# Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church, (U.S.A.) Newsletter

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# Eyes On Victory

# MESSAGE FROM THE EVANGELISM MINISTRY MODERATOR DONOVAN J. DAVIS

#### A NEW BEGINNING

As of Sunday, July 3rd, 2022, a new era has begun at Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church. As moderator of the Evangelism Ministry, I must say that it has been an honor to welcome Reverend Stephen Robertson and First Lady Shantell Robertson to our church family. Butler has been on West Victory Drive since 1954, and 68 years later we are in the process of a new beginning. Reverend Robertson, a very youthful man in age but seasoned in thought, is bringing some fresh and innovative ideas that we have been seeking for years. In my discussions with him, I have quickly learned that he is passionate about his craft, yet realistic in his perspective as to the timeframe it will take for his vision to take shape. As moderator of the Evangelism Ministry, I have an optimism that I have never had before, because I am now hearing the concerns of the younger generation addressed by a pastor who understands their needs and desires as it relates to the worship experience. We will not survive another ten years if we don't quickly respond to the rapid changes in the way the modern world works. I truly believe that we are a church of destiny, and that God knew what was necessary for our congregation to breathe again with new life and vitality. We must be willing to acknowledge that nothing stays the same forever and if we want to remain a healthy and functioning body, we must adapt and change as need be. The Book of Proverbs Chapter 8 says that Wisdom has been calling out in the streets in search of anyone who will listen. It is now time for us to answer her call and take advantage of what she is offering before she closes the door on her invitation. I have found in my life that God will knock one thousand times if he sees a chance to bring a soul into his fold. What shepherd will not leave his flock to find one of his lost sheep? I speak from experience. I was one of those wayward children; blessed beyond measure and sometimes forgetting to acknowledge the bounty of God's blessings. However, I thank God for seeing the potential in me to become someone he could use in a mighty way. I often think to myself: Where would I be now if He had given up on me during those times that I failed Him? However, in my 42 years of life, since the first night I was able to consciously kneel and pray, I have never missed a night of devotion to the Lord; not one night. There were some challenging times when I saw no hope or possibility of survival at all, but it was always something nudging at my core that tomorrow might bring a brighter day than yesterday. My faith was tested on so many occasions and I had every chance to throw in the towel, but I couldn't. Prayer is a powerful weapon, working in your favor even when you don't see the mountains moving out of the way. Consequently, with this change in pastoral leadership, I truly believe God is ready to open the door again to a bright future for the people he lived and died for. The setting free of the captives is upon us and the New Jerusalem is coming down out of the clouds for God to set up His kingdom on earth amongst mortals. Butler will always be a church of Faith, Hope and Love. Let us begin to welcome all to the Lord's House of Prayer for All Nations. God Bless.



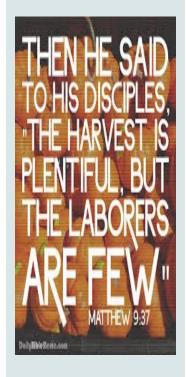




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#### **Fall Message**

#### Reverend Stephen Robertson

When Shantell and I came to Butler in early July, we received nothing but love, care, and support. The Butler community has made us feel welcomed, loved, and at home!

For the last two months, we have been in a sermon series from the Gospel of Luke titled "Instruments For The Body of Christ." We have heard powerful stories of Jesus healing a disabled woman and ten lepers. We discussed Jesus' teaching to the seventy disciples, in which he wanted them to watch as they are like sheep among wolves. We have studied the gift of prayer, repentance, and grace. We will start a new sermon series called Pioneers of the Faith. In this series, we will learn from women in the Bible and see their impact on the faith.

Since beginning my call at Butler, I have enjoyed worshipping with the congregation, communicating with homebound members, and fellowshipping with everyone. A gift in ministry is vision. One goal I have in my ministry at Butler is facilitating healthy church growth. In researching a few articles online, I learned what people look for when looking for a new church home.

