

October 5, 2025

Greetings My Fellow Ebenezerites and Friends,

Autumn is here and soon leaves will be falling signaling the changing of the season. Seasons change! As we enter into the quarter of the year, let us re-focus our energies and expectations on what God has in store for us. It is so easy to get distracted by all the noise and the shiny objects around us that we forget that serving and glorifying God is what centers us and brings us significance in life. It is a new season, another chance to end the year strong.

Pastor Gentry and I are partnering in a bible study on our God givened identity and what it means to live out our purpose. We are people of value because God created each of us in such a way to reflect him as our Creator. As we live out our purpose, let us not be seduced into attempting to compete with or to be compared with or worst of all attempt to be someone else. In other words, let us not attempt to put on Saul's armour to fight Goliath. David was comfortable in who he was and competent in what he had to fight with; that being a shepherd's staff, a sling shot and some rocks! Let this be the season where you go forth in the power of Christ to fulfill the purpose for which you were born to fulfill.

Praise God for our new members and for them finding their place in the body of Christ to use their gifts! Ebenezer continues to grow and for that I am grateful!

October premises to be another exciting month of missions and ministry! It's Revival time! Praise God for Dr. Jerry Carter and Pastor Jimmy Baldwin. Let's plan now to be in the house and to bring someone with you to share in Revival 2025 - October 13-16th!

Selah!

Rev. Dr. Larry E. Covington



**OCTOBER 2025** 

#### Mrs. Ella Neeley

As we approach thirty years of being together as Pastor and people, I wanted to highlight a previous personality that I found faithful in 1995 that is still faithful to Christ and to the Fellowship of Excitement called Ebenezer today. Immediately sister Ella Neeley popped into my mind!

Sister Neeley is indeed a servant with a willing worker's attitude. Without any coercion, Ella is here at the church whenever there is a need, especially to assist in the Hospitality Ministry for funerals. She is usually the first member of the Hospitality Ministry to arrive to make sure everything is in order so that both the family as well as the funeral staff's needs are met.

Ella has also been a member of our Women's Growth Institute from its inception and is a volunteer with the King's Cupboard ministry. She is a part of the Education Dream Team and in the past she has served in various capacities in the church.

Ella usually attends both Sunday services and is a joy to be around! Ebenezer is blessed to have long standing members who are still active and engaged in ministry like Ella.

Please help me celebrate Sis. Ella Neeley as our October 2025 Member of the Month.



# BIRTHDAYS

#### OCTOBER 2025

Alston, Chase Alston, Theresa Baxter, Albert Bennett, Taneka Bettis, Kennith Bigelow, Charles 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, Steven 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, Donve

Dawson, Alexander III Dave, Katherine Donaldson, Sonya Dorsey, Teresa Dupree, Aimee

Fearrington, Marsha (Rev)

Fonville, Todd Foust, Chase (Y) Freeland, Jhase (Y) Fuller, Curtis Fuller, Vivian Gannaway, Gabriel

Gore, Isaiah Graves, Johnathan

Greene, Joann

Gutierrez, Majestic

Guye, Ketsha Gwynn, Brenda Hall, Steven Harris, Jessica Harvey, Nyrie

Harvey, T'Keyah Hines, Alyssa Holloway, L'vasia Isley, Courtney

Jackson, Alyvia James, Emmari (Y) 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 Maynard, Karrie Mays, Wanda (Rev) McCain, Ronnie

McClure, Louis McCollum, Crystal McMillian, Jami Miller, Joe Miller, Ulysess Mims, Eric Moore, Eddie Moore, Kesha

Moore, KiWainia Moore, Rose

Moore, Tray-Von

Morton, Jean Murphy, Harmony

Patterson, Michael (Rev.)

