#### THE PROCLAIMER – SEPTEMBER 2025



Pastor-Dale A. Moye Sr.
Assistant Pastor-Min. Jonathan Johnson
Deacon Chairman-Raymond Hamilton
Office Administrator-Kelsey McCarter
Church Clerk- Elva Chase
Music Ministry Director-Jerome Ganaway
Sunday School Director-Carroll Fuller
Children's Ministry Director-Shirley Johnson
Nursery-Bettie Hankins
Women's Ministry-Min. Natasha Sunday Clarke
Men's Ministry-Min. Micheal Parks
Discipleship Training-Min. Jonathan Johnson

#### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

Sunday School 9am Sunday Morning Service 10am Wednesday Evening Service 7pm

Worship Services are livestreamed and can be viewed through the following means:

#### The Church website:

pershingpark.org

The Church Facebook page:

Pershing Park Baptist Church

On YouTube:

Pershing Park Baptist Church



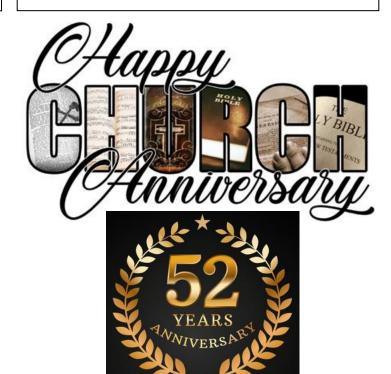
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We would like to welcome all new incoming members of 2025 joining our church family at Pershing Park Baptist Church. God adds to the church such as should be saved, and we look forward to your presence and participation in building up the Kingdom of God and sharing His love.

#### **Pershing Park Baptist Church History**

1964 - First Baptist Church purchased 2.6 acres of land.

1965—Permission was granted to use the Pershing Park Elementary School for church services. Brother Bob Harris, pastor at First Baptist Church Killeen, led a revival beginning July 11-18. He then started having regular services. He served as pastor until September of that year. Brother Alvin Reese Sutton then became pastor, and he served until December 31, 1966.

1967—The Baptist General Convention of Texas made it possible through its church building department to secure the services of E.O. Hartwell, pastor/builder. He was called as the pastor and began his unique ministry of constructing the building. Later that year, ground was broken for a new building on Old 440. On June 25, 1967, a service of dedication was held in the completed building, now called Pershing Park Baptist Mission. On July 2, 1967, Brother James P. Anderson (Pat) became pastor, and he served until January 20, 1974

1971 – Ten men were elected to serve as the first deacons of the mission

1972—Groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new educational wing.

1973—January 7, 1973, Pershing Park Baptist Mission was constituted as Pershing Park Baptist Church

1974— Pastor James P. Anderson (Pat) resigned, and Dr. Herman Dee Stout became pastor. He served as pastor until March 1984.

1980—While Dr. Herman Dee Stout was pastor, Pershing Park elected Hallie Tolbert Jr. as the assistant pastor. He served as assistant pastor until he became the pastor of the mission church in 1986

1984 – Brother Dean Parmer became the Interim Pastor. He served as Interim Pastor until July 6, 1986

1986 – Doctor J.A. Reynolds served as Interim Pastor from July 13, until February 22, 1987

1987—A note burning service for the old sanctuary was held on January 20th. Later in this year, after Doctor J.A. Reynold resigned as Interim Pastor, the Pastoral Committee began searching for a new Pastor.

1987—Brother Joda Keith Weston became Pastor on March 1. Pastor Joda Weston was the Pastor for 25 years. He retired in January of 2012.

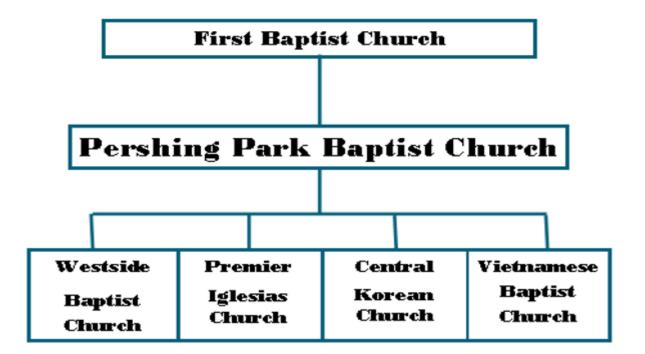
2012—The Pastoral Committee began searching for a new Pastor. On July 12, 2012, Brother Jack Riley was appointed as Interim Pastor. He served as Interim Pastor until January 12, 2014.

