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WORSHIP HOURS
 Sunday – 7:30 AM & 10:45 AM
 Youth Church – 4th or 5th Sundays, 10:45 AM
 Sunday School – 9:15 AM
 Monday Night Prayer Service - 7:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study – 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Fairfield Baptist Church

Pastor Micheal Benton

Denying, Defeating, Destroying Division

10 AM **Homecoming** **4 PM**

Sunday, August 2, 2015

Annual Homecoming Revival
Monday – Wednesday, August 3–5, 2015

Fairfield Welcomes Revivalist

Pastor Stanley Ferrell

Treasures of Excellence Ministries, Arlington, Texas
Founder and Senior Pastor



Pastor Stanley Ferrell and First Lady Danang Ferrell

“Live as you were created, not as you were born!”
Pastor Ferrell



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To GOD be the glory, for all that He has done.
The Fairfield Baptist Church Homecoming Committee would like to thank God for your presence and support for this special occasion.

SPECIAL THANKS

Pastor Micheal Benton
First Lady Y’Vonne Benton
Pastor Adrian J. McIlwain
Rocky Creek Missionary Baptist Church
Deacons & Deaconesses
Sister Evelyn Smith
Sister Emma Mincey
Pastor Jimmy Hall, By Faith Baptist Church
Sister Joyya Baines
Brother James & Sister Kathy Lemons & Family
Brother Gerald & Sister Debra Clay & Family
Brother Maduma Keita & Family
Sister Selena Daniel & Family
Reverend Roy Durden
Reverend Leonard Franklin
Sister Shirlene King
FBC Mass Choir
Media Ministry
Music Ministry
Parking Ministry
Tribal Leaders
Trustee Ministry
Ushers Ministry

HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

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Reverend Cassandra Chapman
Deaconess Linda Dawson
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Sister Yolonda Gee
Reverend Darrell Marshall
Mother Viola Oliver
Sister Maggie Wright

Pastor's Engagements

August 9, 3:00 PM, Join Pastor Benton as he delivers the word of God at First Norman Grove Baptist Church, 613 Glendale Road, Scottdale, Georgia. Rev. E.L. Ellison serves as pastor.
August 10 - 14, 7:30 PM, Pastor Benton is the guest revivalist for Randolph Baptist Church, 206 Thornton Street, Union Point, Georgia. Rev. Bernard Walker serves as pastor.
August 19, 7:00 PM, Pastor Benton will be the messenger for Pastor Grace Washington's anniversary. The church is located at 3980 Panthersville Road, Ellenwood, Georgia.
August 21, 7:30 PM, Pastor Benton will close the revival for New Big Spring Baptist Church, 909 Luella Road, Locust Grove, Georgia. Rev. E.E. Colvin is the pastor.
August 23, 3:00 PM, Pastor Benton will bring the homecoming message for New Salem Baptist Church, 787 New Salem Church Road, Jefferson, Georgia. Rev. Hazell Quarles serves as pastor.
August 24 - 26, 7:00 PM, Pastor Benton is the guest revivalist for Towaliga County Line Baptist Church, 153 Short Road, Jackson, Georgia.

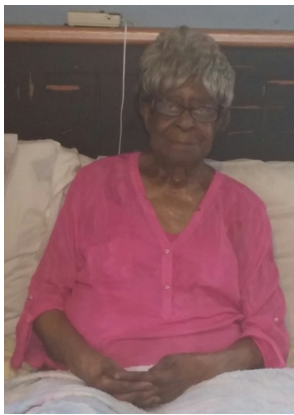
**Mark Your Calendar
for the
September Celebration**

"A Servant Determined to Please God"



"When a man's ways please the Lord,
he maketh even his enemies
to be at peace with him.
A man's heart deviseth his way:
but the Lord directeth his steps."
- Proverbs 16: 7, 9

**38th Pastoral Anniversary
Pastor Micheal Benton
and
First Lady Y'Vonne Benton**



**Best Wishes
to
Sister Arbeavor Helms
Celebrating her Centennial Birthday
100 Years Young
August 15, 1915**

EVENTS

**August 2
10:00 AM
Communion Worship Service**

**August 9, 16, 23, 30
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM
Worship Services
9:15 AM
Sunday School**
Zack Brown Administrative and
Educational Center
New Member Class
Executive Conference Room
Baptism Class
2nd & 3rd Sunday
Computer Lab

**August 3—5
7:00 PM
Homecoming Revival
The Son's House**

**August 7, 6:30 PM -
August 8, 9:00 AM**
Kingdom Kreation Lock-In
Micheal Benton Family Life Center

**August 30
7:30 AM**
Baptism Service
Micheal Benton Family Life Center

10:45 AM
Baby Dedication Service
The Son's House

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

August 12 & 19
Tribe of Dan presents the
Book of Colossians

August 26
The Tribe of Asher presents the
Book of I Thessalonians
C.L. Nall Chapel

