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## Kingdom Kreation Youth News



July's Theme  
**I AM SUCCESSFUL**

### Youth Empowerment Session

Wednesday, July 12, 7:00 PM  
Eli McKenzie Jr. Media Center

### Back to School Lock-In

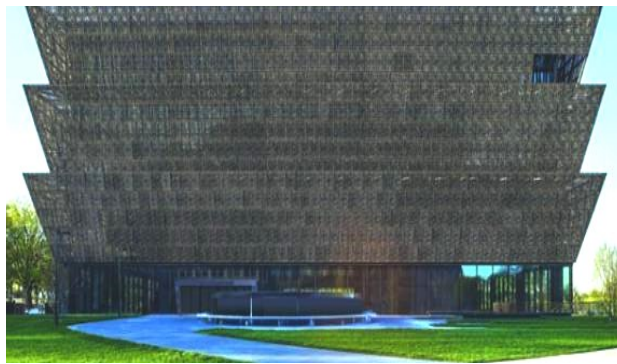
July 28-29, 2017, 6:30 PM  
Micheal Benton Family Life Center



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### Second trip added to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC.

Join us Sunday, September 3, 2017. We will leave Saturday, September 2, 8:00 AM and return Monday evening at 7:00 PM. For more information including cost, stop by the kiosk after each service or contact Sister Shirlene King at (770) 482-766, ext. 121. A \$50.00 per person deposit is required to reserve a seat.

### A Black History Moment

### Issachar Tribe

On June 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed, marking the colonists' independence from Great Britain. But some seventy-five years later, some black Americans were not ready to celebrate. Abolitionist movement leader Frederick Douglass, in 1852, gave a scathing speech the day after Independence Day, "This Fourth of July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn....". Douglass reminded listeners that when the Declaration of Independence was signed, many blacks were still slaves. Even the British were more likely to offer freedom to blacks than the colonists. Just because we were set free in 1865, does not mean we should retroactively wipe away past incidents clean. We can only celebrate the positive events from 1865 onward, and those who stood the test of time.

As Christians, let us remember the countless blessings that God has shown for all of His people down through the years.

### Health Tip

### Nurses Guild

Do not take risks with germs. This is the time of year when fresh fruit and vegetables are everywhere. Many people want to taste a sample before making a purchase. If you are one of those people, there are some things to consider. How many hands touched the food before yours? Did anyone sneeze on the food? There are many possibilities so do not take the risk. The food should be washed before you put it in your mouth.



### The Manna Principle

### Reverend Lamoyne Smith



The course of one's abundant availability of resources (education, skill sets, money, etc.) in this present day, those days can never return. The truth of the matter is whether you debate or argue about the turbulent times never returning, just remember what Jesus says in regards to turbulent times in John 16:33. However, if you have never experienced a "turbulent time moment" up to this point in your life, once again I take heed to what I have heard the seasoned saints say, "just keep on living". On that note, the children of Israel were able to keep on living by the grace of God and His "Manna Principle." Shortly after the Israelites left Egypt, by the mighty hand of God, they came to a place called Elim. Just before they were to take their long and tedious journey into the Wilderness of Sin, they found twelve water springs and seventy palm trees to help them along the way. Nevertheless, while on their journey they constantly murmured and complained about the things they did not have. They failed to realize that they had God Almighty on their side. In spite of their discon-

tent behavior, God provided Israel with a life sustaining food in which He sent down from heaven. This miraculous food was given to the children of Israel on a daily basis except for the Sabbath Day, but even then God's grace allowed them to double up on the sixth day so they would have enough to see them through. So when the children of Israel saw what was taking place, they said to one another, "Is it manna; for they knew not what it was" (Exodus 16:15). So manna literally means "what is it". God really wanted His people to learn the "principle". The word principle can be defined as first, highest, or foremost in importance. Although, God met their physical need, He wanted Israel to know that He and He alone was the sustainer of their daily bread, but foremost (spiritually) God was pointing to the true Bread from Heaven. Therefore, the Manna Principle is on this wise; what is it that is first, highest, or foremost in importance? That would be the true Bread from Heaven, which is Jesus Christ, The Bread of Life (John 6: 31-35).

### Stand Still

### Minister Shawanda Rowan

Sometimes in life, we all have "Red Sea Moments" with no place to go, nowhere to turn, and enemies all around us. What do you do when our expenses exceed our income, bill collectors are calling, there is family division, husbands and wives are considering divorce, unemployment, and unforeseen health issues? Sound familiar? Well for some of us, the struggle is real.

