



2023

***Eastern Star Missionary
Baptist Church***

Sunday, May 21st, 2023

***Rev. Vester Thompson Jr.
Senior Pastor***

***548 15th Street @ Austin Avenue ▪
Port Arthur Texas***



Congratulations!
YOU DID IT



A Prayer for the

GRADUATE

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers."

- 1 Thessalonians 1:2

G is for Gratitude

Lord, please help our students feel thankful rather than entitled. Teach them to appreciate & use wisely the gifts with which You've blessed them. May they invest their time, strength, talents, aptitudes, abilities, and opportunities in ways that glorify You. (Psalm 100:4; 1 Corinthians 4:7, 10:31; Psalm 90:12; Mark 4:25)

R is for Reputation

God, keep our students mindful that a good name is more valuable than great riches, but that character is even more important than reputation. May they walk in integrity both publicly & privately, honoring You & setting an example in speech, love, faith, & purity. (Prov. 10:9, 22:1; 2 Peter 1:5-6; Rom. 14:8; 1 Tim. 4:12)

A is for Affections

Keep our students' hearts pure and their affections centered on You, O Lord. Enable them to love You well & love others as themselves. Protect them against any temptations that would draw them into sin. Give them godly friends who will sharpen rather than snare them. (Col. 3:1-3, Luke 10:27, 11:4; Prov. 27:17; Psalm 1)

D is for Direction

Guide our students, O God, and make the path straight before them. Help them acknowledge You in all their ways and follow hard in whatever direction You lead. Keep their feet on the straight and narrow way and stay by their side when all others desert them. (Prov. 3:5-6; Matt. 7:13-14; Deuteronomy 31:8; Psalm 23:3-4)

U is for Understanding

Grant our students wisdom and understanding, Lord. May they have ears to hear, eyes to see, and a heart to serve You. Teach them to love what is good and to shun what is evil, and give them discernment to easily distinguish between the two. (Prov. 2:2-6, 2:10-11, 20:12; Acts 28:27; Mark 4:22-23; Job 28:28)

A is for Aspirations

God, give our students a clear sense of purpose in life. Align their goals to match Yours; guard them against distraction. May they make it their ambition to please You in everything they do, serving as salt & light as they do their work diligently & cheerfully. (Phil. 2:13-15, 3:14; 2 Cor. 5:9; Col. 3:23; Matt. 5:13-16; 1 Thess. 4:11)

T is for Teachers

Lord, raise up godly teachers who proclaim the truth. Maintain in our students a humble & teachable spirit, but one that examines everything they are taught in light of Scripture. Keep them grounded in Your Word & teach them to reason with insight and clarity. (Eph. 4:11-12; Prov. 11:2; James 3:13; Psalm 119:98-100)

E is for Endurance

God, give our students grit & perseverance. Renew their strength. Help them budget their time wisely. Grant them the rest they need to keep a sound mind & healthy body. Guard them against fatigue, discouragement, and depression. (2 Tim. 1:7; Rom. 12:12; Isaiah 40:30-31; Eph. 5:15-16; Psalm 127:2; Joshua 1:9)

Order of Worship

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Graduates Processional

**Congregational Praise*

Announcements

Acknowledgments of Visitors

*Offering
(Benevolent, Public and Tithes)*

Songs of Praise

*Proclamation of the Gospel
Rev. Thurman Bartie*

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship*

*Benediction
Graduate Recessional*

THANK YOU!

**Prepare for worship in stillness and prayer...
When worship is over, service begins.
Go in peace, serve the Lord!**

***Denotes congregation please stand**

College Graduates

Kajuanna Lewis



Parent: Kristen Keller

College: Lamar State College

GPA: 4.0

*School Affiliations/Honors/Accomplishments/Scholarships:
President's List*

14 Generation College Graduate

Degree: Cosmetology

Church Involvement: Member since 2022

*Prayer Request: Discipline to keep the success going and the
wisdom to multiply it.*

Jaylin M. Charles

HIGH SCHOOL



Parent: Denise Mitchell/Martin Charles Jr.

High School: Memorial High School

GPA: 3.0

College: Texas Southern University

Major: Psychology

*Church Involvement: Youth Church, Youth
Choir, Willey College program, Genesis
learning center.*

*Prayer Request: To Lead me through the way
in my new Journey, Amen!!*

Middle School

Graduates

Derion Charles



Parents: Rashad Bowden

Grandparents: Richard & Claudette Bowden

Middle School: Lincoln Middle School



Charles Fisk III



Parents: Carissa Robertson - Charles Fisk Jr.

