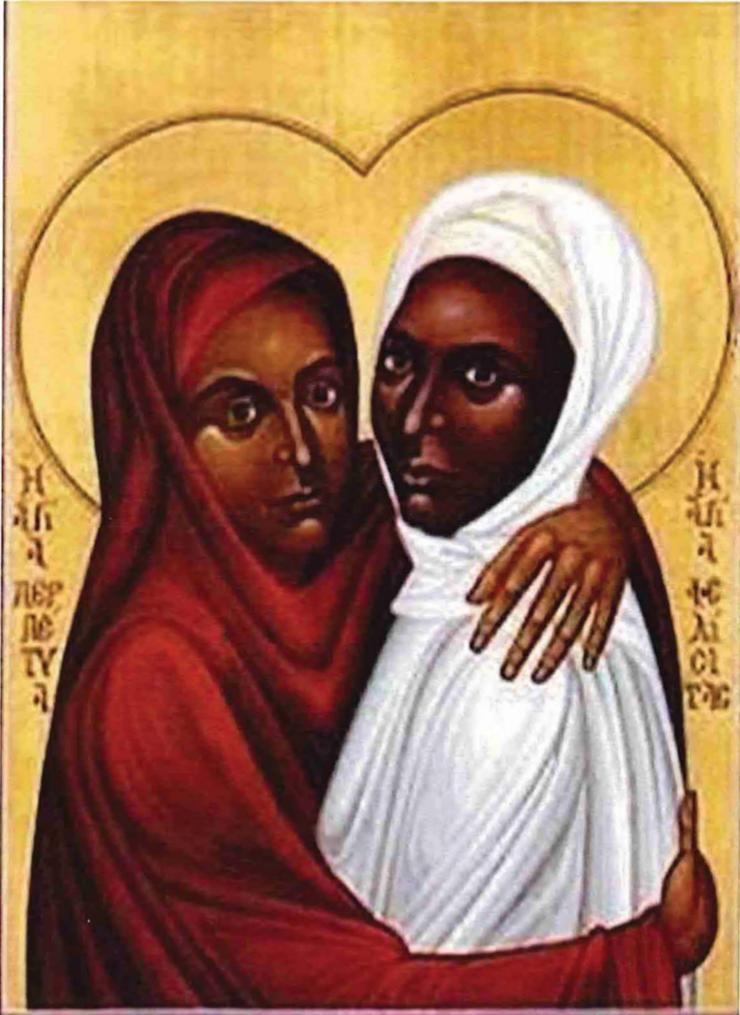




FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HIGHLAND AVENUE · WINSTON-SALEM NC
REACHING, PREACHING, AND TEACHING THE GOSPEL TO ALL GOD'S PEOPLE



Sunday, February 8, 2026

Rev. Samuel J. Doyle, Senior Pastor
Rev. Glenn Pettiford, Assistant Pastor

329 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

Psalm 89:5

1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee:
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glo - ry may not see,

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 God ev - er - last - ing through e - ter - ni - ty.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.

rall.

Descant:

4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord, God Al - might - y!
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

All Thy works shall praise Thy Name in earth, and sky, and sea;
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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,

542 WE SHALL OVERCOME

*For whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.
1 John 5:4-5*

1. We shall o - ver - come. We shall o - ver -
2. We'll walk hand in hand. We'll walk hand in
3. We shall live in peace. We shall live in
4. We are not a - fraid. We are not a -
5. God will see us through. God will see us

come. We shall o - ver - come some - day.
hand. We'll walk hand in hand some - day.
peace. We shall live in peace some - day.
fraid. We are not a - fraid to - day.
through. God will see us through to - day.

Oh, deep in my heart I do be -

lieve. We shall o - ver - come some - day.

The February Birthday Club will have a hospitality meet and greet after the morning service in the Family Life Center.

The Pastor and Deacons Ministry are prayerfully accepting candidates for the diaconate. Please read the following Scriptures and pray about godly lay men and women who fit their description. After praying about it, please (1) identify candidates you wish to nominate, (2) ask them for permission to nominate them and (3) submit their name **in writing** to the office, with a description as to why this person would make a good deacon.

Acts 6:1-71 & Tim 3.8-14

February Calendar of Activities

February 15th

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

"Wear Your Colors Sunday"

(members are asked to wear their representative for the schools, Greek organizations, fraternal organizations, favorite teams)

February 22nd

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

"Cultural Heritage Sunday"

(members are asked to wear their African attire or the clothing that was worn by our early ancestors).