The top seven things people look for in a church are scripture-based teaching, worship style, education for children, welcoming people, location, volunteer opportunities, and having friends/family in the congregation. Among millennials, they seek churches where they establish deep connections. This demographic looks for a church that is action-oriented. Butler already has these ministry qualities!

One element that can help the church ministry thrive is for us to build on our strengths. Butler is a loving congregation that is active in the community. We can achieve this by letting the world know what we are doing. Developing our social media and streaming presence can help us spread the gospel to more people. In addition, Butler is a welcoming community and has a tradition of hosting musical cantatas, plays, special worship services, and other beautiful events. We have an opportunity to build on our strength and embrace the newness that God is calling us to.

Matthew 9:37 tells us, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Let us be encouraged in knowing that God will provide. May Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church continue to shine the light of Jesus Christ on Burroughs and Victory Drive. May lives continue to be enriched by God's ministry here and extend to every age group, person, and background. Amen.



### Approaches to Evangelism, Part III

Elder Maxine Jackson, Evangelism Ministry Co-Moderator

# 2 Timothy: "But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." NKJV Door -to- door evangelism

The Bible records that Jesus sent out his disciples to evangelize by visiting people's homes in pairs of two believers Luke 10:1-12. [15] In the same text, Jesus mentioned that few people were willing to evangelize, despite there being many people who would be receptive to his Gospel message. [16] As such, door-to-door preaching is an approach to evangelism where a Christian will go from household to household in a certain area to evangelize to residents, often in conjunction with passing out gospel tracts. Jesus often went into other people's homes during his own ministry, and according to The Encyclopedia of Protestantism, it is a very important approach to evangelism.[17]

St. Joseph's Candler Hospital African-American Health Information & Resource Center Submitted by Elder Maxine Jackson (Retrieved from Health Effective Resource Organizations Database w/ permission from Director's Office)

#### BECOME A HERO AMBASSADOR

ASK ME HOW I CAN BE YOUR HERO!

DATE: The 4th Thursday of Each Month

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: 1910 Abercorn St. Savannah, Georgia 31401

https://youtu.be/oNnpmbDNMCR

(Online and In-Person) Ella Williamson, Director

# Fall Ministry Fair Submitted by Pastor Stephen Robertson

When - October 9, 2022 :12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Where - Social Hall after worship

Who - Ministry leaders and congregation

What - An informative and fun fair for the congregation

**Why** - Designed to generate knowledge and interest among the community to participate in desired ministries

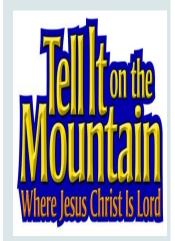
**How** - In the format of tabling, leaders will present information about their ministries. These can be through brochures, printouts, social media, etc. Members can go to each table and learn more about that particular ministry.

Extra: raffle, games, food, etc.

# Christian Growth and Nurture Fall Festival Elder Carlethia Eady, Moderator CGN

Come One, Come All to Butler's Fall Festival, on October 29th, between the hours of 11 am and 2 pm on the campus of Butler Presbyterian Church (603 West Victory Drive). There will be plenty of games, food and prizes. This activity is hosted by the Christian













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Rick Warren

#### A Call to Action

#### Elder Donovan J. Davis

As one of the younger members of Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church, there are so many times when I have chosen to remain silent because of the adage: "Let the aged speak first." However, with the arrival of our new pastor, who is also a young man, I believe it as good a time as any to say that the hour has come for all of us to look in the mirror and ask ourselves what God and Butler really mean to us.

Over the years I have watched as our pastors retire and the natural phenomenon of death take away many of our most dedicated members. With each year that passes, we begin with a long list of ideas that we believe will help make our congregation and church one with more vigor and vitality. It is not uncommon for any human being to begin the year with resolutions they do not keep past January. It happens to the best of us. But with promises to God, there is a truism that most are aware of but rarely acknowledge. This is that God only gives to you as much as you give to Him. Reciprocity is a two-way street. Our church has done great things in the Savannah community. Not one citizen in this area can deny that. The question is: Have we done enough?

