

March Birthdays

- 03/01 David L. Spencer Jr.
- 03/04 Christopher McLean
- 03/05 Shanyque Lennon, +Elisha Little Sr.
- 03/06 Elaine McNair, +Elizabeth Matthews
- 03/07 John McMillan, Lena Thompson
- 03/09 Hazel Kennedy, Nala Dunlap
- 03/11 +Dr. Howard Davis Sr.
- 03/12 Laura Cade, Jordyn Jenkins
- 03/14 Jennifer Williams
- 03/15 Fredricka Sinclair, +T.C. Southerland
- 03/16 Tyronisha McNeill
- 03/17 Mr. & Mrs. Reginald McKinley, +Lequire Watson Sr.
- 03/20 Rev. David Houston
- 03/22 Jacory Faulk
- 03/23 Jacolby Thompson
- 03/24 Kaleigh Regan, Sylvia Evans, Charles Cromartie Sr., Kahalia Williams
- 03/25 Sorrette Oliver, +Arthur Foy III
- 03/26 Wixie Stephens
- 03/27 Marian Carmichael, Rev. Arthur Foy, +Joyce Coleman
- 03/28 +Aggienora McCormick
- 03/29 Linwood McLean
- 03/30 Arine Lowery
- 03/31 William Dudley Sr.

Upcoming Events

- **March 8th - International Annual Woman's Day**
 - **March 14th – Daylights Savings Time**
 - **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: @fblton**



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| 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 |
| Rev. Arthur Foy | Sis. Treva Thompson | Bro. Tony Bridgett |

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Season Saint Spotlight's
In honor of International Woman's Day we shed the spotlight and honor all of these lovely women.



Sis. Ruby McCallum



Sis. Shirley Blount



Sis. Catherine McArthur



Sis. Shelby Foy



Sis. Katie Barnhill



Sis. Alice Melvin



Sis. Deloris Jennings



Sis. Sadie Graham

A Moment in Black History

March 30, 1870 - The Fifteenth Amendment, which outlawed the denial of the right to vote, was ratified.

March 01, 1875 - Congress passed a Civil Rights Bill which banned discrimination in places of public accommodation. The Supreme Court overturned the bill in 1883. 1881. Tennessee passed a law requiring segregation in railroad cars. By 1907 all Southern states had passed similar laws.

March 24, 1971 - The Southern Regional Council reported that desegregation in Southern schools was the rule, not the exception. The report also pointed out that the dual school system was far from dismantled.

Christian Education / Sunday School would like to share with you a few letters we received in return of our missionary act of sending encouraging cards to those incarcerated.

Jplummer1121@gmail.com

Subject: The card in jail was a blessing

Message: I was in Robeson Co. jail when I got the card with the cup of coffee on the front about a week ago. I just got out February 04, 2021. God bless you all. That made my day, that card. Hand written was what made it special to me. I still have it. I seek fellow children of the Lord to fellowship with. Thank you all, and God bless you all.



1-30-21/ 10:00pm Saturday night Robeson County jail on A-hall

Dearest Sunday School,

As myself Timothy Wade Locklear and my friend Mike Oxendine want to say we thank you and your church for the cards. I thank God for his angels like you for thinking about me. Please keep my family in your prayers and Mike family.

Sincerely, Timothy Wade Locklear & Michael Oxendine

“Committed to serving others with Love”

Honoring Our Women

“...For her price is far above rubies” Proverbs 31:10b

The month of March has been titled Women’s History Month. From a biblical perspective, Proverbs 31 gives us a teaching to King Lemuel from his mother. He shares the wisdom advice she gave regarding how a king should rule and gives a description of an excellent wife. The impact of women has been felt from our birth. From woman who carried us before we entered into this world, to the ones who taught us in school, home, community and church; even to the one that caused that brother to put a ring on it. Women have made a major impression directly and indirectly.

In her description of a virtuous woman, King Lemuel’s mother says that her work ethic matches the way she loves her husband and children. She states that strength and dignity are her clothing. Although this woman is skilled in making clothing, her best attire is her character. The strength is shown in the enduring sacrifice she gives. Whether it is a mother who is industrious as well as manages her household or if it is the woman who was the first to serve in a position primarily held by a man. A path was paved so that other women could see and feel the breaking of a once-glass ceiling.

Within First Baptist Church, we have seen the impact made through and from the ministry by women. Down through the years, our women have given, encouraged and strengthened every facet of this ministry. Their service has excelled outside of the ministry, into the community, in our school system and our local business and government.

During this month, let’s give special recognition for our women, past and present, who have made and are making history. Whether they were the first ones to do a particular task or if they are the ones who continue the work, they deserve recognition.

King Lemuel’s mother asked, “Who can find a virtuous woman?” This means that these women are not always easily found but whenever you find one that is a blessing. It is a blessing because the value of a phenomenal woman is priceless.

“Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world,”

International Women’s Day (8 March), celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and highlights the gaps that remain.

Women’s full and effective participation and leadership in of all areas of life drives progress for everyone. Yet, women are still underrepresented in public life and decision-making, as revealed in the UN Secretary-General’s recent report. Women are Heads of State or Government in 22 countries, and only 24.9 per cent of national parliamentarians are women. At the current rate of progress, gender equality among Heads of Government will take another 130 years.

Women are also at the forefront of the battle against COVID-19, as front-line and health sector workers, as scientists, doctors and caregivers, yet they get paid 11 per cent less globally than their male counterparts. An analysis of COVID-19 task teams from 87 countries found only 3.5 per cent of them had gender parity.

When women lead, we see positive results. Some of the most efficient and exemplary responses to the COVID-19 pandemic were led by women. And women, especially young women, are at the forefront of diverse and inclusive movements online and on the streets for social justice, climate change and equality in all parts of the world. Yet, women under 30 are less than 1 per cent of parliamentarians worldwide.

This is why; this year’s International Women’s Day is a rallying cry for Generation Equality, to act for an equal future for all. The Generation Equality Forum, the most important convening for gender equality investment and actions, kicks off in Mexico City from 29 – 31 March, and culminates in Paris in June 2021. It will draw leaders, visionaries, and activists from around the world, safely on a virtual platform, to push for transformative and lasting change for generations to come.