

- 7/01 Lyfe Love
- 7/02 Noel Evans, Ariel Paige
- 7/03 Georgianna Parnell
- 7/04 Jordan Thompson, Frank Brunson
- 7/06 Tony Alston, +Zack McCormick
- 7/08 Victoria Williams
- 7/09 Marcia Dunlap
- 7/10 Pastor Paul Matthews, Melane Bennett, +Randolph McNair
- 7/13 +Odessa Williams
- 7/14 Marcell McDuffie
- 7/16 +Carloyn Kyle
- 7/18 Jameah McKee
- 7/20 Jason McCallum
- 7/21 Annie Thompson, Jakari Council
- 7/22 Katie Barnhill, Veronica Savage, +Edward Green
- 7/26 Tavion Southerland, Jabrae Faulk
- 7/27 David Thompson
- 7/29 Thomas McKee

Upcoming Events

- **July 18th** – Bereavement Meeting at 6:00pm
- **July 19th – 20th** – Leadership Conference at 6:00pm
- **Aug. 2nd - 6th – Church Anniversary /Homecoming**
- *In person Prayer meeting at 6:30pm and Bible study at 7:00pm every Wednesday night!*

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Sick and Shut In

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| Bro. James Dockery | Sis. Betty McNeill | Sis. Alma Dawson |
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Seasoned Saint Spotlight
Sis. Catherine McArthur



Catherine McArthur is the daughter of the late James Junior (Mary James) Brockington. She is the 3rd oldest out of seven children. Ms. Catherine graduated from Rosenwald High School in Fairmont. She later study Nursing in Chicago, IL. Ms. Catherine has been a member of First Baptist Church for 60+ years. She currently serves as the Senior Missionary president; she was a member of the Nurses Aid. Her favorite Hymn is “Amazing Grace”. She enjoys fishing, gardening and traveling. She is the proud mother of Alonzo McArthur, Andrew McArthur, Farrah Bethea and Samantha Langley. Grandmother of three and great grandmother of five. Ms. Catherine has been a foster mother for over 40+ years. She loves serving the Lord. *St. John 14: “Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me.”*

A Moment in Black History

July 3, 1962 - First Black baseball player in the major leagues, Jackie Robinson. Named to Baseball Hall of Fame.

July 4, 1776 - Declaration of Independence adopted. A section denouncing the slave trade was deleted.

July 28, 1868 - The 14th Amendment, making Blacks citizens was passed, 1868.

Vacation Bible School 2023

‘I’ve Got This! With JESUS!



Service in the Middle

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, *and which is to come, the Almighty* – Revelation 1:8

As we come to the middle of 2023, we can look back to see how we were when we entered into this year; all of the hopes and dreams we had for it and what we have already achieved. Statistics show that around the end of March or earlier, many who anticipated better things or something great for the year, fall back to a normal routine, seeing that things haven’t changed. This goes with New Year resolutions and even spiritual goals and blessings. The “microwave” mentality has crept into the church and many believers have stopped feeding their faith by February.

The Apostle John wrote to the churches of the revelations he received from the Lord. The Lord addresses Himself as “...*Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, ...*” (Rev. 1:8). The late Bishop Moales referred to this scripture as God starting and finishing a thing and that our responsibility is in the middle. The Apostle Paul reassured the church at Philippi when he wrote saying, “*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.*” – Philippians 1:6.

What that says is not only does God start and finish a thing; He will continue to see the work done to the end. So, whether you have received what you were looking for this year or it hasn’t manifested; rest assure and continue serving; knowing that it is not over until God says it’s over.

That simply means to continue being a blessing as God blesses you with life, health and strength. As Joseph transitioned from the pit to the palace, he continued in serving. As a servant in Potiphar’s house, Joseph served and the Lord was with Him. While in prison, the Lord was with him as Joseph served and was given greater responsibility. When Joseph was released, He was promoted to second in command behind Pharaoh where he served.

When someone passes, they are given the year they were born and the year they died. The dash between to years is the service we give. It is the service in the middle.

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!

Coming Soon...

101 Church Anniversary/Homecoming

August 2nd – 6th 2023

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting at 6:00pm & Bible Study at 7:00pm

Thursday: Joy Night at 6:00pm

Friday: Homecoming Gala 6:00pm- 9:00pm

Saturday: Fun, Food And Fellowship!

Sunday: 101 Church anniversary/Homecoming Morning Worship