The Book of Exodus tells us how the Israelites left slavery in Egypt through the strength of God led by their prophet Moses. Moses was instructed to lead them by way of the Red Sea to escape captivity and Pharaoh's army. According to Exodus 14:14, the Israelites were faced with the realities of their enemies at their back, and what appeared to be no place to go. The sea was in front of them, and Pharaoh's army was behind them, one might say they were "caught between a rock and a hard place". Sound familiar? Like the Israelites cried

out to God, so do we - praying for direction and asking Him what to do. When things do not manifest fast enough, we start complaining. The Israelites did it to Moses at the Red Sea, and so do we. God gave Moses directions to give to the Israelites instructing them to follow him, and God's Holy Spirit directs us to make right choices too. Moses told the Israelites to "stand still and see the Salvation of the Lord!" I am sure the Holy Spirit has told us to stand still and wait on God too, but for some of us, our self-will overrides God's will because we know best. Just think, if the Israelites had not listened to Moses, where would they be? If we do not listen to the Holy Spirit, where would we be?

God told Moses in Exodus 14:15, to stop crying out and "Tell the Israelites to move forward". God has instructed some of us to "move forward", and has mandated some of us to "stand still".

Just as God directed Moses in Exodus 14:13 (a), I too encourage you; "Moses, answered the people, "Don't be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today." How do we get deliverance from our "Red Seas"? Deliverance will come when we learn to be obedient to the Holy Spirit and trust our Lord and Savio





**Fairfield Baptist Church  
Service Times**

Mondays  
Intercessory Prayer  
7:00PM  
Sanctuary  
"The Upper Room"

Wednesdays  
Bible Study  
12 Noon  
C.L. Nall Chapel  
7:00 PM  
C.L. Nall Chapel

Worship Services  
Sundays  
7:30AM & 10:45AM  
The Son's House

Sunday School  
9:15AM  
Zack Brown  
Administrative Center

Youth Church  
Last Sunday of Each  
Month  
10:45AM  
C.L. Nall Chapel

**Church Directory**

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Ext. 115

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Ext. 172

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Usher Ministry  
Ext. 180

Maudie Norman  
Mission  
Food & Clothing  
Ext. 112

**Grateful**



**Deaconess Lizzie Morris**

What a wonderful and amazing God we have! Have you encountered Him in such a way that He has become your refuge and strength? It is essential that in our busy lives trying to meet the ever-present demands of careers, church and family, that we do not forget to be grateful to Him every day for all He has done. We do not use the words grateful/thankful often enough to express our appreciation to our almighty God. Let us explore the definition of both words:

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**Grateful:**

warmly or deeply appreciative of kindness or benefits received.

**Thankful:**

feeling or expressing gratitude or appreciation.

In every event or circumstance, the Christian is to "give thanks". 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you". He can bring us out of the event no matter what

level that event has reached. The constant attitude of prayer will help the believers to maintain gratitude in the face of adversity. Also, in our everyday interaction with each other, let us express our gratitude when someone demonstrates an act of love towards us. In today's world, we rarely hear "thank you", "I appreciate your kindness", "an act of love received with gratefulness", etc. When on the receiving end of unfair treatment, express agape love **anyway** as an expression of Christian growth in the area of gratefulness. Reflect on these quotes by Maya Angelou as a reminder to always be grateful.

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say Your nightly prayer.

Let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good."

"A joyful spirit is evidence of a grateful heart."

"When you have an attitude of gratitude, you wake up saying thank you."

**"Men Praising God for the Past...Celebrating the Future"**

**July 2017**

**Wednesday Night Sessions**

'Six Battles Every Man Must Win'

**Fight for your identity —**

**—Fight for your personal holiness**

**Fight for your family — Fight through pain**

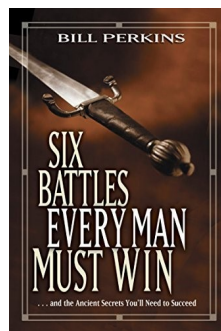
**Fight for your friends — Fight for a strong faith**

**The Celebration continues...**

Sunday, July 30, 2017, 7:30 AM & 10:45 AM

Guest Speaker - Pastor Nathan Nance

Mt. Gillion Missionary Baptist Church, Cleveland, OH



**Mark Your Calendar ~ Homecoming 2017**

**"Denying, Defeating & Destroying Division...guarding the truth"**  
**Commemorating the Past, Celebrating the Present and Embracing the Future Together**

Family Day ~ August 5, 2017, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Homecoming Communion Service ~ August 6, 2017, 9:30 AM (only one morning service)

