

# September Birthdays

- 09/01 Torrence Williams
- 09/02 Tommy Green, Noffie Salters
- 09/04 Sara McLean
- 09/05 Maya McEachern, Columbus Howard
- 09/06 Shaun Southerland
- 09/07 +A. C. Faulk
- 09/08 Angelique Troy, +Lucille Watson, +Stanley Faulk, Ruth Allen
- 09/09 Andrel Bethea, Jasmne Faulk, Kadeem Evans
- 09/10 Carla Carter
- 09/11 Lauren Little, Raymond Carter, +Perry Thompson
- 09/12 Leoda Moody
- 09/14 Stephanie Southerland, Barrington Dockery
- 09/15 Christopher Stocks, +LaRhonda Brown
- 09/16 Antonio Faulk, +Dr. E. B. Turner
- 09/17 Tara Holloway, James Mack, Candice Townsend
- 09/20 Leslie McKEe
- 09/21 Jayden McLaurin, Dominique McDougald
- 09/22 Kevin Meredith
- 09/23 Hazel Faust
- 09/24 Aceonia Baker, +Evelyn Easton
- 09/25 Darius Moore, Joyden McKiver, Timeka Southerland, William Southerland
- 09/26 Ashley Bethea, Thomas Patrick, Lori Glenn, Matthew Stephens, Devonte Stackhouse
- 09/27 Nola Bethea, Jaquay McCallum, +Christopher Brown
- 09/28 Hamer McColl, +Tamara Brown
- 09/29 Davante Williams, Eric Southerland, Leah McDuffie, Carla Matthews, +Verlene McDougald

### Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday School teachers meeting @ 3:00pm
  - **Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** – G. M. Usher Ministry Anniversary
- **Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** – Leadership Workshop at 6:30pm Nightly
- **Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>** – Young Adult Revival at 7:00pm nightly

### Contact Information

- **Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-2:00**
- **Website: [www.firstbaptistlumberton.com](http://www.firstbaptistlumberton.com)**
- **Conference Call: 435-777-2200 ID #: 739-3939**
- **Text to give: Text “give” to (910) 407-7393 - Cash App: @fbc1ton**



### Sick and Shut In

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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. Linda Blackmon | Bro. Tony Bridgett    |                     |

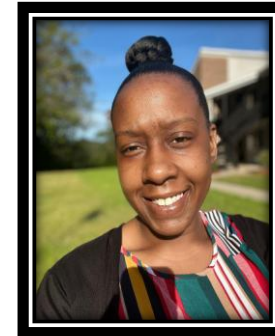
# September Newsletter

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**Seasoned Spotlight**  
*In honor of Labor Day we would like to spotlight the employees of First Baptist Church*



***KaNisha Addison***  
***Executive Secretary***



***Thomas Mckee***  
***Custodian***



***Tara Ganus***  
***Minister Of Music***

## A Moment in Black History

**September 17, 1849** - Harriet Tubman first attempted to liberate herself from the bonds of slavery

**September 17, 1861** - First day school for freedmen founded at Fortress Monroe, Va., with a Black teacher, Mary Peake.

**September 29, 1975** - First Black-owned television station in US, WGPR-TV Detroit, begins broadcasting, 1975.



**What is Prostate Cancer** - A cancer in a man's prostate, a small walnut-sized gland that produces seminal fluid.

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in America. In the United States, 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime. Beginning at about age 45 (age 40 if you are Black or have a strong family history of prostate or other cancers), all men should talk to their doctor about screening for prostate cancer. Routine screening starts with a PSA blood test and may include a rectal exam—both are simple and relatively painless.

**Risk Factors** — Age, Race/ethnicity, geography, family history, gene changes, obesity, and smoking just to name a few. A risk factor is anything that raises your risk of getting a disease such as cancer. Different cancers have different risk factors. Some risk factors, like smoking, can be changed. Others, like a person's age or family history, can't be changed.

## Strong Finish

*"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*

As we end a wonderful and amazing Church anniversary and Homecoming, we have to say to ourselves, "What's next?". There are much more anniversaries, events and revivals in 2022, but outside of the services, we still have **a charge to keep**.

In Paul's letter to the church at Philippi, he reminds them that he is confident in this very thing. The thing was that God, who began the work in the Philippians, would bring it to pass and perform it until the return of Christ.

For the last 4 months of this year, with the help of the Lord, my prayer and desire are to preach, persuade, posture and position us for a strong finish. This is achievable with Philippians 1:6 in mind. There are three areas where our focus should be: 1-People, 2-Mission & 3-Eternity.

Les Brown states, "Whatever you focus on the longest becomes the strongest". With the Lord's help, who's strength is made perfect in our weakness, we will become effective in these three areas.

When it comes to people, our relationships will be key. Whether it is family, church family, friends, or neighbors, the relationships we have must be loving and productive. These relationships must extend to our community where we connect with other ministries building a network with the people in the neighborhood.

This leads to our mission of service: reaching, teaching and making disciples. Like Jesus said, "we are the light of the world and cannot be hid". When our light shines, others will see the light and glorify the Father. If we lift Him up, He'll do the drawing.

Lastly but just as important, we must be reminded that this old world is not our home. We have home in heaven, where we cease from troubling but worship and praise the Father. Our desire for a strong finish is to hear Him say, "Well done".

## **COVID-19 Guidelines/Procedures Update!!**

Effectively immediately, in accordance to the most recent CDC Guidelines, First Baptist Church (FBC) is implementing the following guidelines:

- Social Distancing/Seating Capacity is no longer required and will resume to FBC's standards prior to established COVID-19 Guidelines/Procedures (Sanctuary, Chapel, Choir Stand and Fellowship Hall)
- Masks are optional. However, we suggest and strongly encourage those with underlying medical conditions opt to continue to wear masks.
- The ushers have masks, available, if requested/needed.
- It is recommended that you continue to cover all coughs, sneezes and maintain frequent hand washing/hand sanitizing throughout the worship services.
- Wall-mounted sanitizers and hand sanitizers are still available in all areas for your use.
- No use of water fountains remains in effect.
- Bathroom usage: Please adhere to posted signages remains in effect.

### **Entry/Exit of Sanctuary**

- Current Entry and exit guidelines of the sanctuary remain in effect.

### **Weddings/Wakes/Funerals/Repast**

Guidelines for Weddings, Wakes, Funerals and Repast will resume to FBC's standards prior to established COVID-19 Guidelines/Procedures. If anyone attending worship services, meetings and/or any other events/functions while at FBC test positive for COVID-19 following any of those events, they should immediately contact, Pastor Matthews and share this information with him. It is necessary that those individuals who were directly within contact of you be notified. Please note: Your personal information will be kept confidential. We at FBC continue to take in consideration the well-being, health and welfare of all our members, guests and friends.

Pastor Matthews and the COVID-19 Ministry reserve the right to make changes to the aforementioned guidelines and procedures if deemed necessary.

The COVID-19 Ministry continues to thank each of you for your past and anticipated patience and cooperation throughout these perilous times. Mostly, All Glory Goes to God!!!

The COVID-19 Ministry

Updated August 17, 2022

# 100<sup>th</sup> Year Church Anniversary/Homecoming 2022

