

- 9/01 Torrence Williams
- 9/02 Tommy Green
- 9/03 Noffie Salters
- 9/05 Christopher Howard
- 9/06 Shaun Southerland, +Ben Evans
- 9/07 +A. C. Faulk
- 9/08 Angelique Troy, +Linda Brown, +Lucille Watson, +Stanley Faulk
- 9/09 Kadeem Evans
- 9/10 Carla Carter
- 9/11 Lauren Little, Raymond Carter
- 9/12 Tristen Longchallon
- 9/15 +LaRhonda Brown
- 9/17 Tara Holloway
- 9/20 Leslie McKee
- 9/21 Jayden McLaurin
- 9/24 +Evelyn Easton
- 9/25 Joyden Kimpala, Timeka Southerland, William Southerland
- 9/26 Lori Glenn, Devonte Stackhouse
- 9/27 Nola Southerland, Jaquay McCallum, +Christopher Brown
- 9/28 Hamer McColl, +Tamara Brown
- 9/29 Carla Matthews, Davante Williams, Eric Southerland, +Verlene McDougald
- 9/30 Junious Gilchrist

Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 4th** – Labor Day, Church office will be closed
- **Sept. 8th** – Pastor & Choir will render service at Pentecostal Church at 7pm
 - **Sept. 10th** – Deacon Ordination at 3pm
 - **Sept. 21st** – Church Conference at 6pm in the Chapel
- **In person Prayer meeting at 6:30pm and Bible study at 7:00pm every Wednesday night!**

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- Sis. Lela Crawford Bro. Willie Hall Bro. Joe Hall
 Bro. Tony Bridgett Sis. Laura Cade Sis. Shirley Blount
 Bro. James Dockery Sis. Alma Dawson Sis. Linda Blackmon
 Sis Louise Underwood Bro. Thomas McKee Sis. Ann McCormick
 Sis. Judy Hines Sis. Stethane Pipkins Bro. Cameron Dammons

September Newsletter

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Seasoned Saint Spotlight Deacon Roland Little



Mr. Roland Little is the second son born to the late Elisha Sr and Minnie Little. Roland graduated from Lumberton Senior High School and upon graduation he enlisted in The United States Army, where he served amongst many thrill seeking base jumpers. While serving in the military for many years Roland toured several countries on special missions and obtained his Bachelor's degree in Biology. Roland graduated from Pembroke State, now known as the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. One of Roland's best qualities is that he is seeking personal development skills while doing his duties. Roland has been a member of First Baptist Church of Lumberton for 40+ years. He diligently serves as deacon, a faithful usher, and integris man of the church. Roland enjoys tinkering with his hands, experimenting with herbs and spices, and beating to his own drum. Deacon Roland is a proud and gitty "girl dad" to his daughters Rolinda and Lauren. If you have an issue Deacon Roland will say either of these two phrases "I'll take look at it after while" or "we've got to get to it then."

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A Moment in Black History

Sept. 12, 1947 - First Black baseball player in the major leagues, Jackie Robinson, named National League Rookie of the Year, 1947.

Sept. 17, 1973 - Illinois becomes the first state to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a holiday.

Sept. 22, 1961 - Interstate Commerce Commission issued regulation prohibiting segregation on interstate buses and in terminal facilities.

101st Church Anniversary/Homecoming 2023 "Through It All, God Has Been Good !"



Coming Soon...

2023 Family & Friends Day

October 8, 2023

Sunday School 9am

Morning Worship 10am

Focusing on Prayer

"Pray without ceasing." - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

The month of September is the 9th month of the year but I consider it the start of another year of the relationship with First Baptist Church and I as pastor. You often hear in the closing of the robocalls you get from me saying, *"Let's continue to lift each other up...."*. This lifting up is focused on praying for one another. We can remember the song of the church, *"Somebody prayed for me; had me on their mind; took the time and prayed for me. I'm so glad they prayed for me"*.

As the seasons change in our life, like the actual seasons change, praying may become difficult. Distractions, deceptions, disappointments can cloud our lives and we need assistance. Here are a couple things that I discovered in an article from Chuck Lawless that may help us breakthrough a time when praying is challenging.

1. **Ask someone else to pray *with you* daily.** Enlist that person, and then ask him or her to lead the prayer on your behalf. Praying with someone is a step in the right direction, and you don't have to be the one verbalizing the prayer.
2. **Start *somewhere*; do *something*.** Even if you pray a one-sentence prayer during the day, that's better than not praying at all. It's not where you should want to land, but it's a start. The fire will grow, even if it takes a while.
3. **Meet with someone you believe prays well, and ask questions about prayer.** If you spend intentional time with a prayer warrior, you'll likely learn that he or she, too, has had dry spells in the past. Then, listen and learn about ways to grow in prayer.
4. **Read the Lord's Model prayer aloud several times throughout the day.** Using either Matthew 6:9-13 or Luke 11:2-4, follow the Lord's teaching to pray. Don't let the prayer become formulaic, but use it to "jump start" your prayer 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 March, you would need to turn it in no later than February 22nd. Thank you and continue to be blessed!

Sincerely,
Kanisha Addison Executive Secretary
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