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Health Tip

Diabetes and Skin Care

If you are a diabetic, a high blood sugar can cause the body to lose fluid. The skin can become dry and cracked, which can result in itching and scratching increasing your risk for infection to occur. Special precautions should be taken to avoid pressure on the skin from tight shoes or constricting clothing. Small pressure areas can easily develop into sores or possibly larger wounds. Following are some helpful tips regarding diabetic skin care: Follow your diet plan and orders from your doctor in an effort to lower your blood sugar wash with mild soap, rinse and dry well to include places water can hide to ensure that areas are dry (underarm pits, between the toes, and in the folds on the body), and check your skin everyday. Keep your doctor informed of any skin breakdown.

The Nurses Guild

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Sister Andi Taitt
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**Fairfield Baptist Church
Celebrates Its
127th Church Anniversary
“Denying, Defeating and Destroying Division”**



Hallelujah! God has allowed us to make it through another year. Plans are underway for a very exciting 127th Church Anniversary. We will celebrate our anniversary starting with revival on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 — Friday, May 18, 2012 at 7 PM nightly. Pastor Jerry D. Black, Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur, will be our guest revivalist. Pastor Black is well known for his gift of preaching and is also a talented musician.

Join us on Saturday, May 19, 2012, 7 PM in the Micheal Benton Family Life Center for “Movie Night”. We will feature the family movie “Courageous”. As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson and Shane Fuller are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. Protecting the streets is second nature to these men. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That’s courageous. The movie is free and refreshments will be provided.



Our church anniversary will culminate on Sunday, May 20, 2012, during our 7:30 AM and 10:45 AM worship services. Our very own anointed Pastor will deliver the message for both services. Our awesome ministries are preparing for spirit-filled services that will include reflections, dance and praise.

We look forward to seeing all FBC members, guest churches and the community at large throughout the anniversary celebration.

To God be the glory!

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The FBC Newsletter is published the first Sunday of each month. Articles MUST be submitted by the 15th of each month for inclusion. Please send submissions to: medianews@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org.



The **LIGHTHOUSE**



Fairfield Baptist Church
“Where there is no vision, the people perish.” - Proverbs 29:18

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Living the Word Pastor Micheal Benton



Mothers are precious and dear to us, but have you ever considered the relationship that God has with mothers? Envision this, God Himself trumped every male when He declared Himself as “God the Father and God the Son.” So important are all mothers to Him, however that none reign superior to the other, but all are to be revered, respected, cherished and loved. Notice the treatment and

Mothers and God

placement of mothers in the Kingdom of God. In creation, God knew that man alone could not fully carry out His Will, so He made him a “help meet”. It was then Adam who named Eve “because she was the mother of all living” (Genesis 3:30). God changed Sarai’s (wife of Abraham) name to Sarah when He blessed her to be “a mother of nations” (Genesis 17:15,16). God used mothers to express the epitome of His love, compassion and care. To name a few: He used Jochebed (mother of Moses) to demonstrate the depth of His protection (Exodus 2:1-10); a harlot

mother to manifest the seriousness of His love (I Kings 3:16-27); Hannah, mother of Samuel to show the intensity of His patience and dedication (I Samuel 1:5-28); a virtuous woman (mother) to declare His value (Proverbs 31:10-31); the Syrophenician mother to display persistency and determination (Mark 7:25-30); a grandmother (Eunice) to emphasize the power of passing wisdom (II Timothy 1:5-6); and Mary, mother of Jesus to illustrate His ultimate love and ultimate sacrifice (Matthew 1:18; John 19:26). Every Christian mother is commanded to: be available (Deuteronomy 6:6-7); be

involved (Ephesians 6:4); teach (Titus 2:2-5); train (Proverbs 22:6); discipline (Proverbs 13:24, 19:18); nurture (II Kings 4:19-21); love (Genesis 21:14-19) and model with integrity (Ruth 1:16). Motherhood, though at times an exhausting and seemingly thankless job, is indeed an honorable one, established and blessed by God Himself. True, the responsibilities are great, but the rewards are even greater. At no time are we more conscious of those responsibilities and rewards than on Mother’s Day.

