



# Galilee Baptist Church Louisa

Equipping God's People for Works of Service-Eph4:11-16

## Equipping God's People

### God's Word

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NLT)



You may (or not) have noticed the change in the (above) masthead of this newsletter. Under the church name it no longer reads "*The Battleground of Victory & Deliverance*". Pastor Lewis revealed his vision for Galilee a while ago, but it took me a while to connect some dots.

In Ephesians 4, the Apostle Paul teaches on unity in the church. He speaks of walking worthy in one's calling; he speaks of humility, patience and maturity. He brings to mind that, "*there is one body and one Spirit, just as you (we) have been called to one glorious hope for the future*" (4:4). How marvelous is that—to be called to one glorious hope for the future! When people are in our midst they should sense that glorious hope.

The Apostle, in verse 5, reminds the church of the ultimate unity, "*...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all.*" Then he uses scripture to reinforce scripture. Even though there is unity on that higher level, with God being over all and Him being all; Christ when He ascended with those captives, He ascended and gave gifts to His people—us.

The apostles. The prophets. The evangelists. The pastors and teachers. Verse 12 charges those with these gifts with the responsibility of *equipping God's people* to do God's work and build the rest of us up as the unified body of Christ.

After the masses have been taught and equipped they (we) should then reach a maturity in our faith and knowledge of Christ, measuring up to His standard. This maturity will ensure that when trouble comes (and trouble *will* come) the unified church will not be tossed and twisted by false teachings. Each and every day as we are continually being equipped, Christ, who is the head of the church, will unify His church (you and I). We each have our own special work to do, and that work should enable the others of us to grow, so that the entire body can be: unified, healthy, strong, growing and full of love...on the battleground.

Galilee has many opportunities to learn, grow and become equipped. If you feel you have a need that is not being met, seek out our church leadership (with Ephesians 4 in hand) for other options. We have little excuse for being ignorant when it comes to what and why we believe...in Christ, our Lord.

In total praise...I am

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## Sick, Shut-in and Prayer Requests

Please call these names out during your personal prayer time; and in your intercessions ask the Father to bless these individuals and ministries in His own way and in His own time.

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sis. Yolanda Allen     | Rev. Edna Holt          |
| Sis. Ada Anderson      | Bro. Edward Holt        |
| Sis. Alice Arnette     | Kingdom Living Temple   |
| Dea. David Ayers, Sr.  | Dea. Duke Johnson       |
| Sis. Janet Ayers       | Sis. Jesseica Johnson   |
| The Banks/Callahan     | Sis. Kathryn Johnson    |
| Family                 | Bro. Lawrence Johnson   |
| Sis. Ethel Barksdale   | Pastor Lewis & Family   |
| Sis. Leanne Blalock    | Bro. Ruben Lewis III    |
| Bro. Atilol Bland      | Deas. Dottie Martin &   |
| Dea. James W. Bland    | Family                  |
| Sis. Lolita Bland      | Bro. Walter Martin      |
| Bro. Shakespeare Bland | Deas. Carolyn McCray    |
| Rev. Peggy Brice       | & Family                |
| Sis. Gladys Brown &    | Bro. William McKnight   |
| Family                 | Bro. Milton Morris &    |
| Bro. William Brown     | Family                  |
| Sis. Mamie Bruce       | Deas. Frances Parrish   |
| The Bullock Family     | Dea. Roger Parrish      |
| Bro. Andre Callahan    | Sis. Audrey Perkins     |
| Bro. Darnell Collier   | Sis. Leathrice Price    |
| Sis. Felicia Christmas | Sis. Adeline Quarles    |
| Sis. Marcine Dillard   | Bro. Lonnie Quarles     |
| Bro. John/Sis. Susie   | Bro. Alonzo Scott       |
| Divers                 | Bro. Gilbert Scott      |
| Sis. Clara Eubanks     | Sis. Mary Scott         |
| Bro. James Fox         | Sis. Susie Scott        |
| Bro. Jamar Galdden &   | Bro. Travis Shelton     |
| Family                 | Sis. Virgie Shelton     |
| Dea. Eunice Graves     | Rev. Otis Spellman      |
| Bro. Robert Grooms     | Rev. Beulah Spellman    |
| Bro. Franklin Hardy    | Walton/Shipman Family   |
| Sis. Letia Harris      | Sis. Charmeka Stewart   |
|                        | Sis. Doretta Trice      |
|                        | Bro. Sylvester Williams |
|                        | Sis. Lorraine Winston   |



**On the cover: August 7, 2016 - Pastor preaches to family and friends on Homecoming Sunday. The message was from John 10—"It Is the God in Me".**

