#### **A Moment in Black History**

July 01, 1863 – Dutch West Indies abolishes slavery.

**July 3, 1962 -** First Black baseball player in the major leagues, Jackie Robinson. Named to Baseball Hall of Fame.

**July 5, 1827** – In 1827 Rev. Nathaniel Paul, a minister in Albany, New York, hails the final abolition of slavery in that state. His address given on July 5, 1827 in Albany marks that occasion.

July 28, 1868 - The 14th Amendment, making Blacks citizens was passed, 1868.

## Coming Soon!! 102 Church Anniversary Homecoming July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>

- July 31<sup>st</sup> Prayer Meeting & Bible Study at 6pm
  - Aug. 1st Joy Night At 6pm
- Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> Homecoming Gala at 6pm Tickets: Singles \$15 Couples \$25
  - Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> Cookout, Fellowship and Praise!!

    Starts at 1pm
    - Aug. 4th 102 Church Anniversary

      Homecoming!

Sunday School 9am Morning Worship 10am



#### Encouraged To Be A Doer of the Word

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." – James 1:22

With the focus for this month being "walking out our faith", I am encouraging every member and believer to see the purpose and ministry that God has given to them. James says that we should not only be hearers of the Word but also doers. This is a sample of article by Chuck Lawless that I think speaks to support and encouragement to be about our Father's business:

From the article, "10 Reason Ministry Is Not So Hard" by Chuck Lawless

- God has called you to this work. If God has called you, He will guide you. We know He will not leave us or forsake us, regardless of what we face (Heb 13:5).
- The Spirit of God lives in you. That's a miracle, actually, that we often take for granted. When God Himself resides in us (Rom 8:9), our work becomes doable.
- The Word of God is powerful. In fact, it drives Satan away (Matt 4:1-11), and it
  does not return void (Isa 55:11). When we teach that Word, we have much less reason
  to be stressed about our work.
- 4. **God will accomplish His plan.** We know from Revelation 7:9 that God will indeed have people from every tribe, nation, and tongue worshiping Him around His throne. We can do ministry in that confidence.
- 5. Somebody is standing with you. Ministry can be lonely, but I've never seen a situation where the ministry leader is the *only* person standing for God. The numbers may be few (perhaps only the leader and a spouse), but somebody's walking beside you.
- 3. It's okay to still be learning. As long as God is still conforming us to the image of His Son (Rom 8:29), we are in the learning process. That means we're always learning how to follow Him, be like Him, and serve Him. When we give ourselves permission to be learners (and thus to work through our mistakes without excessive guilt), ministry is easier.
- 7. **God mandated that we get rest.** I'm the first to admit that I don't always get the rest I need, but our bodies and hearts are rejuvenated when we do what God requires us to do. It's amazing how rest will change your perspective.
- 8. **We can talk to our Creator.** Not only can we speak to Him, but we can trust that He hears us when our hearts are broken. When we have an ongoing conversation with God, everything seems less complicated.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:tbcltonnc@gmail.com">tbcltonnc@gmail.com</a> 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 August, you would need to turn it in no later than July 31st. Thank you and continue to be blessed!

# July Birthdays



#### **Upcoming Events**

- July 26<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> B. B. Thompson Young People's Concert Choir weekend.
  - 26<sup>th</sup> Friday night choir rehearsal 6pm-8pm,
  - 27<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop/Choir Rehearsal 10am-1pm,
  - 28<sup>th</sup> 48<sup>th</sup> Concert at 4pm
- July 28<sup>th</sup> Pastor, Deacons and Praise Team will render service at Joens Chapel Missionary Baptist Church for the Deacon Ordination
- Anyone interested in joining the choir and/or praise team please see the Minister Of Music Bro. Brente Thompson.
- 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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## Seasoned Saint Spotlight Deacon Noffie Salters



Deacon Noffie Salters Jr. has been an active and dedicated member of First Baptist Church for many years now. During Mr. his time here at he serves as a deacon and manages the wonderful kitchen committee. Our kitchen committee have been working diligently through the pandemic. We applaud them for a job well done for their willingness to continue to not only serve the members of FBC but the community as well. In 2011 after he moved back to NC, he rejoined the church. Dec. Salter's has two daughters and one deceased daughter, also two great granddaughters who are the love of his life. Dec. Salters has been married to his best friend Dorothy Colbert Salters for 48 years. A special Thank you for all your hard work and helping hand!