



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.

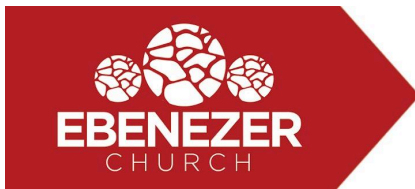
Lena possesses a 'can-do, willing-worker spirit! She is a very faithful usher, a committed Hospitality Ministry worker, and a supporter in and with both the King's Cupboard and Culinary Ministries. Lena works quietly but faithfully. Lena is a person who gives of herself and her service as an offering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

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BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 2024

Alston, Chase
Alston, Theresa
Baxter, Albert
Bennett, Taneka
Bettis, Kenneth
Bigelow, Charles
Bigelow, Deonte
Bigelow, Diania
Blackwell, Valentene
Blue, Allen
Boone, Kay
Boswell, April
Boswell, Bryan
Boswell, Ryan
Bratcher, Anne
Brewer, Luther
Bridges, Willie
Brincefield, Deborah
Brown, Cemia
Burch, Anthony
Burnette, Lena
Burnette, Steva
Burnette, Steve
Burns, Lamar
Bryan, Seth
Cash, Derrick
Cash, Trey
Castro, Joshua
Chrisp, Michael
Clark, Charlene
Clark, Cynthia
Cole, Alexander
Collins, Marty
Collins, Maurice
Collins, Mohnyoe
Cotton, Rick
Crawford, Marian
Crisp, Vernel
Dark, Donye
Dawson, Alexander III
Daye, Katherine
Donaldson, Sonya
Dorsey, Teresa
Dupree, Aimee
Farrington, Marsha (Rev)
Fonville, Todd

Freeland, Jhase (Y)
Fuller, Curtis
Fuller, Vivian
Gannaway, Gabriel
Gore, Isaiah
Graves, Johnathan
Gutierrez, Majestic
Guye, Ketsha
Gwynn, Brenda
Hall, Steven
Harris, Jessica
Harvey, Nyrie
Harvey, T'Keyah
Hines, Alyssa
Holloway, L'vasia
Isley, Courtney
Jackson, Alyvia
Jefferies, Jadda
Jefferies, Maniya
Jeffers, TJ
Jeffries, Linda
Jeffries, Macy
Jenkins, Glenda
Johnson, Vernon Sr.
Jones, Caprice
Kirby, Justyce (Y)
Lee, Sierra
Leonard, Allen
Long, Jacob
Long, Layla
Long, Trinity
Love, Delsie
Mays, Wanda (Rev)
McCain, Ronnie
McClure, Louis
McCollum, Crystal
McMillian, Jami
Miller, Joe
Miller, Ulysess
Mims, Eric
Moore, KiWainia
Moore, Rose
Moore, Tray-Von
Morton, Jean
Murphy, Harmony
Patterson, Michael (Rev.)

Peoples, Erica
Pereyra, Amanda
Pinnix, Alma
Poteat, Orlando
Poteat, Vanessa
Reaves, Desmond
Reese, Paris
Rideout, Avery
Robinson, Walter
Rogers, MaAzhiah
Rogers, Moriah
Royster, Tiffany
Sellars, Victor
Shabazz, Shayla
Shelly, Patricia Wright Dill
Shoffner, DeeDee
Shoffner, Mary
Simpson, Chandler
Simpson, Darnell
Singletary, Patrice
Slade, Cynthia
Smith, De'Kauri Denzy (Y)
Smith, Kalii (Y)
Snipes, Aderric
Suffern, Christian
Tatum, Cheryl
Terry, Gwen
Thorpe, Jeanmychal
Torian, Riley
Vincent, Margaret
Wade, Tai Denise
Washington, Raya
West, Derenda
White, Cynthia
Wiley, Tony
Williams, Donna
Williams, Lamont
Williams, Shane
Williams, Willie II
Wilson, Alvin
Woods, Wendi
Wright, Kandace
Wright, Karen
Young, Tre



ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Bernadette Fuller	November 09
Allen & Cheryl Blue	November 11
Llewelyn & Carol Ware	November 19
Delsi & Cherlynn Love	November 21
Greg & Bonnie Pride	November 23

SICK MEMBERS



- *Mrs. Martha Lee
- *Ms. Nannie Sue Watlington
- *Mr. Robert Boyd
- *Mr. Terry & 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
- *Rev. Wilbur Crawford
- *Mrs. Valinda F. Graves
- *Mrs. Laura Graves
- *Dea. Dewey & Doris Maxwell
- *Mr. Don Hayden
- *Mrs. Brudell Whitaker
- *Dea. Ronald Corbett
- *Ms. Diamond Smith
- *Mr. Dion Williams
- *Mr. Celo Faucette
- *Ms. Tina Williams
- *Mrs. Kathryn Wilson
- *Mrs. Annetta Corbett
- *Mrs. Jean Morton
- *Mr. Lorenzo Ingram
- *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



Mr. Selma Keyes (Husband of Sis. Mona Keyes and Father to Sis. Sierra and Erika)
Mr. Ernie Mac Griffin (Brother of Sis. Judith Cheek and Uncle to Sis. Angenella Falls)
Mrs. Willie Mae (Moore) Daye (Mother of Deacon James Daye/Marie)
Mrs. Emma Lee Richards Mother of Rev. Clarence Richaards/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)