



DECEMBER 1, 2024

Greetings My Fellow Ebenezerites and Friends!

The Lord has blessed us to enter into the last months of the year of 2024 and our hearts are full of gratitude because of His grace and mercy!

As we celebrate the Advent reality of Jesus coming into the world and more importantly into our lives, it is my hope and prayer that we take seriously our charge to to be like Him in our living and giving. Jesus came to sacrifice as well as to save. Lord, help us to move from a posture of narrow mindedness and to not just be centered on ourselves, and push our circles outward to be more charitable and inclusive of others. Jesus did not come for himself, but He was all about others, and that, to me, is the spirit of Christmas, “The unto us.” He came to “us” and for “us.” He came to be with “us.” For the month of December, I will be sharing messages around the theme: ‘His Birth-Our Purpose’

I am deeply concerned about the complacency of the church and the consumer attitude that is prevalent in the body of Christ. I am also concerned about the critical nature of the church as we are quick to point out what is wrong in judgemental ways that are not becoming those who are to have the general welfare of others as our priority. Jesus was a man of compassion , concern, and charity. Let us strive to be like Him. Jesus wasn’t afraid of conflict but even if and when there was conflict around him, it was usually exhibited when and while he was in defense of the defenseless and a voice for the voiceless. So as we embrace the season where we will celebrate His birth, let us reflect on His purpose for coming and make it our purpose for living - that is to be agents of redemption and reconciliation!

Joy to the World!

Rev. Dr. Larry E. Covington



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Sis. Lena Burnette

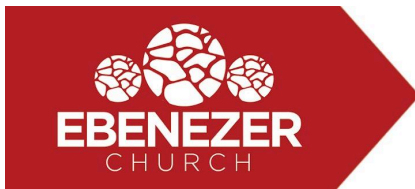
As we come to the end of the year and reflect upon the spirit of giving, I want to highlight one that is the epitome of such a person that possesses a giving spirit. Sister Lena is indeed that type of person.

Lena, her two children, and even her grandchildren, were brought up in Ebenezer and throughout the years have proven to be a wonderful family unit. I often remark about one of the blessings of a long tenured pastorate is the unique blessing of being a part of a multigenerational familial relationship is a multiplicity of pastoral roles such as deaths, births, baptisms, baby dedications, graduations, etc.. I have been blessed to play these roles in Lena's family and it has been a wonderful journey.

Lena possesses a 'can-do, willing-worker spirit! She is a very faithful usher, a committed Hospitality Ministry worker, and a supporter in and with both the King's Cupboard and Culinary Ministries. Lena works quietly but faithfully. Lena is a person who gives of herself and her service as an offering unto the Lord and as an act of love unto the Lord's church.

Congratulations to Sister Lena Burnette, our December 2024 Member of the Month!

CONGRATULATIONS!



BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 2024

Baines, Isabella (Y)
Baker, Nikki
Baker, Patricia
Blackwell, Alexandria
Blackwell, Latisha
Blocker Jr., Torrence (Y)
Blocker Sr., Torrence
Boriphet, Koa
Brown, Daunielle
Brown, Latrell
Brown, Tonya
Browning, Jessica
Burns, Antonio
Burns, Kimberly
Carpenter, Krystal
Chambers, Betty
Chambers, Theresa
Chrisp, Michael
Cobb, Chrissy
Cooper, Darlene
Covington, Larry, (Rev. Dr.)
Crawley, Daphne
Crawley, Julian
Davis, Gail
Daye, Anthony
Daye, Valentine
Debose, Charity
Diggs, Ryan
Downey, McConald
Edwards, Freda
Emehel, Cement
Enoch, Cassia
Enoch, Ray
Felton, Collin
Fogg, Crystal
Foreman, Brittany
Galliway, Donna
Gattis, Destiny
Gentry, Shireka
Gill, Shonda
Gilliam, Preslei (T)
Goodwin, Nicole
Gordon, Ervin
Graves, Miranda
Graves, Taberius
Hall, Isaiah
Harrelson, Sharon

Harris, Marcus
Harris, Scott
Harvey, Adrian
Hayden, Don
Henry, Jalissa (Y)
Hopkins, Joya (Y)
Horton, Chris
Jackson, Gloria
Jeffries, Brian
Jeffries, Deborah
Jeffries, Samantha
Johnson, Amanda
Jones, Debra
Keyes, Ericka
King, Angela
Knight, Tyshona
Lanier, Laval
Laughinghouse, Emory (Y)
Laughinghouse, Willie
Lawson, LaShonda
Lea, Rasheem
Lee, George
Lilly, Antoine
Long, Jerran (Y)
Long, Sherod
Love, Cherlynn
Mack, Ivy
Malloy, Tonia
Mapp, Deborah
McCandis, Angela
Mebane, Jamie
Michael, Ji'Lil
Mickens, Retha
Mills, Markez (Rev.)
Moore, Mary
Moore, Sherese
Morgan, Charlene
Morgan, Charles
Morton, Curtis
Moser, Xiomara (Y)
Murray, Trudy
Newby, Solomon
Oliver, Dot
Ollison, Jerry
Parker, Jamie
Patterson, Kendall
Pettiford, George

