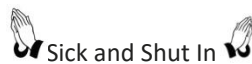


# February Birthdays

- 02/01 +Beulah Woods, Mary Gwyn, Annie Pruitt
- 02/02 +Besty Morrison, +Lurenda Berry, +Velma McDuffie, +Lequire Watson Sr.
- 02/03 Freddie McLean
- 02/04 +Tony Smith
- 02/05 Linda Little, Messiah Kennedy
- 02/06 Gennifer Howard
- 02/07 Lisa Troy
- 02/08 Keith Bordeaux
- 02/09 Messiah Dunlap, +Geneva Gills, Carl McDonald
- 02/10 Helen Berry, Brenda McEachern, Alexas McNair
- 02/11 Claudette McCallum, Landry McDuffie Jr.
- 02/12 +Samuel Leazer, Lois Baker
- 02/13 Swalanda Jones, James Parker, Daren & Karen Williams
- 02/14 Justice Ipoku, +Gregory Berry, +Rev. Walter Brown, +Mary Brown
- 02/15 Margaret Berry
- 02/16 Renee Williams, Saniyah McDougald, +John McDougald
- 02/17 Damani Bordeaux
- 02/18 James Bill Dockery
- 02/19 Louise Underwood, +J. C. McMillan
- 02/20 Joseph Morant
- 02/21 +Sandra Patrick, Eddie Jenkins, Shanette Brown
- 02/23 +Minnie Little, Zachair Graham, Michael Thompson
- 02/25 Mary McDougald
- 02/26 Bailey Thompson
- 02/27 +Essie Richardson, Robert Williams, Choyyah Bozeman
- 02/28 Elaine Evans, Dominique Brunson

### Upcoming Events

- February is Black History Month
- Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-1:30
- 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: @fbclton



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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. Linda Blackmon   | Bro. Tony Bridgett  |

# February Newsletter Black History Month

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### Seasoned Spotlight Sis. Vivian Breedon



Vivian Breedon a mother of three children, thirteen grandchildren, and the youngest of nine siblings. Vivian was the primary caregiver for her belated mother who lived 106 years and 11 days old. She is a twelve year Breast Cancer survivor. The cancerous cells were present but they were found in time, only having a small surgery performed and to endure radiation. Yes, and thank God for healing virtue. Her past time hobbies are acting as a yard sale vendor and bowling and league bowling. Vivian also volunteers with the check-in ministry and sings with the choir during Sunday morning worship. God bless you!

## A Moment in Black History

**February 1, 1926** – What is now known as Black History Month, was first celebrated on this date as Negro History week by Carter G. Woodson. It became a month long celebration in 1976.

**February 15, 1851** – Robert Morris became one of the first black lawyers in United States after being admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1847. By the early 1850s, Robert Morris was appointed a justice of the peace and was admitted to practice before U.S. district courts.

**February 12, 1909** – Founded in 1909 in New York City by a group of black and white citizens committed to social justice, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's largest and strongest civil rights organization.

## *Review of the Leadership Conference*

First I give glory and honor to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, my pastor Paul Matthews and all the preachers who served in our Leadership Conference on January 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Bruce Hurst gave an awesome illustration about following God, the pastor, deacons, trustees, and then members in that order, for we know the bible says let everything be done in order. God is the head of all and he gave us pastors to be obedient and honor and if we do what is required of us we will be doing what is pleasing to our heavenly father. The bible is our road map from earth to glory. The word of God is order. My years of being a Christian I've learned to be obedient to my leaders whoever they are. So remember in order to be a good leader we have to be good followers, followers of God's words together makes things go better. Let's encourage each other and lift each other higher than ourselves.

Love, your sister in Christ Sis. Vivian Breeden

## Setting Goals That God Will Bless

Happy New Year to you all! The Lord has blessed us to walk into the year 2022! Besides it being a new year, it is also the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the existence of First Baptist Church! With this New Year, we have goals that we want to accomplish. As we start off into the year, let's consider goals that God will bless.

The Scriptures instruct us that in everything, we ought to do all we can to **give God glory**. As we set our goals for 2022 be sure that God gets the glory. This incorporates goals with the right attitude and intent. If God is a part of the goal's objective, the glory is not for us but for Him. Whenever God gets the glory, He gives us strength to reach those goals because they are geared to pleasing Him.

We should also have goals that must be **set in faith**. We know that without faith it is impossible to please God so our faith in God should be within our goals. We all have challenging situations and conditions in life but those things don't persuade God. God blesses those who operate in faith because faith moves God!

Last but not least, the goals that we set must be **motivated by love**. Scriptures reveal to us that God is love and that love covers a multitude of sin. In other words, when love is the goal, mistakes and short-comings are overshadowed by love. Remember that even in our flawed lives, God so loved the world that He gave us Jesus to die to cover our sins.

