



Upcoming Events

Save the Date!

Saturday, May 9, 2015, 11:00 AM

FAIRFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH
WINGS MINISTRY

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

PAMPERING, PASTA & PRAISE
A TIME TO CELEBRATE THE
PURPOSE AND POWER OF WOMEN

*"Give her the reward she has earned,
And let her works bring her praise at the city gate."*

— Proverbs 31:31 NIV

We invite all mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, family and friends to join us in the Micheal Benton Family Life Center as we celebrate our purpose and power in the blessing of "Womanhood".

Inspirational Speaker: Evangelist Patti Rose McGrew
Guest Soloist: Kelsie Broughton

Individuals may sponsor a special woman or mother of your choice to attend this blessed event. Tickets are available for \$26.00 and may be purchased at the kiosk after each service through April 19 or you may contact Blanche Johnson at 678-446-8121 or Monica Cotton at 404-660-1475 directly.

Welcome New Members

Brice Williamsom



Contributing Communication Coordinators

Sister Sandra Crocker
Sister Robin Junious

Emergency Plan

Nurses Guild & Crisis Team

Spring is upon us. It is the time of year when there are risks of severe thunder storms and tornadoes. Do not wait until the alerts come to devise a plan. Create a plan now! Here are some things to consider:

1. Discuss safe areas in your house to gather.
2. Determine where you would go if you had to evacuate.
3. Ensure you have access to important documents, medications and/or necessary equipment.
4. Determine what you need to do if you are in a car when the alerts are announced.
5. Determine the appropriate action to take if you are in a car and you happen upon water.
6. Make arrangements for your children at the end of the school day if you are not available when the alerts are announced.

Stay connected with us.



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Reverend Olen Rush

He Did It Just For Me!



We are blessed to have this first Sunday, April 5, 2015, to be Easter Sunday. It is such a wonderful blessing because I can truly say that, Jesus did it just for Me! As I reflect back over my life as a child growing up in Mississippi, I can remember getting

ready for Easter Sunday morning was very special. Learning the Easter speeches and participating in the Easter plays were a big deal in my little old country church. Oh, yes, and I cannot forget watching my sisters prepare the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday morning. There was just something very special about Easter Sunday morning! Everyone would be wearing very bright colors. It signified beginning anew, a fresh start, a new season. Just as it says in II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new!" Let the winter of your life go! It is a new season and you must declare that "He did it just for Me".

Jesus has forgiven me of all of my sins, and I do mean ALL of my sins! When I did not know what to do – Jesus did it for Me! When I did not know which way to turn – Jesus did it for me! But just what did He do? I am so glad you asked. He arose from the grave with all power in both heaven and earth! He endured it all, just for you and me! If He got up, I can get up from any situation that is pulling me down, because I can do all things through HIM who strengthens me! When you say, "He did it just for Me", you must personalize it. Begin to replace the word "me" with your name – I did. He did it just for Olen! Now you try it – He did it just for _____!

Happy Easter Everyone!

Its Holiness or Hell!

Reverend Edith Gilham

The choice is ours to live a peculiar life, just as Jesus Christ. God's grace has appeared to all men. We are to live a lust free, sober, righteous and Godly life in this present world. Let us look for the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ. He gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a people, zealous of good works. I have chosen to live a peculiar and holy life because Jesus Christ of Nazareth is my Messiah. He is the Messiah to all born again Christians that have the infilling of the Holy Spirit/Ghost. In the Greek and Hebrew languages, Messiah means the anointed one and I am persuaded that we need the anointing in our lives because that is our power. Remember its holiness or hell...the choice is ours! In Hebrews 12:14-15, the Apostle Paul said, "To follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; Lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and there by many be defiled". No more procrastination! Come on down my brothers, sisters, men and daughters of Fairfield Baptist Church and let us sit in the dust on the ground. There is no throne, oh children of Fairfield. Show yourselves to be intelligent, holy men and women of God, because holiness is the only way to our Father. The Lord is far from the wicked: but He hears the prayers of the righteous so let us repent and live holy lives. We, as the righteousness of God, must be holy and show that the Lord is faithful and true, upright, righteous, a true rock and a sure foundation, and that He does nothing evil, unjust, unwise, unmerciful or unkind. In our making God known, we as saints must be eternally consecrated. Psalms 3 begins, "The Lord reigneth" (93, 97, and 99) and each ends with thoughts of holiness.



Psalm 93:5 says, "Thy testimonies are very sure. Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever." We are to worship the Lord our God in the beauty of holiness and we are to always give thanks, remembering that He is holy. Remember, its holiness or hell...the choice is ours!

**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

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Ext. 115

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Ext. 172

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Mission
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Thoughts on Faith

Give Thanks

Deacon Johnel Nealey, Jr.

We all have a daily routine which may consist of work, school and/or social activities, but in our down time, do we give thanks? 1Thessalonians 5:18 says, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Each morning, we should always thank the Lord because there was no guarantee that we would awake from our slumber. It is by His grace and mercy that He allows us to see another day. Are you thankful? Sometimes I wonder if we are thankful for the things that He has done, for He has truly done marvelous things in all of our lives. We tend to thank Him when we receive good

Pastor's Engagement

On Wednesday, April 22 - Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 7:00 PM, Pastor Micheal Benton will be the Revivalist for Sims Chapel located at 61 Sims Chapel Road in Covington, Georgia. Reverend Cecil Rozier serves as the Pastor.



SAVE THE DATE!

