



GREETINGS

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Greetings my fellow Ebenezerites and Friends!!

Welcome to the great month of February 2023!!! As we once again as a nation, and as a church community celebrate the history, the gifts, the contributions and the achievements of African-Americans in this country against the backdrop of the Tyre Nichols lynching by the hands of five African-American police officers and others who showed up not to shut the brutality down, but to spectate and cheer it on; only reveals that though a lot of progress has been made, we still have a long way to go to realize Dr. King's dreams of the "beloved community." So we must rededicate ourselves afresh and anew to the struggle of equity and equality. May God give us the strength, the vision, and the stamina to pursue justice as we preach Jesus as our model for practical everyday living. As the servant leader of this beautiful blended body of Christ called Ebenezer, it is my aim to lead in such a way that through my lips, labor, and lifestyle, I may be a vessel that will model what true humility is while not backing down from confronting the evil "-isms" of our day. I only ask that as fellow disciples that you will follow me as I follow Christ.

Besides emphasizing African-American history, we will continue our year-long discovery as to what it means to be an "R-Rated Church" as we are in this

season of "Re-vamp." In January we launched out exploring the theme "Reverence." We concluded that God demands reverence, God deserves reverence, God desires reverence, God designed us to give him reverence, and that God delights in us as we revere his name and his character. We now move to building on the foundation of Reverence to God to being a God of "Reliance." Because God is who God is: God then is both our source and our resource for everything we need in order to please Him. It is my hope that you will journey with us as we discover this theme so that we can continue to make the impact as believers that God is calling for in these last days.

February promises to be another great month of missions and ministry as we relaunch, revamp, and reimagine what it means to be a great church committed to serving.

This month we will relaunch our nursery ministry under a new name: First Steps Nursery. We're in the process of preparing to relaunch our youth ministry. Some exciting things are happening at Ebenezer!!

Speaking of excitement - let's welcome our two newest members to the Ebenezer family, Alyce Straiter and Gloria Thorpe!

To God be the Glory!!

Rev. Dr. Larry E. Covington



MEMBER *of The* MONTH



Mrs. Sylvia Martin

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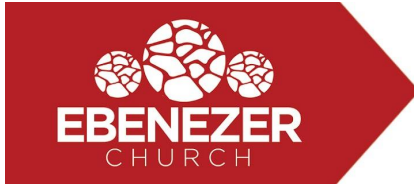
Deaconess Sylvia Martin

28 years ago, the Lord led Caroline, Joshua, Jodi and I from the work of ministry at New Light Church to become a part of the Ebenezer Church as First Family. Upon our arrival, we encountered a lovely group of dedicated members carrying out the Lord's work. Settling into the pastorate, I had the opportunity to connect with an awesome couple; Deacon Wilbur and Deaconess Sylvia Martin. Looking back over the years, I have appreciated their devotion to the Lord, to one another, to their sons, to the Ebenezer Church, and to me as their pastor.

The Lord took from us a few years ago Deacon Martin whom we still miss today. For the last few years his dear wife, Sis. Martin, one of the sweetest women I know, has continued to be faithful to the Lord, her work as a deaconess, a member of our Senior Adult Ministry, and a member of Missionary Circle #2.

Recently, Sis. Martin informed the church that she will be relocating to Tennessee to live, and of course upon hearing that news we are filled with mixed emotions. We will definitely miss her smile, her support, her prayers, and her attendance, but we understand the reason why she is relocating.

This month, help me celebrate a jewel among us. One who loves the Lord and loves God's people: Mrs. Sylvia Martin, our February 2023 Member of the Month!



BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 2023

Alston, Rezell
Best, Ashley
Bigelow, Inez
Blocker, Britni (Y)
Bradsher, Daniel
Bratcher, Daniel
Breeze, Tyrone
Brown, Jaylen
Burnette, Stephanie
Burston, Gwen
Burston, Olivia
Burton, Lisa
Butts, Lakeisha
Caldwell, Alexis
Cathey, Leah
Cheeley, Darryl
Clapp, Tristin (Y)
Coble, Chase (Y)
Coleman, Edward
Coleman, LeVanna
Cooper, Anitra
Corbett, Aviana
Corbett, Evelyn
Covington, Joseph "Joey"
Covington, Josh
Crawford, Christiana (Y)
Croom, Pamela
Davis, Antonio (Y)
Davis, Nicole
Daye, Dea. James
DeBerry, Niyah (Y)
Diggs, Elijah (Y)
Dorsey, Terreal
Foster, Tia