I’m Just Saying

First Lady Y’Vonne Benton



Ode to Mothers and Other Great Women

Have you seen my grandmother, Big Mama, MaDear, Granny? That woman was strong. When the family would have scattered, she held it together on a wing and a prayer. She made clothes for the family from flour sacks, and mended them until they were tread back, bent in cotton fields, a broken heart when her children strayed and broken

made something she called “kiver”. She made soap from potash and grease, meals from hogs’ bellies and she was queen of the “make do” campaign, not because she wanted to, but because she had to. She died way too young from a broken back, bent in cotton fields, a broken heart when her children strayed and broken

promises of freedom and equality. Have you seen my mother? She was the one who nurtured me and taught me. She didn’t know much about reading and ‘rithmetic, but she taught me things like The Lord’s Prayer, the Golden Rule and how to say grace (continued on page 2)

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

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

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

Sunday School
9:15AM
Zack Brown
Administrative
Building

Youth Church
Last Sunday of Each
Month
10:45AM
The Son's House

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First Lady Benton
Ext. 104

Office Admin.
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Ext. 109

Superintendent
Deacon Dave Rollins
Ext. 119

Team of the Month
Ext. 172

Lost & Found
Usher Ministry
Ext. 180

Ode to Mothers and Other Great Women *(continued from page 1)*

before I ate. She was the one who whipped me when I did wrong, if not with a switch, she did it with her eyes. She had a way of looking that was good enough for correction. She represented mercy, but she also handed out justice. She washed other folks' clothes and scrubbed other folks' floors just so I could have new shoes. She protected me from me. Have you seen my sister? She is my soul mate, my best friend, my competitor and the other part of my wardrobe. She is the one I am compared with and expected to measure up to. We share laughs, tears and secrets. We fight each other and then we fight everybody else. She sets the example and standard.

Have you seen my auntie, "Aunt T", my other mother? I'm not sure if she is my mother's sister or my dad's sister, but she's auntie to almost everyone. Maybe she's just a neighbor or a family friend, but she's still family. She has no children of her own, but she has everyone else's. She knows when to stand in and when to step back. She is the extra hand, extra eyes, extra help, and even the extra money. She is always on call. When no one else can, she is there. Have you seen my daughter, baby girl? She's the one with the angelic smile and the devilish ways. She's the one that I want to hug one minute and shake the next. She can make me proud and angry at the

same time. She's the one who looks just like me, and worst yet, acts like me. Have you seen me? I am the one who sat with you when you were sick and listened patiently as you cried all night long. I advised you on your relationships, though you did not heed my advise. I am the one you call overweight, but since I am worth my weight in gold, I don't weigh quite enough. I am the one who put my dreams and aspirations on hold so you could go to college, get a new car or have a big wedding. I am every mother that has ever had a child, held a child, heard a child, honored a child, helped a child or hoped for a child.

Happy Mother's Day!

Silver Hair Sisters



Pictured Left to Right, Front row Sister Vera Ross, Deaconess Alice Cunningham, Sister Nan Walker; Back row Deaconess Jeanette Anderson, Mother Gwen Fluellen, Sister Renee' Francis, Deaconess Ardelia Rollins, Deaconess Jackie Williams, Sister Lavetta Graham

Black, brown, blond, brunette! The selections of hair colors available today are numerous. These ladies, however, the "Silver Hair Sistas", have decided to bypass them all and let nature take its course. One, only recently decided to test the waters, but the positive reactions she received convinced her to stay gray.

This apparently is not an easy decision. One lady, like most of us, who hasn't crossed over yet, stated that she'd planned to stop coloring once she reaches the age of 60, then 65. Yet she still hasn't taken that step.

Will she on her next birthday? We'll keep you posted.

These Silver Hair Sistas, however, made their decision and they're sticking to it. Our hats are off to them as well as the many other Fairfield silver hair ladies.

Mothers are Special

Andi Taitt

Whether living or eternally resting, mothers play a huge role in our existence. They nurture us beginning with conception and continually throughout our lives. As an adult, I realize my mother has been the biggest fan in my life. When I was younger she instilled in me the courage to be myself and she taught me what it means to carry myself like a lady. I am now the mother of two sons. Parenting is a challenge, but my sons have let me know how grateful they are to have me. It shows in the little things they do and the nice things they say to compliment me. Below you will find some thoughts from Fairfield youth about their mothers. Read, enjoy and think about what makes your mother special.

Miles Petway (4) "My mother is special because she gives me toys."
Jonathan Pugh (6) "My mother is special because she helps me do things."
Paige Rouseau (7) "My mama is special because she respects me and she is my role model."

Jasmine Wade (9) "My mother is special because she is a good mother, she feeds me and she gives me things I need."
Aniya Cheely (9) "My mother is special because she is perfect."
NeVaeh Curtis (9) "My mom is special because she cooks for me and helps me clean my room."
Joshua Anderson (10) "My mom is special to me because she sits in the sun and watches as I play sports. She never puts me down and she tries to bring me up."
Jairus Hubbard (11) "My mom is special because she never fails to encourage me to do new things."
Kolby Riser (11) "My mom is special because she loves me and cares for me."
Khayla Johnson (17) "The reason I'm a great child is because I'm being raised by a great mother."
 This month celebrate motherhood and Happy Mother's Day!