Peoples, Erica Perevra, Amanda Pinnix, Alma Poteat, Orlando Poteat, Vanessa

Reaves, Desmond Reese, Paris Rideout, Avery Riley, Torian Robinson, Walter Rogers, MaAziah

Rogers, Moriah Royster, Tiffany Sellars, Victor Shabazz, Shavla

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 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

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## ANNIVERSARIES

#### **OCTOBER 2025**

Terrence & Jessica Blocker	October 04
Antoine & Ginger Lilly	October 04
Charles & Laquetta Bigelow	October 06
George & Frances Lee	October 06
Albert & Patricia Baxter	October 07
Louis & Gladys McClure	October 09
Donald & Valerie Harris	October 09
Delroy & Barbara Brown	October 11
Larry & Chandler Simpson Jr	October 11
Chris & Kim Miles	October 12
Torian & Erin Riley	October 16
Romarr & Angela Jessup	October 19
Bryon & Karol Shoffner	October 20
JT & Dot Oliver	October 29

## SICK MEMBERS



- \*Mrs. Martha Lee
- \*Ms. Nannie Sue Watlington
- \*Mr. Robert Boyd
- \*Mr. Victor Jeffries
- \*Mrs. Janie Crisp
- \*Mr. Jimmie Calhoun
- \*Mr. Ronnie Foust
- \*Mrs. Lillian McDowell
- \*Mrs. Carolyn Cooper
- \*Mr. Brian Eason
- \*Ms. Gwendolyn Daye
- \*Rev. Bobby Faucette
- \*Mrs. Carlene Nixon
- \*Mrs. Alma Pinnix
- \*Mrs. Dorothy Wilson
- \*Mrs. Fannie Francis

- \*Ms. Rose Marie Smith
- \*Mrs. Fannie Kirby
- \*Rev. Sharon Stanfield
- \*Ms. Elizabeth Turner
- \*Mrs. Ruth May Wiley
- \*Mrs. Lorraine Johnson
- \*Mrs. Sylvia Martin
- \*Mrs. Valinda F. Graves
- \*Mrs. Pamela Clark
- \*Dea. Dewey & Doris Maxwell
- \*Mr. Don Hayden
- \*Dea. Ronald Corbett
- \*Ms. Diamond Smith
- \*Mr. Dion Williams
- \*Mr. Celo Faucette

- \*Mrs. Kathryn Wilson
- \*Mrs Jean Morton
- \*Mr. Robin Ellison
- \*Mrs. Theresha Rochelle
- \*Mrs. Zellia Everette
- \*Mrs. Ruthie Rogers
- \*Rev. Antoine Lee
- \*Mrs. Nancy Stewart
- \*Dea. Louis McClure, Jr.

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### **SICK NON-MEMBERS**



\*Mrs. Ruth Harris

\*Mrs. Brenda Tapp

\*Min. Elisabeth Johnson

\*Mr. Hubert Harrelson, Jr.

\*Mrs. Velma Jones

\*Mrs. Mary Stewart (Mother of Sis. Cynthia White)

\*Ms. Donna Morrow

\*Ms. Ayonna 'Nikki' Morrow

\*Mr. Travis Alston

\*Ms. Bernice Sellars (Grand-Mother of Sis. Kerrie Maynard)

\*Mrs. Ada Stokes (Dea. Lance Stokes' Mother)

## **BEREAVEMENTS**



Bro. Lorenzo Ingram (Husband of Sis. Lesa Ingram, Nephew of Bro. Billy Diggs/Rev. Vanessa)

Mr. Henry Timmons (Father of Rev. Amy Timmons)

Mrs. Louise Paylor Crawley (Aunt of Sis. Daphine Crawley)

Mrs. Evelyn Butler (Sis of Deacon LaVal Lanier/Rev. Joyce and Aunt to Bro. Dalton)

Mr. Gathern Junior Harrelson (Brother of Sis. Lena Burnett, Uncle of Sis Regina & Sis. Brittany)

Mr. Tard Lenard "Todd" Leath

Master Hamir Evans Mobley (Son of Sis. Tiyana Evans)