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Community Thanksgiving Fellowship

Welcome **New Members**

Alberta Colbert Paul Cooper, Jr. Tanisha Cooper Roderick McGee Saniya McSwain Karis Williams Karen Williams



Contributing Communication Coordinators

Sister Sandra Crocker

Thanks to our Fairfield Family For your generous contributions making this year's event another success.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or deed,

do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. Amen." - Colossians 3:15-17

On Thanksgiving Day, many gathered for the Third Annual Community Thanksgiving Fellowship. The Community Choir and Pastor Marlin Harris of the New Life Baptist Church charged the atmosphere with praise and thanksgiving during the morning worship service. Afterwards, guests were treated to a home cooked meal with turkey and all the trimmings. Food boxes, clothes, school supplies, toys, books, personal hygiene items and Bibles were given away to the hundreds that came for the day of thanks and giving. Additionally, guests received hair cuts and salon certificates.

A big God Bless You to our supporting churches. This year's collaboration of ministries included:

Fairfield Baptist Church, Pastor Micheal Benton, Host Antioch AME, Pastor Stafford Wicker Antioch – Lithonia Baptist Church, Pastor James Ward Berean Christian Church, Pastor Kerwin Lee Big Miller Grove Baptist Church, Bishop Miles E. Fowler Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Father John Molyneux Covenant Ministries, Bishop Quincy Carswell Exousia Lighthouse Christian Ministry, Bishop Carl McRae First St. Paul AME Church, Dr. Marvin L. Crawford, Pastor

Green Pastures Christian Church. Pastor Colette Gunby New Bethel AME, Pastor Richard Allen Washington New Life Christian Church, Pastor Marlin Harris Ray of Hope Christian Church, Dr. Cynthia Hale, Pastor Stronghold Christian Church, Pastor Ben Gaither St. Paul AME Church, Rev. Dr. Cheviene Jones, Pastor Union Baptist Church Victory for the World, Dr. Kenneth Samuel, Pastor White Oak Hills Baptist Church, Pastor Albert Holmes

Dry Mucous Membrane

Nurses Guild

Stay connected with us.

Now that the outside temperature is colder, many of us have turned on the heat. Oftentimes this causes our mucous membranes (in the nose, throat and mouth) to become dry. As a result of the dry throat and stopped up nose, you might also experience a dry cough especially at night. A humidifier in the room (especially while you sleep) might help to relieve these symptoms. If you do not have a humidifier, placing an open container of water in the room also helps to provide moisture in the air. Of course, if the symptoms persist or become worse, you might want to contact your doctor to ensure nothing else is wrong. If the symptoms includes sweating at night, this needs to be reported to the doctor.



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Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

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.

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Thank You and Happy Holidays From The First Family



"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

As we enter this Yuletide season, in the Western tradition, much emphasis is gift giving and receiving. However, during this season we invite you to share with us the "Twelve Days of Christmas". Contrary to popular belief, the Twelve Days of Christmas is the twelve days succeeding the recognition of our Savior's birth. It is the festive Christian season beginning on Christmas Day, also known as Christmastide. The commercial calendar has encouraged an erroneous assumption that the Twelve Days end on Christmas Day and therefore must begin on December 14. Although the first day of Christmas terminates the Christmas marketing season for merchants, Biblically, this is the beginning of to perform an "act of kindness" each day to

child Jesus.

"DENYING, DEFEATING & DESTROYING DIVISION"

December 7, 2014

"Back by popular demand", many, many thanks to the skaters and supporters who joined us for our annual Skate Night last month. Skaters of all ages displayed their abilities and adroitness on the self propelled four wheeled roller boots. In addition, spectators and supporters were entertained and fascinated watching our "would be Olympic contenders " skillfully (or not) whizz around the rink. Age-specific skating races afforded the winners great gift certificates, compliments of the First Family.

This activity and your generosity will enable us to bless a family during this Christmas season.

Not a skater? At your request, we will host a bowling outing during the Spring of 2015. Stay tuned for more fun and fellowship!

the celebration for our virgin-born Savior. The Twelve Days is a distinct period Christ. It ends on January 6, The Feast of the Epiphany which celebrated the visit of the Wise Men and bringing of gifts to the

How then should we celebrate Christmastide? We would like to suggest that the gift giving continue, only in a different vein. We invite you to join with us to celebrate this time in a sacred manner by giving of yourself to fasting and praying, and giving to fully begin 2015. others in a manner that represents the generosity of our God. Pray fervently, fast fastidiously and give purposefully. During this period as you fast and pray, purpose

someone that you do not know or to from whom you will not personally benefit from placed on generous and oft time expensive focused on commemorating the Nativity of your actions. This act of kindness can be a kind word, a generous smile, a sincere compliment or something more tangible as your ability dictates. Hold yourself accountable by keeping a twelve-day diary of your good deeds. When appropriate, encourage the recipient of your good deed to reciprocate in kind to someone else. In other words, "share the love"! This is a wonderful way to thankfully end 2014 and worship-

> Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and the Best of Love to All of You!

> > The Benton Family

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Upcoming Events

Christmas Gala 2014

The Fairfield family will gather on Saturday, December 13, 2014, in the Micheal Benton Family Life Center for our annual unified Christmas affair. The evening will be filled with entertainment, delectable food and great fellowship. The theme for this year is "Celebrate the Reason". We can appreciate the fact that after the excitement of opening presents, lesus, the reason for the season, is still Lord. Brother William Winston will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the gala. Brother Winston is an acclaimed comedian and we welcome him back to our campus.