Poole, Beverly
Poole, Tyson
Poteat, Jamison
Price, Dinah
Rameriz, Millie
Reaves, Michael
Reese, Tashia
Richardson, Larry
Richmond, Margaret
Robinson, Barbara
Robinson, Curtis
Ross, Lennasia
Ross, Kya
Rowell, Marshall
Ryals, Jesse
Scott, Christian
Scott, Jeralyn
Sellars, Jayson
Sellars, Lewis
Shoffner, Beverly
Slade, Robin
Smith, Angel
Smith, Lina
Snipes, Andrea Burnette
Snipes, Javion (Y)
Sowell, Jasmine
Staton, Dorothy
Stevens, Diane
Summers, Iesha
Swinton, Christopher
Torrence, Kylie (Y)
Torrence, Trex (Y)
Villines, Ann
Wade, Sharon
Wade, Sydney
Walker, Stephanie
Walker, Tina
Watt, Selina
White, Desiree (Rev.)
Whitehead, Crystal
Wiggins, Autumn (Y)
Williams, Jonathan (Y)
Wilson, Wayne
Womack, Gregory



ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER 2024

Corey & Marion Brown	December 02	Markez (Rev) & Makayla Mills	December 21
Paul & DiAnne Yancey	December 02	Gregory & Tracey Milton	December 27
Charles & Louvern Cooper	December 03	Arnold & Pamela Clark	December 29
Willie & Priscilla Mickens	December 06	Garson & Yondi Pettiford	December 29
Anthony & Desiree Hines	December 08	Raymond & Viola Burney	December 30
Dewey & Doris Maxwell	December 11	Barry & Robin Willis	December 30
Calvin & Lydia Smallwood	December 16	Tim & Tore Foster	December 31
Dennis & Delsie Bryant	December 20	James (Rev) & Fannie Francis	December 31
Albert & Janis Holness	December 20	Javis & Laura Graves	December 31

SICK MEMBERS



*Mrs. Martha Lee	*Mrs. Ruth May Wiley
*Ms. Nannie Sue Watlington	*Mrs. Lorraine Johnson
*Mr. Robert Boyd	*Mrs. Sylvia Martin
*Mr. Terry & Mrs. Nancy Maynard	*Rev. Wilbur Crawford
*Mrs. Janie Crisp	*Mrs. Valinda F. Graves
*Mr. Ronnie McCain	*Mrs. Laura Graves
*Miss Amiah Corbett	*Dea. Dewey & Doris Maxwell
*Mrs. Lillian McDowell	*Mr. Don Hayden
*Mrs. Carolyn Cooper	*Mrs. Brudell Whitaker
*Mrs. Retha Mickens	*Dea. Ronald Corbett
*Ms. Gwendolyn Daye	*Ms. Diamond Smith
*Rev. Bobby Faucette	*Mr. Dion Williams
*Mrs. Carlene Nixon	*Mr. Celo Faucette
*Mrs. Alma Pinnix	*Ms. Tina Williams
*Mrs. Dorothy Wilson	*Mrs. Kathryn Wilson
*Mrs. Fannie Francis	*Mrs. Annetta Corbett
*Ms. Rose Marie Smith	*Mrs Jean Morton
*Mr. Victor Jeffries	*Mr. Lorenzo Ingram
*Ms. Elizabeth Turner	*Mrs. Fannie Kirby

SICK NON-MEMBERS



*Mr. Robin Ellison
*Mrs. Therasha 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

*Mr. Aaron McGee
*Ms. Anna Thompson (Sis. Gloria Crawford's mother)
*Ms. Gladys Straiter (Sis. Alyce Straiter's Sister)

BEREAVEMENTS



Mrs. Willie Mae (Moore) Daye (Mother of Deacon James Daye/Marie)

Mrs. Emma Lee Richards Mother of Rev. Clarence Richards/Celeste)

Mrs. Annie Mae Cox (Grandmother of Britt Cox /Courtnee, Grandmother to Martin & Hallie)

Mr. James Fuller Sr. (Father of Bro. Michael Fuller/Bernadette, Grandfather to Akiaha & Alisha)

Mrs. Mary Haith (Mother of Sis. Beverly Poole/Frankie, Sister of Dea. Lewis Sellars)

Mrs. Emma Boyd (Sister of Bro. Don Hayden/Joyce)

Mr. John Thomas Coston (Uncle Sis. Devina Skipwith)

Mr. Gregory Greene (Uncle of Rev. Michael Gentry/Shireka and Granduncle to Mikael, Mikey and LaMika)