I know why most people make the decision to walk away from religion and church on a frequent basis. As a matter of fact, we often discuss these issues in our administrative meetings and studies of the Holy Scriptures. Everything that mankind has ever done on this earth is documented and foretold in this great Book. Grandparents and parents no longer have their children's ears to teach them about the historical necessity for being a reader of the Bible. Many of them don't read it anymore themselves because of the hurt and disappointment that they have felt that God has not shown up in their lives the way they believe the Scriptures promised. Some grandparents are still punching the clock and raising grandchildren. Their parents had them in church multiple days of the week when they were small, and it seems that everything promised by God has yet to be fulfilled 2000 years later. Our young people are asking questions that we cannot answer and, as a result, the world has become their greatest teacher. I can attest to this because not only do I see it each day in the classroom, I have also experienced it.

Fear has a lot of benefits in life. It keeps one from doing things that might be perilous. It makes people respectful of the unknown. The Bible also says that fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. But what does that verse mean? I take from it that the first time you awaken to the idea that God exists and fear the fact that you are not the finisher of your own story, the questions begin. Questions are the first step to receiving answers. We look around all day and wonder: How did all of this come about? Consequently, where did God come from if the universe began with nothing? What exactly happens the moments after we close our eyes for the final time? These are the questions you need to ask. Do not just follow what you are told blindly like an animal. That lesson was taught to me by a six-year-old when I was in my thirties. Fear has its purpose. However, like any force it also keeps one from taking steps that might unlock a potential and answers they never knew existed.

How do we get God to come down from His throne and interact with mankind as promised? The Bible specifically says that the people must change first. When that occurs, God says I will move and begin to heal the land. For some people, God seems like such a mean and punishing Creator and there is no liberty to do anything wrong without the inclination that there is a terrible consequence around the corner. Where is the freedom in obligation? What happened to all of the teachings we were given in our youth that our parents told us would happen if we did all the right things? Mothers and young girls are hurt that the dreams of a prince coming to fulfill their childhood ideals of a fairytale existence never transpired. Daddy couldn't be all that mom had hoped him to be though he tried. His faults put a scar on momma's heart that has not healed fifty years later. She teaches her daughter not to trust men and men teach their sons that love is a cold game that is best tackled by staying ahead of the game and, in turn, to be leery of opening your heart to a female. It is a constant battle that has been raging since the beginning of time.

The church has not fulfilled its obligation fully for those looking for salvation. The fault in all of these endeavors is that man is not perfect nor whom we should emulate. Even our leaders are in need of support for the battles they must endure. We are all human but each of these events has played a part in the struggles we face internally.

Personally, I don't have the solutions to any of these problems. But this call to action is centered around the idea that if a congregation bears a burden together, it is much easier to handle than when we try to endure individually. If two heads are better than one, imagine the power of a thousand minds. It has been a difficult journey for all of us, but we must start the reparation process somewhere. It is not about words. It is about actions. We can talk all day about what we plan to do, but if we never do anything, those words are irrelevant. One person cannot change a situation, but one person's leadership and example can spark something special.

Currently, we have not one member on our roll who does not identify ethnically as African-American. There has been a healthy distrust between races since this country was conceived as a nation. It is an understandable feeling. Many leaders of various races have tried to break down that barrier and all were met with great opposition and sometimes death. Why take the lead if the result is going to be the same as theirs? I understand the sentiment. However, there is going to have to be a group of people of diverse backgrounds who act to bring about a new reality. It is the only way we are going to redefine the world we live in.

Man, woman and child must take responsibility for the conditions we find ourselves in. We must stop telling women that they are the reason God put us in our current predicament. Adam knew what God had commanded and he did not protect his queen from the advice of another teacher. To be honest it is the women who have kept church and many households going all these years, because we as males have sometimes neglected our role in the Godhead. It is time to step up and acknowledge that we have erred in the process as well. Not one man, myself included, can feign innocence. All of us have fallen short at some point. Mistakes, however, are life's greatest teacher. So, let's all unite and look to the sky and finally tell the Creator that we need assistance. We cannot figure it all out on our own. We are only ordinary people, and our powers are limited. This is the catalyst for change; first acknowledging that help is needed. We have not because we ask not. I am calling all of us to return to the One who has the answer to all the questions we have. It only takes one word from God for us to gain understanding. The Bible may not always have one distinct meaning. The verses are meant to be dynamic and not static in nature. Therefore, let us pray that the Author will unveil the meaning of the words in the ancient Scriptures.

