

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. 172

Lost & Found
Usher Ministry
Ext. 180

Maudie Norman
Mission
Food & Clothing
Ext. 112



HOMECOMING

2018

~Reflection of Our Roots~

When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

- 2 Timothy 1:5

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

- 2 Timothy 3:14-15

"Denying, Defeating and Destroying Division...guarding the truth"

Sunday, August 5, 10:00 AM

Please note, one service only
Homecoming Revival

Monday - Wednesday, August 6- 8, 7:00 PM
The Son's House

Rev. William Jenkins, Jr., Guest Revivalist
Flesh Becoming Word Church, Olympia Fields, IL



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The Lighthouse

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TRAVELING WITH GPS *by Reverend Olen Rush*

According to a recent Gallup Poll, July is the most popular month for traveling. We spend a lot of time traveling up and down the highways for vacation and those good times at the Fourth of July barbecues. We pack our bags, fill the tank with gas, and plan our routes, but there are some things that we just are not prepared to handle. Since, July 2017, some of us have traveled the road of life and encountered heartbreak, disappointment, financial issues, family issues, loss of loved ones, sickness, and many other mountains, valleys, hills, sharp curves and bumps in the road. Through GOD's grace, mercy and protection we have made it to see July 2018. We thank GOD for being able to say, "I made it!"

The date on which most of us associate traveling with is the Fourth of July, Independence Day. July 4th commemorates the anniversary of the American Colonies adoption of the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain in 1776. Webster's defines independence as free from the influence or the control of others. We should also identify with our OWN "Independence Day!" The specific date that we accepted the opportunity to be independent of the bondage of sin and worry. I am reminded of Psalm 23. GOD has been our Shepherd and HE has provided the necessary GPS (GOD's Provision System) to allow us to navigate through this road of life. This GPS not only guides you on your route but it sustains you while you endure those unexpected events. GOD's Provision System leads us to a gas station to refill when our tank gets low and we are facing tough decisions. (Psalm 37:3-5). GOD's Provision System empowers us when the road we are traveling gets foggy and the visibility is low (Hebrews 11:1). GOD's Provision System rejuvenates us when we start getting tired on those dark roads (Matthew 11:28-29). GOD's Provision System even has a plan for those of us who are Super Speeders—those of us who intentionally disregard the limits that have been set on the road. GPS offers us salvation which by accepting, not only delivers from sin, but guarantees us eternal life. The amazing thing about GOD's Provision System is that it NEVER loses a signal. GOD is always available (Deuteronomy 31:8)! If you are traveling this road of life and you are relying more on your GPS, Global Positioning System, than you are on GPS, GOD's Provision System, then your destination is not guaranteed. Assurance on the road comes when we travel with GPS, GOD's Provision System.



LET FREEDOM RING *by Reverend Verna Isaacs*

The Fourth of July is just a few days away and many of us have already begun celebrating with our barbecue grills burning with hot charcoal, and the scent of the meat can be smelled down the street. The baked beans, potato salad, cakes, pies, lemonade, and ice tea are being prepared and all of the fireworks that a child could ever want are being purchased! The Fourth of July, for many, is the designated time for family reunions and family vacations. We are celebrating our freedom with our family and friends sporting our red, white, and blue but are we really free? Can one be truly free if he or she is in spiritual bondage? Mark 8:36 tells us, "What would it profit a man to gain the whole world, and lose his soul?" We have somehow displaced what freedom is especially in the eyes of the believer and have gotten caught up in the worldly aspect of freedom and the worldly definition has now taken precedence over the spiritual meaning. We view freedom as being able to do what we want, when we want, and how we want to do it. Freedom has become all about self-gratification over soul preservation. The Word of God tells us in John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

As Christians, it is critical for us to be able to operate in spiritual freedom because our spiritual gifts, assignments, and our momentum to move into our destiny are based on our spiritual freedom. When we are in spiritual bondage, we are unable to immerse ourselves in praise and worship fully. Spiritual bondage impedes higher levels of spiritual intimacy with the Spirit of the living God. We become spiritually bound by hurt, anger, bitterness, confusion, and unforgiveness. Jesus went to Calvary and carried the sins of the world to the cross so we could experience spiritual freedom, enabling us to enjoy the abundant life the scriptures speak of. However, the commercial presentation of this false sense of freedom has captivated our attention over the greatest love act of all and that is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we approach the Fourth of July, let us be reminded that our external freedom should never gain more importance than our internal freedom because our internal is directly connected to our eternal.



