

May Birthdays

5/01 Jeremiah Blount
 5/02 +Nicole Salters
 5/03 +Norma Leake
 5/04 Leigh Cureton
 5/05 Audrianna Morrison, Charles Berry jr, Abdulah Savage
 5/06 Mary Ann Stephens
 5/08 Carl McDougald, Cameron Dammons
 5/09 Glenn Coleman
 5/11 DeJuan Perry
 5/13 Deloris Jennings, True Faulk
 5/15 +Beulah Woods
 5/16 +Hiawatha Berry Sr.,
 5/17 +Charles McDonald, +Don McEachern
 5/18 Benjamin Harris, Dianne McNair
 5/19 Ado Kimpala
 5/20 Tiffany McMillan, Sharon Walker, Bryan Southerland
 5/21 Rolinda Little Perry, Dean Thompson, +Hattie McDonald
 5/22 Cathy McKinley
 5/23 +Linda McKee
 5/24 Thomas Southerland, CHriste O'Rourke, +Vinnis Parnell
 5/25 Jaronta Bullard, +Laddie Evans
 5/26 Rosalind Dockery
 5/27 Richard Thompson, David Thompson
 5/29 Angelica Tisdale, +Anthony "Tony" Melvin, Nikki Johnson
 5/30 Sammy Morrison, Tyra Leazer Holman

Upcoming Events

- **May 8th** – Membership Meeting at 6pm via zoom
 - **May 14th** – Mother's Day Service
 - **May 25th** – Church Conference at 6:30pm
 - **May 29th** – Memorial Day
 - **May 31st & June 1st** – Leadership Conference at 6:30pm
- **In person Prayer meeting at 6:30pm and Bible study at 7:00pm every Wednesday night!**

Contact Information

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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. Linda Blackmon	Bro. Tony Bridgett	Bro. Kenneth Jenkins
Sis Louise Underwood	Bro. Thomas McKee	

May Newsletter



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Seasoned Saint Spotlight Sis. Ruth Allen



Though she has worn and continues to wear many hats since her journey of life began, the ones that are dearest include woman of God, daughter, mother, grandmother, big sister, friend and retired educator. Ruth M. Allen is the daughter of the late Deacon Ralph (Alease) McDougald and the elder of six siblings. After graduating from J.H. Hayswood High School, where she was elected Homecoming Queen and served as a majorette, Ruth attended Winston-Salem State University. Professionally she served as secretary of First Baptist Church, clerical assistant to Dr. A. J. Robinson and retired as a teacher's assistant with the Public Schools of Robeson County. A life-long member of First Baptist Church, Ms. Allen is actively involved in the Sunday School Ministry, Season Saints Ministry, Senior Choir, E. B. Turner Chorus, Floral Club, and Senior Missionary and proudly served as President of the Women of the church. In her community, she is registered voter and an active member of Zeta Amicae of Lumberton. Her favorite hymn is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and she enjoys reading and studying God's word daily. She is the proud mother of Darryl, Terry and Charlene and the grandmother of five.

A Moment in Black History

May 9, 1974 - House Judiciary Committee opened hearings to decide whether to recommend the impeachment of President Nixon in the Watergate controversy. Two Blacks Rep. John Conyers of Michigan and Rep. Barbara Jordan of Texas were members of the committee.

May 17, 1875 - The first Kentucky Derby is won by African American jockey Oliver Lewis riding the horse Aristides. 14 of the 15 jockeys in the race are African Americans.

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



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.

Happy Memorial Day!

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May.

From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30

Mary, The Mother of Jesus

As we celebrate Mother's Day this month, let's take a look at Mary who became the mother of Jesus. The Scriptures account of her motherhood shows the value and impact mothers have in our lives.

Her pregnancy – Not only was this a divine impartation but we see how Mary navigates during this time. Having to deal with the controversy and drama of being with child during her engagement with Joseph; departing for a period to spend time with her cousin Elisabeth who also was pregnant for the first time; and having to travel a long distance due to the time of a census before giving birth to Christ.

We have to believe that her encounter with the angel Gabriel and her conversation with Elisabeth as well as her song of praise for being chosen to bear the savior of the world were moments and words to sustain her.

Her rearing - In the adolescence of Jesus, Mary watches him grow and develop with such a knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures. After the passing of Joseph, Mary calls on Jesus during a possible tragic embarrassment at a wedding and tell the servants, "Whatever he says, do it". This had to come from a mother that had a knowledge of her child.

Her son's death – Not only does Mary experience the loss of a child but she witnesses Jesus dying on the cross. Even in this time of anguish, she sees and hears her son giving her another son in his disciple John to make sure she is still taken care of.

Her continuance – After Jesus is raised from the dead and has ascended to heaven, Mary continues in her devotion to God through prayer and supplication until she is a witness and recipient of the Holy Spirit.

Mary experienced so many peaks and valleys from being not only a mother but the mother of Jesus. Whether our mother is still alive or is with the Lord, we celebrate mothers for all they do in helping us be who we are.

Happy Mother's Day

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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