

# September Birthdays

- 9/1 Torrence Williams
- 9/2 Noffie Salters, Tommy Glenn
- 9/4 Sarah McLean
- 9/5 Maya McEachern, Columbus Howard
- 9/6 Shaun Southerland
- 9/7 A.C. Faulk
- 9/8 Angelique Troy, Mr&Mrs. Willis Brown. +Lucille Watson, +Stanley Faulk
- 9/9 Andrel Bethea, Jasmine Faulk, Kadeem Evans
- 9/10 Carol Carter
- 9/11 Lauren Little, Raymond Carter, +Perry THompson
- 9/12 +Leoda Moody
- 9/14 Stephanie Southerland, Barrington Dockery
- 9/15 LaRonda Brown, Christopher Stocks
- 9/16 +Dr. E. B. Tuner, +Anthony Faulk
- 9/17 Tara Holloway, James Mack, Candice Townsend
- 9/19 Mr&Mrs. Cornell Underwood, Mr&Mrs. Jeffery Holman
- 9/20 Leslie McKee
- 9/21 Jayden McLaurin, Dominique McDougald, Mr&Mrs. Larry Southerland
- 9/22 +Kevin Meredith
- 9/23 Hazel Faust
- 9/24 Aceonia Baker, +Evelyn Easton
- 9/25 Joyden McIver, Timeka Southerland, William Southerland, Mr&Mrs. Landry McDuffie
- 9/26 Ashley Bethea, Thomas Patrick, Lori Glenn, Matthew Stephens, Devonte Stackhouse
- 9/27 Nola Bethea, Jaquay McCallum, +Christopher Brown
- 9/28 Hamer McColl, +Tamera Brown
- 9/29 Davante Williams, Eric Southerland, Leah McDuffie, Carla Matthews, Verlene McDougald
- 9/30 Junious Gilchrist, Warnyene McKoy

### Upcoming Events

2020 has been unpredictable, so don't wait to make sure your voice is heard!!

**Early Voting starts  
Oct. 15, 2020- Oct. 31, 2020**

### Fun Faith Puzzle

#### BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

G	E	N	T	I	L	E	B	I	B	L	E	D
O	B	A	A	B	R	T	J	E	M	D	I	I
D	P	I	E	S	I	M	N	I	P	B	N	
T	E	M	P	T	A	T	I	O	N	J	A	H
H	R	P	S	H	L	H	R	P	I	E	P	O
E	S	R	A	L	V	E	A	N	S	R	T	L
F	E	A	C	E	A	H	C	A	T	U	I	Y
A	C	Y	R	H	T	O	L	Z	R	S	Z	S
T	U	E	I	E	I	L	E	A	Y	A	E	P
H	T	I	F	M	O	Y	J	R	H	L	N	I
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| JESUS CHRIST   | PRAY      | MIRACLE    |
| SALVATION      | TITH      | NAZARETH   |
| JEW            | MINISTRY  | BETHLEHEM  |
| GENTILE        | BIBLE     | JERUSALEM  |
| HOLY SPIRIT    | HOLY      | BAPTIZE    |
| GOD THE FATHER | SACRIFICE | TEMPTATION |
| PERSECUTE      | FAITH     | SIN        |

### Sick and Shut In

Sis. Lela Crawford Bro. Joe Hall Sis. Lula McNeill Sis. Betty McNeill	Sis. Melissa Stephens Sis. Laura Cade Sis. Hazel Hall Sis. Alma Dawson	Bro. Willie Hall Sis. Shirley Blount Bro. James Dockery Sis. Louise Underwood
Sis. Neangela Brown Sis. Alma Dawson Sis. Betty McNeill	Sis Linda Blackmon Bro. Clarence Odum Sis. Mildred Davis	Rev. Arthur Foy Sis. Treva Thompson Bro. Tony Bridgett

# Newsletter

First Baptist Church  
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Mrs. Hazel Kennedy has been a member of First Baptist Church since the tender age of 12 years old. Mrs. Hazel has been a part of many choirs during her membership at First Baptist from the Sunshine Band to the E.B. Turner choir. She has held many positions in our church as well as the Union, from President of the Susie Scale Floral Club, Advisor over the Young Adults to Representative for our State Missionary. This Great work that Mrs. Hazel does; doesn't just stop inside these four walls of First Baptist, she continues her work outside in the community as well from her membership with the Lumberton Zeta Amecias', The Order of the Eastern Stars and The Matrons Guild this is just a few of the many. Mrs. Hazel is so much of a diligent worker she actually started working when she was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade as a domestic (watched the children) in the household of the McLean's and later worked at their insurance company Protective Agency. Mr. John Luther Mclean was so impressed by Mrs. Hazel's commitment to his family he built her a home in which she still resides today. Mrs. Hazel has always been a very vigilant member and although she is now one of our Seasoned Saints she does not let her age stop her from being present for many, if not all of the functions/programs that we have at First Baptist Church. When asked the question; What Keeps her going, she replied by saying first and foremost Letting God lead her life then she has a daily routine of early morning worship at 6 am (Prayer, Scripture, Upper room and Missionary helper.) and watching Walker Texas Ranger. We thank god for Our FBC Pioneer and pray that God continues to grant her life and abundance for many more years to come. "Wisdom is with the aged and understanding in length of days." Job 12:12

