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|  11/01 +Larry Southerland11/03 Darius Mack, Whitney McKee11/05 +Harry McDougald11/06 LaTonya Bethea 11/09 Leander Phillips, Reginald McKinely11/11 Jacob Savannah, Cassandra Evans, +Annie Leazer11/14 +Douglas Thompson Sr., +Lula McNeill11/15 +Roy Leazer, +Mary McDougald11/17 +Ronald Williams11/18 Dorothy McCall, Brandon McCullough, +Gail Barfield11/19 Darrell McKiver11/20 Regina Walters 11/21 +Samuel Leazer11/22 Krystle Melvin11/23 Alma Dawson11/24 Fred Gwyn, Michelle McKinnon11/27 +Odessa Williams11/28 Shelby Foy11/30 +Winfred Williams**Upcoming Events*** **Nov. 7th –** Calendar Ministry Meeting in the chapel at 6:00pm
* **Nov. 8th & 9th – Leadership Training at 6:00pm**
* **Nov. 15th - Thanksgiving Dinner for First Baptist Homes & Mohr Plaza at 6:00pm**
* ***In person Prayer meeting at 3:00pm and Bible study at 3:30pm every Wednesday! Virtual Bible Study at 7:00pm***

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**A Moment in Black History**

**Nov. 3, 1882 -** John Baxter Taylor was the first African American to win an Olympic Gold Medal and the first to represent the United States at an international sporting competition.

**Nov. 8, 1983 -** Crystal Bird Fauset becomes the 1st black woman elected to a state legislature in the U.S. acquiring this distinction by being named to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

**Nov. 23, 1980** - 1000 people from twenty-five states gather in Philadelphia and form the National Black Independent

**Giving Thanks**

*In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*  – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

In this very familiar verse of scripture, we are directed to be thankful in everything. It doesn’t say for everything but rather in everything; that’s a big difference. We don’t have to thank God for everything. When things go wrong, we are to give thanks to God in the midst of the trouble. Therefore, we can be thankful for something at all times. Although all your worldly efforts and pursuits may fail and you're in the worse season of life, you must still praise God for all He has done.  You may not be able to praise God for your circumstances, but you can praise God that He is with you in those circumstances.

 Giving thanks is not and should never be considered during Thanksgiving Day but is a daily exercise that we should commit to. The scriptures say that this is the will of God concerning us. In other words, God desires and looks for thanks and praise from His children. Our thanks are signs of gratefulness. We don’t praise God so that blessings may come down, we praise God because the many blessings come down daily: life, health, strength, grace, mercy and so much more.

Grateful people are less stressed. It’s hard to be stressed and grateful at the same time. Gratitude gets your eyes off of yourself and puts them onto others. Instead of looking at what you don’t have, look at what you do have. That choice always leads to less stress and greater joy.

Job praised God even at the lowest point of his life. King Jehoshaphat was terrified of the approaching enemy.  Yet he commanded the people to praise God. God saved Israel. When you give thanks, you are in God's will. He puts everything together in His time and His will.

Let's give Him thanks every day for the way He works in our lives.

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**T**ruth ~ And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

*John 8:32*

**H**eaven ~ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”

 *1 Corinthians 2:9*

**A**rmor of God ~ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. *Ephesians 6:11*

**N**eighbors ~ Let each of us please his neighbor for his good to build him up. *Romans 15:2*

**K**indness ~ Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. *Ephesians 4:32*

**F**orgiveness ~ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to Forgive us our sins and to cleanse us From all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:19*

**U**ltimate Sacrifice ~ For Christ also died for our sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the Flesh but made alive in the spirit. *1Peter 3:18*

**L**ove ~ “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” *John 3:16*

**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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**Calendar Ministry**

*To our First Baptist Church family and friends. We are preparing to send out our 2024 calendar, so if you would like to keep or add your birthdays, anniversaries or memorials of you and your loved ones please be sure to send the information to the church office on or before November 30, 2023. Please be sure to have the correct spelling on all names and the exact dates of those special days.*

*To help make this calendar the best that it can be, we are asking that everyone give $2.00 per each birthday, anniversary and memorial. Thanks in advance for your support and consideration.*

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