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## Attention all Classy Grad Scholars!!

It is time for you to submit proof of registration for the second semester. Proof of registration should be emailed to [aep@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org](mailto:aep@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org) or faxed to 1-866-885-1739 no later than January 25, 2012. Please indicate whether check will be picked up or if it needs to be mailed (submit mailing address).

### Attention ALL 2012 Graduating High School Seniors



The Micheal Benton AEP Committee is encouraging you to apply for the "Classy Grad" scholarship. The application will be available in Sis. Shirlene King's office beginning January 31, 2012. Students who are not actively involved in an auxiliary MUST volunteer with the church in order to be eligible. Please read eligibility criteria before completing application.

### Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

The Fairfield Baptist Church Newsletter is published the first Sunday of each month. Articles MUST be submitted by the 15th of each month for inclusion. Please send all submissions to:  
[RevIndra317@gmail.com](mailto:RevIndra317@gmail.com) and [johnsonblanche@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnsonblanche@bellsouth.net)



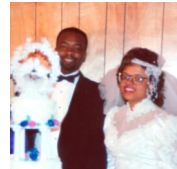
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## Happy Birthday & Anniversary



Happy Birthday to **Rev. Roy Durden**, celebrating his 68th birthday on January 2.

Happy Anniversary to **Mr. John & Min. Shewanda Rowan** celebrating their Anniversary on January 2.



Happy Birthday to **Rev. Jimmie A. Hall**, celebrating his birthday on January 12.

Happy Birthday to **TeYuanna L. Andrews**, celebrating her 20th birthday on January 12.



Happy Birthday to **JoAnn Williams West**, celebrating her birthday on January 24.

Happy Birthday to **Desmond, Wade**, celebrating his 16th birthday on January 25.



Happy Birthday to **Min. Cleon Frazier**, celebrating his birthday on January 28.

Happy Anniversary to **Mr. Darwin & Rev. Angela Carter** celebrating their Anniversary on January 29.



Happy Anniversary to **Deacon & Deaconess John Williams** celebrating their Anniversary on January 29.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Rev. Indra Andrews** who earned a Masters Degree in Educational Psychology from Capella University in Minneapolis, MN. Indra, completed her courses with an overall GPA of 4.0.



Indra is pursuing the second portion of her dual Masters in Early Childhood Developmental Psychology of which she plans to have a career as a Licensed Practitioner and School Psychologist or Counselor.

Indra, is the mother of **TeYuanna L. Andrews**, daughter of **Min. Alice Owen**, granddaughter of **Mother Elizabeth Andrews** and related to a host of others at Fairfield Baptist Church.

This is truly a blessing and we thank God for His Mercy and Grace and pray for His continued favor as she continues in her endeavors.

## Healing & Convalescing

In order that we may provide the most accurate and up to date information, members whose names have consistently appeared here due to long term illnesses: **Lucille Durden, Sandra Long, Evalena Mills, Mary Smith, Wille Toomer, and Milton Webb** will no longer be listed. Continue to remember them in prayers, phone calls, and visits. Updates, as appropriate, will be made.



## Welcome New Members

Tommy Hightower-December 4, Sandy Brown-December 12, Marilyn Brown-December 12, George Brown-December 12, Reginald Starling-December 25

### Newsletter Staff

Visionary.....Pastor Micheal Benton  
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# The LIGHTHOUSE

Fairfield Baptist Church  
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## Fairfield Baptist Church & The FBC Institute of Biblical Studies present



### Who is Dr. Rodney Jackson?

For over 25 years as a Business Partner, Change Agent, Educator and Coach, Rodney Jackson has positively influenced individuals and business leaders to achieve greater effectiveness in optimizing performance and introducing efficiencies, growing and expanding their organizations, facilitating complex problem solving, and driving change among functionally, culturally, and philosophically-diverse teams and organizations.

