

A Moment in Black History

June 19, 2021- Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the day in 1865 when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas learned they were free, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. The word "Juneteenth" is a portmanteau of the words "June" and "Nineteenth". In 2021, Juneteenth became an official federal holiday.

June 2, 1899 - Black Americans observed day of fasting called by National Afro-American Council to protest lynching and racial massacres.

June 15, 1864 - Congress passed bill equalizing pay, arms, equipment and medical services of Black troops.



Father's Day is celebrated every year on the third Sunday of June. Father's Day is a holiday honoring one's father, as well as fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. The first time Father's Day was held in June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon. Most fathers don't realize the extent of their influence and how their godly behavior can make a lasting impression on their children. In this poem, a child focuses on her father's strong hands to illustrate his character and express how much he has meant to her life.

Dad's Hands

Dad's hands were king-size and strong.

With his hands, he built our home and fixed all the broken things.

Dad's hands gave generously, served humbly, and loved mom tenderly, unselfishly, completely, unendingly.

With his hand, Dad held me when I was small, steadied me when I stumbled, and guided me in the right direction.

When I needed help, I could always count on Dad's hands.

Sometimes Dad's hands corrected me, disciplined me, shielded me, rescued me.

Dad's hands protected me.

Dad's hand held mine when he walked me down the aisle. His hand gave me to my forever love, who, not surprisingly, is very much like Dad.

Dad's hands were the instruments of his great big, rugged-tender heart.

Dad's hands were strength.

Dad's hands were love.

With his hands he praised God.

And he prayed to the Father with those big hands.

Dad's hands. They were like Jesus' hands to me.

By Mary Fairchild

Join us June 16, 2024 for our Father's Day Service with Guest Speaker

Fatherly Qualities

In the Scriptures, fathers have a significant role because they are to be a representative of our Heavenly Father. Fathers are highlighted all through the old and new testaments. They were used as the genealogy of a family where it would say: *Adam begat Seth; Seth begat Enos; Enos begat Cainan* and so forth and so on.

Fathers are essential regardless if the relationship between he and the mother of his child(ren) are not the best. According to the chromosomes, what determines whether a baby is a boy or girl is from the Father. The blood type of a child is determined by the father. If these factors have an impact in the development of a child, then the presence and involvement of a father are also vital.

In Luke's gospel of Jesus Christ, Jesus tells the parable of the prodigal son. We see how the younger son, wasted his goods and found himself in a horrible situation. "When he came to himself", he decided to return to his father and apologize and work for him like his father's servant.

However, as the son is far off, the father sees him and runs to him. This shows that there was an expectation of the father that his son would return. His running towards him shows the passion and compassion he had for him. Jesus goes on to say that rather than say "I told you so", the father sends his servants to go get a new robe, new shoes, new ring and kill the fattest calf because it was time to celebrate the return of his son.

Fathers possess not only the qualities to reprove and rebuke but also to restore and reestablish their children. What helps fathers use these qualities is when they mimic our Heavenly Father.

As we celebrate Father's Day, let's be reminded that we have a Father that sees and knows us. He will give us men whether they are our biological father or not to help us become better men and women. It may be a coach, teacher, step-father, deacon, pastor or someone in the community who has your best interests at heart.

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 fbc1tonnc@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 July, you would need to turn it in no later than June 28th. Thank you and continue to be blessed!

Sincerely,

Kanisha Addison Executive Secretary

June Birthdays

6/03 +Mamie Robinson
 6/05 Mary Cole-Greenlee
 6/08 John O. McMillan
 6/09 Miani Morrison
 6/11 Omekio Riggins, +Helen Powell
 6/12 +Gloria Mason
 6/16 Diane Surgeon
 6/20 Royal McCallum
 6/22 Sharon Campbell
 6/23 Marie Southerland
 6/25 Kody McNeill
 6/28 +James McEachern
 6/30 Alice Evans

Upcoming Events

- **June 8th** – Young Adult Prayer Brunch at 10am in the E. B. Turner Fellowship. Tickets are \$10
- **June 10th – 12th** – LRBA Mid Annual Session
- **June 16th** – Father's Day Service. Guest speaker Pastor Alfonza McAllister
- **June 22nd** –First Baptist Home Community Day at 10am
- **June 23rd** – Graduate Sunday!
- **June 24th – 28th** – VBS 6pm - 8pm nightly
In person Prayer meeting at 3:00pm and Bible study at 3:30pm every Wednesday! Virtual Bible Study at 6:00pm

Contact Information

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 Sis Louise Underwood Sis. Carl McDougald Bro. Willie Hall
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Bro. Sammy Morrison



Sammy Junior Morrison was born on May 30, 1969. His parents are Betsy and Henry Morrison. Sammy attended South Lumberton Elementary school which is now W. H. Knuckles. He loves listening to music, eating, sports, and dancing. His favorite teams are North Carolina Tar Heels and North Carolina Panthers. Sam is a very sweet and kind person, if he can help he will. Sammy lives with his sister Mishell Mckee and his nieces who cares for him and loves him dearly. He loves the Lord! Sam was in two very bad car accidents but GOD! That is what took his speaking voice, and he still celebrates life everyday for what the Lord has done for him. He is a long-time member of First Baptist Church where he was on the Jr. Deacon Board, Youth Choir and while in school he was a part of the JROTC.