Also at this year's gala, we will congratulate Sister Shirlene King on her retirement from Fairfield Baptist Church. Sister King was employed by the church for twenty-four years as the Church Secretary. Come and applaud her dedication, devotion and commitment to our church family. The unified gala was established to bring all of the members and ministries of Fairfield together to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Tickets are still on sale in the front and parking deck kiosks after service today, in the church office, bookstore, through your ministries and tribes. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

WInGS' News

Please join First Lady Y'Vonne Benton on Thursday, December 11, 7:00 PM for the 2015 women's planning meeting. Bring your ideas and your talents to assist in preparing for great things for the women of Fairfield next vear.

Ladies, if you are joining us on the 2015 FBC Retreat Cruise, please stop by the front entrance kiosk after service to obtain important information pertaining to the cruise. vres.



2015 Celebration

Sunday, January 18, 2015

10:45 AM

Guest Speaker

Reverend Jared Sawyer

Centerhill Baptist Church

Atlanta, Georgia

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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Thoughts on Faith

Entertaining Angels

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unaware." Hebrews 13:2 -

When I read this verse, I can not help but think of Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Surely it is a blessing that there is a class of created beings whom God uses for His Glory and for our help. It is a blessing also to think that we may entertain one of them at some point in our lives. When I dwell on these scriptures, it

reminds me that whenever we cross paths with perfect strangers,

either you can be a blessing to them or they can be a blessing to you sent by God Almighty. For most of us as children growing up, we were told by our parents never to talk to strangers. Sadly in today's society, this is, in a lot of cases, good advice. But the Bible teaches us to show hospitality to strangers, extend ourselves to those that are in need when we have the means to do so. The Christian is to be hospitable, and love his fellow man showing forth the gift as he has received it. True hospitality requires generosity, it is the giving of ourselves in a way which few want to give, and it requires true love of your fellow man. It requires the love of God

which is the greatest of all Commandments. And the second commandment, love your neighbor as yourself.

Deacon Lancy Stubbs

Matthew 25:40, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me". We may never know how we affect someone else's life when we simply treat our neighbors and strangers with the love of God. In closing a perfect guide to use would be found in Luke 6:31, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Honoring our Veterans

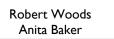


The Veteran and Supporters Ministry would like to thank Pastor Micheal Benton, our Troops and our Fairfield family for your participation and prayers for our Veterans Flag and Wreath Laying Ceremony. We want to continue honoring those that have served our country both locally and abroad and give God thanks for their protection. Continue to keep our active duty soldiers and their families in your prayers. The Veterans and Supporters Ministry will be available

after service, December 14 and December 21, to update our membership and troop list. Please stop by the kiosk. If you would like to join us to help plan our events and ceremonies, we meet the 2nd Thursday of each month.

The Fairfield Veterans Ministry is available for all veterans and their families for support. For more information, contact Reverend Eddie Alford, Brother Lee Thompson and Sister Robin Junious.

In Memory of **FBC Departed Members**



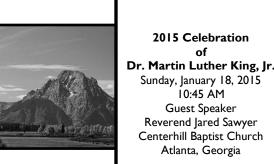


There will always be a heartache, and often a silent tear, But always a precious memory Of the days when you were here.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Micheal Benton December 8

"A Mountaintop Experience"



The Lighthouse

Events

December 7 **Communion Worship** Services 7:30 & 10:45 AM

December 13 **Christmas Gala** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Micheal Benton Family Life Center

December 21 Sunday School Christmas Program 9:15 AM Micheal Benton Family Life Center

> December 31 Watchnight Service 9:30 PM The Son's House

Sunday School 9:15 AM Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center **New Member Class Executive Conference Room**

Prayer Ministry

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

Singles Ministry "A Study of Wisdom"

13 Steps for the Unmarried to Become Wise 2nd Fridays, 7 PM Fellowship Hall

Fairfield Kingdom Voices

Ist and 3rd Mondays 7:00 PM Zack Brown Administrative and **Educational Center**

> **Bible Study** Wednesdays

> 12 Noon C.L. Nall Chapel

7:00 PM Adults C.L. Nall Chapel December 10 & 17 Deacon Ministry Book of Matthew

Youth

Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center

Study of Wisdom

The Singles Ministry will have their monthly "Study of Wisdom" class, Friday, December 12, 2014, 7 PM in the C L Nall Fellowship Hall Please bring your favorite Holiday Hors d'oeu-

Please also plan to join us in 2015 to plan events for the singles of Fairfield, your ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Meeting dates for planning activities, to be advised in the January 2015 newsletter.

Please join Fairfield Baptist Church as we journey to the Atlanta Civil Rights Museum on Saturday, January 17, 11:00 AM. The cost is \$15.00 per person. This includes bus transportation. The bus will depart Fairfield promptly at 9:30 AM. Please stop by the front entrance kiosk after each service to reserve your seat and/or make payment. Final payment MUST be received by Wednesday December 31, Watchnight Service. For more information, contact,

Carol Franklin at 770-987-9148 or cfranklin@bellsouth.net

Space is limited, so reserve your seat early.