Mothers' Corner

Building Bold Women through the Word of God

The foundation is the most important part of any building. Older women become that element in the lives of younger women by teaching and example. It is through the teaching of God's word that our foundation becomes stable.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
- Philippians 4:13

For guidance and support call:

Mother Emma Durden
770.981.0949

Mother Gwen Fluellen
404.704.6793

Fairfield Awards Students for Services



Each year Fairfield partners with DeKalb County School's Department of Special Services and Redan High School to serve as a Vocational Training Site. The program provides students with opportunities to acquire job skills in "real" job environments. On their last workday, students were treated to pizza and cupcakes. Pastor Benton presented the students with Certificates of Appreciation for their services. Pictured L—R Angela Creech; Instructor, Linda Thomas; Studens, Kavondra, Kiara, Douglas and Pastor Benton.



In Memory of FBC Departed Members

Brother Lee Guthrie
(Son of Sister Freddie Mae Guthrie)

There will always be a heartache, and often a silent tear, but always a precious memory of the days when you were here.

Remembering Mothers

So thankful you are safely in the arms of God.

**Summer Camp 2012
Getting Common Core Ready!**

This year's focus...Transition standards to bridge the gap between the current GPS Standards and the Common Core Standards; exciting and engaging activities, such as theme days—bike day, ice cream in a bag day and career day; bowling, skating, swimming, Six Flags and our annual carnival held at FBC. Register today by calling 770.482.7660, Ext. 8.



FBC Lost and Found

The Ushers' Ministry is responsible for the management of lost and found items. If you have lost an item, please contact the church office at 770-482-7660, ext. 180 to provide details on the item. Also, please provide contact information so you can be reached if we locate the item. Due to the number of unclaimed (no owners' names) Bibles found last year, to ensure return, make sure that your name and number are displayed in your Bible. Items retrieved are normally maintained for a period of six months.

Coming Soon

Watch announcements for a new program helping little girls grow into young ladies.

YMAX Math & Science Camp

Inspiring Success in Pre-Teens
Fairfield Baptist Church
June 4—July 13, 2012

Open Registration

May 9 & 10, 2012, 6:30 PM — 8:30 PM

Zack Brown Admin. Bldg. Library
Contact Marla Simone Pierce, 770.987.3500

This free camp is sponsored by the YMCA and the Georgia Department of Education.

The WINGS Ministry News

“Sister to Sister” Retreat 2012

**Georgia Baptist Conference Center, Toccoa, GA
July 27—29, 2012**

Denying, Defeating, Destroying Division

“And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

“Real Women — Real Winners”

“And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb: and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she spake out with a loud voice, and said Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.” - Luke 1:41-42

Keynote Speaker

Apostle Dr. Mamie L. Smith, Pastor
New Generation Christian Fellowship Church, Griffin, GA

Conference Topics

Divorced Not Desperate, But Devoted; Single Not Ashamed, But Sold Out; Married Not Manipulated, But Submitted; Health, Mental, Physical, Financial, Spiritual; How Do You Stand in the Midst of Controversy

For more information

Rev. Verna Hall, Rev. Sharlene Stroud,
Sister Scarlett Robinson or Deaconess Bonni Ware

Birthday Blessings

Celebrate your birthday with your Fairfield family by making a monetary contribution to your church. Donate any amount at any time in recognition and thankfulness for the blessing of another birthday. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Please see an usher for a special envelope for your contribution.

**Journey Through the Bible
Bible Study**

Noon Day

Book of Revelations

Apostle John, Author

Jesus Christ's Second Coming and Satan's Defeat

Key Verse

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

- Revelation 1:3

There are two books in the Bible that Satan does not want us to read. These books are Genesis and Revelation. He doesn't want us to read Genesis because it establishes who God is and His will for mankind. Also, he wants us to ignore the book of Revelation because it informs us of Christ's return and Satan's ultimate defeat.