Church Fellowship (D.R. Hedgley Hall following worship service)

Financial Statements - Please let the office know if your mailing address or your email address has changed. If you wish to have your statement emailed, please call the office for this request.

The Health and Wellness Ministry invites you to "Love Your Heart" this February. American Heart Month is observed annually in the United States to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease, which remains the leading cause of death for both men and women. This month serves as an important time for education on cardiovascular health and prevention. We encourage you to focus on your heart health by implementing the following lifestyle changes:

- Maintaining a healthy diet and avoiding overeating - Engaging in regular exercise
- Controlling blood glucose levels - Managing blood pressure and cholesterol
- Avoiding smoking - Ensuring you get adequate rest

The Health and Wellness Ministry invites you to visit our Heart Awareness table in the elevator tower.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Article XVI Church Meetings, a special church meeting is hereby called by the Senior Pastor and Deacon Ministry to be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 11:00 am. The meeting will be held in the church sanctuary and via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent in a separate email.

Agenda items are:

Action item:

Approve Church Budget for 2026

Information item:

Pastor Report

"Church History is Black History"



Vibia Perpetua and Felicitas were two North African Christian women martyred for their Christian faith in 203 A.D. Most of what we know about them come from the *Passio Perpetuae et Felicitatis*, an early third-century source that included Perpetua's own prison diary (making her the first woman diarist in antiquity).

Perpetua and Felicity were young women in their twenties. Still going through catechism, they had not yet been baptized when they were arrested along with several other male catechumens in Carthage, North Africa (modern day Tunisia). Perpetua was a 22-year-old noble woman, married and mother to a nursing infant. Felicitas was an enslaved woman arrested with a fellow enslaved Christian named Revocatus. After their arrest, Perpetua, Felicity and their other fellow Christian's prayed for "perseverance of the flesh."

Their testimony endures as powerful and luminary evidence of courageous faith embodied by African Christian women of color confronting empire and slavery with unwavering confession. Their testimonies bear witness that in Christ, a person of nobility and a slave were both equals in their humanity and dignity as image bearers, and by virtue of their justification by faith, both equal in status before God through Christ (just as Paul taught in several of his New Testament epistles). Since Christianity was viewed as treasonous by the Roman government, their common faith warranted them the same treatment by the Roman government, regardless of their differing social statuses: Perpetua a Romanized African elite, and Felicitas a slave.

While in prison awaiting death, Perpetua resisted both the emotional pleas of her father to spare her own life for the sake of her infant, by offering sacrifice to the Emperor, and the power of the Roman governor with a simple, unwavering confession: "I am a Christian," choosing loyalty to Jesus over the expectations of family, class, and Roman citizenship.

Felicitas, doubly vulnerable as both enslaved and pregnant, insisted on sharing her sisters' martyrdom, refusing any legal delay that would have spared her—for a time—at the cost of her solidarity in Christ, prayed to give birth before her martyrdom, and after having just given birth in prison through intense labor, answered a mocking guard: "Now it is I who suffer; then there will be another in me who will suffer for me, because I am to suffer for him," echoing the mystery of Christ suffering in and with His people.

Their hour of death which occurred on March 7, 203 A.D. in Carthage's amphitheater during imperial games for Emperor Geta's (one of the sons of Septimus Severus) birthday celebrations, is praised by the narrator of the *Passion*, portraying their death not as defeat but as triumph!

In Perpetua and Felicitas we see African women whose faith is not merely confessional but living and fiercely embodied: nursing children, enduring contractions, confronting wild animals, guiding the sword with their own hands. Their lives proclaim that the Spirit falls on "sons and daughters... servants and handmaids," fulfilling the promise that African women, including the poor and enslaved, stand at the very heart of Christ's redemptive story. Their courage invites the whole church today to listen to African women's voices, to resist systems that treat their bodies as expendable, and to join them in confessing Christ with a hope that overthrows fear—even in the face of beasts, prisons, and death.

A generation later, Augustine of Hippo preached annual sermons on their feast (e.g., Sermon 280), praising Perpetua and Felicity as women whose "femininity of the body" was overshadowed by the "virtue of the mind" in their steadfast confession of Christ and their victory over the serpent.

An Essay by Damon Richardson, Founder of Urban Logia Ministries

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SUNDAY AND WEEK -DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SERVICE HOUR 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 8:45AM

NOON-DAY BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY 12:00 NOON

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY— 6:00 PM

All services are online on Facebook and YouTube.
Bible studies also via Zoom.