## Preaching Schedule

**8:00 a.m.**  
**September**



4 - Minister Brenda Smith  
11 - Rev. Dr. Sarah Slaughter  
18 - Reverend Dale Bradshaw  
28 - Reverend Tanya Richardson

**11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning**  
Pastor Ruben Lewis, Jr.

### Away Preaching Engagements

**Sep 4 11:30 a.m. – Rev. Fortune @**  
West Bottom Baptist Church,  
Bremo Bluff

**Sep 6 7:00 p.m. – Rev. Richardson @**  
Union Ridge Baptist Church,  
C'ville; Revival

**Sep 11 3:00 p.m. – Rev. Richardson**  
**@ Zion Hill Baptist Church,**  
Farmville; Women's Day

**Sep 18 3:00 p.m. – Rev. Fortune @**  
Watch Tower Baptist, Bumpass—  
Men & Women's Day Program

### Ministry Engagements

**Sep 13 7:00 p.m. – Men's Chorus @**  
Philippi Christian Church, Louisa

**Sep 18 2:30 p.m. – Men's Chorus @**  
Zion Travelers Baptist, Louisa

### Trustee of the Month

**Gilbert Scott @ 434- 589-1309**

Please contact for  
entry into the church  
after hours or for other  
church related  
concerns during  
**September.**



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2 INA CAVANAUGH  
6 MATTIE PRICE  
11 NETTIE FRYE  
12 LARRY BASS  
14 GWEN WADDY-JONES  
    KRYSTAL JONES  
15 THELMA JACKSON  
16 ROGER GAINES  
    SHELIA WADDY  
19 DERRICK NICHOLAS  
21 MAURICE HOLLAND  
25 NAOMI GILLIAM  
26 LINDA TYLER  
    LAWRENCE & LUCILLE  
        RANDOLPH  
29 KISHI SMITH  
30 RAYNARD RICHARDSON, III



### GBCL Church Anniversary

On **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** during our 11:0 a.m. worship service, we will celebrate Galilee's **144<sup>th</sup> Church** Anniversary.

**Pastor Alonzo Minor** from *Bright Hope Baptist Church* will deliver the anniversary sermon.



**Saturday, September 2<sup>rd</sup>**

**10:00 a.m.**

- **GBC Friends, Family, etc... ALL are invited**
- **The meal is **free** (fish, bbq ribs, wings, sides, desserts, drinks)**
  - **Donations will be accepted**
  - **Donations will support: UVA Cancer Center, GBCL Food Bank & Kitchen, and the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry)**

The **Galilee website** has a new **Bulletin Board** feature.

GBCL **Members** may submit ads or notices for yard sales, items for sale, businesses, etc.

Please send submissions (25 words or less) or questions to Webmistress, Shelia Waddy, at [sheann@embarqmail.com](mailto:sheann@embarqmail.com).

\*All ads will be reviewed for content prior to posting.



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# Homecoming/Revival 2016

“Thank You”, to everyone who came and praised the Lord with us during our Homecoming and Revival. We thank our revivalist for the week, **Pastor Roscoe Cooper and the Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church family**. We also thank the choirs from **Byrd Grove, Ebenezer, Rising Sun, and County Line** who sang praises to our Lord during the week. To **each of our friends and family** who ventured out to be with us, we thank you also. But we thank most of all, **the Lord and His Holy Spirit** for being in our midst!







## MUSINGS OF A SENIOR CITIZEN

### A Call to Service

*You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. Galatians 5:13*  
(Common English Bible)

This political season has provided us with many opportunities to reflect on daily living. It has shed light on how we view one another and how there exist an “us versus them” mentality. The rhetoric has been harsh, selfish and self-serving. It seems to be an extension of the “me” mentality that is so pervasive in our society. Some who profess to be Christians are exhibiting these same traits. Nothing seems to be off limits. We denigrate individuals and groups of people with slurs and stereotypical descriptions. We look for all the ways we are different rather than looking for commonalities.

Where and when did we lose our way? How can we learn to serve as Christ served? How do we learn to “do unto others”? How can we be servants? What are the attributes of a servant? The King James Bible Dictionary defines a servant as *a person who voluntarily serves another or acts as his minister; as Joshua was the servant of Moses, and the apostles the servants of Christ. So Christ himself is called a servant, Isaiah 42. Moses is called the servant of the Lord, Deuteronomy. 34.* A servant can be characterized as one who will make sacrifices to meet the needs of others. Servants focus on the needs of others. They put others first.