HAPPY
4TH OF
JULY

The church office will be closed in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on July 5.

Fairfield Kingdom Voices

Fairfield Kingdom Voices Toastmasters welcome you to enhance your speaking and leadership skills.
Every 1st and 3rd Monday
7:00 PM
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center, Room 219

W.In.G.S Ministry Bible Study

“Moving by FAITH While Walking with GRACE”
– Luke 7:37-50
Wednesdays
July 11, 18 & August 1
C.L. Nall Chapel
July 25, The Son’s House
Hats Off to FBC Men
Men’s Day, Sunday, July 29
Ladies, wear your hat or fascinator to help celebrate the men of FBC

Ushers Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, July 14, 10:00 AM
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center

If you are interested in joining this Ministry of inspirational and dedicated doorkeepers, please come to our next meeting or contact Chief Usher Kim Jones.

**Single People in Christ
Excelling Spiritually
(Singles Ministry)**

Thursday, July 19, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Media Center
Topic
“Wisdom in Relations”



Pastor Melvin Brooks and Mother Viola Oliver joined the Veterans and Supporters Ministry in honoring our fallen heroes during our Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony. The ceremony was held on Sunday, May 27, 2018. Thanks to the Fairfield family for your support in honoring our veterans, active military and all those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

rites of passage

Excellence and Success (ROPES) coming soon...
The ROPES Program is a process that builds the capacity of young men between the ages of 8 and 18 years old. It assists them to achieve and excel with an understanding of their roles as current and future leaders of the community, village and nation.
Orientation for parents and students will be held in August 2018.

For more information, please contact
Brother Harry Corbitt (518.429.3177) or
Minister Grover Cochran (404 580 0263)

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

The Marriage Ministry
Meal, Music and a Movie

Saturday, September 15, 5:00 PM

Micheal Benton Family Life Center
details to follow.....



Visits Fairfield
Every Wednesday
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM



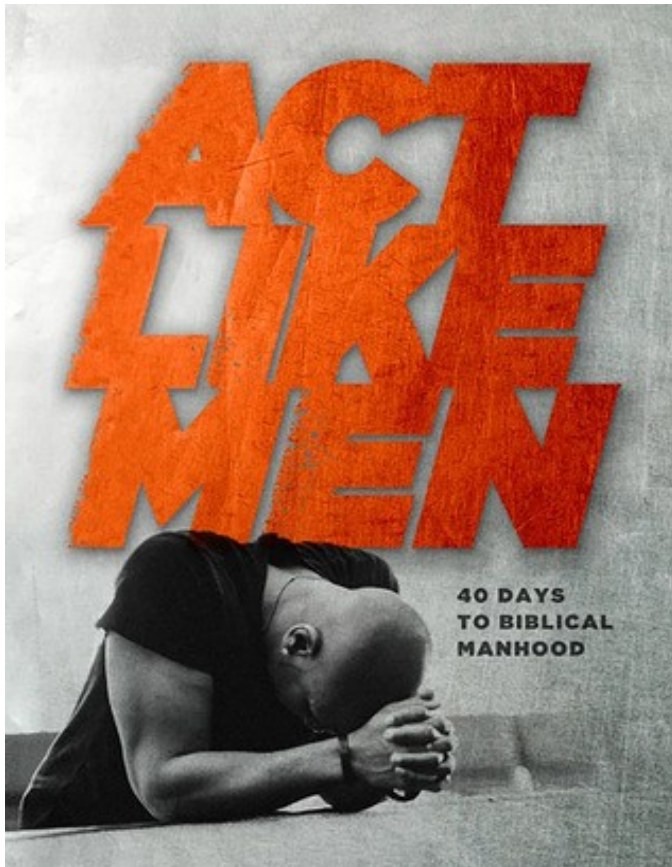
Purchase your vegetables and fruit at a reasonable price.

