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New Member

Trudy Rogers




Contributing
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Coordinators

Sister Sandra Crocker
Sister Marilyn Dukes
Sister Robin Junious

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Kingdom Kreation Youth News



December's Theme
I AM "VICTORIOUS"

Empowerment Session
Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Media Center

Please Note: Youth Church will not be held during the month of December.



FBC Walking Team
"Striding for a Healthy Life"



Magical Nights of Lights
Lake Lanier Island

Saturday, December 9, 5:00 PM
\$10.00 per person
Stop by the kiosk after each service to purchase tickets.

A Moment in Black History

Tribe of Issachar

Eugene James (Jacques) Bullard, the first African-American combat aviator, was known as the "black swallow of death" for his courage during missions. Bullard was born in Columbus, Georgia in 1895. He received minimal education but learned to read, a key to his later success. After witnessing the near-lynching of his father and other racial violence, Bullard ran away from home at the age of 10. In Atlanta, he joined a group of gypsies. In 1912, as a teen, Bullard stowed away on a German merchant ship bound for Aberdeen Scotland. He was nineteen years old when he joined the French Foreign Legion. Bullard became known for flying into dangerous situations often with his pet monkey. He amassed a distinguish record, flying over twenty missions and downing at least one German plane. The United States denied his admission into the US Air force despite his flying experience. The United States pressured France to ground Bullard and permanently removed him from his duties. In 1959, the French government named him a National Knight. Eugene James Bullard died in Harlem on October 12, 1961 at age of 66. In 1994, Bullard was posthumously commissioned to a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Health Tip

Nurses Guild

The Danger of Suddenly Stopping Medication

A lady was taking a prescribed medication for a long time. She soon felt the medication was causing some abnormal symptoms so she suddenly stopped taking it. Well, she ended up in the hospital due to problems caused by suddenly stopping the medication. The symptoms caused by suddenly stopping the medication were much more serious than the symptoms she experienced while taking the medication. Remember, sometimes it can sometimes be very dangerous to stop medication suddenly. Always discuss such matters with your doctor or pharmacist.

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The Lighthouse

Denying, Defeating & Destroying Division
...guarding the truth

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Merry Christmas!

Reverend Joyce Smith



son. Merry means cheerfully and lively. Christmas is the annual Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, held on December 25th in the Western Church. Thus, Merry Christmas is the cheerfully and lively holiday celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Proverbs 17:22 says, "A merry heart doeth good like medicine but a broken spirit drieth

the bones". Your heart is filled with cheer and gladness. During this time of year, most people say, "Merry Christmas". Even adults feel the excitement and euphoria in the atmosphere. Remember how you felt when you were a child? We happily anticipated what we would receive for Christmas, the food we would eat, and the family members visiting to help us celebrate one of the best times of the year. Just thinking back will surely place a smile on your face. An India Arie's song says, "That Christmas Is My Favorite Time of Year". This type of good feeling during Christmas time is simply a by-product of the real meaning of "Merry Christmas". Isaiah 9:6 says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. The Baby Jesus is the real reason we all

should have a Merry Christmas. Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One and His anointing creates an atmosphere of joy and peace. Luke 2:10-11 states, "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." Jesus our "Wonderful Savior" is the reason we will have a "Merry Christmas". Jesus our "Counselor" is the reason we will have a "Merry Christmas". Jesus our "Mighty God" is the reason we will have a "Merry Christmas". Jesus our "Everlasting Father" is the reason we will have a "Merry Christmas". Jesus our "Prince of Peace" is the reason we will have a "Merry Christmas". Our challenge is to keep this feeling of joy, peace and gladness all year long and make this entire year a "Merry Christmas Year".

You, Too, Can Have the Peace That Jesus Offers Today!

Reverend Olen Rush

The world today is full of troubles and those troubles appear to be increasing daily. Money, jobs, marriages and increased crime are just a few problems in this world today. John 16:33 says, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world!" John 14:1 says, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." Jesus said we would have trials and tribulations, but do not allow our hearts to be troubled. We allow our circumstances to dictate our peace. For example, today I need money real bad – no peace. Tomorrow I get the money – I have peace. We fail to recognize that the peace came with the circumstances. But Jesus said that He would give us peace that surpasses all understanding. His peace is not circumstantial – the peace that He gives us is the answer for every situation that we have in our lives. So how do we get this peace? Philipians 4:6 says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication,

with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." So, if we are sick – Ask God for healing. If we are hungry – Ask God for food. If we are confused – Ask God for understanding. If we are lost – Ask God to show us the way. **If you are (Fill in the blank) - Ask God (Fill in the blank).** Philipians 4:7 then tells us, "and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Once we receive the peace of God, we can rest in Him regardless of the circumstances. Proverbs 3:5 says, "To trust in the Lord with all of our heart and lean not to our own understanding." Pursue peace with everything that is in you! During this season we remember Isaiah 9:6-7, which says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of



the increase of his government and peace, there shall be no end." Claim your peace, and remember we have been given peace from the Prince of Peace and His peace will never end!

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

Church Directory

Call 770-482-7660

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Ext. 172

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Usher Ministry
Ext. 180

Maudie Norman
Mission
Food & Clothing
Ext. 112

Love and Your Neighbor

Deacon Otis Andrews



towel to the wound she sustained and replied “You’re White.” Maxine, being from that part of the northeast that really has a way with expletives asked, “What difference does it make?” Needless to say, the young lady had been in the neighborhood for a few months and was leaving a party with a few other people, under the influence. This still does not give a pass to the behavior. But, how can we love them if we do not know them?