Take the time to call your friends and family members and especially those whom you have not talked to in years and bury all those things that have kept you apart since the 1960s. Nine times out of ten what you are fighting about is so trivial that you will laugh when you discover each other's reasons for the separation. Parents sit your children down and tell them about your lives so they can understand their own and realize that the mistakes and feelings they have had all these years have been passed down through ancestry and that you, as parents, have had many of the same experiences if not worse and can relate.

Finally, sit down in a quiet place and let the tears flow. Cry about all the things you have held in since childhood. Men, cry in front of your wives and children and tell them why you are the way you are and the reason you have done the things that you have done in life. Fathers, take your sons and mothers take your daughters and tell them their worth and value to you as parents and the pride they should take in the people from which they descended. Explain to them that they mean the world to you.

It is time for everybody to reveal the family history and unveil all the secrets that have kept us all ashamed. Some living relative has knowledge of what has transpired in the past and like our ancestors, the details should be documented so those coming afterwards will have record and not repeat the errors. Then, ultimately, ask God to do as He promised He would. It is a sign of respect to any person of authority to faithfully rely on their power and example. For as much as we have read the Bible, we really don't know the story of the Father. We focus heavily on the accomplishments of the Son. But Christ specifically said that everything He was able to do and everything He learned was from the power of the Father. Also, there is a Woman in the picture who has been absolutely written out of the story. All the patriarchs in the Bible had an ending but there is no mention of the death of Eve. Her name in Hebrew means "life." There is something significant about this. So, forgive yourselves and one another and let the master plan of love guide us back to what we were originally intended to be.



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Important thing
we bring to another person is the
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that is filled with
unspoken criticism
or hard withdrawal

You ARE Enough
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that is a place of refuge, of rest, of acceptance of

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Rachel Naomí Remen, MD











#### The Pickens Circle

### Elder Eudora M. Allen, Moderator

# **Encouraging and Spiritual Women With Righteous Indignation**

The Pickens Circle has been studying from our "Horizon" series, the struggles and accomplishments of women in the Bible for the past year, and making strides toward understanding that the efforts made to please the Lord and to exhibit qualities and traits that can be emulated today are in many instances comparable. Some of the women looked at during these lessons are Tamar and Rahab, who may not be as well-known as others.

Their station and situations cause considerable empathy and questioning of their actions as opposed to those actions which may be taken today by our female counterparts. Presently, we are looking at Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah. The study comes from 2nd Samuel 11-12; 1Kings 1:11-31, and 1 Kings 2:13-25.

In addition to our monthly sessions, we are committed to several mission outreach programs such as The Austin House, Inner City Night Shelter, Family Promise and Presbyterian Women. The collaborative efforts give each one of us the much needed experience of showing how much God is ever present in our own lives and how much we need "HIS TENDER CARE."

Our society is rife with atrocities, cultural and educational issues concerning our youth, our young black women, inequities in housing, job opportunities and parity. As onlookers, women of faith and teachers in our own households and church families, the torch must continually be held high and steady in relaying the truth about what true Christians should practice. We are inundated with so many avenues of acquiring information until it becomes difficult to address or understand all that is being given to us during a twenty-four hour/seven day a week news cycle. It should then beg the question: What does God require of us but to love justice, mercy, and our neighbors? Do we only depend on young mothers instructing their children to share, to give, and to understand that one cannot always expect to win. In this game of life, fairness and good sportsmanship are the keys to success. Exhibiting the qualities and characteristics of giving of our best whether it is a smile, a kind word or a gesture is not difficult. In all ways possible, remember, "someone" is always watching and judging our efforts.

