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- Courtney Buggs
- Cleo Evans
- Kimberly Garcia
- Jovan Green
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Upcoming Events



We need your help to have another successful **Hallelujah Carnival!** We are in need of **donations of bags of individually wrapped candy.** Please place the candy in the bins located in each of the campus buildings (Son's House, family life center & Administrative Center) **by Sunday, October 10.** We thank you in advance for your donation. If you are interested in volunteering at the carnival, please go to the Carnival link on the church's website, www.fairfieldbaptistchurch.org. High School students can earn hours for volunteering and a letter will be provided to document your time. For more information, please contact Evette Peters, 678-568-3078



Please Join Kingdom Kreation for Tribulation Trail 2015 Friday, **October 23rd**, 8:30 PM The bus will depart promptly at 7:15 PM \$11.00 Per Person - Ages 12 and Up Registration Deadline: Sunday, **October 11** Payment is due at sign-up. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

The Tribulation Trail is a dramatic depiction of the seven years of trials and tribulations as outlined in the Book of Revelation.

Email kingdomkreation@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org or visit <http://www.tribulationtrail.org/> for more information

Community Thanksgiving Fellowship Thanksgiving Day 2015

Please bring... New and gently used clothing and shoes, personal hygiene items, non-perishable food items, school supplies, new or gently used books and toys. Deposit in containers on the campus. Volunteers needed, please contact Deacon Trellis Dawson Deacon Charles Jackson Deaconess Christine Brown



FBC Recreation Ministry Basketball Registration 2015-2016 Season Monday, October 5

Volunteers are needed for boys and girls coaches to make this season a success. Please call 770)482-7660 x203

Health Tip

As you recall, dehydration is a condition which can occur when the body loses more fluid than it takes in. Prolonged dehydration can lead to fatal complications. The risk of dehydration increases when there is amplified or prolonged activity especially when exposed to hot temperatures. Some signs of dehydration are increased thirst, tired/sleepy, dizzy, headache, dry mouth or low urine output. The purpose of this communication is to continue to raise awareness. Although temperatures outside are cooler, you should continue to drink an adequate amount of fluid especially when you have increased activity.

Nurses Guild

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Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

The FBC Newsletter is published on 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.



Reverend Willa Lewis

Forgiveness



Forgive, Forgive, Forgive. As a child I often heard these words from a variety of sources and forums. I was also told that if I did not forgive others, God would not forgive me. As often as I heard this, never was I told "How" to forgive. Oh yes, I know we are to pray and ask God to forgive us, but I wanted to know "How can I

forgive that one who has caused my heart to break". Oftentimes, out of desperation, I would seek answers from those I thought would have the answers. They would come back at me with such packaged clichés as "you must forgive and forget". Now, Lord I would say, I do not know how to forgive, now how can I actively forget. My mind is not like a computer with a delete button. I know that time heals wounds, but only clean wounds; dirty wounds fester and become infected. In recent years, researchers have studied a great deal about the effects of unforgiveness. It is not hard to see the escalating damage of unforgiveness, and our churches. There are reports of higher rates of stress related disorders (diseases), heart disease, clinical depression as well as lower immune system function and higher divorce rates. Unforgiveness is deadly, in more ways than one. Actually you can compare unforgiveness to you

drinking poison and expecting someone else to die. What is *true forgiveness*? Perhaps the most compressed, succinct statement about forgiveness found on the lips of Jesus is recorded in Luke 17:3-4. His words deserve careful attention and need to be read in the larger context of verses 1-10: *Jesus said to His disciples: "Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says 'I repent,' forgive him."* True forgiveness begins by dealing with sin honestly. Jesus was not giving us a simple recipe that we are to follow in rote fashion, but He was giving us essentials that must be present.

