



MARCH 2, 2025

Greetings My Fellow Ebenezerites and Friends!

Welcome to the month of March where we enter into the Lenten season on our way to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in April. Lent calls upon us to sacrifice. It calls us to consecration. Its a 40 day journey when taken seriously moves us to place our minds on the sacrifice of Christ on our behalf. This year in this country, Christians and people of goodwill are adding to their list to fast from the support of certain stores and businesses that have chosen to walk away from their commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policies. We should not spend our dollars where we are not appreciated and affirmed! I pray that beyond an economic expression, that this time will be a time of personal reflection on how we use the resources that God has blessed us with and that we will be good stewards over our time, talents, and treasures. I also pray that spiritually and healthwise, that this Lenten season will be a time when we will take inventory as to how we are feeding our souls as well as how we are treating our bodies.

March promises to be another month of ministries and missions here at the Fellowship of Excitement! Sis. Robin Slade will go forth in ministry, Dr. Gaddy is back with us for Men's Day, we will go to Greensboro on March 16th at 3:00 P.M. to celebrate Dr. Cordes H. Brown's 50th Pastoral Anniversary at the New Light Church, and we will celebrate the installation of our son, Rev. Charley Winstead as the pastor of the Bethany Christian Church on March 22nd at noon at the Palmer Institute in Sedalia. We will end the month in worship at the ECCO Building for our Super Service at 9:00 AM. God indeed has something in store for all of us as we move from "Amen to Action!" The challenge is for us to put feet to our faith, hands to our hallelujahs, and as we live out truth in earnestly, let us be the people that we are waiting for and be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Rev. Dr. Larry E. Covington



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Rev. Jaylaa Brown and Sis. Teresa Wiley

March is Women’s History Month, and I want to take this opportunity to highlight and celebrate two of Ebenezer’s finest who have recently made the news.

Rev. Jaylaa Brown is an educator and the varsity girls' basketball coach at Burlington Christian Academy. She was recently named the Central Carolina Athletic Conference Basketball Coach of the Year—a well-deserved honor for her dedication and leadership. Reverend Jaylaa is one of our Associate Ministers and sings on the WGI Praise team. She serves as a WGI substitute leader and she makes herself available to assist in any area where she is needed.

Sis. Teresa Wiley is making a meaningful impact by co-leading monthly meetings for the Alamance Bridging Team, focusing on connecting formerly incarcerated men with community stakeholders and service providers at both the state and local levels. This important work is part of the Men in Transition reentry program. Sister Teresa serves in our Health Awareness Ministry and is a valuable resource for the church as we seek to work in the community around health disparities and community outreach.

Our theme for the year is “Moving from Amen to Action: Striving for Excellence in Service for the Savior.” As followers of Christ, we are called to be salt and light, letting our light shine not only within the church but also throughout our community and culture. Both of these sisters are shining examples of living their faith in the marketplace.

Congratulations Rev. Jaylaa & Sis. Teresa!

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BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 2025

Adams, Jon
Allen, Dayonne
Layla Rae Allen (T)
Alston, Penny
Battle, Erik
Beasley, Dericia
Bennett, Thomas
Benton, Denica
Bigelow, Kelly
Black, Norma
Blackwell, Timothy, Rev.
Blackwell, Zariyha (Y)
Blair, Vondra
Blue, Courtney
Bolden, Tina
Bowden, Portia
Brown, Brendon
Brown, Urana
Burns, Rashain
Burton, Christy
Burton, Clara
Carr, Patrice
Cash, Torey
Cheeley, Taylan
Combs, William
Corbett, Angel
Corbett, Larie
Cotton, Teandra
Covington, Caroline
Covington, Terry
Crawford, Dea. John
Crawford, Chris
Crudup, Guytina
Crump, Damari
Currie, Derica
Dawson, Andrew
Daye, Gwendolyn
Deshazo, Joseph
Dickerson, Joshua
Dicks, Benjamin (Y)
Dobbs, Anna
Donaldson, Nyael
Donaldson, Samantha
Dupree, Jonathan
Emehel, Grace (Y)
Enoch, Ashley
Farrington, London

Featherstone, Ronnie
Foster, Tim
Foust, LaTanya
Francis, Andre
Fuller, Alisha
Fuller, Akiaha
Fuller, Barbara
Gillom, Debra
Gillom, Jeremy
Graves, Ayanna
Graves, V. Faye
Graves-Henry, Carissa
Graves, Laura
Graves, Taven
Griffis, Daria
Griffis, Jeremy
Griffis, Kim
Harrelson, Dynasty
Henry, John
Hines, Anthony
Holmes, Connie
Hoyes, Alexis
Jeffers, Marionette
Jefferson, Ora
Jeffries, Desmond
Jeffries, Taylor
Jones, Ian
Jones, Tamousha
Jones, Wanda
Keyes, Mona
Kirby, Fannie
Lorick, Johnny
Lowery, Jamek (Y)
Lowery, Keemaj (Y)
Mack, Jasmine
Mapp, Dion
Maynard, Nancy J.
McCaden, Stephanie
McCulley, Contina
Medlery, Brian
Medlin, Austin
Miles, Christian
Miles, Tina
Moore, Tamori
Moser, Makiah
Neal, Mike
Neeley, Ella