Health Tip **Nurses Guild**
Signs of Dehydration...continued

The body frequently gives us warning signs before an illness develops. As you recall, dehydration is a condition that can occur when the body loses more fluid than it takes in. Some signs of dehydration are increased thirst, tired, sleepy, dry mouth, dizziness, headache, and low urine output. Another sign of dehydration is very dark urine.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Monday, October 1, 2018 at Fairfield Baptist Church.
Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your “Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment!



Celebrating the Men of FBC 2018 “Act Like Men”

Men’s Conference
 July 11, 18, 25 & August 1
 Pastor Melvin Brooks, Facilitator
 Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center
 The book is available in the Yoke Bookstore.

Men’s Day
 Sunday, July 29, 7:30 AM & 10:45 AM
 Speakers
 Pastor Richard Allen Farmer, 7:30 AM Service
 Overseer Micheal Benton, 10:45 AM Service
 The Son’s House

Male Mass Choir Rehearsals
 Thursday, July 12, 7:00 PM
 Thursday, July 26, 7:00 PM
 Saturday, July 28, 1:00 PM
 The Son’s House

Unity Attire | Black Suits, White Shirts & Red Ties

News from Kingdom Kreation



Empowerment Session
 Wednesday, July 11, 7:00 PM
 Eli McKenzie Media Center

Back to School Lock-In
 Friday - Saturday, July 20 – 21, 2018, 6:00 PM
 Micheal Benton Family Life Center &
 Zack Brown Administrative &
 Educational Center



GLAD Attends the National Baptist Congress in Memphis, TN
 Pictured: Kennedy Hughes, Morgan “Brea” Harmon, MiKayla Hughes, LaDonna Boyd (CEO of RH Boyd Publishing Company), Addison Webber, Sanaa Lewis, Haylee Baugh and Jayla Watts



New Members

Lavern J. Johnson

Marcus Lloyd

J.L. Skelton

Letitia Skelton

Holding on to Pain During Physical Pain & Illness
Deaconess Linda Dawson



He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
-2 Corinthians 12:9

Lord, something is wrong with me physically. I cannot believe it! I was hoping it was nothing, but now my doctor has confirmed it. And it is serious---really serious. Lord, this news has floored me. I am at my wits end. Lord, please help me to cope with this illness. I turn to You because You have always helped me through hardships, and though this situation is probably worse than any I dealt with before, my confidence in You is not shaken. I know You will take care of me, one way or another. I know that only You will give me the hope I need to deal with my sickness. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for being with me when I need you the most.

This was my prayer that I prayed when I was told that I had lung cancer. This was December 2016. Physical suffering was the most challenging trial to my faith. I said to myself, "God, if you want me to be physically weak so that you might be spiritually strong in me, then that is what I want as well. I just do not want my weakness to be the center of my life. I want it to be You." My faith did waiver because my pain was so severe and my mind had no

power over it. However, I would continue to pray asking Jesus to help me and not to give up because I knew that I could not go on without Him. Although the pain was great, I knew that the Lord is far greater. And there were times when the only thing I could say was "Help me, Lord! I pray in the name of my precious Savior, Jesus Christ".

Let us turn to the Bible to see what it says about pain, illness and faith: Jesus promises to answer prayer if we have faith (Matthew 21:21-22). Perfect faith means simply to take God at His word and act on it accordingly. It means you do not doubt, fall into unbelief or uncertainty. It means you do not waiver in unbelief or rebellion. Also, the writer of Hebrews reminds us that "without faith it is impossible to please God, for if we come to him we must believe that he is, that he rewards those who diligently seek him". (Hebrews 11:6)

Without extended periods of time alone with God, you should not expect progress in faith or holiness. As I was in my bed of affliction, I experienced a growing stability to my mind and emotions. I experienced the God-given ability to handle the tragedies and disappointments of my life. I expected to finish my race well, dying well, growing in love for Jesus. We are to grow in faith. We are to pursue perfect faith. I have purpose to run passionately after Christ, acknowledging my desperate need of him, like the desperation of a man who can think only of water to quench his dying thirst!