Denying, Defeating & Destroying Division

January 21, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

6133 Redan Road

Lithonia, GA 30058

Pastor Micheal Benton

Rev. Indra Andrews, Dean

### Fairfield Baptist Church Service Times

Sunday School  
9:15AM  
Zack Brown  
Admin. Building

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

4th & 5th Sundays  
10:45AM  
Youth Church  
C.L. Nall Chapel

Mondays  
7:00PM  
Intercessory Prayer  
Upper Room  
The Son's House

Wednesdays  
Bible Study  
12 Noon  
C.L. Nall Chapel  
&  
7:00 PM  
Zack Brown Admin.  
Building

### Need Help?

Call 770-482-7660

Pastor Benton/  
Church Secretary  
Ext. 101

Counseling Ministry  
First Lady Benton  
Ext. 104

Office Admin.  
Alice Cunningham  
Ext. 109

Superintendent  
Deacon Dave Rollins  
Ext. 119

Team of the Month  
Ext. 172

Lost & Found  
Usher Ministry  
Ext. 180

# Leadership Conference 2012

# Coca-a-Cola Product Campaign

February 12 - March 10, 2012



All ministries and members are asked to participate in this capital campaign to improve the FBC Campus. Trinitarians, please check your mailboxes for sales information.

In addition to the ministries' sales, products may also be purchased from the kiosks in the sanctuary after each worship service.

Products may be picked up by the sellers on March 17, garage area of our sanctuary.

For more information, please contact Sister Margaret Jones, 770-482-5113 or Deaconess Mary Jackson, 770-482-6424

## HALLELUJAH...

The fruit campaign committee wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation to our members and friends.



Your participation in this campaign made it a success. A truckload of 1,155 cases of premium fruit was delivered just in time for Christmas.

We extend a great big thank you to our highest sellers: Brother Nathaniel Harmon of the Male Chorus, Sister Cathrene Howard of the Sanctuary Choir and Sister Jackie Corzealous of Pastor's Aide.

In an effort to reduce the debt of our new sanctuary this was the first time that all ministries and members were asked to support the fruit campaign. In addition to promoting healthy snacks, the campaign decreased our debt by approximately \$9,500.00.

The committee would also like to thank the men who came out to unload the truck. Your hard work did not go unnoticed.

*A true love of God must begin with a delight in his holiness.*

*~Jonathan Edwards*



### Two Great Opportunities for Kingdom Kreation:



**Sunday, January 29th  
at 3:00 PM**

**Saturday, February 11th  
at 12:00 Noon**



Bus Departs promptly at 2:00 PM  
**PRICE: \$25.00 per person**



Bus Departs at 11:00 AM SHARP  
**PRICE: \$22.00 per person**

Payments are now being accepted after both services.

#### QUESTIONS:

Contact:

Carol Franklin @ 770-987-9148 or [cfranklin@bellsouth.net](mailto:cfranklin@bellsouth.net)

OR

Valerie Jackson @ 404-358-4573 or [jackdval@charter.net](mailto:jackdval@charter.net)

Reverend Micheal Benton Pastor

## Fairfield Kingdom Voices

Fairfield Kingdom Voices would like to invite you to join us on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM at our Toastmasters Club.

Please contact:  
Sister Sharon Mathis  
404-787-5580 (Cell) or  
770-483-0310 (Office)

**"Paradise"**

Sometimes in life we find a flower that is so beautiful it takes your breath away;

We would love to pick it but if we do its beauty fades away, if we just observe its brilliance it gives us joy for a lifetime.

Sometimes, we look for fulfillment in a size, height, laughter or a look when what we really need is a good book.

A friend is like a good book they can read you time and time again;

It's not often we find a good book or a good friend but when you do always make sure you read to the end who knows how it may read and they may live happily ever after.

