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Appointments are Encouraged



Celebration of Christian Morship SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 | 9:30AM



FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

3509 BLUE SPRING ROAD NW | HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA PH: (256) 852-4318 | WWW.FMBC.ORG THE REVEREND DR. DON DARIUS BUTLER, PASTOR THE REVEREND DR. JULIUS R. SCRUGGS, PASTOR EMERITUS



FMBC AT WORSHIP	9:30AM

INTROIT**

WELCOME GREETING & CALL TO WORSHIP*

Pastor Don Darius Butler

PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

Sister Adriana Poole

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING Sister Carolyn H. Parker

Emeritus status is granted by a church to show honor to the retiring Pastor and can also be conferred upon leaders after honorable service.

We offer thanks to God for this servant leader, our Pastor Emeritus.

Our Pastor Emeritus has so diligently led us on the straight path toward the understanding of Biblical principles and how they are applicable to our daily walk.

We offer thanks to God for this servant leader, our Pastor Emeritus.

Pastor Emeritus has led by example with integrity, honesty and commitment to Christian ideals resulting in a broadening of the scope of influence of First Missionary Baptist Church locally, nationally, and worldwide.

We offer thanks to God for this servant leader, our Pastor Emeritus.

He has, during his 42 years of leadership here, encouraged and supported the pursuit of scholarly work toward the end of spiritual, economic, and academic empowerment, thereby strengthening the vibrancy of our congregation.

We offer thanks to God for this servant leader, Pastor Emeritus.

He has presided over baptisms, marriages, burials, visited us in hospitals and our homes, and prayed for us without ceasing thereby endearing himself to our congregants as friend as well as Pastor-teacher.

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MINISTRY ACTIVITIES WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2023 – MARCH 26, 2023

Monday	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Balance Class via Zoom NAACP Executive Meeting via Zoom Daisy/Brownie Girl Scout Troop Meeting Junior/Cadette Girl Scout Troop Meeting NAACP General Membership Meeting via Zoom Circle No. 2 Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday	5:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer via Conference Call Dayspring Circle via Zoom Circle No. 3 Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday	10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Balance Class via Zoom Noon Bible Study In-Person Family Night at 3509 Family Meal Bible Study In-Person
Thursday Friday	No Activities 7:00 a.m.	Intercessory Prayer via Conference Call
Saturday	No Activities	
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer via Conference Call Adult Sunday School In-Person & Virtual Children & Youth Sunday School In-Person Morning Worship via Livestream, YouTube and Facebook Children & Youth Sunday Worship Service Morning Worship via Livestream

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE TIMES
LIVESTREAM AT 9:30 AM AND 6:00 PM
RADIO BROADCAST
11:30 AM ON WEUP RADIO 103.1 FM & 1700 AM
TELEVISION BROADCAST 9:30 PM

- WHDF-CW
- DIRECT TV (CHANNEL 15)
- MEDIACOM (CHANNEL 6&8)
- WOW (CHANNEL 15)
- COMCAST (CHANNÉL 13)



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*Please Stand **

** Worshippers May Enter

We offer thanks to God for this servant leader, Pastor Emeritus.

We offer our constant and fervent prayers for his continued strong mind and a reasonable portion of good health to stay the course of commitment to the mission for which he was called so any years ago.

Thanks be to God for this servant leader, our Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Julius R. Scruggs.

HYMN OF WITNESS***

Oh, How I Love Jesus (Whitfield)

There is a Name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest Name on earth.

Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free; It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea.

TRIBUTE TO THE PASTOR EMERITUS

It tells me what my Father hath
In store for every day,
And though I tread a darksome path,
Yields sunshine all the way.

It tells of One whose loving heart Can feel my deepest woe; Who in each sorrow bears a part That none can bear below.

Jesus, the Name I love so well, The Name I love to hear: No saint on earth its worth can tell, No heart conceive how dear.

> Deacon Charles W. Scruggs Brother Gary D. Scruggs

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Deacon Denver & Deaconess Tina Betts

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY**

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Butler

FMBC AT WORSHIP

MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

The Church Choir

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Julius R. Scruggs

Pastor Emeritus

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP*

Pastor Butler

MUSIC OF AFFIRMATION

THE PARTING HYMN*

Sweet, Sweet Spirit (Akers)

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us filling us with Your love. And for those blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, When we shall leave this place.

SENDING FORTH & BENEDICTION*

Pastor Emeritus Scruggs

Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY





BEREAVEMENTS

Pray for those who are grieving the loss of a family member.