2014— Pastor Dale A. Moye, Sr. was elected the new Pastor of Pershing Park Baptist Church. On February 9, 2014, an Installation Ceremony was held.

2019—Minister Jonathan Johnson became assistant pastor of Pershing Park Baptist Church.

We are truly blessed and honored here, at "The Park" to have these men of God, past and present to serve as our Pastors and Leaders.

#### Our Family Tree







#### LIFE'S BUMPS IN THE ROAD

One time, when I was on my way back to the church after taking Ms. Bessie and the Pre-school children to their summer outing, as I exited the highway and with all the construction that was going on, we hit a bump that caused the van to jump up a little. At that point, one of the Pre-school children hollered out, "What's that!" She was quickly calmed down by one of the Nursery Workers who told her, "It was just a bump! Don't worry".

That got me to thinking about how as we travel down this road of life, sometimes our road is smooth (which we like), but sometimes there are some bumps in our road. Some of these bumps are sickness, death of a love one, loneliness, hurt feelings, addictions, and many others.

The truth is, along with life there will come bumps in the road. Some of them just happen, some we bring upon ourselves, some bumps God allows bumps to come into our lives to grow and teach us things. When we mix that all together, it all works out for us (Romans 8:28).

Don't give up on life when you hit a few bumps--even big bumps. God never gives up on you, so don't give up on Him and life. Take heart and remember a promise of God's word which can help you get over the bumps along the road of life. "Blessed are those who endure trials, for they have stood the tests and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12).

Then, just like the Nursery Worker told the Pre-School child, "Don't you worry; it's only a bump". If God does not smooth our road for us, He helps us over our bumps!

Let's us all be in prayer for Pershing Park's 52<sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary this month. Pray that God will continue to grow the Park with a strong spiritual foundation!

Blessings,

AP Jonathan

#### Ministers of Pershing Park Baptist Church



**Evangelist Jacqueline Smith** 



Minister Roselle Robbins



Minister
Marlon Threat



Minister Shirley Booker



Minister
James Clarke



Minister Michael Parks



Minister
Daniel Bedford



Minister Natasha Clarke



Minister
David Higginbottom



#### **Deacons Of Pershing Park Baptist Church**

#### **Deacon Mission Statement**

The deacon body of Pershing Park Baptist Church exists for the purpose of serving the church body. To protect and defend the unity of the body of believers by seeking to connect people to Christ and the church. Also, by nurturing people to grow as disciples through spiritual transformation and helping people serve through ministry, missions, and worship.

