

January Birthdays

- 01/01 Jacquelyn Dockery
- 01/02 +John McMillan
- 01/03 Arnetta McCallum, +Doris Sawyer
- 01/04 Meike Kennedy, +Mary McMillan
- 01/06 Marcus Sanders
- 01/07 Deborah Barr
- 01/08 James McMillan, +Betty Nealy
- 01/09 Barbara Morant
- 01/10 Tynia Williams, Jared Scott
- 01/11 Lula Thompson, Leandria Crowder, Christine Campbell
- 01/12 Lois Baker, +Welma McDuffie, +Randy Dockery
- 01/13 Janel Southerland, Jackie Hill
- 01/14 Lacina Ginns, Broadus McEachern, Jalen Coleman, Maurice Coleman, +Maurice Evans
- 01/15 +Mary McDougald
- 01/16 James Berry, +John McDougald, +Gary Kennedy
- 01/17 Daron McNatt, Mahalia Evans
- 01/18 G.M. Tuner, Edna McMillan, +Christine Campbell, Mr&Mrs David Thompson
- 01/19 Rosezita Evans
- 01/20 Martasia Stackhouse, Addie Hines, +Hiawatha Berry, Jr.
- 01/21 Darryl Kennedy
- 01/22 Tiffanie Regan
- 01/23 Helen Alston, +Evelyn Tillery
- 01/25 +Mary McCallum
- 01/26 Allysiana Harris
- 01/29 William Clark
- 01/30 Craig Southerland, Aaron Thomas
- 01/31 Gregg Walker, Dorothy Dockery, Sheldon Southerland, +Alice Moore

Upcoming Events

- **January 18, 2021-Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



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 |
| Sis. Hazel Hall | Bro. James Dockery | Sis. Betty McNeill |
| Sis. Alma Dawson | Sis. Louise Underwood | Sis. Neangela Brown |
| Sis. Linda Blackmon | Rev. Arthur Foy | Sis. Alma Dawson |
| Sis. Treva Thompson | Sis. Mildred Davis | Bro. Tony Bridgett |
| Sis. Sadie Graham | Sis. Deloris Jennings | |

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Season Saint Spotlight Rev. Amy Grant



Reverend Amy Lee Goodman Grant was born April 14, 1941 to Evangelist Moses Goodman and Christine Allen-Goodman in Fairmont NC. She graduated from Rosenwald High School in 1959 and moved to New York City immediately after her graduation. Reverend Grant, honoring her Christian roots quickly joined and became an active member of Lowly Nazarine Baptist Church located in the Bronx NY. She was a member of the choir, the missionary board and in 1983 presented her first sermon and was licensed as a Minister. Reverend Grant lived in New York until 1985. She moved to Winton North Carolina and later to Hampton, Virginia, where she was ordained as a Reverend at First Baptist Church East End in Newport News Virginia. Reverend Grant lived in Hampton before returning home to Lumberton, North Carolina in 2010. She joined First Baptist Church in 2012 and currently serves as an Associate Pastor, a Sunday School Teacher, a member of the missionary board, and the Women's Auxiliary.

Reverend Grant is the proud mother of three daughters, Chandler Goodman, Valerie Comrie, and Teresa Grant. She has 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She was married to Ronnie Lee Vann, the father of her daughters who passed in 1984 and to Roy Lee Grant who passed away in 2002.

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A Moment in Black History

January 1, 1863-The Emancipation Proclamation issued by U.S. President Abraham Lincoln went into effect. The Proclamation, written the previous September, declared free all enslaved people in the Confederate States who resided in territory still in rebellion against the United States.

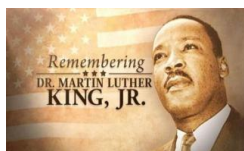
January 25, 1890-National Afro-American league, pioneer black protest organization, founded at Chicago meeting, Joseph C. Price President of Livingston college, was elected president.

January 17, 2021- Armed democrats seized Texas government and ended Radical Reconstruction in Texas

Season Saints.....continue

Reverend Grant is guided in her daily life by the Bible verse,
Isaiah .61-1

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States making the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year. King's birthday is January 15. The holiday is similar to holidays set under the Uniform Monday Holiday act. Rev. Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a vital figure of the modern era and pivotal figure in the Civil Rights Movement. His sermons, lectures, and dialogues stirred the concern and sparked the conscience of a generation. His charismatic leadership inspired men and women, young and old, in this nation and around the world. Rev. Dr. King, Jr., at the age of 19 entered the Christian ministry and was ordained at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA. In 1954, upon completion of graduate studies at Boston University, he accepted a call to serve at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL. While there he was an instrumental leader in the Montgomery Bus Boycott made famous by the nonviolent resistance and arrest of Rosa Parks. He resigned this position in 1959 and moved back to Atlanta to direct the activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. From 1960 until his death in 1968, he served as co-pastor with his father at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, TN and died on April 4, 1968.

NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNING, SAME GOD

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever – Hebrews 13:8

Happy New Year to everyone! Another year and the Lord have brought us. We all had challenges of some kind in 2020, along with the civil unrest, police incidents, presidential election drama and on top of all these; a global pandemic. Although we have a variety of testimonies that we received from 2020, there is one that we all can say, that “We Made It To 2021”! Many of those challenges are still active for this year and even some of our own personal trials, but we know that God is still in control and He is able to bring us through.

There were many things that we learned in 2020. One was that there are other ways to stay connected as a church family. We along with other ministries and churches incorporated virtual setups that included conference calls zoom meetings and FB Live. These venues allowed us to still interact with each other, not as we were accustomed to but, in a different way that has become our “new normal”.

This is a new year that has many of the same issues from the last but a new year with the same God who is able to keep us from falling. In spite of the situations, we faced in 2020; there were still testimonies of deliverance, healing, victory and other blessings. We don't deny that some had some serious struggles, directly and indirectly, but the same God made a way.

This is and can be a new beginning. If you want to start a new habit, want to start a new career or take on a new opportunity, 2021 can be that year but the same God who has provided for us year after year is still able give the provision to whatever vision you have.

Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that people, trends, situations and many other things come and go, but Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and forever. In other words, we can always depend on Him regardless of the condition, the challenge, the trial or circumstance. We are reminded that healed the sick and raised the dead; made a way out of no way so with this New Year, we can have a New Beginning because we have the Same God.

Happy New Year church family!

Church office Hours;

Monday-Friday 8:30-1:30

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