

- 10/01 Chanel Carter
- 10/02 Knox Thompson
- 10/03 Tereal McNair
- 10/05 Lydia Moore, Elisha Little Jr.
- 10/08 +Dr. E. B. Turner
- 10/09 James Dockery Sr.
- 10/11 Sharon Southerland, DJ Cureton
- 10/12 Lula Fletcher
- 10/14 Jessica Wine, Linda Southerland, Jonathan Kennedy
- 10/15 +Anthony Berry
- 10/17 Christine Berry, Gwen Thompson, Judy Shelby, Stethane Pipkins
- 10/18 Alice Melvin, Nettie McCall, +Edna Walters
- 10/19 +Doreatha Williams
- 10/21 Roland Little
- 10/23 Dezeborah Evans, Jordann Scott
- 10/24 +Henry Blount
- 10/25 Ian Thompson, +John Leazer Sr., +Mary Evans
- 10/27 Sadie Graham
- 10/28 Cornell Underwood, Sheila Bullard
- 10/30 +Ethan Brown

Upcoming Events

- **Oct. 9th – 12th** – Lumber River Baptist Association Annual Session at 6pm nightly
- **Oct. 22nd** – Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday and Pink in the pulpit
- ***In person Prayer meeting at 6:30pm and Bible study at 7:00pm every Wednesday night!***

Contact Information

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- Sis. Lela Crawford Bro. Willie Hall Bro. Joe Hall
- Bro. Tony Bridgett Sis. Laura Cade Sis. Shirley Blount
- Bro. James Dockery Sis. Alma Dawson Sis. Linda Blackmon
- Sis Louise Underwood Bro. Thomas McKee Sis. Ann McCormick
- Sis. Judy Hines Sis. Stethane Pipkins Bro. Cameron Dammons

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 In Honor of Bro. Ethan Josiah Brown***



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Father God, you never make a mistake, so ours is not to question why Nevertheless, our hearts are broken, and we cannot help but to cry Even though you have called our beloved Ethan home to glory This is one of many chapters that could be told in his life;s story Our hearts were literally hurting, when we received the call To hear of his untimely death, was most devastating to us all Into our lives Ethan brought so much happiness, love, and joy Wise beyond his years, for such an amazing and sweet little boy He filled such a deep void, left by our then empty nest Yes, Ethan Josiah Brown, you were simply the best And checked all the boxes and then some, for a Godchild So loving, helpful, kind, smart, respectful, meek, and mild There never was a challenge Ethan did not rise up to meet Even though some of them may have been in the face of defeat Golf, archery, track and field, baseball, basketball or swimming For it was not always about whether or not he was winning But, that he kept trying, he never gave up, and he never quit Ethan showed Guts, Resilience, Initiative, and Tenacity, true G.R.I.T. We saw so much untapped potential for a successful future as he grew For in our eyes there was nothing Ethan Brown could not accomplish or do He had aspirations of attending MIT, and becoming an Aerospace Engineer Ethan’s hopes and dreams for the future were bright, promising, and clear At such a young age, so many accolades and awards, he did receive It was said, Ethan was number one in his class, and that we can elieve The indelible and impressive impact he has left in just fifteen short years Is so much more than most make in their threescore and ten, it appears “We are not Ethan,” one student quoted by his teacher as saying But, we can all strive to possess his good character, kindness, and caring Darrell and I were so blessed to share Ethan, our own special bond One we know, that had reached to infity, and far beyond...

“FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS” Darrell and Gwen McKiver

A Moment in Black History

Oct. 4, 1864 - This was the date the first black daily newspaper was founded.

Oct. 4, 1969 - Howard N. Lee and Charles Evers are elected the first African American mayors of Chapel Hill, N.C. and Fayette, Miss., respectively.

Oct. 24, 1935 - The first Black-authored play to become a long-run Broadway hit, Langston Hughes' "Mulatto" opens, 1935.

What everyone should know about Breast Cancer

How common is Breast Cancer? It is the second most common cancer in women, after skin cancer. The chance of developing invasive breast cancer at some time in woman's life is a little less than 1 in 8 (12%). The chance that a woman will die from it is about 1 in 38 (2.62%). Men can develop the disease as well.

Who is at risk? All women are at risk. It's unknown exactly what causes breast cancer, but women can make choices that lower their risk. However, having one or more risk factor's doesn't mean a woman will get breast cancer. Most women with the disease have no risk factors other than being a woman over age 55,

Breast Cancer In Men.

Women are not the only ones at risk, although breast cancer is less common among men. The lifetime risk for breast cancer for a man is about 1 in 883. Men have a similar outlook for survival as women in the same stage of breast cancer. However, men often don't report a breast lump until it's become large-and the cancer more advance. Men should promptly report any breast changes to their healthcare professional.

Warning Signs. Possible indications of breast cancer in women and men are:

- A lump or swelling, which is usually (but not always) painless
- Lump or welling under arm or around collar bone
- Skin irritation, dimpling, or swelling of all or part of breast
- Breast or nipple pain, or nipple turning inward
- Redness, scaliness, or thickening of nipple or breast skin
- Breast warmth and itching
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk
- These signs do not always indicate cancer. However, see your healthcare professional as soon as possible if you have any of the above symptoms or notice any changes.

Clergy Appreciation Month

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (2 Corinthians 4:7).

In the Apostle Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth, he lifts up the value of true ministry. He compares to having or receiving this ministry to receiving mercy. The mercy that we receive from God is so underserving. We did not earn, therefore, there isn't any of our own doing to have it. Our Father, who is full of mercy gives to us brand new mercies daily.

Ministry is the same. We don't deserve the opportunity to serve others but because of God's mercy and sovereignty, we are afforded this opportunity. Because the Lord is God enough to provide for us, He is also God enough to maintain it, so there's no need to give up.

Paul goes on to share this awesome revelation of the believer and those who primarily serve in ministry. We have this precious and valuable gift of God that dwells in vessels that are flawed and have little value. Like an inexpensive piggy bank, we are blessed to hold within us, things that are more valuable than our bodies.

God's gifts are both spiritual and they belong to Him. Those who preach the gospel are commissioned to preach and serve in and out of season because the world we live in is hungry for the "living word".

In the month of October, we celebrate all clergy that serve and preach with the valuable treasure that power is of God but dwells in earthen vessels.

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 fbeltonnc@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
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