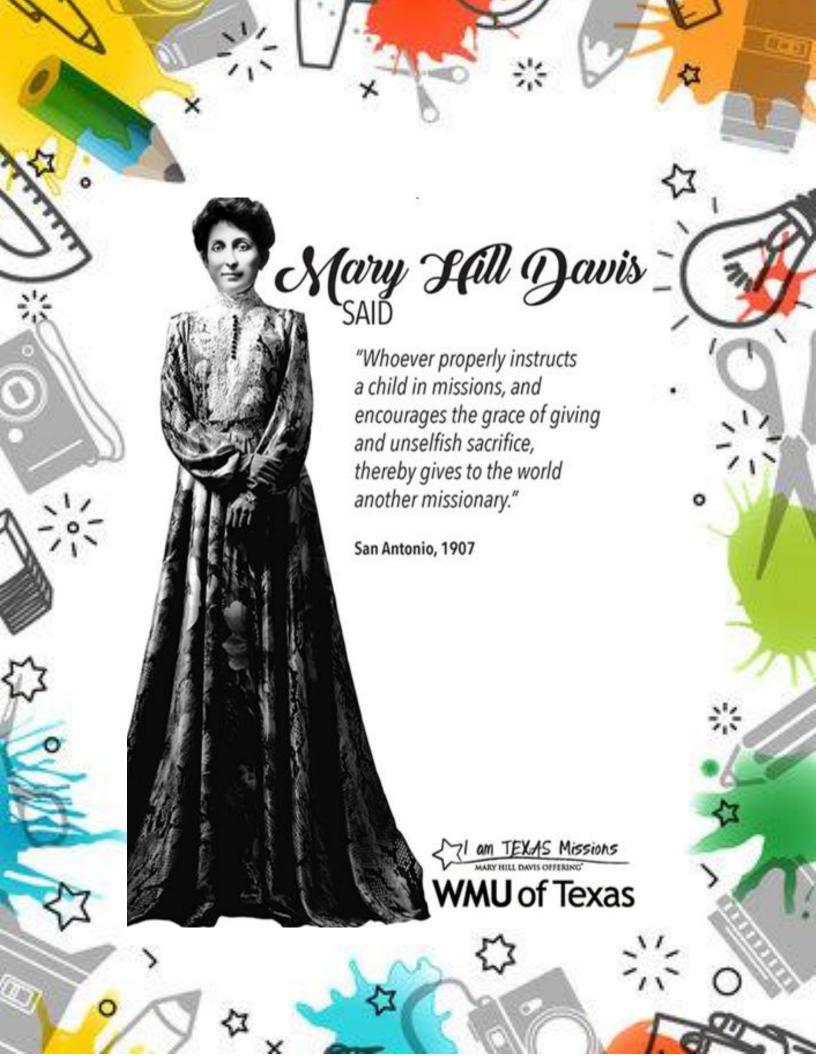
Raymond Hamilton - Chairman

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D
Lamont Whitfield	Alvenus Horshaw	Harold Hart	Patrick Booker (Emeritus Status)
Tracy Moore	Carroll Fuller		



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Sign-up sheet for Bible Drill will be on the table in the foyer.



GA meetings will resume on Wednesday, Sept 3, 2025. All girls, 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade are

#### Back to School: Supporting Our Children's Mental Health

A Message for Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians

As summer winds down and families prepare to send children back to school, it's important that we look beyond new clothes and supply lists. Let us not forget to tend to our children's hearts, minds, and spirits during this season of transition.

Back-to-school time often brings a swirl of emotions—excitement, nervousness, and sometimes fear. As members of a faith community committed to the well-being of our families, it's our responsibility to cover our children not only in prayer but also with wisdom and support.

#### Why Mental Health Matters for Our Children

Mental health is not separate from spiritual health—it is part of God's design for wholeness. Proverbs 4:23 tells us, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." A sound mind helps our children focus, learn, build friendships, and navigate the world with confidence.

#### Common Struggles Children Face During the Transition

- Separation Anxiety: Particularly for young children or first-time students.
- Social Worry: Fears about fitting in or making friends.
- Academic Pressure: Internal or external expectations may cause stress.
- Routine Changes: New teachers, classrooms, or school environments can feel overwhelming.

#### Signs to Look For

- Excessive worry or sadness
- Difficulty sleeping or eating
- Withdrawing from others
- Complaints of stomachaches or headaches
- Irritability or unusual anger
- Trouble focusing or completing work

#### Faith + Practical Steps: How to Support Your Child

#### 1. Pray Together Daily

Start each school day with a simple prayer of protection, peace, and wisdom. Teach your child they are never alone— "The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

#### 2. Talk—and Truly Listen

Make time each day to ask, "What was something good about today? What was hard?" Resist the urge to fix immediately; sometimes they just need to feel heard.

#### 3. Create Steady Routines

Children thrive on predictability. Begin regular sleep and wake times and establishing a calming bedtime routine that includes prayer or scripture.

#### 4. Teach Them to Breathe & Trust

When overwhelmed, a few slow, deep breaths paired with a scripture like "God is our refuge and strength" (Psalm 46:1) can help them re-center.

#### For the Whole Church Body: Ways We Can Help

- Check on families with school-aged children. Ask how they're doing, offer prayer, or send a kind note.
- Donate school supplies or sponsor a backpack.
- Encourage your church youth workers and educators. They are spiritual first responders during this season.
- Remind young people of their identity in Christ. School may challenge them, but they
  are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14).

#### When to Seek Additional Support

If your child's emotional struggles continue beyond a few weeks or interfere with daily life, it's wise to seek professional counseling.

#### **♥**Final Encouragement

Dear parents and guardians: You are not alone. This season is a sacred opportunity to strengthen your child's faith, resilience, and emotional well-being. With God's help—and the love of our church family—we can prepare our children not just for school, but for life.