Please join in prayer for the following bereaved families:

- Service for Mr. Andy Talley, Jr. (Brother Charles Talley's brother and Sister Shirley Talley's brother-in-law was March 17, 2023 in Dothan, AL.
- Service for Mrs. Miriam Carter (Sister Sheryl Lunn's mother and Reverend Gregory Lunn's mother-in-law) will be March 24, 2023 in Baltimore, MD.
- Memorial Service for Brother Roosevelt Stevenson Stewart will be March 25, 2023 in Huntsville, AL.
- Service Mrs. Grace Babayeju (Sister Gladys Ayokanmbi's mother, Brother Michael Ayokanmbi's mother-in-law, and Brother Ademola Ayokanmbi and Ayomide Ayokanmbi's grandmother) will be March 31, 2023 in Kent, UK.

Arrangements are being made for the following:

• Mr. Larry Roddie (Reverend G. W. Lindsey Jr.'s cousin)



THANK YOU CARDS

Thank You Cards Received

Sis. Mae Etta Towns & Family
Dea. Morris & Dea. Annie Smith
Ms. Culexie Gordon
Rev. Willie Alexander & Family
Rev. G. W. Lindsey, Jr. & The Whiteside Family

•Ms. Mildred White Dawson



SERMON NOTES

OUR KNOWN SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 6:16b

Sis. Bettye Adams	Sis. Diane McElroy Jones
Sis Jacqueline "Jackie" Baker	Sis. Vickie Jones
Bro. Robert Booker	Bro. Mike Keeler
Sis. Dollie Bradley	Sis. Erlese Kent
Sis. Mattie Brazile	Sis. Melissa Kirkpatrick
Sis. Mary Frances Broaden	Dr. Janette Kotey
Bro. Henry Bryant	Sister Lajeannia Lacey
Sis. Quisha Riche Bryant	Sis. Evelyn Lauderdale-Ward
Sis. Edna H. Burnett	Sis. Kristen Lewis
Bro. Von Burton	Sis. Grace Love
Sis. Charlotte Camble	Sis. Sheryl Lunn
Min. Robert Clark	Sis. Brenda Mack
Bro. Charlie Corley	Sis. Cathy Matlock
Sis. Brenda Chunn	Sis. Deborah McDonald
Sis. Laura Daniels	Min. Jo Anita Miley
Sis. Estella Darwin	Bro. Aldin "Al" Mitchell
Sis. Vickie Dubose	Bro. Douglas Montgomery
Bro. Donald Duncan	Sis. Patrice Nance
Sis. Judy Edmond	Bro. Manguell Parker
Sis. Jacklin Mitchell Escott	Min. Ryan Patrick Parker
Bro. Antonio Falls	Bro. Wardell Pearson
Sis. Virginia Gilchrist	Sis. Briana Peoples
Sis. Brenda Gurley	Sis. Beverly Phillips
Sis. Kathryn Harvey	Bro. Marion Phillips
Bro. Jesse Hawthorne	Sis. Patricia Pope
Sis. Latekia Heard	Dea. Judge Posey
Bro. Lee Vart Hill	Min. Mary Posey
Bro. Joseph Hobson	Sis. Nekia Provitt
Bro. Freeman Holifield	Sis. Fannie O. Pulley
Bro. Carl Jackson	Sis. Fay Readus-Revere
Sis. Abethany James	Bro. Gary Ridgell
Sis. Irene Jolly	Sis. Charlene Scissum

Sis. Elizabeth Scrivens
Bro. Alfred Smith
Sis. Angie Smith
Sis. Jacquelyn Smith
Sis. Doris Stewart
Bro. Freddie Stewart
Min. Jim Stewart
Sis. Mary Turner
Sis. Brianna Williams
Bro. Winston Wilson
Sis. Ashley Wright
Sis. Leone L. Washington

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Hospital

Sis. Kim S. Green, Huntsville Hospital

Local Healthcare Facilities

Sis. Willie "Nell" Carodine, Private Home Care

Min. Louise Freeman, Brookshire Healthcare Center

Sis. Dorothy Gurley, Private Home Care

Sis. Shirley Hughes, Valley View Rehabilitation Center

Dea. Prince Preyer, Merrill Gardens at Madison

Sis. Velma Pickett, Brookshire Healthcare Center

Sis. Edna Saunders, Vitality Living- Upland Park

Bro. Robert U. Smith, Private Home Care

Bro. Kevin Snodgrass, Big Spring Specialty Care Center

Remote Healthcare Facilities

Sis. Carrie McKinney, Creve Couer Manor, St. Louis, MO

Sis. Carita Mitchell, Unlisted, Philadelphia, PA