Newby, Brigette
Oakley, Carolyn
Patterson-Masuka, Antoine
Pettiford, Alecia
Pettiford, Andrea
Pettiford, Heather
Poteat, Raven
Reaves-Burns, Lavidia
Revels, Kenda
Revels, Veronica
Richards, Clarence, Rev.
Richmond, Javoka
Rorie, Checo
Satterfield, Khaleb
Saunders, Brayden
Sellars, Cathy
Sellars, Joshua
Shepherd, Zae'Veon
Singletary, Annie
Slade, Christi
Smith, Alexis J.
Smith, Marlo
Smith, Shonetta
Smith, Tara
Snipes, Shakila
Spruill, Robert
Starnes, Sharon
Stephens, Edna
Stephenson, Joseph, Rev.
Stevens, Jeffrey
Stone, Ariyah
Thomas, Greg
Thorpe, Shakima
Walker Anaya
Walker, John
Walker, Varonica
Ward, Moni
Watlington, Nannie (Sue)
Williams, Cynthia
Williamson, Job
Wilson, Lena
Winstead, Shawn, Rev.
Womack, Makala
Woods, Christopher Sr.
Yarborough, Kim



ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH 2025

Britt & Courtnee Cox	March 1
Thomas & Charlene Jones	March 3
Roger & Tonya Brown	March 5
Darren & Sharon Rollinson	March 5
Checo & Tiarra Rorie	March 8
Larry & Jaylaa Brown	March 12
Willie & Deidre Laughinghouse	March 14
Clarence & Althea Jamison	March 16
Charles & Cherita Walker	March 17
Terry & Joyce Montague	March 23
Maurice & Teresa Collins	March 28
Shawn & Shana Winstead	March 29
Roy & Angela Stewart	March 30

SICK MEMBERS



*Mrs. Martha Lee
*Ms. Nannie Sue Watlington
*Mr. Robert Boyd
*Mrs. Nancy Maynard
*Mrs. Janie Crisp
*Mr. Ronnie McCain
*Miss Amiah Corbett
*Mrs. Lillian McDowell
*Mrs. Carolyn Cooper
*Mrs. Retha Mickens
*Ms. Gwendolyn Daye
*Rev. Bobby Faucette
*Mrs. Carlene Nixon
*Mrs. Alma Pinnix
*Mrs. Dorothy Wilson
*Mrs. Fannie Francis
*Ms. Rose Marie Smith
*Mr. Victor Jeffries
*Ms. Elizabeth Turner
*Mrs. Ruth May Wiley
*Mrs. Lorraine Johnson
*Mrs. Sylvia Martin
*Mrs. Valinda F. Graves

*Mrs. Laura Graves
*Dea. Dewey & Doris Maxwell
*Mr. Don Hayden
*Dea. Ronald Corbett
*Ms. Diamond Smith
*Mr. Dion Williams
*Mr. Celo Faucette
*Ms. Tina Williams
*Mrs. Kathryn Wilson
*Mrs. Jean Morton
*Mr. Lorenzo Ingram
*Mrs. Fannie Kirby

SICK NON-MEMBERS



*Mr. Robin Ellison
*Mrs. Theresha Rochelle
*Mrs. Zellia Everette
*Mrs. Ruthie
Rogers *Rev. Antoine
Lee *Mrs. Nancy
Stewart *Mrs. Ruth
Harris *Mrs.

Brenda Tapp
*Min. Elisabeth Johnson
*Mrs. Velma Jones
*Ms. Donna Morrow
*Ms. Ayonna 'Nikki' Morrow
*Mr. Travis Alston
*Dea. Louis McClure,
Jr.

*Mr. Melvin Jones
*Mrs. Ada Stokes (Dea.
Lance Stokes' Mother)
*Ms. Kathleen Crawford Sanders
*Ms. Anna Thompson (Sis. Gloria
Crawford's mother)
*Rev. Antoine Lee

BEREAVEMENTS



Mr. Charles Henry Spinks (Brother of Sis. Virginia Miles, Uncle of Sis. Penney Patterson/Rev. Michael)

Mr. Jerry Foust (Brother of Sis. Betty Jeffries & Uncle to Dea. Tyrone Jeffries/Anita)

Ms. Gracie (Diggs) Ingram (Sister of Bro. Lorenzo Ingram/Sis. Lesa and Niece of Bro. Billy Diggs/Rev. Vanessa)

Mr. Isaiah Trollinger (Father of Sis. Waketsha Guye, Grandfather to Tanesia and Traye Guye)

Mrs. June Blackwell (Mother of Rev. Tim Blackwell/Rev. Christina, and Grandmother to Sandrika, Keondra, Timothy and Caleb)

Mr. Harold Corbett (Brother of Deac. Ron Corbett/Annette, Uncle to Bro. Tod Corbett and Sis. Angela Corbett)