Revival ~ August 7 - 9, 2017, 7:00 PM

**Revivalists**

Pastor Keith Brooks  
All Nations Praise &  
Worship Center  
Stockbridge, GA

Pastor Marlin Harris  
New Life Baptist Church  
Decatur, GA

Pastor Clinton McFarland  
Grace Baptist Church  
Stockbridge, GA

**Ministries' News**

**Singles' Ministry**

Monthly Bible Study  
Thursday, July 20, 2017, 7:00 PM  
Eli McKenzie Jr. Media Center  
**"The Stress of Excess Demands"**  
Rev. Brenda Rush, Facilitator  
*Invite your friends and co-workers and anyone you think needs encouragement on how to apply the word of God in a crisis situation.*  
Questions, please see  
Terry Scott, Tamika Foster or Robin Junious

**Veterans and Supporters' Ministry**

Annual Veterans' Appreciation Dinner  
Saturday, July 15, 2017, 2:30 PM  
Micheal Benton Family Life Center  
*Sign up to bring your favorite dish. If you are a veteran, a family member of a veteran, or just a supporter, please join us.*  
Our final planning meeting for the dinner is Thursday, July 13, 2017. Continue to keep our troops, their families and our country in your prayers.

**Joint Ushers' Ministry  
Quarterly Meeting**

Saturday, July 8, 2017, 10:00 AM  
Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center's Room 219

All ushers are required to attend for updates and information regarding the ministry. Please bring your manuals.  
If you are interested in joining the Ushers Ministry, please come to this meeting or see Chief Usher Kim Jones.

**Ladies!**

Please join us during the month of July each week in the C.L. Nall Chapel as we celebrate **"Wednesday Wisdom for Women"**  
We will highlight various areas where our knowledge will make us stronger, more prepared and confident as we walk stronger in who we are — **WOMEN OF GOD!**  
Each weekly topic will be announced as we move through the month of July.  
Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

**Sunday's Breakfast Program**

The Sunday Breakfast Program is one of several 501(c)3 entities in operation at our church. It is a non-profit program, however, the program must pay for itself as it is not subsidized by the church. The 501(c)3 committee recognizes that providing breakfast between services is especially beneficial to those who stay for both services though it is accessible to all.  
The committee is currently restructuring the program to ensure that the overall dining experience is one that is reflective of the Christian environment in which it is set and where we are committed to "Denying, Defeating and Destroying Division...guarding the truth". The committee requests that you prepare to partake of the "New and Improved" Sunday Breakfast Program when the grand re-opening is announced.  
It is important to note that the program will continue to be totally dependent upon teams of volunteers. If you have an interest in serving on a team one Sunday each month, please contact Deacon Frederick Jackson in the Yoke Bookstore, call the church at 770-482-7660 to leave a message, or print your name and contact information on a slip of paper and give it to an usher. You will be contacted and given additional details.



**2017 International Trailblazer Award**

Sunday, July 16, 2017  
5:30 PM

Porter Sanford Performing Arts Center  
3181 Rainbow Drive, Decatur

Pastor Micheal Benton will be a recipient of this prestigious award.  
To purchase tickets, see Connie Lane or stop by the Yoke Bookstore.

**Lighthouse Mobile**

Begin receiving FBC updates via email. Sign-up is easy. Just give us your email address and you can be a part of our "Constant Contacts". Register by calling the church office, 770.482.7660.

**Events**

July 2  
**Communion Worship Service**  
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM

9:15 AM  
**Sunday School**  
Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center  
**New Member Class**  
Executive Conference Room  
**Baptism Class**  
2nd & 3rd Sunday  
Computer Lab

July 30  
**Men's Day**  
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM  
The Son's House

**Intercessory Prayer Ministry**  
**Monday Nights, 7:00 PM**  
The Upper Room  
"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much".  
- James 5:16b

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
12 Noon  
C.L. Nall Chapel  
7:00 PM  
C.L. Nall Chapel  
July 5, 2017  
Tribe of Ephraim

**Youth**  
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center

**Our Healing & Convalescing**

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."  
- 3 John 1:2

- Blanche Abrams
- Mother Lucille Durden
- Margaret Freeman
- Catherine Gardner
- Ann Garrett
- Arthur Giles
- Idella Grimmer
- Taylor Hamm
- Ola M. McGuire
- Blontine Moody
- Ansley Robinzine
- Barbara Saunders
- Mary Lou Smith
- Ann Delores Yarborough
- Yvonne Williams