

Aug. Birthdays

08/04 Dillion Kennedy, Paige McCallum, +Minne McColl
 08/05 +Dorothy Bridgett
 08/08 Ursula Moody, +Catherine Walker
 08/09 +Viola Southerland
 08/10 Juan McNair, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony McDuffie, +James McNair
 08/11 Jordan Ginns, Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon Southerland, +Charles Haynes
 08/12 King Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Barrington Dockery
 08/13 Anesha McCormick, Neangela Brown, +Ann Tisdale
 08/14 Persia Morris, Trevon Mizzelee
 08/15 +John Leazer
 08/16 +Nellie Blount
 08/17 +Mildred Davis
 08/18 Aziya Brunson, Mr. & Mrs. Daryl McKiver
 08/19 Evon Southerland, Jesse Scott II, Harold Campbell
 08/21 JaNijah Coleman, Yasmine McKiver, Markus Mosby
 08/23 Blaine Goodwin
 08/26 Gerald McNatt, Alice Kennedy
 08/27 Anthony Mosby, +Joseph Campbell
 08/28 JoAnn McDuffie, Tamira Breedon, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Southerland, Mr. & Mrs. Roland Little
 08/29 Earl Melvin
 08/31 Ricki Faust

Upcoming Events

- **August 8th - First Baptist Church 99th Church Homecoming**
 - **August 5th – 1st Bereavement Class**
 - **August 22nd – Pastor’s Anniversary**
 - **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: @fbclton**



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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First Baptist 99th Homecoming Greetings from your Chairperson



God has allowed us to come together to celebrate our 99th Church Anniversary/Homecoming. What a great God we serve. We have come to honor, praise and worship Him for He is worthy to be praised. We thank God for the memories of our loved ones who paved the way and helped establish the foundation of the church. So let us continue to *March on to Zion* connecting with His Spirit, to show others His love, His compassion and His mercy. May God continue to bless you and keep you thru out this year and for years to come.

Love, Sis. Edna McMillan

A Moment in Black History

August 28, 1963 – I Have A Dream. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his I Have A Dream speech at the Lincoln memorial, 1963.

August 22, 1844 – Blacks declares segregation a violation. A mass meeting of blacks in Boston adopted a resolution declaring that segregated public schools in that city violated the State constitution. Their request was denied.

August 22, 1996 – President Bill Clinton signed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act which ushered in the most sweeping changes in the welfare system since its adoption as part of the Social Security Act of 1935.

Reflection of First Baptist Church in it's earlier years!



Ministry Matters

The Duties of Ministry (Part 1)

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;
- 2 Corinthians 4:1

The Lord has laid on my heart the need to put action to what we say and believe. I want to use section of the newsletter to encourage you. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens and enables us.

Amid the many challenges of the effects of this global pandemic, Jesus declared “... upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). The church is and will always be relevant in times like these, and ministry matters. Whether it is local and community-oriented or statewide or nationwide or global, we are still charged to serve this present age.

Paul reminds the Corinthian church that they had received this ministry just like mercy. Both mercy and this ministry comes from the Lord, so where ever God places vision, He also gives provision. Just as the mercy the Lord provides for us is essential, so is this ministry, He entrusts with us. The fact that Paul says that we faint not or don't lose heart suggests that doing ministry can be overwhelming and like some who attempted in their own strength, fell to the waste side.

We are **committed to serving others with love**, by remembering to always place God first over everything. Jesus instructed us to “...seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness:”. We continue to look for ways to improve this ministry so that we may be relatable for this current dispensation. We must make sure that everything is done to the glory of God and that there is excellency, not excuses.

This ministry encompasses our spiritual family of First Baptist, including our many brothers and sisters who are about our Father's business. Ministry is 24/7, not only on Sundays with the belief that if we lift the Savior up in all things, He would draw all men unto Him.

Let's have a compassion and concern for others that mirrors Jesus because **Ministry Matters**.

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 kanishaaddios@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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Get to Know Dec. James McMillan

Dec. James Willie McMillan is the youngest of four, born to Dec. J.C. and Mary McMillan. You may know Dec. McMillan as a quiet, easy going, friendly guy, but here are a few more interesting facts about him.

- He has vivid memories of Hurricane Hazel at the age of 4. The most intense Hurricane of that year.
- Young James joined First Baptist Church at an early age and served as a Junior Deacon and as a Youth Choir Member.
- He graduated from Lumberton Junior Senior High in 1967.
- He has been an active member of FBC for over 50 years, serving as a Deacon and Chairman of the Trustee Ministry.
- He tied the knot with the love of his life, Deaconess Edna McMillan, 42 years ago in June of 1979
- He has 3 amazing daughters who he loves dearly.
- Two of his favorite pastimes are gardening and fishing
- He entered into the US Army at the age of 17 and served in Korea, eventually retiring from the NC National Guard with the rank of Sergeant First Class.
- In 1980, at the age of 30 he obtained his Unlimited Electrical Contractor's License. Eventually opening his own business where he believed in serving his community by mentoring and training young men to be professional electricians.
- Daring James also held a Pilot's License for small craft airplanes. Yes, he has flown a plane!!
- Dec. McMillan's favorite scripture is John 3:16

From the adult Sunday School Class

Superintendent: Rev. Sandra Cassidy

Teacher: Deacon King Evans

Student: Sis. Priscilla Leazer

Assignment from the Applications for Activation

Directions; Read Psalm 100: 4-5, make up a prayer, song, poem, praise dance or something creative based on these verses and the lesson.

Poem By Sis. Priscilla Leazer

God forgive me when I whine,
you told me the world is mine;
when loneliness and pain start to rise,
I will enter into his courts with praise.
When my patience starts to wane,
help me be thankful and praise his name.
If I start feeling like it's the end of our nation,
Help me remember that his truth endurerth to all generations.

Thank you vey much.