Grandparent: Carolyn Robertson

Middle School: Lincoln Middle School



Shies Harrison



Parents: Tiffany Charles

Grandparent: Eltonet Charles

Middle School: Thomas Jefferson Middle School



Acknowledged 2023 Graduates Of ESBC Family Members



Eboni Nicole Bowden



*Parents: Richard & Claudette Bowden & Rena Marshall
College: Eastern Washington University
Degree: Master of Public Health*

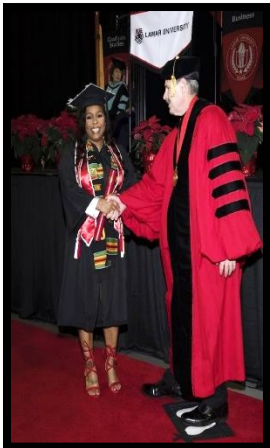


Alexandria Hawkins

*Parents: Shawn Hawkins & Shawana
Hawkins-Thornton
College: University of Houston
Degree: BBA in Marketing
BBA in Management*



Shawana HawKins-Thornton



*Parents: Debra Threats & the Late Elton White
College: Lamar University
Degree: BBA in General Business
BBA in Management*

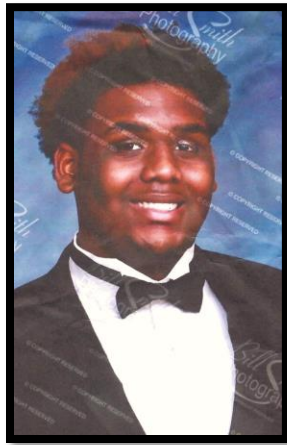




HIGH SCHOOL

Graduates

Mar'tavian L. Charles



*Parents: Martin L. Charles & Tiana Guillory
Grandparent: Eltonet Charles
High School: Luther Burner AS*

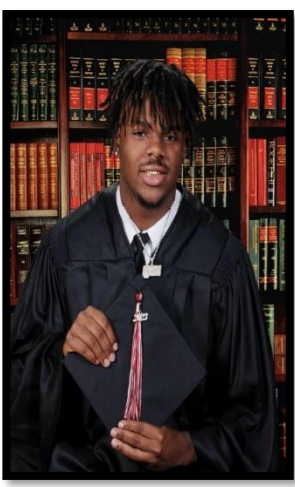


Tevin A. Scott



*Parents: Michael & Tonia Scott
Grandparents: Lloyd & Hope Scott Sr.
High School: C. E. King High School
Your Major: San Jac Fire Fighter EMT*

Darrell Thornton II



*Parents: Shawana Hawkins-Thornton
Grandparents: Debra Threats
High School: Memorial High School
College: McNeese State University
Your Major: Kinesiology*



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Graduates

Ayana Bobb



*Parents: Brittani Bernard
Grandparents: Richard & Claudette Bowden
Middle School: Creekwood Middle School*



*Parents: Michael & Tonia Scott
Grandparents: Lloyd & Hope Scott Sr.
Middle School: Michael Null Middle School*

Gabriel Scott





ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Graduates

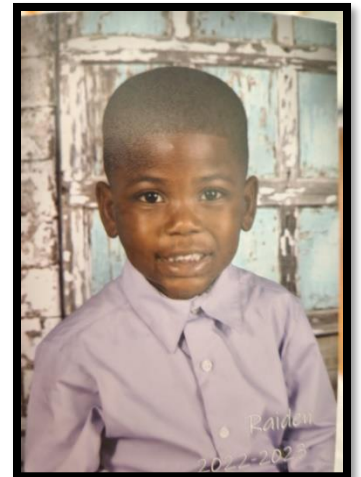
Nixon Nicole Benton



Parents: Eboni Bowden & Nicholas Benton School
Grandparents: Richard & Claudette Bowden
Attending: Goddard School



Raiden Carter



Parents: Rashad Bowden & Rashad Carter
Grandparents: Richard & Claudette Bowden
School Attending: Dequeen Elementary



Khalil Lewis



Parent: Kajuanna Lewis
School Attending: Wheatley Pre-School



The Five W's Of Life

Who you are is what makes you special. Do not change for anyone.

What lies ahead will always be a mystery. Do not be afraid to explore.

When life pushes you over, you push back harder.

Where there are choices to make, make the one you want regret.

Why things happen will never be certain. Take it in stride and



**The Eastern Star
Family
Would like to
Congratulate
All the
2023 Graduates**



For I Know the plans I have for you, "declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" Jeremiah 29:11

Be Blessed!!!



2023



Graduation March

Sermon Notes

Sermon Title _____

Scripture _____

Main Idea (s) Sermon _____

CLASS OF



2023