Sharing with the Next Generation

Reverend Roy Durden

Young girls and boys need the direction of the elders that have lived and been where they are going. If we help to keep our next generation out of trouble, maybe so much of the violence that is in the world will stop. Then again, all the stealing, killing, and shooting are only fulfillment of the end of times. As Christians, we should not only teach the young generation the plan of salvation, but when they accept the Lord as their Savior, we need to encourage them along life's journey. Jesus did not leave us alone, nor has He forsaken us. If we are to be like Christ, we should not forsake the next generations. They are the future leaders of tomorrow. Many of them are willing to listen to us, if we are not too high and mighty to share the Word and life's principles with them. If you teach them to fish, they can become fishermen for life. We need to remind them to watch the company they are keeping. Many times the younger generation gets into trouble just because of the crowd in which they associate. So, encourage them to study their school

work, make something of themselves, and to study God's Word daily. It is possible to do all things through Christ that strengthens us. The key to success is to have faith in God. If you have faith in God, you can get a high school diploma, have a job, or own your own business. In this day and time, a high school diploma is needed for almost all professions. We must show the next generation that, yes, snares of the world will attack you, but you can overcome. Therefore, throughout life, we should compel them to:

- Respect authority at all times.
- Be like Jesus, be angry and sin not.
- Try to watch your anger and temper.
- Try to make every attempt to go to church.
- Try your best to stay out of trouble.
- Honor your father and mother so that your days may be long.
- When your parents are sick, care for them whether they took care of you or not.

Life is too short, we must learn to forgive and



make a difference so God will be proud. At the end of the day, we all hope God says, well done thy good and faithful servant.

**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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Keep Your Eyes on the Prize Deacon Marvin Cunningham



When Paul was on the road to Damascus, he was blinded by a great light. He did not know from whence it came. He heard a voice telling him to go to Ananias to get his sight back. Once he obeyed he received his sight. He realized that what he had been doing in the way of persecuting God's people was wrong and out of the will of God. Acts 22:6-16. Paul turned from his wicked ways and began to do what God told him to do. Keeping his eyes now on the prize, Paul began to teach, preach and edify God's people while also converting the unsaved. Paul is an example of keeping our eyes on the prize. The prize is Christ our Savior and Heaven our home. If we keep our eyes focused on Jesus, make the Holy Spirit our consulting companion there is nothing that we cannot accomplish. Knowing what I was taught from my parents, I like Paul was enticed by the world and living outside the will of God. I had taken my eyes off the prize. I had drifted away. The awesome God we serve never left me. HE was always there just as HE is for you. The light of the world is Jesus the Christ found in the Word of God. We follow God through reading the Holy Bible and seeking understanding in our Bible study. Whether it be Sunday School, Wednesday Noon or Evening Bible Study, Sunday Worship Service, the Biblical Institute, private study time or preferably all of the mentioned. Seeking HIM helps us keep our eyes on the prize. We must not faint in well doing. Prize seeking requires us to always look to the Holy Spirit and fervently pray for direction in our lives. We must worship God in our private moments, trust God like in Malachi in our tithing, believe, love, share, fellowship and honor God through honoring one another. Abraham kept his eyes on the prize and God blessed him mightily. He let no man turn him away from God. He was a man full of faith. Genesis 15:1 Walk boldly knowing that God loves you, yes, HE sent His only begotten Son to die just for you. Do not be afraid of anything that comes your way in life because God is your shield and protector. Regardless of sickness, financial issues, family issues, job related issues, no matter what, do not faint and continue steadfast in keeping your eyes on the prize. One of my favorite scriptures is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me". I recommend that you keep a favorite scripture in your heart to help strengthen you in your weak moments. Doing this will help you "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize". God Bless and Keep You.



WInGS Presents
"Women Under Construction:
Behold the Beauty"

The High Tea
Saturday, October 10, 1:00 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center

Construction Revival
Wednesday & Thursday
October 14 & 15, 7:00 PM
C.L. Nall Chapel

Friday Night Live
Friday, October 16, 7:00 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center

Women's Celebration
Sunday, October 18,
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM
The Son's House

Women's Mass Choir Rehearsals
Monday, October 5, 7:00 PM C. L. Nall Chapel
Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 PM The Son's House
Saturday, October 17, 11:00 AM The Son's House

Ministries' News

"Mothers Leaving a Legacy for the Next Generation"
October 24, 2015
10:00 AM
The Son's House

The Mothers of Fairfield
Cordially invites
the Ladies of FBC to the
2015 Mothers Board Conference
Please join us for a morning of
worship, praise and fellowship.