May this school year be filled with peace, purpose, and protection.

Andrea Young, LPC-S

This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.



Jerome Ganaway Music Ministry Director

If you have an interest in praising the Lord through singing. Please come join us as we sing praises to HIS name.

Practice Schedules:

Adult Choir: Thursday 6 pm

Youth and Young Adult Choir: 1st and 2nd Sunday After Church

Children Choir: 1st and 3rd Saturday at 12 noon



### DISCIPLES OF SILENT PRAISE Praise Dance and Mime Ministry

Let us praise His name with the dance! (Psalm 149:3)

Dancing is how we express with our bodies what our hearts feels towards the Lord. We have to be expressive with both our bodies and faces, so that everyone can see the joy we feel within our hearts. We may wave our arms above our heads, clap wildly, sway our bodies, and move our heads to the music, but we won't let anyone tell us that our style of praise is wrong. As long as it is praise, there is no right or wrong way. We don't only minister to our brothers and sisters in Christ, but we minister to ourselves as well. We are continuously seeking God to show Himself in us that we may be pleasing in His sight and do what He has called us to do; to minister to His people through dance.

#### We Minister on:

Some Sundays Major Holidays Church Special Events

#### You will learn:

-What we Minister about -Why we are Ministering to songs -How we use our bodies to Minister

#### ALL AGES ARE WELCOME, BOTH MALE AND FEMALE!

For more information see Sis. Kelsey McCarter or call the Church Office at 254-634-1013.

We practice every Sunday after Morning Worship

#### **Guest Relations Team**



Big thanks & praises to the team for your continued spirit filled servant's heart! Your dedication to this ministry is appreciated.

Thank you all for your support and great suggestions! We are working on increasing our visitor response and follow up cards.

"Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the Glory of God!"

Romans 15:7 (KJV)



# Ushers & Greeters

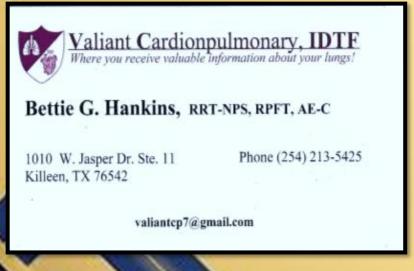




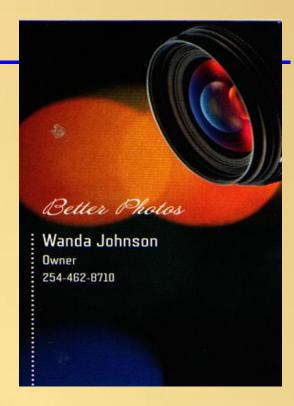


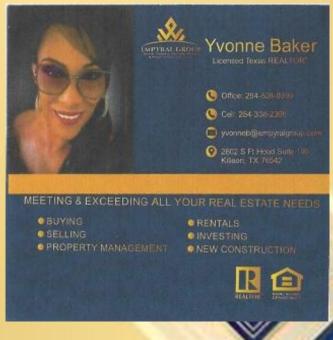
If you have a business that offers goods and/or services that you would like to share in The Proclaimer, please forward your information and/or your logo to the church office at <a href="mailto:pershingpark@waco.twcbc.com">pershingpark@waco.twcbc.com</a>. You may also forward your info to Sister Elva Chase. What better way to network and support each other, than to begin with church family and visitors?













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# FAMILIES

MCH Family Outreach in Killeen offers many programs and services to help children and families in this community thrive:

- Resource Information
- Case Management Services
- Parenting Support & Education
- Service Planning
- Advocacy
- · Counseling



We offer programs to help make families stronger!

Trained staff partner with families to offer connections to resources and community support.

#### **FAMILY SOLUTIONS**

Case managers meet with families in their home or in the community.

#### PARENT EDUCATION

Trained staff lead group or individual sessions teaching skills to make families stronger. Services are specific to grandparents and other relative caregivers who care for children in the absence of parents.

GAP PROGRAM

MCH.org

**KILLEEN** 

254-245-9911

Services provided at no cost to families.