~ Author, Gregory Moore

**Attention, Attention, Attention...!**

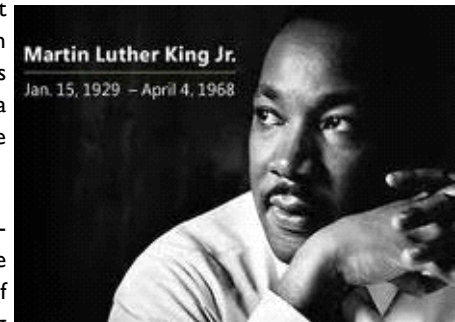
Sunday, January 15, 2012

10:45 AM Worship Service

*The Deaconess and Kingdom Kreation present*  
**"THE KING AND I"**

During the month of January, the Fairfield Baptist Church Family will pause to pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unlike the King of Kings we know as our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Dr. King was not a perfect man; although he spent his life to help create a perfect world.

As a part of the celebration, our youth will participate in several workshops that center around the principles of non-violence, which was the strength of character for the Civil Rights Movement. By teaching and sharing these principles with the youth of Fairfield and the community, our youth will be equipped with other means to handle the increasing violence that they face in school and in their communities. The workshops will be held during our regular Bible Study hours. We invite all youth to participate and learn the ways of the King.

**FBC Institute of Biblical Studies**

The FBC Institute of Biblical Studies is designed to instruct and provide illumination which allows the Holy Spirit to bring deeper insight into the revelation of God through Spiritual Growth, Biblical Knowledge, Christian Leadership and Christian Ministry.

Winter/Sprint semester begins January 23. Please be sure to reserve your seat by registering now. Late registration begins January 8 through January 15. Late registration fees apply.

This semester we are offering a variety of classes to help everyone experience and develop a deeper knowledge, understanding and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Classes are:

1. Apologetics I
2. Apologetics II
3. Biblical Leadership
4. Christian Ethics
5. Triune God
6. Understanding Teaching
7. Old Testament Made Simple

I am Rev. Indra Andrews, Dean of the FBC Institute of Biblical Studies. It is my prayer as Dean that you are enlightened and empowered as you excel spiritually by seeking to fulfill your purpose in the body of Christ and that you will be led and convicted by the Holy Spirit to participate in classes and grow deeper in God's Word.

Please feel free to email me your questions, comments or if you need further information to:

[fcbiblicalinstitute@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org](mailto:fcbiblicalinstitute@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org)

## Living the Word *Pastor Micheal Benton*

### "New Wine"



**(Scripture Lesson:  
Matthew 9; Ill John)**

The Book of Matthew tells us about the life of Jesus as well as it relates the most complete systematic account of His teachings through parables and performances. On one occasion when Jesus' actions were called into question by John's disciples (Matthew 9:14-18), He spoke of the fallacy of mixing old traditions with the new. His dec-

laration was that the old cloth or wine would ultimately ruin the new garment or container. He was showing that the new doctrines did not match the old rites of the Pharisees. In fact, any attempt to mix the two beliefs would result in a distorted truth. This passage also illustrates the necessity of embracing the new walk of life according to Jesus' teachings (see *II Corinthians 5:17 and Colossians 3:9-10*). Life cannot be a mixture of two opposite principles. As we embark into a new year, we can apply this principle to our daily lives. Let us commit to leaving the old

distorted and dismal ways of our lives in the past and embrace a new way, Jesus' way . . . *forgetting those things that are behind and pressing forward.* Any attempt to hold onto past bad memories, missed opportunities, ill-fated relationships, failed experiences or wayward ways will spoil one's ability to enter into and enjoy life anew. Let this new year represent for you a new beginning. What is the new wine? I am glad you asked. The Third Epistle of John, verse 2 says it well as he spoke to Galus: "*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth*". Walk in this way.



