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- 09/05 Maya McEachern, Columbus Howard
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- 09/12 +Leoda Moody
- 09/14 Stephanie Southerland, Barrington Dockery
- 09/15 Christopher Stocks, +LaRhonda Brown
- 09/16 +Antonio Faulk, +Dr. E. B. Turner
- 09/17 Tara Holloway, James Mack, Candice Townsend
- 09/19 Mr. & Mrs. Cornell Underwood, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Holman
- 09/20 Leslie McKee
- 09/21 Jayden McLaurin, Dominique McDougald, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Southerland
- 09/22 +Kevin Meredith
- 09/23 Hazel Faust
- 09/24 Aceonia Baker, +Evelyn Easton
- 09/25 Joyden McKiver, Timeka Southerland, William Southerland, Mr. & Mrs. Landry McDuffie
- 09/26 Ashley Bethea, Thomas Patrick, Lori Glenn, Matthew Stephens, Devonte Stackhouse
- 09/27 Nola Bethea, Jaquay McCallum, +Christopher Brown
- 09/28 Hamer McColl, +Tamara Brown
- 09/29 Davante Williams, Eric Southerland, Leah McDuffie, Carla Matthews, Verlene McDougald
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**Upcoming Events**

- **September 6<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day**
- **September 12<sup>th</sup> – National Grandparents Day**
- **September 26<sup>th</sup> – Annual Women’s Day**
- **Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-1:30**
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# September Newsletter



First Baptist Church  
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**Seasoned Spotlight**  
**Bro. David Thompson**



David Thompson was born and raised in Lumberton, NC. He attended the Public Schools of Robeson County where he later graduated. David has been a lifetime member of the Masons. He has worked 25+ years at Converse and 20 years for the Robeson County Sheriff’s office. David is a faithful and dedicated member of First Baptist Church. He currently serves on the trustee board and the Gus Bullard Men’s choir. His favorite things to do are shop at the auctions and love to buy a good suit! David Thompson has 9 children, 15 grandchildren, 17 great grand and 3 great great grandchildren.

## A Moment in Black History

**September 03, 1868** – African Methodist Episcopal minister and later Bishop Henry McNeal Turner emerged immediately after the Civil War as one of the most ardent defenders of African American right. Turner was also among the first group of reconstruction era African American elected officials.

**September 09, 1915** – The father of Black history Carter G. Woodson founds the association for study of Negro life and history.

**September 11, 1740** – An issue of the Pennsylvania Gazette reports on a cc Negro named Simon who reportedly can “bleed and draw teeth.” It is the first mention of an African American doctor or dentist in the colonies.

### Thank You!

**To God be the glory for the great things he has done. Thank you First Baptist Church family and friends for your generous contribution to our 99<sup>th</sup> Homecoming/Church Anniversary celebration. Thanks you everyone that helped make it a success. A special thank you to the kitchen committee for that amazing meal they prepared. May God continue to bless you and show you favor.**

**From the Homecoming/Church anniversary committee chairperson  
Sis. Edna McMillan.**

### A Word of Thanks

To my church family, your thoughtfulness during our time of grief is very much appreciated, which include visits from our Pastor, and all auxiliaries at my home. Thank you hardly expresses my gratitude for you were there all during his illness.

Very special thanks to our Pastor who visited many times at the nursing home, hospital, and at our home. All who come by with comforting word, with cards, flowers, and monetary gifts. I will never forget those of you who made sure we had enough food for all visiting family members. You cooked, baked, and served.

Thank you for all the gifts of donations, you were not stingy in your giving. May God bless and keep you as we continue to grow in love, unity, and kindness.

Sincerely, Shelby Foy  
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## Jesus Joy

For the month of September, we will begin our bible study in Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Here we discover many verses that we have quoted as verses of affirmation of victory and our faith. Verses like, “*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*” (Philippians 2:10-11), or “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*” (Philippians 4:13 or “*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*” (Philippians 4:19). Verses along with this entire letter were written by Paul from prison. His imprisonment was likening to what we would consider house arrest. He was shackled to a Roman guard every hour of every day for approximately 2 years.

Instead of a letter of pity, doom and gloom, the apostle wrote this epistle that brought encouragement to the saints in Philippi. Paul exhibited a joy that was not based off of his current situation and condition. Having “Jesus Joy” gave the apostle a different perspective of his present state. He saw being chained to a roman guard as an opportunity to witness and preach the gospel daily. He saw his imprisonment as a platform to reach by letter a message to give other believers hope.

When we walk in Jesus Joy, we are able to see things not by sight bur rather by faith. We know that Good Friday looked terrible because Jesus died on the cross but by faith, we know that his death brought us life, eternal life; life abundantly. So, as we continue to navigate through this pandemic and any trial that may come, let’s “*Rejoice in the Lord always: and again, I say, Rejoice.*” (Philippians 4:4). We, like Paul can be encouraged to encourage others because the joy of the Lord is our strength.

*Thanks to the Most High God for allowing me to serve in this part of the vineyard called First Baptist Lumberton these past three years. I thank Him for giving me loving parents and a loving family and church family to grow in the knowledge of God. I’m thankful for having a legacy of great men who served as pastor before me. As Pastor Marvin Sapp sings, “Never Would Have Made It Without (God) You”! Thanks to Sis. Gwen McKiver and this dynamic Pastor’s Aide Ministry for their continual service. Thanks to a wonderful church staff! Thanks to each minister, deacon, trustee, officer, senior, adult, young adult and youth for making this 3<sup>rd</sup> pastoral anniversary such a blessing. Thanks also Pastor Robert Williams for such an encouraging word. From Tamira, Kyra, Carla and I, we love you!!!*

### 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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