## A Moment in Black History.....



September 27, 1817 – Hiram R. Revels was the first African American to serve in the U.S. Congress; he also was born in Fayetteville, N.C.

September 18, 1980 – Cosmonaut Arnold Tamayo, a Cuban becomes the first black sent on a mission in space.

September 18, 1990 – Atlanta G.A led by Mayor Maynard H. Jackson, is selected as the site of the XXV Olympic Summer games.

## Learning Knows No Bounds

By: Rev. Sandra Cassidy



I would like to offer words of encouragement for our students in Elementary school, middle school, high school and college. Heavenly father in the name of Jesus, I affirm your word over our children that tell them in Isaiah 54:13 that children shall be taught by the lord and great shall be the peace of my children. I want to offer encouragement to children who are facing difficult challenges and changes such as covid-19, systematic hatred and racism, social distancing and virtual learning. I especially want to encourage students dealing with virtual learning. As a former teacher I recognize that all students learn differently. For example, some are visual learners; that can grasp it virtually, some are auditory learners; where they hear it once or twice and they got it, some are kinesthetic and tactile learning where hands on and movement is a way for students to grasp information.

Listening and speaking to some students from elementary, middle and high schools, I was given feedback about virtual learning. The elementary children

I spoke with thought it was fun interacting with their teachers on laptops. However, they sometimes got distracted and got a little bored. The middle school student I spoke with didn't really like virtual learning, because there was no fellowship, in other words no socializing. There was a tendency to want to play.

Sometimes didn't understand, but it got easier once the teacher walked them through the lessons. The high schooler I spoke with complained about slow WIFI and students goofing off. Student said rather tell the online instructor that they didn't understand, the respectfully remained quiet, because of their peers. Also the

high schooler is one of those learners I spoke about. She is a hand on visual learner. She stated that she would much rather have the papers right in front of her, instead of trying to find it on the computer, then also miss what the teacher may have said. She spoke about some disruptions in the virtual classrooms. Such as, students playing, lagging WIFI connections and not being able to focus. The college student didn't complain about virtual learning, but was worried about covid-19 in colleges.

So basically I just want to tell the youth, high schoolers, and college age children, to Fear Not saith the Lord, Be of good courage, yea I will help you. I encourage you to continue to stay safe, wash your hands frequently, wear your face mask often and do your best. Your Daddy God knows all about it and he too shall supply all your needs! Thank you and be blessed in the Lord!

## MAKE ROOM FOR GOD

By Pastor Paul G. Matthews



Gospel artist Jonathan McReynolds has a powerful song entitled Make Room.

This song has a biblical reference of Proverbs 3:6, "*In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path*". This verse shows us an important truth to live by in our relationship with God.

In our lives, we will make time for the things we value. Whether it's our job, family, groups, etc. Proverbs 3:6 instructs us to prioritize our life with God being the most important. This means that in every way and every day, the Lord gets the number one spot. This isn't just on Sundays or every morning only but in our daily activities. We must give Him space in every agenda because in Proverbs 3:5, we should not lean to our own understanding but rather trust in the lord's will, wisdom and way.

Just like the song *Make Room*, we must prepare our day for two, the Lord and us. In prioritizing our lives, if there's anything that gets in the way of our relationship with God, we need to move it out the way. The Lord told Israel through Moses that we should not have no other god before Him. Things that we are involved in can become our god if we don't prioritize correctly. Our spouse, children, family, job, house, car, club, organization, even our church can become a god if we place it before God. Our itinerary should not have any other god but God.

The latter part of Proverbs 3:6 is a promise. Whenever we give God first place in our lives, He will direct the best way for us to go. Scripture declares that there is a way that seems right unto man but the end is destruction. The way of the Lord is right and good for His people. Instead of making decisions from our feelings and this world's point of view, we can never go wrong doing it God's way. **When we make room for God, He makes ways for us.**