

- 2/01 Mary Gwyn, Annie Purit, +Beulah Woods
- 2/02 +Lequire Watson Sr., +Lurenda Berry, +Betsy Morrison
- 2/03 Freddie McLean
- 2/04 Tony Smith
- 2/05 Linda Little, Messiah Kennedy
- 2/06 Gennifer Howard
- 2/07 Lisa Troy, Anna Evans
- 2/08 Keith Bordeaux, +Larry McCormick
- 2/09 Carl McDonald, Messiah Dunlap, +Geneva Gillis
- 2/10 Helen Berry, Alexas McNair, Brenda McEachern
- 2/11 Claudette McCallum, Landry McDuffie
- 2/12 Lois Leazer, +Samuel Leazer
- 2/13 Swalanda Jones, James Parker, Daren Williams, Karen Williams
- 2/14 Justice Opoku, Valeria Evans, +Gregory Berry
- 2/15 Margaret Berry
- 2/16 Helen Berry, Saniyah McDougald, Renee Williams, +Russell Evans
- 2/17 Damani Bordeaux
- 2/18 James Dockery Jr., +J. C. McMillan
- 2/19 Louise Underwood
- 2/20 Solomon Oliver
- 2/21 Eddie Jenkins, +Sandra Patrick
- 2/23 Zachari Graham, Micheal Thompson, +Minnie Little
- 2/25 Mary McDougald
- 2/26 Bailey Thompson, +Larry Haley
- 2/27 Josette McCormick, +Essie Richardson
- 2/28 Elaine Evans, Dominique Brunson

Upcoming Events

- **Feb. 19th** – Deadline for all Policies and Procedures corrections
- **Feb. 23rd** – Conference/Policies and Procedures Workshop at 6:00pm
 - **Feb. 26th** – Black History Program at 10:00am
- *End of the year giving report is now available, please see the secretary Mon.- Friday between 9:00am - 2:00pm*

Contact Information

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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 | Bro. Kenneth Jenkins |
| | Sis Louise Underwood | |

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Seasoned Spotlight *Deacon Board*

We spotlight our Deacon board for your generous service and spritual leadership!



Pictured left to right: Roland Little, DIT Ceaser McLean, Willis Brown, Marcell McDuffie, Pastor Paul Matthews, James McMillan, King Evans, Noffie Salters **Not Pictured:** William Evans, DIT Tony Campbell

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

John 12:26
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A Moment in Black History

February is dedicated as Black History Month, honoring the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout U.S. history.

Black History month began as “Negro History Week” which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976.

The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Fredrick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

First lawyer was John Mercer Langston. First Black man to become a lawyer when he passed the bar in Ohio, in 1854.



Rosa Parks was a famous protestors and activists. She helped spark the Civil Rights Movement when she refused to give up her public bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955.

Thurgood Marshall was the first African American ever appointed to the U.S. Supreme court.



Eminent Scientist: George Washington Carver developed 300 derivative products from peanuts.

First Senator: Hiram Rhodes Revels was the first African American ever elected to the U.S. Senate.



There's more African Americans that helped us get to where we at today along with God, Grace, and Mercy.

By Farrah Bethea

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 fbcltonnc@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 22nd. Thank you and continue to be blessed!

Sincerely,
Kanisha Addison
Executive Secretary

Remaining Resilient in The Black Resistance

With the current national theme for Black History being Black Resistance, I thought about how many remained resilient during adversities. Resilience is defined as *the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness*. Seeing our Black History, we have experienced and endured many afflictions but as David declares, “*But the Lord delivereth him (them) out of them all*” (Psalm 34:19). From being kidnapped and sold unwillingly into slavery by Europeans, carried across the Atlantic, raped, left for dead or thrown overboard. Then sold again being broken and considered as stock being owned by Whites. We remained resilient.

From the Emancipation to the Black Reformation to constant harassment, white supremacy, the Ku Klux Klan, Jim Crow, segregation, the Thirteenth Amendment and countless attacks and opposition; we remained resilient. Churches were founded, colleges and universities began because we remained resilient. Many inventions that credit was either stolen or hidden, we remained resilient.

We excelled in academics, sports, entertainment, business and politics by having the 1st Black President in Barack Obama and now the 1st Black Vice-President in Kamala Harris. As the song writer wrote, “*Through many dangers, toils and snares; we (I) have already come; T’was grace that brought us safe thus far, and grace shall lead (us) me home*”, because we remained resilient.

It’s Flu Season, and COVID Isn’t Over

The tips and resources below will help you learn about actions you can take to protect yourself and others from flu and help stop the spread of germs.

1. **Avoid close contact.**
Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
2. **Stay home when you are sick.**
If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.
3. **Cover your mouth and nose.**
Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk.
4. **Clean your hands.**
Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
 - [Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives](#)
Tips on hand washing and using alcohol-based hand sanitizers

While wearing masks is not longer required remember it is optional. Make the decision which is most comforting to you! Stay safe!!!