# Mentoring Program for Male Teens—

# Creating Pathways to Success

# Empowering Young Men Through Guidance, Community Involvement , and Opportunities

program called "Mentoring Male Teens: Building a Strong Future" to support male teens' personal growth, eadership, and academic success through guidance and community involvement. They are known as The Program Introduction and Purpose: Several men, affiliated with PPBC, are launching a mentoring Park's Uncles

mentors for consistent, meaningful engagement, with the first meeting scheduled for September 13th Program Structure and Initial Engagement: The program pairs male teens with experienced adult

# Coordinators

Lead Coordinator: Leon Hardy

Assistant Coordinator Lead: Brian Nelson

Academic Coordinator: Rodney Johnson

Transportation Coordinator: Julius Pruitt

Donation Coordinator: Ozell Wiley

Peer Coordinator: Sintrail Henderson

# Volunteers

Jim Clark

Clem Steele

Matthew (Malo) Ornelaz

Scottie Williams

Harold Robbins

Sammy Clark

Tommy Haggard

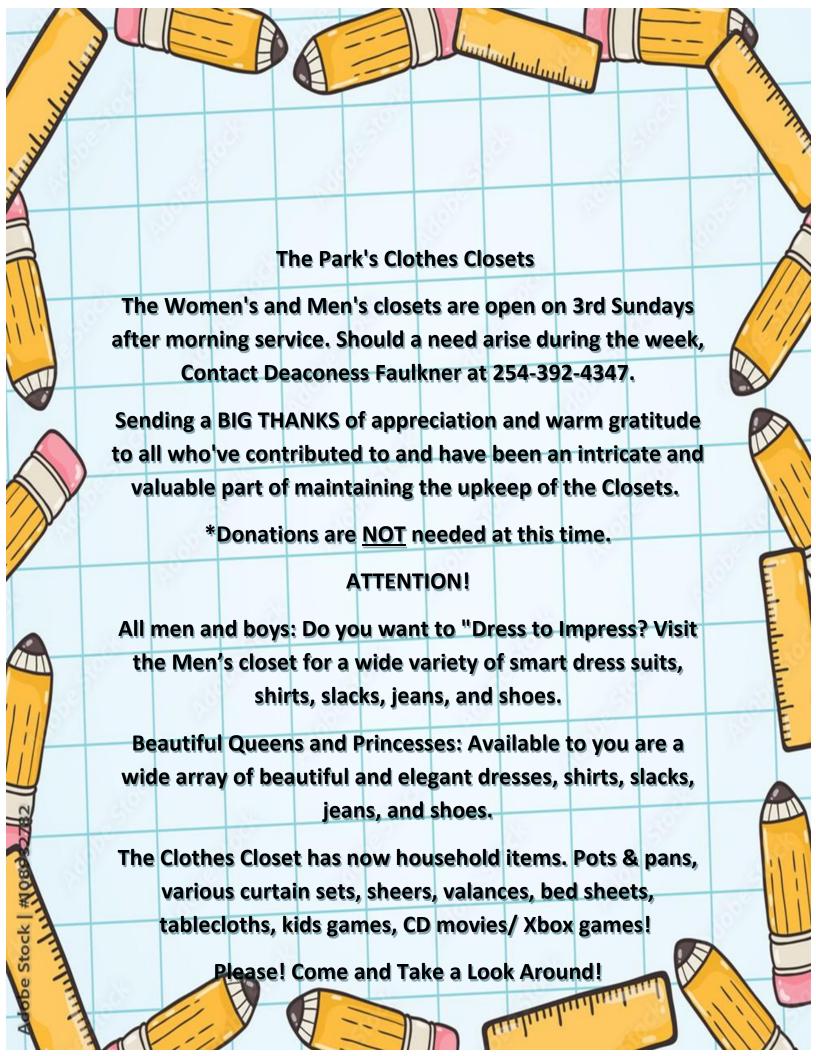
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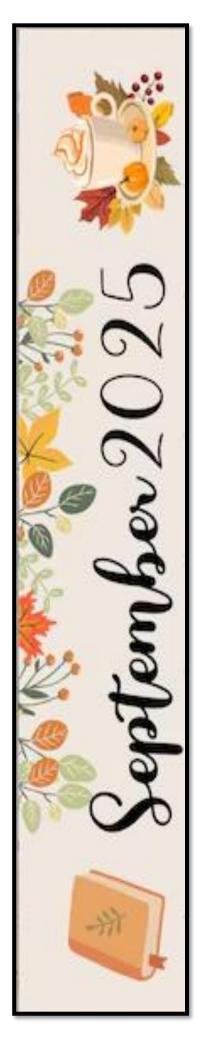
Pastor Dale Moye SR. (Advisor/donor)

Pat Booker (Advisor/donor)

Asst Pastor Jonathan Johnson (Advisor)

Several others agreed to be JUST donors.





