

The Testament

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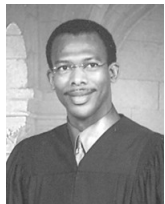
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Pastor's Corner

Rev. Linzie B. Atkins, III

I Quit

That's right, I quit. I'm done, no more, I've had enough. Don't try to talk me out of it, my heart is fixed and my mind is made up. I give in and I give up. I'm finished. I should have quit earlier because I really wanted to. I thought about it, prayed about it, and I knew it was the right thing to do. So that's it, I quit. There is nothing you can do about it. There is nothing you did that brought me to this point. I finally got the courage to do what needed to be done.



I'm just too tired. It's not worth it anymore and never was. I thought some of it was okay but I have learned it is all bad. Will you join me and quit as well? Let's quit together. From this day forward join me and let's quit: worrying, lying, stealing, being late, gossiping, cheating, and hating. Let's quit being angry, selfish, unconcerned and uncaring. Let's quit it all.

Let's quit being fake and phony. Let's quit breaking our promise. Let's quit being manipulative and underhanded. Join with me and quit. Let's quit smoking, drinking, drugs and loose living. Quit becoming disruptive and unfriendly. Let's quit pretending to be something or someone we are not.

And finally, let's quit quitting when things don't go our way or when what we deemed worth starting proves to be a little more difficult than we expected. I know

being married or a parent is hard, but don't quit. I know it is not easy turning the other cheek, going the extra mile, and forgiving over and over again, but don't quit. Let's quit quitting what's good and right.

Instead, we need to quit grieving the Holy Spirit, quit sitting on our testimony, quit being afraid to give God the praise and worship Him. I quit, will you? I quit trying to please everyone and decided to live my life to please God. I quit complaining and being critical and got involved.

I quit sin and unrighteousness even though they refuse to quit me. I quit trying to do things my way and will keep trying to do things God's way. I quit trying to be perfect and always right and keep trying to be faithful. I quit, will you?

"Building the Church in the Community and the Community in the Church"

SAVE THESE DATES!!

Saturday, October 9th

"Stop the Silence to Domestic Violence" Program

4:00pm

(contact Sis. LaSheka Daye)

Saturday, October 16th

NC State Fair Outing

10:00am

(Registration forms due

Sunday, October 3rd)

(contact Bro. Dean Jernigan)

Sunday, October 24th

Family and Friends Day

(contact Bro. Eugene Lofton)

Saturday, October 30th

Trunk or Treat

5:00pm

(contact Sis. Joan Lofton)

Sunday, October 31st

Couples Anniversary Dinner

1:00pm

(contact Sis. Vera Hodge)

Please mark your calendars and support these activities.

Family and Friends Day 2010

Sunday, October 24th

Please make plans to attend our annual Family and Friends Day celebration. "Family Matters" is our theme for 2010. Prepare for a festive day of fellowship that begins with Sunday School at 9:30am and concludes with our Fellowship Dinner following morning worship services. Lincoln family members are asked to contribute a food item or dessert for the occasion. Please contact Bro. Eugene Lofton at 544-6035 to add your food item to the list.

Welcome New Members

- by Sis. Barbara Leathers

We welcome our newest members to the LMBC Family:

Sister Nekeita Battles had visited other churches in the Durham area, but felt comfortable when she came to Lincoln, and so, joined us on 8/1/10. She completed new member's classes on 8/15/10.

Sister Tasheeria Hemmingway joined us on 8/1/10. She is 23 years old and is the great granddaughter of Brother Alfred Nazzare and the late Leana Nazzare. She was raised and brought up in Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church and states "that she plans to continue to grow in Christ." She was baptized 8/22/10.

Brother Jerone Pratt joined the LMBC Family on 8/1/10. He was invited by the Nazzare and Ramsey families. He completed new member's classes on 8/22/10.

Brother Cecil Sharrock accepted Christ as Lord and Savior at an early age. He was baptized in Lewiston, NC by Rev. James Wiggins, who had a positive, profound and lasting impact in his Christian growth and life. He has deep compassion for his brethren and is always willing to lend a helping hand, give encouraging words with a positive attitude and outlook on life. His desire and goal is rooted in Psalm 71:18 (NLT): Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, Oh God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me." He joined us on 8/1/10.