Youth
Zack Brown Administrative &
Educational Center

Order of Service

10:00 AM

Mistresses of Ceremony
Sister Evelyn Smith & Sister Emma Mincey

Devotion

Deacon Ministry

Welcome

Sister Joyya Baines

Occasion

The Clay Family

Historical Moments of Fairfield Baptist Church

Praise in Song

Fairfield Baptist Church Mass Choir

Prayer of Thanks & Intercession
Reverend Roy Durden

Praise in Song

Fairfield Baptist Church Mass Choir

Worship in Giving
Deacon Ministry
Grace of Giving Prayer

The Keita Family

Praise in Song

Fairfield Baptist Church Mass Choir

The Spoken Word & Invitation to Discipleship
Pastor Micheal Benton

Holy Communion

Benediction

Pastor Benton

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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.

Pastor Adrian J. McIlwain



Reverend Adrian J McIlwain is the youngest of four children of the late Rev. Dr. William J. McIlwain and Geraldine McIlwain. Pastor McIlwain and his wife, Tanisha McIlwain, have two children, Mariah (7 years old) and Alexander (6 years old). Reverend McIlwain currently serves as Pastor of a vibrant, growing ministry at the Rocky Creek Missionary Baptist Church of Simpsonville, South Carolina. Prior to Rocky Creek, Rev. McIlwain served as Pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina for 13 years. Rev. McIlwain, a native of South Carolina, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Theology; and ample hours of completion toward his M.Div. at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Rev. McIlwain accepted his ministry calling at the age of 18 while attending North Greenville University.

Prior to attending undergraduate school in August 1998, Pastor McIlwain graduated from Irmo High School in June 1995, where he was nominated and elected from his senior class to deliver the "High School" **Graduation Commencement Prayer**. While a senior in high school, Pastor McIlwain was honored with a "South Carolina Heroic Award" for saving an elderly woman's life in a life-threatening situation.

Currently, Pastor McIlwain is providing his congregation at Rocky Creek with strong teaching and preaching that indeed is relevant to their everyday lives; and as a result, the church is experiencing tremendous growth. The church is enhancing in numerical growth, financial growth and more importantly, spiritual growth.

Pastor McIlwain, **only age 37**, is a powerful, uncompromising preacher of the Gospel affectionately known, by his sermonic exhortation, and energetic presentation of the Gospel. Pastor McIlwain, through the use of descriptive language and expressive gestures, provides every audience with a vivid mental image of Scriptural language, while illustrating the magnitude of God's restorative power. He is also a talented vocalist.

Pastor McIlwain also delivered the opening prayer at the State House Capital Grounds; taught classes at the Young People Christian Assembly, Benedict College; and listed in the Outstanding Young Men of America Encyclopedia (c.f. 1998 edition); as well as continually rendering countless engagements and revivals.

Pastor McIlwain greatest joy is to: preach the Gospel, reach the lost, reclaim those astray and challenge the saved. Prepare your hearts, clear your minds and embrace yourself for an informative, inspirational and influential message of God's Good News through Pastor McIlwain.

Micheal Benton Academic Excellence Program

During their trip to Orlando, Florida, the AEP students visited the historic town of Eatonville, Mississippi. Maye St. Julien, MSW, Eatonville's curator, conducted an informational session in the Town Council Chambers. During the session, students were queried on a number of topics. For answering correctly, they were invited to sit in the chair of one of the Town Council Chamber members. Fellow students cheered and applauded as, one by one, they took the seats of the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Councilmen. The AEP Committee would like to see more students participate in the program. Tutoring is available every Wednesday at 7:00 PM during the school year in the Eli McKenzie Media Center.



Member Spotlight!



Minerva Small, recently featured in The Christian Index Newspaper, is the Executive Chef for the Georgia Baptist Convention. In the article, she shared valuable information for one of our favorite pastimes, potluck dinner. Here is some of the advice she offered:

1. While cooking, wash your hands often
2. Wash the outside of the food cans
3. Do not leave potato salad, slaw and deviled eggs in the sun too long.
4. Cook meats thoroughly
5. Do not cross contaminate serving utensils by passing them from one dish to another.

Minerva says she does not take any of these things lightly. She wants people to be able to enjoy the treasured moments of potluck without the threat of getting sick after the dinner.