In serving others we demonstrate the love that God extends to us. We look for the best in people rather than pinpointing every shortcoming. We show love by praying for others and offering the knowledge of God. We will be witnesses. We won't just tell others about God, we will show them through our actions. We will live our faith in everything we do. We will be examples of humility and forgiveness. We will be Christians—those who have disciplined themselves to the teachings and walk of Christ.

We tend to use our God-given talents and abilities to enhance and enrich ourselves. With prayer and supplication we can attune our hearts to God's will and purpose for our lives and realize what God will have us to do. We will realize that by serving others we are serving God. When we reflect on all God has given us and has done for us, we will respond by giving to others and doing for others as an expression of our gratefulness. Our relationship with God will make us people who are gracious and giving. We will be servants.

*“But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant.” Mark 10:43* (Common English Bible)

In God's Service—  
M.C.B-S.  
Columbia, Virginia

# September 2016

| Sunday                               | Monday                                                                                                                                                          | Tuesday                         | Wednesday                                                           | Thursday                                                                                 | Friday | Saturday                        |
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|                                      |                                                                                                                                                                 |                                 |                                                                     | 1                                                                                        | 2      | 3<br>-10:00am<br>Gospel Chorus  |
| 4<br>Holy Communion                  | <b>LABOR DAY</b><br>                                                           | 6<br>Bible Study<br>12:00 p.m.  | 7<br>Prayer Service<br>7:00pm                                       | 8                                                                                        | 9      | 10<br>--10:00am<br>Senior Choir |
| 11<br>Grandparents Day               | 12<br>Monday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.<br><br><i>Chocolate Milkshake Day</i> | 13<br>Bible Study<br>12:00 p.m. | 14<br>Prayer Service<br>7:00pm                                      | 15                                                                                       | 16     | 17<br>-10:30am Men's Chorus     |
| 18<br>National Back to Church Sunday | 19<br>Monday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.                                                                                                                        | 20<br>Bible Study<br>12:00 p.m. | 21<br>Prayer Service<br>7:00pm                                      | 22<br> | 23     | 24<br>-10:00am YPU              |
| 25<br>Youth Sunday                   | 26<br>Monday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.                                                                                                                        | 27<br>Bible Study<br>12:00 p.m. | 28<br>Prayer Service<br>7:00pm<br><i>National Good Neighbor Day</i> | 29                                                                                       | 30     | <b>1</b>                        |

## Other Important Dates

**Sept 3** 10:00 a.m. **Free Fish Fry**—Donations accepted

**Sept 11** 3:00 a.m. **Senior Choir 67th Anniversary**—featuring Rev. Bruce Jones of First Baptist, Louisa

**Sept 17** 10:00 a.m. **Fresh Waters Women's Conference**—guest speaker Pastor Edgar Green of Eden Ministries, C'ville

**Sept 25** 11:00 a.m. **The Ordination** of Minister Susan Lewis & Minister Brenda Smith

**Oct 2** 3:00p.m. Reverend Tanya Richardson will celebrate her **1<sup>st</sup> year as Pastor** of First Liberty Baptist Church—**Rev. Kendrick Edwards**, Associate Pastor of Jerusalem & Mt. Zion First African Baptist Churches will deliver the anniversary message. Farmville's Zion Hill Baptist Church will render the music.

Please join us for Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS (Adult)

## Unit 1 - The Sovereignty of God

**Sept 4 "A World at Peace"** *Lesson focus: Lasting peace is God's ultimate design for His creation.*  
Isaiah 11:1-5 (Righteous in Judgment), 6-8 (Enduring Peace), 9 (Worldwide Peace)

**Sept 11 "The End of Oppression"** *Lesson focus: Rejoice in God's victory over oppression and death.*  
Isaiah 25:6 (A Lavish Feast), 7-8 (The End of Sorrow and Death), 9-10 (A Celebration of Salvation)

**Sept 18 "Ultimate Power"** *Lesson focus: The everlasting God renews our strength.*  
Isaiah 40:21-24 (God Causes Rulers to Fall), 25-27 (God Has No Equal), 28-31 (God Does Not Grow Tired of His People)

**Sept 25 "Reliable Promises"** *Lesson focus: God brings freedom, renewal, and blessings out of devastation.*  
Isaiah 61:1-4 (Things Were Going to Change), 8-9 (They Were Going to Be Blessed), 10-11 (They Would Be Forgiven)

*If you know your Bible, Sunday School needs you.  
If you don't know your Bible, then you need Sunday School.*

Lessons from **Bible-in-Life: Comprehensive Bible Study Adult Student Book - The Sovereignty of God—Studies in Isaiah, Hebrews, Revelation**; Volume 132 Number 1. 2016 Cook Communications Ministries (David C. Cook)



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