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From The Pastor's Desk

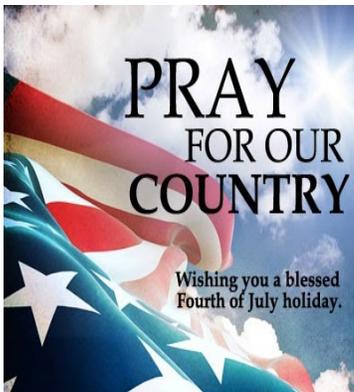
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Greetings once again in the blessed name of Jesus. To Father God be all the glory and we are thankful for the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide. We are truly blessed to see the month of July. I am thankful to all of you who are lifting up the First Lady, my family, and myself in prayer. I am praying for each of you and for Christians everywhere. In this world that we are living in, we can see a lot of deceptive events, evil people, and the devil's work all around us. Satan has a way of making sinful things look good and harmless. Father God and our Lord

and Savior, Jesus the Christ, have given to all Christian believers the Holy Spirit by faith. We are anointed to do good and to live so that others will receive blessings and encouragement from our good works. First and most importantly, joy and determination are what every Christian must have to be blessed and be a blessing to others.

As we go into the last half of the year 2018, I would be remiss in my position as pastor if I did not thank each of you for a blessed and dedicated church family. It is my prayer that all of our members would

grow in God's word with a desire and goals to be a part of the advancement of our church family. I thank each of you for your prayers, words of encouragement and your gifts of love. Don't forget to support our Vacation Bible School and pray for one another. We love you and thank God for each of you.

Be Blessed in the Name of Jesus,

**Pastor and First Lady,
William and Emily Davis**

The Third Quarter

L.A. Davis

Praise God Family! God has blessed us to see the third quarter of 2018! For you see, the third quarter starts with the most blessed month of the year, JULY! :) Thank You Father! Thank You Jesus! Thank You Holy Spirit!

This quarter brings us Independence Day, Vacation Bible School, Men Day, Back to School, Labor Day, and Football! I can't believe we've been blessed to see the first six months of 2018! We have six more to go in order to accomplish those goals we have set back in January. It's not too late!

God's Word is so timely, in that today's Sunday school lesson talks about a foreign concept to many, **forgiveness**. Jesus teaches us that we **must** forgive often and that we **must** forgive in order to be forgiven by God. In today's world there seems to be a consensus that three times is max, 'three strikes and you're out!' But Jesus said seventy times seven, an unlimited amount.

Please note that forgiveness is not an easy thing to do. It is a process. Sometimes it takes longer than others but we

must do it. There are consequences when we don't forgive: we don't get forgiven by God, which puts us in dire straights, and we may bring damnation upon ourselves, *take note of our scripture reading before the Lord's Supper.*

So, in this third quarter of the year, in addition to any goals we haven't achieved, let's seek God about forgiving others and in some cases, maybe forgiving ourselves, and make things right before the year is out. Who will you actively seek to forgive this quarter?

In Jesus' Love

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Birthday Messages

First Lady Emily Davis

Happy Birthday to all of those born in the month of July! We thank God for this time that we have off to spend with friends and family. We also pray that everyone has a safe and blessed 4th of July holiday! May God bless and watch over all of you as you enjoy your summer activities.

We would also like to recognize all of those born in the month of August! We wish you a safe and blessed birthday. We also pray that the Lord continues to send His blessings as our students transition into the new school year. We pray for God's word to impact them in a positive way, so they are able to reach their goals and be even more successful. We pray that you continue to receive His grace and mercy and put God first in all that you do.

Finally, we wish a very Happy Birthday to those born in the month of September! As the year goes on and we see the beauty of the Autumn months, we thank God for every new day that He has blessed us with. May you celebrate the gift of life that the Lord has given you and include him in all that you do. We pray that as you enjoy your special day, you will take time to recognize the wonderful things that God has done in your life.

We wish you all a blessed and happy birthday!

Praises and Blessings

Velma Cadour Gray

Giving Praises and Honor to God for all Blessings. Our blessings continue to flow. My prayer everyday is to keep giving thanks for everyday of blessings granted to us. The definition of Thanks: kindly or grateful thoughts, an expression of gratitude. Thankful, for everyday blessings as well as daily disappointments. The bible is our road map of life, it gives us direction on how to live our lives and learn how to deal with the daily situations that come our way. We can keep it simple by not putting so much pressure on ourselves to be great all the time. Having the trendiest things, name brand clothes, shoes, newest electronic gadget because everyone else has it. Can we just get back to

basics and uncomplicated every thing?

Prayer is our way of communication with God on a daily basis, morning, noon, and night. Reading and studying our bible helps us to strengthen our relationship with Him (Jesus). We must do whatever it takes to uncomplicated our lives to get rid of the clutter. Maybe you have been putting off doing something within your church that you've wanted to do, like joining a ministry, coming to bible study, mid-week service, fellowship and fitness classes. What's keeping you from doing those things? You may have to rearrange your schedule once in a while but I know you can do it. How can you make your life easier? Do

you have excuses as to why you're always late, cannot get things done on time, can't make workout because it starts at 6:00? I've been lost many times, but every time Jesus steps in and I find my way back to His loving arms of protection. Can't commit to anything? Give Thanks for whatever it is or whatever it not. Help a friend, help a stranger, help some senior with their home, their yard, anything, just do it. Giving God Praise and Honor for another chance to say Thank You.

O' give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

MEN DAY
AUGUST 12, 2018
11:00 a.m.



Vacation Bible School: July 9-13 – 6p-8p

Congratulations & God Bless to more of our Graduates:

Lori A. Davis

Christopher Johnson, Jr.

BreAnna Sharper



**BACK
to
SCHOOL**

August 9,
2018 for EBR
students



Easter Sunday



Youth Saturday



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Please join us:

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
(Worship Service)

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
(Prayer Meeting and Bible Study)

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.
(Mid-week Service)



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