Many young people find it hard to do the right thing; thus, reaching a crossroad in determining which way they should go. They make a choice,

then question that choice and justify their decision, sometimes not realizing that there is a reprieve, and an opportunity to reverse their decisions and do an about face! The Golden Rule states: "As ye would that men do unto you, do ye even so unto them." It is also a maxim that one should walk softly and carry a big stick. My favorite motto is: "Put your brain in gear before you put your mouth in motion." Any indignation can be righteously and spiritually addressed whether in a group, or as an individual knowing when, where , and how to speak up!

The Fellowship and Cultural Affairs Ministry
Submitted by Elder Roberta Pringle, Moderator
Elder Evelyn Curry, Co-Moderator
Deacon Sharon Chalmers, Secretary

#### **Give Your Best to the Master**

The Fellowship and Cultural Affairs Ministry continues to reach out in identifying our member's special celebrations during the year via mail correspondence of cards for birthdays, marriages, anniversaries, births, sympathy, and educational accomplishments.

Also, the ministry continues to reach out to the elderly members who require various forms of assistance and makes home visits to the sick and shut-in.

Moreover, our moderator is pleased to let our members and friends know the many special concerns given to always make fellowship a most enjoyable experience.

Finally, our moderator gives her utmost gratitude to the Fellowship and Cultural Affairs members who continually display God's love in all that they do. Their dedication is faithful and evident by their recognition as Jesus displayed toward his sheep.













#### Acts 6:1-6

6 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup> and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

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# Butler Youth Ministry Submitted by Deacon LaQuisha Milton

Psalm 127:3: Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from Him."

Since returning to church in-person, our youth have been excited to start back working in the church. They are eager to serve as liturgist, acolyte, and look forward to the lessons given in Children's Church. As we move forward, let us continue to include our youth in worship services and ensure that they understand and accept their place in Butler and that they are comfortable and feel welcome in the house of the Lord. Nurturing children toward a deepening faith requires a great deal of energy, patience, grace, and ultimately unconditional love. This is both a challenge and a blessing. God's Word is clear that it is the role of the church and parents to nurture children in faith. The Word of God is for children (Deut. 31:10-13), and the promise of the gospel is for children (Acts 2:38-39). We are called to teach children God's Word (Ps. 78:5-7; Prov. 22:6). Parents are called to be spiritual mentors (Deut. 6:4-9; Prov. 1:8; Eph. 6:1-4; Titus 1:6; Col. 3:21; 1 Thess. 2:11-12), and so is the entire faith community (Deut 6:4-7). Multigenerational worship takes faith, willingness, and partnership.

As Fall approaches, we are gearing up for Youth Week, November 20-26! The theme and activities will be announced at a later date. We look forward to learning and engaging with everyone!

I pray for the leadership and future of Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church. I ask that all members pray for our youth as they navigate through school, extra-curricular activities, and church. In closing, I want to leave you with this scripture: "The disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child . . . and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

-Matthew 18:1-5, NRSV.

#### **Butler Deacon Board**

#### Submitted by Deacon LaQuisha Milton, Moderator

Greetings Butler Family! In this edition of our newsletter, I want to remind everyone of what the role of a deacon is. We are under new leadership with Rev. Stephen Robertson and we should be reminded of our call to action and our answer to the call of God. The role or office of deacon was developed in the early church primarily to minister to the physical needs of the members of the body of Christ. The initial appointment takes place in Acts 6:1-6: "In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews [a] among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. 2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." 5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. 6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them."

Although the duties for a deacon vary based on a church's needs, here at Butler, our deacons have focused on the care, compassion, and needs of our members and the needs of the community. We keep in contact with our sick

and shut-in members, our elderly, and we assist with community outreach. No matter how we serve, the Scriptures make it clear that ministering as a deacon is a rewarding and honorable calling in the church. Keep us lifted as we continue to serve God and care for His people!