Welcome New Members

Jada Allred	McClain Evers II
Angela Curry	Racquel Gullatt
Carl Collins	Destiny Gullatt
Joanne Collins	Pamela Hilton

Nurses Guild Health Tip

Most people will wash fruit before eating. Even fruit that is peeled, apples for example, is washed before peeling. We realize that germs could be on the surface. Well, do we apply this same principle to fruit like cantaloupe or watermelon? What if you cut a banana in half, do you wash the banana first? Remember, this fruit also has germs on the surface and should be washed before cutting. Most fruits can be washed in the sink under running water. If the fruit is too large for the sink (such as a large watermelon) at least wet paper towels and clean the surface before cutting. **Just something for you to think about.**



Join us Labor Day Weekend
Orlando, Florida
Friday, September 4, 2015
12:00 AM (midnight) to
Monday, September 7, 2015
8:00 PM

Visit the Holy Land Experience and/or
Disney World Theme Parks and
Water Parks

Contact: Shirlene King
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Plaza Boulevard, Kissimmee,
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\$50.00 deposit per person due
NOW

Two ppl per rm = \$170.00 per
person
Three ppl per rm = \$130.00 per
person
Four ppl per rm = \$111.00 per
person
Admission to the Holy Land
Experience:
Add \$40.00 per adult or \$25.00
per child

WATCHNIGHT CHILD CARE—HELP WANTED...If you love working with children and coordinating events, you are the person for this volunteer project! We are looking for someone to coordinate the Watch Night childcare. If you are interested in working with this event, please contact Carol Franklin at 770-987-9148 or cfranklin@bellsouth.net.

Ministries' News

Ushers Ministry



“Thank you for your attendance at our quarterly meeting and fellowship on Saturday, July 11. We hope you had a great time and enjoyed the food, fellowship and games. Remember our challenge from Minister Adrienne Thompson: While on post, pray for the congregation and one another. Again, thank you for your service and let us continue to give God the Glory with our service.”

Chief Usher Kim Jones.



The Singles Ministry

The Singles Ministry will continue our Study of Wisdom on August 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM. The topic is “Authentic Relationships, Being Real in an Artificial World”. We will meet in the Eli McKenzie Media Center.

Boy Scout Ministry

Pack and Troop 1996 are seeking young men that want to have fun, be adventurous, and make lifetime memories!

Scouting provides youth with programs and activities that allow them to try new things; provide service to others; build self-confidence; and gain life skills such as communication, cooking and citizenship.

Upcoming Registration / Recruitment Events

August 1 and 3: Family Day
August 22 from 12:30-2:30 PM: Camp Expo (behind the Scout House)

To join or for more information, send an email as follows:
Young men grades 1-5: info@pack1996.org // Young men grades 6-12: infor@troop1996.org

Veterans Ministry

The Veterans and Supporters Ministry salutes our brave military personnel for guarding our freedom to worship and praise Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Our soldiers fight against evil around the world everyday and we thank God for them. Galatians 5:1 states “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage”. Please join our ministry every 2nd Thursday in the Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center, 7:00 PM to support our veterans, families and friends. Remember, ‘Freedom is not Free’.

Trinitarians Lee Thompson, Michael Wright & Robin Junious

Order of Service

4:00 PM

Mister of Ceremony

Pastor Jimmy Hall
By Faith Baptist Church

Devotion	Rocky Creek Missionary Baptist Church & Fairfield Baptist Church Deacon Ministry
Welcome	The Lemons Family
Occasion	The Daniel Family
Praise in Song	Fairfield Baptist Church Mass Choir
Prayer of Thanks and Intercession	Reverend Leonard Franklin
Praise in Song	Rocky Creek Missionary Baptist Church Choir
	Worship in Giving Fairfield Baptist Church Deacon Ministry
Introduction of Speaker	Pastor Micheal Benton
Praise in Song	Rocky Creek Missionary Baptist Church Choir
	The Spoken Word Reverend Adrian J. McIlwain, Pastor Rocky Creek Missionary Baptist Church Simpsonville, South Carolina
	Invitation to Discipleship
Closing Remarks	Pastor Benton
Benediction	Reverend McIlwain

Homecoming!

"I'm coming home, I'm coming home, tell the world I'm coming home!" These are the lyrics to a popular song which were spoken by a famous athlete when he announced that he was returning home to play basketball. Just saying these words bring about an excitement of things to come! Homecoming brings to remembrance everything that is familiar! When I think of coming home I feel happy because being able to come home is always great, especially if you have moved away! Homecoming represents family; homecoming represents good food; homecoming represents old friends and homecoming represents good church! If you are like me, the closer you get to home, if you are driving, you begin to speed up! When you hit the city limits, you start smiling! You know every street; you know every shortcut; and you even know how long it takes the street lights to change!