Chapter 1	Introduction
Chapter 2, 3	Letters to the Churches
Chapter 4	The Power of God
Chapter 5	The Redeeming Love of God

7:00 PM

Book of Colossians

Paul, Author

Christ is All and in All

The Church at Colosse had been established in the teachings of Jesus Christ. The church was founded by Epaphras, who like others, had probably been converted during Paul's three year ministry in Ephesus. However, false teachers had come to this body of Believers and taught their own set of beliefs. Some of the elements of the teachings were:

- *Ceremonialism – there were strict rules about the kinds of permissible food and drink, religious festivals and circumcision.*
- *Asceticism – “Do not handle – taste or touch!”*
- *Angel Worship*
- *Depreciation of Christ*
- *Secret knowledge*
- *Reliance on human wisdom and tradition*

The key here is – they taught their own set of beliefs – this knowledge was not from God! Paul refutes the heresy by exalting Christ as the very image of God, the Creator, the Head of the Church, the first to be resurrected, the preexistent sustainer of all things, the fullness of God in bodily form and the reconciler. He says in Colossians 2:10 – We are complete in Him!

Howard's Poem

(This poem was written by Howard on April 8, Easter Sunday at FBC)

Dear Lord, you've heard me,
 you've heard my humble cry.
 So many times again and again I often wonder why.
 Maybe it's because you love me and have something for me to do.
 All you ask is to obey and walk in the likes of you.
 Lord, I have so many things to be thankful for
 And I'd like for you to know.
 The Lord tells me, son, your words are good
 But learn to let it show.
 It's good to go to church, but the Church has to be in you,
 So you can always be prepared for the works the Devil will do.
 You've saved me again and I am blessed with my parents and all,
 You have never failed to be there each and every time I call.
 Lord, you said if I come near to you
 The devil will certainly flee.
 So shape me, remake me, remold me
 And make me the man I am supposed to be.
 Pastor Benton, I want to join
 And I want to join today.
 Accept me as a member
 That's all I have to say.
 Howard Burkett

Welcome New Members April 2012

- Sister Yolanda R. Adams
- Sister Catherine B. Board
- Sister Janice Burkett
- Brother Howard C. Burkett
- Brother Willie H. Burkett
- Brother Timothy Churchwell
- Brother Donovan L. Haywood
- Sister Lula Johnson
- Brother Timothy Johnson, Sr.
- Brother Timothy C. Johnson, Jr.
- Brother Davie Monfort
- Brother Jamy Monfort
- Brother Julian E. Moore
- Sister Annette R. Oglesby
- Sister Daylin Owens
- Brother David Petway
- Sister Marla Petway
- Brother Miles Petway
- Sister Shanna Parker-Reid
- Brother Roland A. Scott
- Sister Cheryl Shaw
- Brother Anthony C. Smith
- Brother Aaron B. Thomas
- Sister Sheila Thomas
- Brother Israel Wade
- Brother Adrian Williams
- Brother Lomaren Williams

Editorial Correction
 Welcome New Members
 Sister Olivia Maynor
 Brother Percell Maynor

Events

- May 9**
 First Lady Benton Attends Luncheon with
 First Lady Michelle Obama
- May 16 — 18, 7 PM**
 Church Anniversary Revival
 The Son's House
- May 19, 7 PM**
 Movie Night
 Micheal Benton Family Life Center
- May 20, 7:30 AM & 10:45 AM**
 Church Anniversary Celebration
 The Son's House
- May 24**
 Last Day of School
- May 25 – 28**
 Holy Land Experience Trip
- May 27**
 Casual Sunday
 (Wear Your "Our God is an Awesome God" T-Shirt)
- May 27, 9:30 AM**
 New Member Fellowship
 Micheal Benton FLC
- May 28**
 Memorial Day

The Yoke Bookstore



The bookstore offers a variety of Christian items for all ages, this includes men and women jewelry, FBC's t-shirts, hats, journals, and TAPE CD's and DVDs. CDs of worship services can be purchased ten minutes after the conclusion of the service. DVDs are also available by order and can be picked up the following Sunday.

Stop by the Bookstore today and purchase the new FBC logo line — lapel pins, portfolios and ink pens. You may also pick

up copies of the commemorative journal, cups and DVDs at a reduced price.

The Yoke accepts cash, check and credit or debit cards. With each credit card transaction, a portion of the funds are donated to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Research Fund by the service provider.

Featured Authors

- Dr. Micheal Woods
- Dr. William Flippen
- Rev. Aleck Brown
- Sister Silveris Smith

Hours of Operation

Immediately following the 7:30 AM and 10:45 AM Sunday Worship Services
 12 Noon — 12:30 PM on Wednesdays

Congratulations

Fairfield Baptist Church
 June Community Church of the Month
 FBC will be featured on Channel AIB Comcast Channel 5
 Each Sunday in June, 8:30 AM

Prayer Ministry

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much".
 - James 5:16b
 The Prayer Ministry invites you to join them every Monday night at 7 o'clock in the Upper Room for intercessory prayer.

Fairfield Kingdom Voices

Meets
 1st and 3rd Monday of each month
 7:00 PM
 Zack Brown Admin. Center