Sister Earleen Sharrock joined us on 8/1/10. She professed Christ as Lord and Savior at an early age. She was baptized in Woodland, NC by Rev. Lawrence. She now resides in Durham with her husband of 31 years and is the proud Mother of two adult sons. She believes in the power of prayer and begins each day with the knowledge and assurance that whatever she faces, God will work it out for her good and to His glory. She states "she is thankful to be a member of such a loving church family and is excited about reaching her spiritual potential at Lincoln, as we worship and praise God together."

Sister Lisa Lucas joined the LMBC Family on 8/15/10. She was invited by the Crawley Family to Family and Friends Day. She states "she enjoyed the Voices of Praise Choir, but loved the Pastor's sermons and knew she wanted to become a part of Lincoln's Family." She was baptized on 8/22/10.

Congratulations and Welcome New Members!!

Women Of Faith

- by Sis. Joan Lofton

"Lord, Preserve Me in Purity and Holiness"

Elder Annette Butler was our guest speaker at our last meeting and made the following main points during her presentation:

Seven Good Ways to Live In Holiness:

- 1. Holiness means separating yourself from the world.*
- 2. Holiness means purifying yourself.*
- 3. Holiness means living in the Spirit and not in the flesh.*
- 4. Holiness means staying clear of sexual immorality.*
- 5. Holiness means being sanctified by Jesus.*
- 6. Holiness means walking close to God.*
- 7. Holiness means letting God keep you.*



Elder Annette Butler

It is only by the grace of God that we can live in holiness, even after we have chosen to do so. That's because God enables us to do what He asks us to do. But we still need to ask Him to do it. God wants to know that His holiness is important enough to us to seek after it. People are drawn to holiness because it is attractive, even though they may resist it in their own lives. Ask God to enhance your beauty with the beauty of His holiness.

Around Lincoln...



The Deacons and Deaconess gather for prayer during their Anniversary Program.



The 100 Men In Black All Male Chorus minister through song during our 2010 Revival.



Sis. Jeanette Ramsey shares her testimony of surviving cancer during our Revival.



Sis. Latisha Johnson works with our youth members during the Church Retreat.



Deaconess Barbara Leathers is recognized by Deaconess Chair Tanga Best for her 25 years of service during the Deacon and Deaconess Anniversary Program.



Bro. Eugene Lofton share information during an ice-breaker session at the Church Retreat.

Happy Birthday To Our October Birthday Celebrities

Wilma Mayfield • Brittany Sallam • Jordan King • Joshua Corley • Brenda Atwater • Travis Ector • Randolph Johnson • Kathy Poole • Jacqueline Campbell • Jocelyn Campbell • Cynthia Turrentine • Doris Mims • Dollie Israel • Lakesha Slade • Kenneth Williams • George Harris, Jr. • Ed Crawley • Ariel Daye • Wanda Crawley • James Huff • Pamela Jernigan

Best Wishes for Many More!!

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“Transition To Win In 2010”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 1:00pm Couples Ministry Anniversary Celebration	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>To add an event to the church calendar, please contact Sis. Janice Campbell by calling the church at 688-1886, option 1. You may also email her at churchcalendar@mylmbc.org. Please send articles, photos or information for The Testament to newsletter@mylmbc.org by the 3rd Sunday of each month.</i></p> </div>				1 6:45pm Revival	2 10:00am Trustees Mtg 11:00am Nurse's Aide 12:00pm Women of Faith
3	4	5 6:30pm Pastor's Aide Committee	6 12:00Noon Noon Day Prayer 6:00pm Sounds of Joy 7:00pm Bible Study	7	8 6:00pm Praise Team 6:30pm Family and Friends Mtg	9 10:00am Deaconess Meeting 4:00pm Domestic Violence Program
10 3:00pm Youth Missionaries	11 7:00pm Voices of Praise	12	13 12:00Noon Noon Day Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study	14 6:00pm Christian Board of Education	15 6:00pm Praise Team 7:00pm Voices of Praise	16 9:00am Laymen's League 10:00am State Fair Outing 12Noon Male Chorus
17	18 6:30pm Deacons Meeting	19 6:00pm Children's Church Mtg 7:00pm Sunday School Teacher's Mtg	20 12:00Noon Noon Day Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study	21	22 6:00pm Praise Team 6:30pm Family and Friends Mtg	23 12:00Noon Usher Board 2:00pm Missionary Dept.
24 Family and Friends Day	25 7:00pm Voices of Praise	26 6:00pm Computing & Technology Committee	27 12:00Noon Noon Day Prayer 7:00pm Bible Study	28 6:00pm Neighborhood PAC	29 7:00pm Voices of Praise	30 5:00pm Trunk or Treat