Foxx, Gary
Freeman, Megan
Fuller, Daijah
Fuller, Tamika
Fuller-Holmes, Kennedy (Y)
Gibson, Geoffrey (Y)
Gordon, Latonya
Gray, Lorrielle
Guye, Taneia
Harvey, Hilda
Hayden, Jhulan (Y)
Hightower, Khelly
Holman, Ahanjalique
James, Caleb (Y)
James, Ismay
James, Rodney
Jefferies, Jhase
Jeffries, Brandon
Jeffries, Jordan
Jeffries, Dea. Maverick
Jeffries, Dea. Tyrone
Johnson, Micah
Jones, Maria
Jones, Sherry
Jordan, Jestine
Lee, Lavita
Lee, Victoria
Lilly, Ginger
Long, Tonya
Madkins, Kristen
Mapp, Brock
McNeill, Warren
Mitchell, Crystal
Moore, Brittanee

Murray, Aquanetta
Owens, Latonya
Parker, Michael
Pettie, Jennifer
Pettiford, Mary
Poole, Cameron
Ray, Teresa
Reese, Robert
Rollinson, Aaron
Rushing, Kristyn
Slade, Todd
Snipes, Jade
Stanard, Destiny
Stovens, Amoretta
Stokes, Dea. Lance
Strickland, Joshua
Tate, Blanche
Thompson, Djuan
Thompson, Jah'san
Torrence, Miel (Y)
Wade, Cisco
Wade, LeGale
Waldon, Bridgette
Washington, Steven
Whitaker, Randell
White, Carrington (Y)
White, Mekayla
White, Schenika
Winstead, Darrel
Womack, Mekhi
Wright, Jesse
Wright, Steven
Young, Ryanne



ANNIVERSARIES

Alston, Joseph & Penny
Warren, Darlene & Terry
Richards, Clarence & Celeste
Foust, Edward & Bernice

February 12
February 14
February 26
February 27

SICK MEMBERS



*Mrs. Martha Lee
*Mr. Robert Boyd
*Mrs. Janie Crisp
*Miss Amiah Corbett
*Mrs. Carolyn Cooper
*Ms. Gwendolyn Daye
*Mrs. Willie Mae Daye
*Mrs. Ethel Faulk
*Mrs. Fannie Francis
*Ms. Dorothy Yarborough
*Mr. Victor Jeffries
*Mrs. Bonnie Johnson
*Mr. James Johnson
*Mrs. Lorraine Johnson
*Mrs. Fannie Kirby

*Mr. Terry & Mrs. Nancy Maynard
*Mr. Ronnie McCain
*Mrs. Lillian McDowell
*Mrs. Retha Mickens
*Mrs. Nancy Boone Moore
*Mrs. Carlene Nixon
*Mrs. Alma Pinnix
*Ms. Rose Marie Smith
*Ms. Diane Williamson
*Ms. Elizabeth Turner
*Mrs. Mamie Walker
*Mrs. Ruth May Wiley
*Mrs. Dorothy Wilson

SICK NON-MEMBERS



*Mr. Robin Ellison
*Mrs. Zellia Everette
*Mr. Celo Faucette
*Mrs. Ruth Harris
*Min. Elisabeth Johnson
*Mrs. Velma Jones

*Mrs. Theresha Rochelle
*Mrs. Ruthie Rogers
*Mrs. Nancy Stewart
*Mrs. Brenda Tapp
*Mrs. Denise Vinson

BEREAVEMENTS



*Mrs Claudia Graves (Aunt of Rev. Arnold Barton/Claretta, Grant-Aunt to Bro. Andrew Barton, Sis. Aimee Dupree/Jonathan)

*Ms. Latori Coltrane (Niece of Rev. Arnold Barton/Claretta, Cousin to Bro. Andrew Barton, Sis. Aimee Dupree/Jonathan)

*Sis Tammie Thaxton (Grandmother to, Delroy Jr., JaKari, & Kevion Hudson, Cousin to Bro. Wayne Hester, Melvin Graves, Annetta Corbett/Ronald)

*Mrs. Janice Marie Alston (Mother of Sis. Karen Wade/Daniel, Grandmother of Shantonia Graves and Alesya Wade)

*Mr. Dennis Johnson (Son of Trustee James Johnson)

*Mrs. Dorothy May Turner (Mother of Sis. Cassandra Turner)

*Mr. Willie Lewis Turner (Brother of Sis. Elizabeth "Liz" Turner)