In conclusion, when we set goals for the year, be sure that they are **motivated by love, set in faith and give God glory** and the Lord will provide the blessings that we need to achieve the goals for 2022.

## 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 [kanishaaddison@gmail.com](mailto:kanishaaddison@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 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and continue to be blessed!

Sincerely,  
Kanisha Addison  
Executive Secretary  
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# Dear Members & Friends

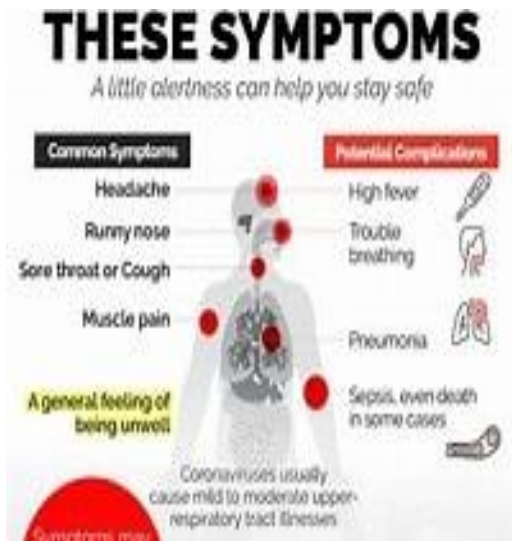
As FBC continues to take necessary precautions for in-person worship, the COVID Ministry feel the need to continually provide you with updated information. We are still restricting a maximum capacity of 75 for in-person worship.

We continue to take measures in keeping all areas of use sanitized with a recommended disinfection solution.

Your continued cooperation with our staff members, ushers, volunteers etc. is appreciated.

Reminders: For your safety and the safety of others, we ask that you cover your mouth and nose when coughing. COVID-19 prevention steps include wearing a mask during in-person worship, physical distancing of 6' and hand washing. For your convenience, a hand sanitizing station located in the vestibule as you enter the building. Temperature checks for all worshippers and log in of names for contact tracing remain a requirement.

If you or family member (s) experience consistent coughs and/or a fever of 100.4% or higher, or If you knowingly have been exposed to someone with COVID, please stay at home and self-quarantine according to CDC guidelines and/or contact your doctor, if you feel the need to do so. Of note, people can have the virus and spread COVID without having a fever. You can participate in our worship service via dial in phone conference, Facebook or Zoom by calling the church secretary to get the necessary information needed,



## COVER YOUR COUGH

Stop the spread of germs!

Use a tissue to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze

Throw your tissue in the waste basket



OR



Cover your cough or sneeze with your inner elbow, not your hands

## Wash Your Hands



After coughing or sneezing, wash for 20 seconds with soap and warm water or clean with hand sanitizer

**The COVID-19 Team Ministry**

# Black History Facts

- The celebration of Black History Month began as “Negro History Week” which was created in 1926 by Carter Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976.
- **NAACP**- Spurred by growing racial violence in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and particularly by 1908 race riots in Springfield, Illinois, a group of African American leaders joined together to form a new permanent civil rights organization, the National Association for advancement of Colored People(NAACP).
- **Eminent Scientist**- George Washington Carver developed 300 derivative products from peanuts among them cheese, milk, coffee, flour, ink, dyes, plastic, wood stains, soap, linoleum, medicinal oils, and cosmetics
- **First Senator**- Hiram Rhodes Revels was the first African American ever elected to the U.S. Senate. He represented the state of Mississippi from February 1870 to March 1871.
- **First Woman Representative**- Shirley Chisholm was the first African American woman elected to the House of Representatives. She was elected in 1968 and represented the state of New York. She broke ground again four years later in 1972 when she was the first major party African American candidate and the first African American candidate for president of the United States.
- **Self Made Millionaire**- Madam C. J. Walker was born on a cotton plantation in Louisiana and became wealthy after inventing a line of African American hair care products. She established Madame C. J. Walker Laboratories and was also known for her philanthropy.
- **First Professional Black Baseball Player**- On April 5, 1947 Jackie Robinson became the first African American to play Major league baseball when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers. He was named Rookie of the Year.
- **First Black Billionaire**- Robert Johnson became the first African American billionaire when he sold the cable station he founded, Black Entertainment Television (BET).
- **First Black President**- In 2008, Barack Obama became the first black President of the United States.
- **Heavyweight Champ**- Jack Johnson became the first African American man to hold the world heavyweight champion boxing title in 1908. He held onto the belt until 1915.
- **First Lawyer**- John Mercer Langston was the first black man to become a lawyer when he passed the bar