

# Greater First Baptist Church

Newsletter

July ~ 2024



## Encouragement from the Pastor

Hello, fellow believer in Jesus Christ. I hope you are doing well. I am grateful for the opportunity to share words of encouragement with you.

In the book of Acts, chapter two, verse twenty-five, we find these words – *“I always see the Lord in front of me, for He is at my right hand so that I cannot be shaken.”*

This scripture is a powerful reminder for both you and me. Recognizing and believing that the Lord is in front of us enables us to keep moving forward despite the trials and tribulations of life. In other words, regardless of the circumstances, whether good or bad, we should envision the Lord leading the way in our lives.

It is about living with the confidence of knowing that He is by our side, and that nothing can shake us.

What do you see in front of you? Do you see problems, or do you see the Lord guiding you? A great perspective on faith is to imagine Jesus Christ in front of you every day, leading the way and occasionally turning around, smiling and encouraging you to keep going.

My prayer for you is that you will always see the Lord leading the way, no matter what is happening in your life right now. The Lord guides us through grief, sickness, and all the struggles of this world. I can almost hear Jesus Christ telling you and me right now – *“In this world, you will face troubles and trials, but take heart, for I have overcome the world. Amen.”*

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*Greater First Baptist Will  
Not Have In-House  
Bible Study the Month of July.  
However, You Are Invited  
To Join Us For*

*Virtual Bible Study  
On Tuesdays ---- 6:30 p.m.*

*Bible Study will start back on  
Wednesday, August 7, 2024.*

## Greater First Baptist Church Blood Drive

May 12, 2024

Greater First Baptist Church partnered with Blood Assurance on Sunday May 12, 2024 to host their first “Blood Drive.” Thank you to everyone who donated blood. The 11 donations were equal to saving 33 lives. It truly was a blessing for the community.



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## NAACP SCHOLARSHIP BRUNCH

May 18, 2024

On Saturday May 18, the Marshall County Branch of the NAACP hosted a Brunch for the 2024 Scholarship recipients and donors at Greater First Baptist Church. The NAACP presented scholarships to Jayli Childress, Kamaria Johnson, Kamea Johnson, Bryson McCown and Jayden Randolph. The NAACP also presented Greater First Baptist Church with an award for their generous donations and all they do to support the community.





NAACP Brunch continued...





# Juneteenth Celebration June 15, 2023

Marshall County's First Juneteenth Festival was held on June 15, 2024 at Rock Creek Park in Lewisburg, Tennessee. There were several vendors, food trucks, kids zone and more. Special thanks to Ms. Jessica Radley for leading this special event.







## 2024 Youth Conclave

Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention held their 2024 "Youth Conclave" June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> at Oasis Event and Retreat Center in Memphis, Tennessee. Greater First Baptist had ten youth and two chaperones to attend. They had a great time. Special thanks to the parents for allowing their children to participate.







## Birthdays and Anniversaries July and August

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Davonne Ogburn        | July 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Meredith Craig        | July 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Winston Brown         | July 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Joetta Thorpe         | July 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Aiden Hayes           | July 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Stephanie Lisa Mclean | July 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Demarion Wilson       | July 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Delane Hightower      | July 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Karla Foxx            | July 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Dominique Brown       | July 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Larry Campbell        | July 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Vernetta Allen        | July 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Amanda Brown          | July 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Olene Edmundson       | July 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tiffany Farris        | July 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Thomas Patton         | July 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| Ze'Shawn Swaggerty    | July 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Sarah Cooper          | July 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Jamecia Reed          | July 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Catherine Russell     | July 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lueshell Taylor       | July 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Blake Malone          | July 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Norma James           | July 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Kevin Taylor          | July 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Donald Webster        | July 28 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tim Martin            | July 29 <sup>th</sup> |

### August Birthdays

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Erika White           | August 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Alana Byrd            | August 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Tanisha Mosely        | August 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Ashley Cash           | August 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Corrye Brown          | August 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Shanetta Mayes Pavano | August 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Shirley Farris        | August 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Amare Biggers         | August 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Landon Dukes          | August 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Nancy Harris          | August 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tomika McLean         | August 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Decomrion Wilson      | August 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| Markeith Brown        | August 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jackie Gentry         | August 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Detra Grippin         | August 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Renita Martin         | August 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tajuna Wicks          | August 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| Howard French         | August 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Yolanda Anderson      | August 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Kavares Tears         | August 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Timothy Fields        | August 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Will Taylor           | August 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Sheila Baxter         | August 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| Debi Shethen          | August 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| Shetika Terrell       | August 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| Elizabeth McCord      | August 31 <sup>st</sup> |

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Issac and Katrina Wiley - July 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Don and Carletta Webster – July 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Ed & Dorothy Thomison – July 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Noval and Kyna Mayes – July 14<sup>th</sup>

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

Henry & Veatrice Foster  
 August 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Rev. Thessely & Sheila Baxter  
 August 25<sup>th</sup>



## Birthdays & Anniversaries September

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Vivian Brown      | September 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Adrian Bell       | September 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Deloris Taylor    | September 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Jeff McCord       | September 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Laureel Butler    | September 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Chundra Davis     | September 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Demetriss Malone  | September 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Mary Brown        | September 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| La'Quisha Terrell | September 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| LeKeitra Walker   | September 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Whitney Campbell  | September 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Kevin Davis       | September 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Kalin Webster     | September 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Corrie Knot       | September 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Willow Harris     | September 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Alicia Brown      | September 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Ray Ussery        | September 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Ebony Pettigrew   | September 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Shelley Lottie    | September 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jordan Anderson   | September 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Gloria Quarles    | September 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| Antonio Craig     | September 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Myr Dell Eskridge | September 28 <sup>th</sup> |

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Thomas & Shauna Patton – September 1 <sup>st</sup>    |
| Jermaine & Jamiya Cooper – September 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Clark & Michelle Harrison – September 8 <sup>th</sup> |
| Mike & Detra Grippin – September 9 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Carlos & Kaamar'ia Guzman – September 9 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jeff & Yolanda Anderson – September 15 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Will & Cheryl Taylor – September 19 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Blake & Demetriss Malone - September 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Carlton & Faith Dudley – September 22 <sup>n</sup>    |
| Freddy & Jasmine Howard – September 29 <sup>th</sup>  |

### Announcements



**Rev. Vera Alexander**  
**Change Church Ministry**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**

Will be the guest speaker at  
Greater First Baptist Church  
On Sunday, July 21, 2024  
@ 10:00 a.m.

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Greater First Baptist Church  
Youth College/ Scholarship Day  
will be on  
Sunday, July 28, 2024  
@ 10:00 a.m.

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