Singles Ministry

The Singles Bible Study held Friday, September 11, 2015, focused on "Developing Real Intimacy". The Scriptures were taken from 1 Samuel Chapter 18:1-9. When we think of an intimate relationship, we relate it to the intimacy of a man and woman. But, intimacy is more. It is more than just flesh, it is people being "One in Spirit". The definition of intimacy is: close familiarity or friendship, the closeness of a friend you can trust totally with your deepest thoughts and feelings without criticism; a person you respect and hold to a high esteem to be truthful. There were several relationships noted in the bible: David and Jonathan, Elijah and Elisah, Paul and Timothy were just a few. They were one in spirit, close friends that would sacrifice for one another; count on one another, stand up for one another and encourage one another. Are you that kind of friend? Who do you love as much as yourself? How do you express your love to that friend? Would you sacrifice or standup for that friend? God requires us to love one another as we love ourselves. John 13:34-35, "A new command I give you; Love one another, as I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another". Intimacy is love. God is Love. Remember the first intimate relationship you must have is with God. Start every morning getting intimate with God and it will spread out on others. Out next Bible Study is Friday, October 9 7:00 PM n the Eli McKenzie Media Center. We will study "Real Trust", scriptures: Matthew Chapter 1 and Psalm Chapter 1. If you would like to join the Singles Ministry for outreach activities or other social activities, please see the Trinitarians: Brother Terry Scott, Sister Tamika Foster and Sis Robin Junious.

The Ushers Ministry

The ushers whether on duty at home or at visiting churches, we honor God with our service by serving God's people and supporting our beloved Pastor. If you would like to be a part of the Ushers Ministry, please see our Chief Usher Kim Jones or email him at kim242.jones@att.net or come to our next Joint Ushers meeting October 10, 2015. We are looking for dependable, dedicated and God led people, we are looking for you.

Veterans Ministry

The Veterans and Supporters' Ministry abide by the mission of Fairfield Baptist Church. Our purpose is to bring awareness to the church and community on the needs of our veterans. Our soldiers return home needing financial, physical and mental help, but they also need spiritual guidance. Fairfield Baptist Church is a beacon of light for the spiritual needs of our veterans. We are preparing for the Veteran's Day ceremony on Sunday, November 8, 2015, 7:30 AM and 10:45 AM services. If you are a widow or widower of a deceased veteran, we would like you to participate in our ceremony. Please contact one of our Trinitarians. We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month in the Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center at 7:00 PM and our next meeting is Thursday, October 8, 2015. Please remember, "Freedom is not Free".

Trinitarians
Lee Thompson (678-386-9638); Robin Junious (470-441-9101); Michael Wright (678-476-1106)

Pastor's Engagements

Friday, October 9, 7:00 PM, Pastor will be preaching at Greater New Life Ministries, 2751 Donald Lee Hol-lowell Road, Atlanta. Reverend Michael Walker is the pastor.
Sunday, October 11, 3:00 PM. Pastor will be speaking at the Springfield Baptist Church, 550 4th Street, Athens, Georgia. Reverend _____ is the pastor.
Sunday, October 25, 3:00 PM, Pastor is the guest messenger for New St. John Baptist Church, 1536 Hardee Street, Atlanta. Reverend J.L. Henderson is the pastor.
Wednesday—Friday, October 21—23, 7:30 PM, Pastor is the guest revivalist for _____

Events

October 4
Communion Worship Services
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM
Sunday School
9:15 AM
Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center
New Member Class
Executive Conference Room
Baptism Class
2nd & 3rd Sunday
Computer Lab

Women's Celebration
October 14-15
Women's Revival
7:00 PM
C.L. Nall Chapel
October 16
Friday Night Live
7:00 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center
October 18
Women's Day
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM

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
October 7 & 21
The Tribe of Issachar
Presents the Book of 11 Timothy
October 28
Tribe of Zebulon
Presents the Book of Titus

Youth
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center

Help Needed!

Benefits Assistant (part-time)-corporate office of staffing firm located in the Perimeter/Dunwoody area is looking for a part-time Benefits Assistant to assist the Benefits Manager with daily benefit related tasks. Must have a minimum of two years benefits experience in a corporate setting. Have knowledge of open enrollment, 401k plans and other benefit related areas. Please forward resume to jobinfo@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org.