental health each year.

For 24/7 assistance, call the Suicide Crisis Lifeline at 9-8-8



For local resources, scan the QR code to visit the Office of Behavioral Health And Substance Abuse's website.

Mother's Day is celebrated every year on the second Sunday of May.

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and positive contributions to their families and society. It was established by Anna Jarvis, with the first official Mother's Day celebrated through a service of worship at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908. Popular observances include holiday card and gift giving, churchgoing often accompanied by the distribution of carnations, and family dinners.



Join us May 12, 2024 for our Mother's Day Service with Guest Speaker Rev. Patricia Monroe

The Power of Motherhood

In the current climate that we live in where controversy, drama and negativity are the norm, God blesses women to play a vital and pivotal role in transforming lives. He gives many the role and responsibility of motherhood.

Motherhood is a position and place that shows beauty, strength and honor. Whether you are a man, woman, boy or girl, you have been impacted by a mother or a "mother figure". They carried us before we came into this world and most were the primary nurturer and our first teacher. They gave us examples, prayerfully godly ones to live by. Generally, how we interact in life is a result of the impact of mothers. The Apostle Paul credited Timothy's mother, Eunice for instilling in him the faith in God.

"Mother figures" are the women who may have not given birth to us but have been instrumental for being another source of nurturing and strength. Some may not have ever given birth but have provided many invaluable gifts through their service as aunts, mothers in the church, teachers and administration in school and great women throughout the community.

On Mother's Day, we take the time to honor mothers living and those who have been called home. The Scriptures even show that at the cross, Jesus was concerned about the care of his mother. Proverbs 31:31 NLT declares "Reward her for all she has done, Let her deeds publicly declare her praise".

I am thankful to God for Ruth Elizabeth Matthews being the greatest mother to me and the numerous "mother figures" in First Baptist who impacted my life. I also celebrate my wife, Carla Evonne Matthews for being a great mother to our two daughters. I celebrate all the mothers, living and deceased for the love and service you have provided for your children and those God has put in your life.

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

Sincerely,
Kanisha Addison Executive Secretary
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May Birthdays

5/01	Jeremiah Blount
5/03	+Norma Leake
5/05	Audrianna Morrison
5/08	Cameron Dammons
5/13	Deloris Jennings, True Faulk
5/15	+Beulah Woods
5/18	Benjamin Harris, Dianne McNair
5/19	Ado Kimpala
5/20	Sharon Walker, Tiffany McMillan
5/21	Deon Thompson
5/22	Cathy McKinley
5/23	Ayanna McNatt
5/25	+Laddie Evans
5/27	David Thompson
5/30	Sammy Morrison

Upcoming Events

- **May 12th** – Mother’s Day Worship,
Guest Speaker Rev. Patricia Monroe.
All women are asked to give \$50
- **May 18th** – First Baptist Homes Community Day at 10am
- **May 19th** – Initial Sermon of Krystal Melvin at 4pm
- **May 23rd** – Leadership Meeting at 7pm
- **May 27th** – Memorial Day at Elizabeth Heights Cemetery at 12noon. All donations can be giving to Dec. Roland Little
In person Prayer meeting at 3:00pm and Bible study at 3:30pm every Wednesday! Virtual Bible Study at 6:00pm

Contact Information

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm
Website: www.firstbaptistlumberton.com
Text to give: Text “give” to (910) 407-7393 - Cash App: @fbc1ton



Bro. Willie Hall Bro. Joe Hall Bro. Tony Bridgett Sis. Laura Cade
Sis. Shirley Blount Sis. Alma Dawson Sis. Linda Blackmon
Sis Louise Underwood Sis. Carl McDougald Sis. Ann McCormick
Sis. Judy McCormick Shelby Sis. Gennifer Howard

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Seasoned Saint 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.