In 2018, I am still here, strong in faith and loving MY GOD!

*Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But the Lord delivers him out of them all.
- Psalm 34:19*

Our Healing & Convalescing



"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

- 3 John 1:2

- Judy Durden
- Cathy Gardner
- Reverend Darrell Marshall
- Ola M. McGuire
- Minister Evelina Mills
- Blontine Moody
- Veronica Perry
- Ansley Robinzine
- Deaconess Annette Rogers
- Barbara Saunders
- Mary Lou Smith
- Ann Delores Yarborough
- Yvonne Williams

Are You
"All"
In?
10 | 20+ | 1
Sunday

Tithing
Offering
Evangelizing



pray.com

An app with prayer at your finger tips. Its not like Instagram or Facebook. Pray.com is a spiritual platform where you can post prayer requests and/or praise reports. Its a safe place where you can get spiritual support from your church family and friends. To download this free app, open your web or internet browser on your device, type in the address bar pray.com/fairfieldbc. The option will be given to download the app from the App Store for Apple/iOS devices or Play Store for androids. You can then register with your name and phone number and begin to utilize the service where you can send your prayer requests to the community (Fairfield) or to a specific person.

Join Pastor Melvin Brooks for
B.O.W.
Business On Wednesday
12:00 & 7:00 PM
C. L. Nall Chapel
A BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE
ABOUT SPIRITUAL BUSINESS

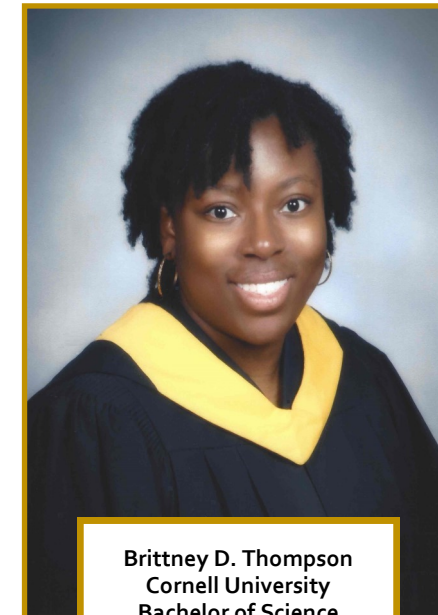
Congratulations Continues... Graduates



Pastor Melvin Brooks
Suny Empire State College
Master Degree
Business Management & Economics, Concentration Organizational Leadership



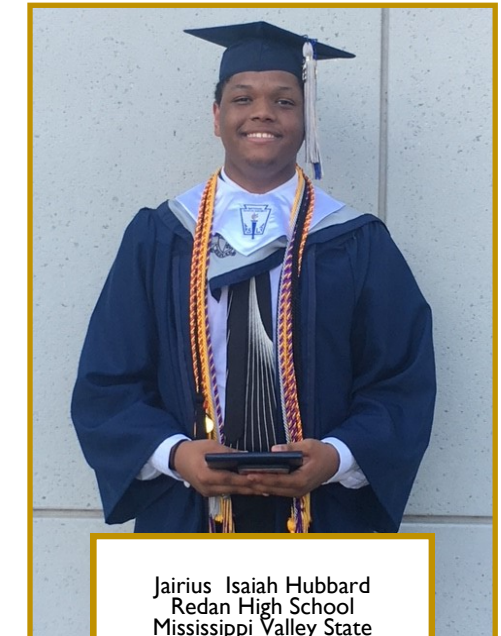
Pam Jones
Grand Canyon University
Bachelors Early Childhood/ Special Education



Brittney D. Thompson
Cornell University
Bachelor of Science Environmental Sustainability Sciences



Justin Bunyon
Georgia Southern University
Bachelor of Science for Construction Management



Jairius Isaiah Hubbard
Redan High School
Mississippi Valley State University
Vocal Performance