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FNBC Youth Newsletter

Twentieth Edition

June—August 2025

Rev. Blakely N. Scott



*Thank You
For
46 Years
We Love You!*

College Graduates

2025



Catherine M. Brannon



William Elijah Brannon



Railyn Tobin



Braylon Ratcliff

College Graduates

2025



Uriah West



Adrianna D. Webb



Amber Jackson



Jeremy Weeks

College Graduates' Profiles

Brannon, Catherine M. is a graduate of New York University in the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development. She received a Bachelor Degree in Music.

Brannon, William Elijah is a graduate of Howard University in the College of Arts and Science. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics.

Jackson, Amber is a graduate of Midland's Technical College.

Ratcliff, Braylon is a graduate of Wingate University. He received a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

Congratulations!!!

College Graduates Profile

Tobin, Railyn is a graduate of Claflin University. She received a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

Webb, Adrianna D. is a graduate of Savannah College of Arts and Design. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration.

Weeks, Jeremy is a graduate of York Technical College.

West, Uriah is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Congratulations!!!

High School Graduates

2025



Keith Joel Amos



LaTonya Hall-Gibson



Brian Blakely Brooks Sumpter



Brianna Johnson-Dantzler

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Roger V. Scott, IV



Amay'a Gadson



Kal Leon Thomas



Lacey M. Graham

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Peyton Etheredge



Karrington Chambers



Warren Evans



Summer Young

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Zavery Johnson



Mariana Reece



Dae John Jefferson



Kennedi Sanders

High School Graduates' Profile

2025

Keith Joel Amos is a graduate of Spring Valley High School. He is now attending the Citadel.

Karrington Chambers is a graduate of Ridgeview High School in the Allied Science Program. She is attending Claflin University.

Brianna Johnson-Dantzler is a graduate of Columbia High School. She is currently attending Claflin University.

Peyton Etheredge is a graduate of Richland Northeast High School. He is attending the Darla Moore School of Business at USC.

Warren Evans is a graduate of Spring Valley High School. He is attending USC Columbia.

Amay'a Gadson is a graduate of Richland Northeast High School.

Congratulations!!

High School Graduates' Profile

2025

LaTonya Hall Gibson is a graduate of Westwood High School. She is attending USC Upstate.

Lacey Graham is a graduate of Dutch Fork High School. She is attending South Carolina Honors College at USC Columbia.

Dea' John Jefferson is a graduate of Richland Northeast High School. He is attending Midlands Technical College.

Zavery Johnson is a graduate of Westwood High School. He is attending Clemson University.

Mariana Reece is a graduate of Spring Valley High School. She is attending Winthrop University.

Kennedi Sanders is a graduate of Dreher High School. She is attending Winthrop University.

Roger V. Scott, IV is a graduate of Thomas Sumter Academy. He is attending USC in Columbia, SC.

Congratulations!!

High School Graduates' Profile

2025

Brian Blakely Brooks Sumpter is a graduate of W.J. Keenan High School. He is attending Wofford College.

Kal Leon Thomas is a graduate of Spring Valley High School. He is attending Lander University.

Summer Young is a graduate of Blythewood High School. She is serving in the US Army Reserve.



Congratulations!!!!