You start talking loud – it is just a happy feeling! Coming home brings back memories! Home is where you feel safe – comfortable - relaxed! Home is where your heart is. In the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy said, "There's no place like home!" Regardless of what the situation was when she left, she tried everything that she could to get back. For some, home can be a place of sadness because of relatives who are no longer with us, but have passed on to their heavenly home. You see, we are in this world, but not of this world. (John 15:19) We are truly citizens of another home, our eternal home, which is called Heaven. (Philippians 3:20) This is where our savior, Jesus Christ lives. We will all pass from this earthly home to our eternal home one day, but the good thing is that once we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, that eternal home will be Heaven. What a great family reunion that will be!

Reverend Brenda Rush



I love how David says it, "I would have fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13). So, until that blessed day, do your best to enjoy this home and do everything you can to make Heaven your eternal home!

Reverend Darrell Marshall



We tend to spend our lives trying to find our life's purpose. While some of us know our purpose, others are still searching, are not concerned and/or are not seeking their purpose. Webster describes purpose as an object or end to be attained; an aim or goal; an intention. Jesus, the only begotten Son, was sent with a purpose. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The Bible teaches us to follow Jesus and His works and learn from Him (Matthew 11:29). We must believe that we are all born with a purpose in life. We must seek God to reveal our purpose. Luke 11:9 tells us to ask. So we must ask God to reveal our purpose and walk in it. God has made each one of us unique in our own way; some people are not called to be preachers or teachers. I Corinthians 12:4 says, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit."

Finding Our Purpose

How do you find and walk in your gift? Look at the things that you enjoy doing that line up with scripture whether it is the way you talk, greet others, or speak hope into others' lives as well as your own. Share it with others so you can have joy in Christ Jesus. Proverbs 3:5-7 states, "Trust in the Lord and let him direct your path". You will be on your way to finding what God has purposed you to do. We are not perfect but we serve a perfect God. Find the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God (Romans 12:2) and renew your mind. Again, I encourage you to walk in God's purpose for your life and you will be blessed. We are reminded in Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, who are the called according to his purpose."

The Benefits of God's Blessings

Deacon Delano Steed



When we praise God, we cannot forget all of His benefits. As we look around us, we bear witness to all of God's benefits each day. The Psalmist wrote "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, Bless his Holy Name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" reminding us that God is the source of all of our blessings, though we do not deserve any of His goodness (Psalm 103: 1-2). When we allow ourselves to complain about life's challenges and focus on negative things, we may find ourselves falling short in praising God for our daily being. The benefit of keeping God's blessings in mind keeps our hearts grateful and humble every day. When we forget God's blessings, we become ungrateful, proud and even self-sufficient,

the kinds of things that are not pleasing to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Like the Israelites, we often forget the blessings, benefits and the care of our heavenly Father. As we enjoy the comforts of life and our many accomplishments, we must be careful not to allow these things to become a source of pride. We cannot allow our relationship with God to wane as a result of our forgetfulness. As we pray and praise God, we must continue to remember all that God has done and will continue to do for us. Yes, we all have little slips in our memory every once in a while, right? Memory lapses in our daily routines may be normal for many of us, however remembering God's goodness is something we should never forget. No matter how difficult our circumstances may be, reflecting on God's goodness should always be in our hearts. So, take some time each day to reflect on what God has done for you and let it become an exercise in remembering His goodness and grace in our lives. *Count Your Many Blessings* and see if you can name them one by one!

Develop the Mind of Christ!

JoAnn Williams-West

As Christians, how many times have you heard references to "having the mind of Christ"? Well, probably more than you can count. But what does it all really mean? Glad that you asked that question! First, you have to be willing to pay the price to achieve what God has called you to do in the Kingdom. You must be willing to leave your comfort zone in order to be used by God. If you are not willing to walk the way of the Lord and to bring your thoughts to Christ and allow the Holy Spirit to develop the mind of Christ in you, as times get tougher and your level of stress increases, your thinking will get cloudier and cloudier and your ability to discern things spiritually will disappear! Your decision-making faculties will come to depend almost entirely upon the wisdom you get from the world and you will be left wide open to Satan's attacks. Developing the mind of Christ requires us to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. The mind of Christ has to be developed in us to be useful to us and to the Lord. In Isaiah 55:8-9, "**For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.**"

It sure seems that it is impossible to have the mind of Christ! But, what we must understand is that while our little pea-sized brains cannot understand the mysteries of God, the mind of Christ can. Philippians 2:5 NKJV says: **Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.** Paul could not have given this directive if it were not possible for us to have the mind of Christ. Colossians 1:9 NKJV adds to this: **For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.** In Ephesians 3:18-19, Paul said he bowed his knees on our behalf that we might: ... **be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height - to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.** So, there it is! Because we do, indeed, possess the mind of Christ, we can know the mysteries of God. We can even think like God thinks and pattern our ways after His ways. We CAN develop this fabulous gift within us!

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
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