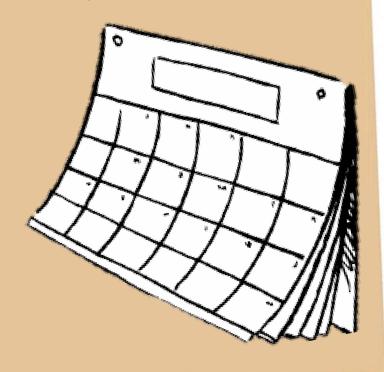
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## CALENDAR UPDATES WANTED!

If you have an event that you want added to the church calendar, send the information to the church office no later than the last Tuesday of the month!



# September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

If you know someone in crisis (24-hour, confidential support):

- Call or text the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988
- Contact the Crisis Text Line (text HELLO to 741741)
- Veterans Crisis Line: Dial 988 then Press 1 or text 838255
- Dial 911 in an emergency

Learn the warning signs

https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics//suicideorevention

#### WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE:

The behaviors listed below may be some of the signs that someone is thinking about suicide.

#### TALKING ABOUT:



- > Wanting to die
- Great guilt or shame
- Being a burden to others

#### FEELING:



- Empty, hopeless, trapped, or having no reason to live
- Extremely sad, more anxious, agitated, or full of rage
- Unbearable emotional or physical pain

#### **CHANGING BEHAVIOR, SUCH AS:**



- Making a plan or researching ways to die
- Withdrawing from friends, saying goodbye, giving away important items, or making a will
- Taking dangerous risks such as driving extremely fast
- Displaying extreme mood swings
- □ Eating or sleeping more or less
- Using drugs or alcohol more often

If these warning signs apply to you or someone you know, get help as soon as possible, particularly if the behavior is new or has increased recently.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Call or text 988 Chat at 988lifeline.org Crisis Text Line
Text "HELLO" to 741741





# Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain



#### ASK

"Are you thinking about killing yourself?"



# KEEP THEM

Reduce access to lethal items or places.



# BE THERE

Listen carefully and acknowledge their feelings.



# TELP THEM CONNECT

Call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline number (988).



### STAY CONNECTED

Follow up and stay in touch after a crisis.



On behalf of the Women's Ministry of Pershing Park, I extend my deepest thanks to those who participated in our backpack program. Because of your generous donations of backpacks and school supplies, we were able to distribute over 200 clear backpacks filled with supplies.

A special thanks to the ladies who came to pack the backpacks. Your dedication to this project is always overwhelming. We were also blessed to have supplies donated after our deadline and for this we are grateful. God bless you always, First Lady Moye

TO MY CHURCH FAMILY I take this opportunity to thank you for your texts, cards, phone calls, visits and words of encouragement during my time of surgery and convalescence. I am so thankful to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation. You are the BEST. It is my prayer that God will continue to bless as we continue to minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

Love, thanks and blessings, Sister Wanda Johnson.

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In what ever part your
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much appreciated.

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Elva Chase	Sept 2
Cora Williams	Sept 3
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Natalie Johnson	Sept 13
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Marshall Smith	Sept 14
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## Celebrating SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES!

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Ira & Emily Fortune	Sept 4
Ronald and Linda Williams	Sept 5
Craig and Veronica Beasley	Sept 11
Darrell and Carmen Hogan	Sept 13
Carroll and Sylvia Fuller	Sept 14
Nolanzo and Hearynn Lyles	Sept 17
Xavier and Maurice Frazier	Sept 27

### Prayer Corner

#### **Please Pray For:**

All our military and civilians that are deployed, and their families...
families that have experienced the loss of a loved one...
a hedge of protection for our church...

All Members & Guests...
sick and shut-ins...
home bound individuals...
salvation & healing...
employment...
guidance & wisdom...
missions...
special needs of our church...
mercy & grace.

If you have a special prayer request, please contact Deaconess Henevelyn Smith.