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive.....

~~~Maya Angelou~~~

Young Men Mentoring

Trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee— June 2025



Young Men Mentoring

Continued

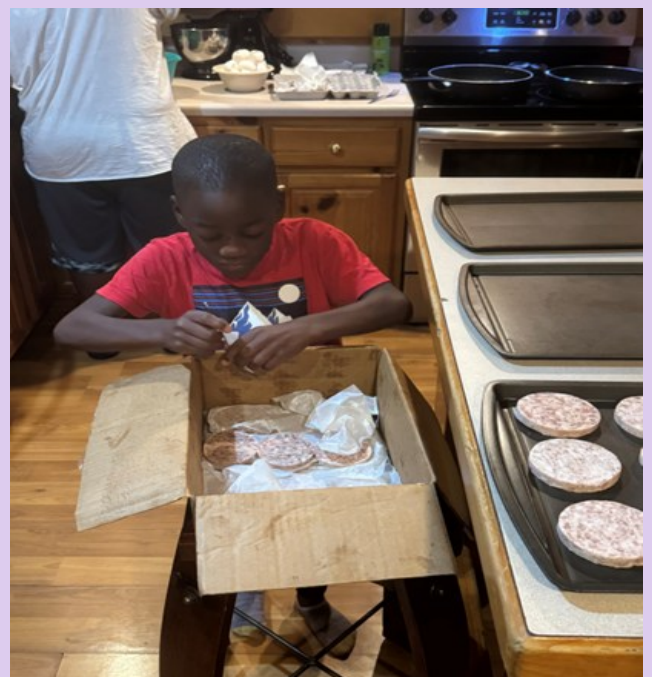
On June 8th – 12th, 2025 the Male Mentorship Ministry went on a Male Presence Retreat to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. There were 30 young men along with 12 mentors. Each day started with a morning devotion along with a morning Bible study. Once that was over they ate breakfast, gave the young men some time, then they started their daily sessions.

The sessions were broken into three groups, Elementary School, Middle School and High school. On Monday, the topic was about Church Etiquette, Tuesday it was about Social Media and Wednesday it was about Mental and Physical health. The mentors communicated with the young men throughout the day. The feedback from the young men was positive, they enjoyed the interaction with the adult mentors and even mentioned their own personal accounts on the topics or other subjects that were discussed.

During the afternoon, the young men were taken around the town of Gatlinburg for different activities. They played basketball, flag football, went on a short hike, played laser tag and on the last day the boys enjoyed a tour of the Tanger Outlet.

The young men had a great time in the Lord! They are eagerly awaiting for the next planned trip.

Food Preparation



Young Men Mentoring Continued



Miss South Carolina Baptist Youth Pageant



Makiyla Moody

The Miss SC Baptist Youth Pageant 2025 was held on June 9, 2025 in Fountain Inn at Bethlehem Baptist church. Makiyla Moody represented First Nazareth. She is the daughter of Ms. Latricia Brooks and Mr. Ojay Moody, and granddaughter of Deacon and Mrs. Harvey Brooks.

Makiyla is in 7th grade at the Carolina Springs Middle School. She is a Cadette Girl Scout with several badges and awards. Makiyla represented First Nazareth well. She was chosen as best dress and won a trophy for the Sunday attire.

Miss South Carolina Baptist Youth Pageant



Midlands Baptist Youth Conference

The Midland Baptist Youth Conference was a smashing success this year. First Nazareth hosted the Conference on Blue Berry Hill, Saturday the 26th of July with over six churches participating. This year's Conference was filled with great presentations of youth groups from all churches. The exciting presentations were well received, and requests were made for a continuation of the great presentations: Dance groups, drama groups, singing aggregations spotlighted Blueberry Hill so well that several spectators stopped in to be entertained as well. By far, this was one of the largest groups in several years.

Youth of all ages enjoyed a day of food, fun and entertainment through games, a bouncy house, face-painting, horseshoe and ice sickles to name just a few. The theme for the Conference was unique, but the youth found an array of interest and made it extremely successful.

Unplug from sin and connect to Christ

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2025 YOUTH CONFERENCE

“WE HEAR YOU GOD”

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH

9AM-NOON

BLUEBERRY HILL

FIRST NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH

2351 GERVAIS STREET COLUMBIA, SC 29204

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Midlands Baptist Youth Conference



Back To School Bash



The Youth Ministry collaborated with the Greater Waverly Foundation to present the annual Back-To-School Bash. The combined effort has proven to be successful and expanded the supplies and increased the number of youth who attended the session. The Youth Ministry greatly appreciated the assistance and the school supplies provided by MUSA and its partners, the Duke Creek Technologies and the Black Employee Resource Group. The members: are Rev. Corwin Scriven, Ms. Kareem Oats, Ms. Renee Evans, Mr. Mike Evans, Ms. Hester Erickson, Mr. Gregg Erickson, Ms. Jill Areheart, Mr. Keith Marsh, Ms. Teaqoshawn Nelson, and Mr. Dolagobinda Sahoo. Thank You!

Since school was scheduled to begin earlier this year, the two groups worked extremely hard to collect school supplies and beautiful book bags to distribute to youth in kindergarten through high school. The program also included a food truck with lots of good food. They were also blessed with great music from our former youth, Justin McClary.

Back To School Bash



Newsletter Staff and Announcements

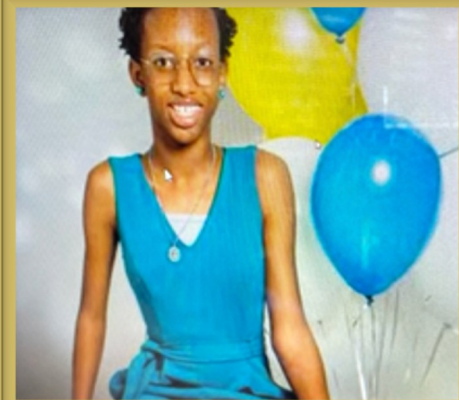
Upcoming Events

Christmas Fruit Giveaway—

December 13, 2025



Aiden Doctor, Editor—



Chandler Martino, Co-Editor

Rev. Blakely N. Scott, Pastor

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Quarterly Message

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31