### **September Health Observance**

# Elder Janice Purvis, Contact

# **Healthy Aging Month**

Each September we recognize Healthy Aging Month as a time to focus national attention on the health and well-being of older adults. An easy-to-understand resource can be found at MyHealthfinder resource to encourage adults to protect their health as they grow older. Another resource is

Healthy People 2030 Older Adults objectives.

National Food Safety and Education Month
The Partnership for Food Safety Education (PFSE) sponsors National
Food Safety and Education Month each September to promote food
safety best practices. You can learn food safety tips by viewing PFSE's
free downloadable recipes with food safety and hand hygiene steps.
Also, be sure to check out the Healthy People 2030 Foodborne Illness
topic for information on objectives aimed at reducing foodborne illnesses.

National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

Sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month is a time to promote healthy growth in children. For guidance on healthy eating, check out the latest edition of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans — and share the related resources for consumers. You can also view MyHealthfinder resources for parents on helping kids stay at a healthy weight. You can explore the Healthy People 2030 objectives related to children's health and overweight and obesity.

#### **National Recovery Month**

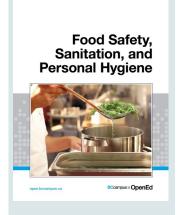
Every year the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) celebrates people in recovery from substance use disorders during National Recovery Month. This is a time to encourage parents to talk to their kids about tobacco, alcohol, and drugs. MyHealthfinder has resources to encourage people to talk to loved ones about alcohol misuse and drug misuse. You can review the Healthy People 2030 Drug and Alcohol Use topic to learn about efforts to reduce misuse of drugs and alcohol.

# Ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19

- 1. Get the COVID-19 vaccine
- 2. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- 3. Wear a mask or cloth covering
- 4. Maintain social distancing
- 5. Clean "high-touch" surfaces regularly
- 6. Cover coughs and sneezes
- 7. Monitor your health daily.

# Ways to help prevent the spread of monkeypox virus:

- 1. Avoid contact with infected animals (especially sick or dead animals)
- 2. Avoid contact with bedding and other materials contaminated with the virus
- 3. Thoroughly cook all foods that contain animal meat or parts.
- 4. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.









A sincere thank you goes out to all who helped make this publication possible. Thank you for the usage of your time, treasure and talents. With each edition, we try to keep the congregation informed as to what is going on at our beloved church.



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# **QUARTERLY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations to all members and friends celebrating anniversaries and birthdays this quarter. We apologize for any names that may have been omitted. Please notify Elder Carlethia Eady of any errors.

# Fall Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

None

#### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**

October 7 Crystal Eady Russell
October 16 Evelyn Moffitt
October 8 Jordan B. Collier-Feggins
October 23 Janice Purvis
October 12 Carlethia Eady
October 23 Shanika Wilson
October 13 Serdalia Singleton
October 29 Roger Shank

# **NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS**

None

# **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**

November 7 Gerrard Singleton November 13 Richard Mole

November 8 Dora Myles November 11 Anthony Gloyd

November 11 Donna Woods November 18 Jacqueline Dixon

November 11 Sharon Spaulding-Singleton

November 12 Teresa Woods November 27 Alannah Harris November 12 Edward Miller, Sr. November 27 Gerald Spaulding November 29 Dominique Dixon November 28 Kaleena Eady

November 29 Shantell Robertson

# DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS

December 20 Mr. & Mrs. Carl Moffitt (Evelyn)

December 26 Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie Wilson (LaShanda)

December 28 Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Benjamin (Sharon)

# **DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**

December 8 Dyneesha Mitchell December 26 Richard Benjamin

December 14 Betty Lloyd December 27 London Cutter

December 19 Rayven Harris December 27 James (Jimmy) Early

December 31 LaShanda Reid Wilson

**New Births:** Sasha Coffee, born, 7/29/21 (Delvon Coffee and Donna Woods, Parents, Reverend Donnie and Teresa Woods, Grandparents, Elder Rosabel P.Dixon, Great Grandparent), Audin Wright, born 7/31/22 (Brianna Reid, Parent), William Scott Jackson, born 8/17/22 (Johnathan and ReJeania Jackson, Parents, Maxine Jackson Great–Grandparent)