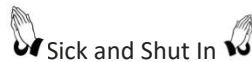


# November Birthdays

- 11/01 Larry Southerland
- 11/03 Darius Mack, Whitney McKee
- 11/05 Sherry Mitchell, +Harry McDougald
- 11/06 LaTonya Bethea, Bianca Goodwin
- 11/09 +Edna Walters
- 11/10 +Lamont McCallum, +Bernard Blount
- 11/11 Jacob Savannah, +Annie Leazer
- 11/12 Aja McLaurin, +Lenora Smith
- 11/13 Anthony McDuffie
- 11/14 +Douglas Thompson Sr.
- 11/15 +Roy Leazer, +Pauline Pressley
- 11/18 Maya McDonald, Dorothy McCall, +Gail Barfield
- 11/19 Daryl McKiver, Lena McNatt, Brianna Goodwin
- 11/20 Regina Walters
- 11/21 +Samuel Leazer Sr.
- 11/22 Krystle Melvin, Lisa Fenner, William McNeill Jr.
- 11/23 George Lessane, Alma Dawson
- 11/24 Fred Gwyn, Michelle McKinnon, +Oglatha McDonald
- 11/25 Mr. & Mrs. King Evans
- 11/26 +Mary McMillan
- 11/27 Rodney Brown, Krystle Melvin, +Vashtie McEachern, +Odessa Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Harry McDougald
- 11/28 Shelby Foy
- 11/30 Mr. & Mrs. Laddie Evans

## Upcoming Events

- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day
- November 14<sup>th</sup> – **In person Sunday School @ 9:00am**
- November 18<sup>th</sup> – Annual Missionary Thanksgiving Feeding 6:00pm
  - November 25<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day
  - Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-1:30
  - Website: [www.firstbaptistlumberton.com](http://www.firstbaptistlumberton.com)
  - Conference Call: 435-777-2200 ID #: 739-3939
  - Text to give: Text “give” to (910) 407-7393
    - Cash App: @fbclton



## 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. Louise Underwood | Sis. Linda Blackmon   | Bro. Tony Bridgett  |

# November Newsletter

First Baptist Church  
504 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Lumberton, N.C. 28358

## Seasoned Spotlight Sis. Jennifer Williams



Ms. Jennifer Williams born in Lumberton, NC to the late Isaac and Odessa Williams. Williams attended North Carolina Central University, where she majored in Home Economics with a minor in Elementary Education. After college she taught school in Halifax VA for 4 years before moving home to be with her twins Darren and Karen. Ms. Williams has worn many hats within the community. Teaching elementary school students at Green Grove Elementary for 34 years before she retired. Joining First Baptist at a young age, she has been a loving and helping hand within the church community as well. Serving as an Usher on Sundays and Nurse's Aide. She is also a member of the Floral club and Pastor's Aide. Even in here retirement years she has still been teaching children, like Jayceon and Legend all while still providing daycare services to family and friends. Ms. Jennifer loves spending time with her granddaughter Holly Marie, Sister Constance, and other family and friends. She is such a giving and sometimes has a hard time telling people No. Auntie Jennie is a loving caring and an amazingly awesome woman. We love and thank

God for her



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## A Moment in Black History

**November 11, 1979** –The Bethune Museum & Archives, a depository and center for African American women's history, is established in Washington, DC

**November 22, 1865** – Mississippi legislature enacted Black Codes which restricted the rights and freedom of movement of the freedmen. The Black Codes enacted in Mississippi and other Southern states virtually reenslaved the freedmen. In some states any white could arrest any Black. In order states minor officials could arrest Black "vagrants" and "refractory and rebellions Negroes" and force them to work on roads and levees without pay.

**November 19, 1867** –South Carolina citizens endorsed constitutional convention and selected delegates. Records indicated that 66,418 Blacks and 2350 whites voted for the convention and 2278 whites voted against holding a convention. The total vote cast was 71,046. Not a single Black voted against the convention.

## First Baptist Church Youth Bible Study Program

What an exciting time to be among the living today to see how God is making new ways for His Word to go forth! God said, "Even if the stones have to cry out, His Word (praise) would go forth."

Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. to 2021 a plenary session took place to "kick-off," the First Baptist Church Youth Bible Study Curriculum under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Paul Matthews. Interestingly, God placed a yearning desire in Rev. Matthew's heart to begin providing spiritual development for our youth given the fact, due to the pandemic COVID 19, the Youth Sunday School department had been put on hold since March 2019. Simultaneously, God placed in Sis. Alice Melvin (Look at God) a way to reopen the doors to spiritual development to the youth. And thus birthed the Youth Bible Study program. The meeting of September 24<sup>th</sup> was designed for a meet, greet, and ask and answer question session.

Interestingly, the majority of the teachers serving in Youth Spiritual Development program are students who started in the youth Sunday School Department at age twelve and participated until they reached eighteen. During which time, God equipped them with what they needed to be able to feed into the generation of youth today. Praise God for what He is doing!

We are excited and look forward to the success of this endeavor and we ask that each of you be in prayer with us for its continued success.

The classes are held virtually at 7:00 p.m., on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The zoom link is sent to each participants email address and can be found on the First Baptist Church website ([www.firstbaptistlumberton.com](http://www.firstbaptistlumberton.com)). Also, for additional information please feel free to contact the church at (910) 739-3939.

## Stay Connected

*From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. – Ephesians 4:16*

Rick Warren shares that there is only one thing that will last forever and that is "the body of Christ". During times of change and adversity, it is important for the body of Christ is to **stay connected**. Staying connected plays a major part in ministry and service of God.

We were created for connections. God said that it wasn't good for Adam to be alone. Loneliness can be painful and slows the growth of church ministry. As we stay connected to God our connections with others should continue. Our responsibility should be **1)** to love God with all we have and then **2)** love our neighbors as ourselves. Connections are essential just as every joint supplies to the other, so are connections necessary with one another.

Connections give our lives purpose. Just like an appliance, like a TV or toaster needs to be plugged up in order to do the purpose they were made for, staying connecting to God and others allow us to fulfill our purpose. Connections enlarge our perspective and help us understand life better.

Some connections have to be learned. Jesus teaches us how we should connect. The ultimate connection is love. Paul encouraged the Philippian church to have the mind or attitude of Christ in connection. That means to be loving to each other, not selfish and thinking of others and their interests.

Jesus Christ who is our head makes the whole body connect together. We may have different roles and responsibilities but as we stay connected, the body grows and stays healthy.

## 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 [kanishaaddiosn@gmail.com](mailto:kanishaaddiosn@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 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and continue to be blessed!

Sincerely,  
Kanisha Addison  
Executive Secretary  
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## “A Thankful Heart”

by Gwen McKiver

Only through God’s grace and mercy  
I have reached the age of sixty- seven  
Glory to God, my parents are still here  
And not with the angels up in heaven  
We share a family bond, like no other  
You sent me a loving and caring spouse  
Together we built a home, not just a house  
Our children are truly blessings from God  
Home is home, no matter where they trod  
An extended family, and friends so dear  
Just a breath away, whether far or near  
A thankful heart for blessings and favor  
Bestowed upon us by our Lord and Savior  
In a world with strife, grief and trouble  
We tend to stay within our family bubble  
But, little things mean so much to many  
Not material gains, power, titles or money  
In life, being kind does not cost a thing  
Just think of the happiness you can bring  
So, as we embark on this Holiday Season  
The miracle birth of Jesus is the reason  
He gave to all a special and spiritual gift  
To use to give a hand up, a push, and a lift  
So, with a thankful heart, show you care  
With acts of kindness, we can all share  
Acts of thanks throughout November  
Then show your loving heart in December

Make a call, pay it forward, deliver a meal  
Do it from the heart, be true, genuine, real  
We will remember how you made us feel!

Kindness is Everything, that we ask of you  
And thanks in advance, for all you will do...



Hello church family I bring you greetings on behalf of the Youth Department. We would like to thank everyone that prayed for, donated and came out to our Fall Festival on October 30<sup>th</sup>. I believe the youth as well as the adults that were present really enjoyed themselves and the fellowship with others. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Sis. Regina Walters  
FBC Youth Advisor



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