Birthday Celebration
for
First Lady Y'Vonne Benton
Sunday, April 26, 2015
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services
"Strength & Honour"

**Special envelopes are available for
your love gifts.**



reports, but what do we do during the difficult times? Do we pray and still give thanks? Do we acknowledge His goodness because after all, it could be worse? When we have meals, do we give thanks knowing someone somewhere, will not eat? Are we thankful for having a home and not being homeless? In my profession, while walking throughout the hospital or helping to facilitate a home going celebration, I often find myself thanking God for all He consistently does. It could be me or my loved ones in the sick room or we could be dealing with a bereaved heart. Psalms 136:3 says, "O give

thanks to the Lord for his mercy endureth forever." Today, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, I ask that you pause for a moment and give God thanks. He is a risen Christ and that is shouting news!

A Moment in Black History

Tribe of Issachar



On March 7, 1965, state troopers and a sheriff's posse in Selma, Alabama attacked 525 civil rights demonstrators taking part in a march between Selma and Montgomery, the state capital. The march was organized to promote black voter registration and to protest the killing of a young black man, Jimmie Lee Jackson, by a state trooper during a February 18, voter registration march in a nearby city.

As the demonstrators crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, they were ordered by the police to disperse. When they stood in place, the troopers charged at them. "The first 10 or 20 Negroes were swept to the ground screaming, arms and legs flying and packs and bags went skittering across the grassy divider strip and

on to the pavement on both sides," The NY Times wrote. "Those still on their feet retreated. The troopers continued pushing, using both the force of their bodies and the prodding of their nightsticks."

The police also fired tear gas at the crowd and charged on horseback. More than 50 demonstrators were injured. The Times described a makeshift hospital near the local church: "Negroes lay on the floors and chairs, many weeping and moaning. A girl in red slacks was carried from the house screaming." Amelia Boynton lay semiconscious on a table. "From the hospital came a report that the victims had suffered fractures of ribs, heads, arms and legs, in addition to cuts and bruises."

The day of violence, which became known as **Bloody Sunday**, was covered in newspapers across the country and broadcast on national news, outraging many Americans. A photo of Mrs. Boynton lying unconscious on the bridge became the most enduring image of the day.

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Bloody Sunday had a considerable effect on the Civil Rights Movement. On March 15, eight days after watching the violence, President Lyndon B. Johnson presented a bill to Congress that would become the Voting Rights Act of 1965. A district court judge issued the injunction on March 17, clearing the way for a second **Selma-to-Montgomery** march on Sunday, March 21. Flanked by federal troops, 3,200 marchers left Selma on the first leg of the 54-mile journey. They reached Montgomery that Thursday, marching to the state capitol with 25,000 people. The leaders unsuccessfully attempted to present a petition to Gov. George Wallace. Dr. King delivered a speech before the capitol steps. The march was hailed by several speakers as the greatest demonstration in the history of the civil rights movement.

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In commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday, a group of FBC members joined thousands of people from across the country to walk across the legendary Edmund Pettus Bridge. Below is an account of that historical visit.

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Kingdom Kreation's News

Join Kingdom Kreation as we continue with our bible study focus on Black History. On Wednesday April 22 & 29 at 7:00pm. Our topic is "Breaking the chains through spiritual and historical knowledge" Also, we will be taking our youth to the King Center and the Atlanta Civil Rights Museum on Saturday April 25. Signup will be throughout the month of April after service until our slots are filled.

Classy Grad Scholarship applications are now available! All high school seniors entering college in the fall are eligible. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2015. Please visit www.fairfieldbaptistchurch.org/AEP.html for more information.

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School 2015 - Wednesday-Friday, June 17-19th
Kingdom Kreation presents: Movie Night on Friday May 15th from 6-830 pm
Ages 12 and under - Admin Building Rm 219
Ages 13 and up - Fellowship Hall



Jeremiah Thompson, the son of Daniel and A'Drienne Thompson, had the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. March 9 -10. Prior to his trip, Jeremiah did an on-site interview with Avaaz. **Avaaz** is a global civic organization launched in January 2007 that promotes activism on issues such as climate change, human rights, animal rights, corruption, poverty, and conflict; it works to "close the gap between the world we have and the world most people everywhere want." The organization operates in 15 languages and claims over thirty million members in 194 countries, and *The Guardian* considers it "the globe's largest and most powerful online activist network". The interview was placed on youtube. Here is the link: <https://ajam.app.box.com/s/c5p94yhfoj52aac99aj2xwtkf9px0l2l>

Jeremiah was the only student chosen from Georgia to attend this event. He had the opportunity of speaking with Senators in the Capital building, along with other students around the United States. Jeremiah was the only middle school student at the event, all others were high school students. According to a new poll by Ipsos/Avaaz, 94% of children in America agree that climate change is real and 85% agree that human activity is a major cause. Jeremiah along with the other students chosen attempted to school the senate on climate change Tuesday, March 10.

Jeremiah was also featured on the DeKalb County app, March 5 and March 12. Here is the link to see Jeremiah in action at the Capital: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaFUOM69vps>. Here are a few photos of the event:



Thank You, Toastmasters! Congratulations, Jalia!



Toastmasters has taken us places we never dreamt of going. Very briefly, I knew about Toastmasters and tried to join but couldn't because I was living in two continents. I was so happy when I found out that there was going to be a summer program for kids and that it was free. I thought "Yes" my daughter will get in. I told the child but she wasn't interested. I responded, saying "Jalia, I want you to be ready for Toastmasters on Monday at 7pm.

Today, she cannot stop thanking me. She has met with the Prime Minister of Ireland, has been offered full scholarships to a couple of colleges and she is an alumni of the Disney Dreamers Academy. Every high school student at F.B.C. should get into that program. Disney, Steve Harvey and ESSENCE magazine are determined to raise the next generation of winners.

Finally, Deacon Morris, Thank you for taking care of my baby like you would take care of your own. Today, she is speaking in the presence of the Prime Minister, Senators and Ambassadors. I appreciate you making time for her no matter how busy you were or how impossible it may seem at times due to short notice. God Bless you!

