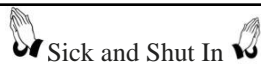


Feb- Birthdays

- 02/01 Mary Gwyn, Annie Pruitt, +Beulah Woods
- 02/02 +Betsy Morrison, +Lurenda Berry, +Velma McDuffie. +Lequire Watson, Sr.
- 02/03 Freddie McLean
- 02/04 +Tony Smith
- 02/05 Linda Little, Messiah Kennedy
- 02/06 Jennifer Howard
- 02/07 Lisa Troy
- 02/08 Keith Bordeaux
- 02/09 Messiah Dunlap, Carl McDonald, +Geneva Gillis
- 02/10 Helen Berry, Brenda McEachern, Alexas McNair
- 02/11 Claudette McCallum, Landry McDuffie, Jr.
- 02/12 Lois Baker, +Samuel Leazer,
- 02/13 Swalanda Jones, James Parker, Daren Williams, 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 Dockery
- 02/19 Louise Underwood, +J.C. McMillan
- 02/20 Joseph Morant
- 02/21 Eddie Jenkins, Shanette Brown, +Sandra Patrick
- 02/23 Zachary Graham, Michael Thompson, +Minnie Little
- 02/25 Mary McDougald
- 02/26 Bailey Thompson
- 02/27 Robert Williams, Choyyah Bozeman, +Essie Richardson
- 02/28 Elaine Evans, Dominique McLean

Upcoming Events

- **February 2nd – Ground Hog Day**
- **February 14th – Valentine’s Day**
- **February 15th – President Day**
- **Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-1:30**
- **Website: 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 |
| 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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Though she has worn and continues to wear many hats since her journey of life began, the ones that are dearest include woman of God, daughter, mother, grandmother, big sister, friend and retired educator. Ruth M. Allen is the daughter of the late Deacon Ralph (Alease) McDougald and the elder of six siblings. After graduating from J.H. Hayswood High School, where she was elected Homecoming Queen and served as a majorette, Ruth attended Winston-Salem State University. Professionally she served as secretary of First Baptist Church, clerical assistant to Dr. A. J. Robinson and retired as a teacher’s assistant with the Public Schools of Robeson County. A life-long member of First Baptist Church, Ms. Allen is actively involved in the Sunday School Ministry, Season Saints Ministry, Senior Choir, E. B. Turner Chorus, Floral Club, and Senior Missionary and proudly served as President of the Women of the church. In her community, she is registered voter and an active member of Zeta Amicae of Lumberton. Her favorite hymn is “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” and she enjoys reading and studying God’s word daily. She is the proud mother of Darryl, Terry and Charlene and the grandmother of five.

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A Moment in Black History

The celebration of 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.

December 07, 2020- Wixie Annette Stephens was sworn in and took the oath of office and be installed as the First Black Woman to be a Commissioner for Robeson County, North Carolina. She is a member of First Baptist Church Lumberton, NC where she served as the first female chairman of the Trustee Board in 100 years of the Church.

January 10, 2021- Tiffany Powers a Lumberton native were sworn in as the first African American woman to hold a superior court judge position in Robeson County.

January 20, 2021- Kamala Harris became the first woman of African or Asian descent to become vice president. Harris’s mother immigrated to the United States from India and her father emigrated from Jamaica.

Lest We Forget

“Lest I forget Thy love for me...” – Lead Me To Calvary

Marcus Garvey stated, “A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots”. This statement shares why Black History Month is such a necessity to all of America, especially African-Americans. Carter G. Woodson, the father of Black History, pushed for Black History week until February became Black History Month. The reasoning wasn’t because of February being the month with the fewest days but because many accomplishments and significant dates were in this month. Unfortunately, many held back information and never addressing the fact the imbedded fear of people knowing their past, origin and culture. Knowing this, that Black History is not just in February but everyday all day.

The Lord instructed Moses to teach the people to remind their children of their history and the works of the Lord in their life. We should be reminded and be willing to remind the next generation these four things: 1) our history, 2) origin, 3) culture and 4) our relationship with the Lord. Along with watching the many movies and shows that are offered this month, take the time to read books addressing our Black History and accomplishments. Dive into the details that are often omitted in the TV/film. Discover not just the general culture but seek to find more about your ancestry. Remember our beginning didn’t begin in slavery. Most of all, as we discover these historical facts of ourselves and of others, keep in context the hand of God that was working all the time.

Weldon B. Johnson’s ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’ has a verse that says, “Lest our hearts, drunk with wine of the world we forget Thee;” Paul instructed the church at Rome to not be conformed to this world and the culture that you just fit in but fix your attention on God and be changed from the inside out, knowing what is the good, acceptable and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:2).

The lord wants us to remember all that He’s done for us, so that “Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand, True to our God, true to our native land”.

On behalf of the Christian Education and Sunday school department we would like to thank all of those who have donated money and/or cards to help with sending encouraging cards to the inmates at Robeson county jail and prison! We are still asking anyone who would like to donate cards or money to help reach our goal of 700 cards to drop them off at the church with the secretary M-F between the hours of 8:30-1:30. Thank you and be blessed.



Pastor Paul Matthews dropping off cards with the sheriff’s office

Black History Month

It is again the month during which we celebrate Black History. However, we realize that the celebration and recognition of Black culture occurs year long.

This year the national theme for Black History is “The Black Family: Representation, identity, and Diversity.” During this celebration we are asking the Youth Department members to research their individual family history and provide excerpts of their discovery. We are also encouraging members of the church to provide information related to their family history. The plan is to have members of the Youth department to present this information during each Sunday service. We are looking forward to learning the history of each family represented in First Baptist Church. Continue to stay safe and build stronger connections with your families during this continued pandemic.

Bro. Gary Patrick,
Black History committee