"The vision must be followed by the venture, it is not enough to stare up the steps - we must step up the stairs."  
~ Vance Havner

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."  
~ Psalm 119:105



## I'm Just Saying *First Lady Y'Vonne Benton*

### "Resolve This"

Traditionally this is the time of year when we make New Year's Resolutions. We resolve to reach new standards, accomplish new goals, make life-time changes, and attain long desired ambitions (i.e. get fit, get fine, get rich!). The end results however: we make excuses, lie to ourselves or procrastinate. None of this is productive or make us feel good about our commitments. We are then left with the realization that we are not as great, strong or convicted as we want

to be, resulting in depression, stress, and a sense of failure. Therefore, most of us have abandoned the New Year's Resolutions exercise altogether. While the initial premise to change and make life better is certainly admirable, it is time to rethink our approach if the end-goal is to be successful. **Start by resolving not to resolve.** Then simply endeavor to make every day of your life your best day. Take full advantage of your daily "new mercies", which cover past failures and ineffec-



tive or unproductive attempts to thrive. Finally, remember to acknowledge and reward yourself for every accomplishment or any nuisance of success. Have a great day – one day at a time!

## Words of Wisdom

### If You Are A Worshipper, God Will Track You Down! *Deacon John Williams*

*"But the time is coming, indeed it's here now, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.."*  
~ John 4:23-24 (NLT)

Worship turns the tables on the chase. It takes you to the point where you don't have to pursue Him because He begins to pursue you.

Worship and spiritual hunger make you so attractive to God that your circumstances cease to matter anymore. He will move heaven and earth to find a worshiper. When you begin to worship with all your being and desire, your heart turns Him towards you. You capture His attention and attract His affection.

It transforms you into being a God Catcher. Your worship essentially sets a "lover's entrapment" for Him. If the Song of Solomon is any indication, then this kind of "passionate entrapment" is His delight.

Spiritual conversion mixed with childlike wonder is irresistible



to God. It is normal for children to grow up, but God defines another kind of normal for His kingdom. The only way to understand what I'm talking about is to become like a little child. I think I also read that somewhere. Did you read the same Book? "Unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven" Spiritual conversion mixed with childlike wonder is irresistible to God.

## Journey through the Bible

### Topic from Wednesday Night Bible Study "How to Make it Through Hard Times" From the Book of Philippians

In March of 2011, the Wednesday evening Bible Study began its journey through the Book of Philippians. Little did any of us know that the Holy Spirit would keep us here through the end of the year and into the next year!

While so many "truths" have been shared with us, Paul reminds us, yet again of, 'How to make it through hard times'. In verse 4:9 he says, "*Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you*". One thought prevails in this verse, **APPLICATION.**

Learning the Word increases our knowledge or mind; receiving the Word speaks to our heart; hearing the Word speaks to our ear and heart; seeing the Word speaks to our eyes - then he says, **DO.**

Each week we are challenged to leave Bible Study and allow God to manifest Himself to us by seeking ways to **APPLY** His Word to our lives!

Looking for a new beginning in 2012? Bible Study awaits you each Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Come hungry and thirsty for God and He promises that not only will you be filled, but also through application you will also have the God of peace with you!

Be Blessed and keep believing - Rev. Brenda L. Rush

## FBC AEP

It is that time again for the Michael Benton AEP Committee to recognize and pay tribute to our scholars. For those of you who made all "A's" and not more than one "B" academically and ALL satisfactory "S" in conduct this past semester, we want to honor you on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at Youth Church. A legible copy of your report card should be emailed to: [aep@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org](mailto:aep@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org) or faxed to 1-866-885-1739. Parents please make sure that you put your name, email address (if you fax) and phone number on the report card.

### DEADLINE:

**SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 15, 2012**

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404-271-2968

## LOOKING FOR YOUTH 13 AND OLDER TO HELP ASSEMBLE FBC NEWSLETTER

When: Every 1st Saturday  
Time: 10:00 PM – 1:00 PM  
Where: FBC Library

This is a great way to earn your volunteer hours for school! Volunteer Letters will be provided.

If you are dependable and able to help, please contact

Rev. Indra Andrews  
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