A little while back, I was talking to my neighbor and she reminded me of this small but very important fact. We really do not know our neighbors. We reminisced about an accident that happened in front of my house when this young lady raised her head up while Maxine held a

After Jesus had sent the seventy out and they had returned, He stated that many prophets and kings desired to see what they saw and hear what they heard. A lawyer stood up and tried to test Jesus saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus asked him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” He answered saying, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself. Jesus said you answered rightly, do this and you will live.” When the lawyer asked that last question, “Who is my neighbor?” This is where Jesus gives us the perfect example of how we are to know our neighbors with the parable of the Good Samaritan.

It does not matter that my neighbor is a different ethnicity or gets his or her drink on from time to time. It does not matter that they voted for Trump, Clinton or even Sanders. God only wants me to love them as I would myself. In Matthew 5:43 it says, not only love your neighbors, you should love your enemies also. I think I helped Maxine to realize that the young lady had not been exposed to love in the right light. Just pray that she soon will. And continue being neighborly.

DeKalb Pastors Alliance
Honors
Pastor Micheal Benton

The DeKalb Pastors Alliance joined in on the celebratory activities for Pastor Micheal Benton. In their annual Unity Service held in November, the Alliance presented a Proclamation of Appreciation and praised Pastor Benton for his exemplary service to the Kingdom of God. The DeKalb Pastor Alliance, formally known as Right Choices, is a league of pastors that have a passion for providing a spiritual and practical voice to the community. It is a Christian bipartisan organization whose chief goal is to be an active voice in the community. Pastor Benton serves on the Governing Board of this organization and served as a Chairperson of Right Choices.



Join us as we pray, praise,
worship and hear the Word
of God welcoming 2018

Watch Night Service
Sunday, December 31, 9:00 PM
The Son's House



Fairfield Family
You answered the call!

You filled the bus 3 times aiding victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma and filled the Son's House basement for Community Thanksgiving Fellowship's guests for the 6th year. We are blessed to be a blessing.

Ministries' News

Single People in Christ
Excelling Spiritually
(Singles Ministry)

The Singles Ministry wishes to give a big “THANK YOU” to Reverend Brenda Rush for taking the time to teach our Singles Bible Study. We are also grateful for those that were able to attend the classes. We will advise you of upcoming outings and events for 2018. Enjoy the upcoming holiday season with your family and friends. If you have any questions or would like to plan activities for the Singles Ministry, please see Minister Terry Scott, Tamika Foster or Robin Junious.

USHERS MINISTRY

Chief Usher Kim Jones would like to thank you for your service this year. It is his prayer that you enjoy your family and friends this holiday season. Again, thank you for allowing God to use you to serve Fairfield Baptist Church.

More information to come
Quarterly Meeting | January 2018

Veterans & Supporters
Ministry

The Veterans and Supporters Ministry wishes to thank everyone for their participation this year in our Flag and Wreath Ceremonies, Veteran Appreciation Dinner and PTSD Seminar. We pray that you enjoy your family and friends throughout the holiday season. Please join us in January to plan our 2018 events. Again, thank you and please continue to keep our troops, their families and our country in your prayers.

4th Quarter
Church Conference

Wednesday, December 20, 2017
The Son's House

Ministries, please submit your year-end financial report and a list of your 2018 officers at this time. All members are encouraged to attend.



Fairfield Baptist Church
Live Nativity:
JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM
December 22 - 23, 2017
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Experience the sights and sounds that Joseph and Mary may have experienced as they journeyed to Bethlehem. You will actually walk on Fairfield's quiet wooded trail with Biblical characters on this journey. Some of the activities of the journey include registering for taxation just as Mary and Joseph did, and experiencing the Bethlehem marketplace, observing the shepherds and their flocks. The journey ends with a live reenactment of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Join in and sing along with the heavenly angels as they announce the birth of our Savior. Visit the petting zoo while enjoying popcorn and hot chocolate. In addition to the wonderful gift Christ gave to us, we will give each child a gift to help them treasure and remember this special time of year. The journey to Bethlehem is our holiday “gift” to the community. Many families will take their children to see Santa Claus this year. But, the Journey to Bethlehem Live Nativity is a way to experience the true meaning of Christmas. Our prayer is that the Lord will richly bless us with many new souls for the Kingdom and lives are renewed to serve Christ.

This is an outdoor event so please dress warmly and be prepared for potentially cold weather; it was frequently cold in Bethlehem at this time of year. Also wear comfortable shoes; the terrain can be uneven. The "miracle" of **CHRIST**mas is the birth of Jesus, born to die for us. He made the ultimate sacrifice of giving His life so that we may live. Your willingness to give and attend this event will make a difference in the life of a child and express to them the real meaning of **CHRIST**mas.

Donation vouchers are needed to enter. All donations will go towards gifts for children whose families may be experiencing financial challenges during this season.

All are invited

Donation Vouchers

Children (ages 5 & under) Free | Children (ages 6 - 12) \$3.00
General Admission (ages 13 & up) \$5.00 | Seniors (ages 70+) Free

Donation vouchers are now available after each service
or visit the church office

Events

December 3
Communion Worship Service
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM

9:15 AM
Sunday School
Zack Brown Administrative and
Educational Center
New Member Class
Executive Conference Room
Baptism Class
2nd & 3rd Sunday
Computer Lab

December 25
Christmas Day

December 31
Watch Night Service
The Son's House
9:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study
12 Noon
C.L. Nall Chapel
7:00 PM
C.L. Nall Chapel
December 6
Tribe of Naphtali

Youth
Zack Brown Administrative &
Educational Center

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

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