



Welcome New Members

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A Message from Cathy...

Dear Fairfield Family,

I have kidney disease and my kidneys are beginning to stop working. I was placed on the kidney transplant list February 10, 2016, at Emory Hospital. There is a waiting list for a kidney from a deceased donor, but it takes a long time. There are almost 100,000 people on the transplant waiting list already and very few people die under circumstances where organ donation is possible. Therefore, I could spend 4 to 8 years on the transplant waiting list before I receive a matching kidney from a deceased donor.

To keep me alive while I wait, I am scheduled to begin dialysis by the end of March. Dialysis takes a lot of time and can cause more health problems. So, I am hoping that I can get a transplant sooner rather than later.

It is possible that I could get a transplant from a living donor within the next year, if someone I know would be willing to donate a kidney to me. Living donors do not need to be biologically related, but our blood types would need to be compatible. Also, living donors that have the following will not be candidates: diabetes, high blood pressure or kidney problems. For these reasons, I am asking for your assistance in spreading the word. If you are interested in learning more, please go to www.exploretransplant.org. If you would be willing to help share my need for a living donor with your community of friends and family, I would be greatly appreciative.

Also, you can contact the Emory Transplant Center's living kidney donor coordinator at 1-855-366-7989. They will be glad to answer your questions.

Finally, if you feel the urge to give a gift of life as a living donor, what a blessing it would be. Please understand, I know that this is a personal decision that is not right for everyone.

Once again, if you want to learn more, the website I mentioned above has videos of actual donors sharing their experiences. This is just part of the process in the step of having a second chance of a functional kidney.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for caring about me and keeping me in your prayers.

If you would like to contact Cathy, please call the church office 770-482-7660

A Moment in Black History Tribe of Issachar

Ruby Bridges grew up in Tylertown, Mississippi. She moved to New Orleans when she was four years old. She was the first black American to attend Frantz Elementary School for whites ONLY on November 14, 1960. Because many whites protested integration and took their children out of school, Ruby was the ONLY student in her class. Her second year became a lot easier because she gained supporters. She later wrote a book entitled, *Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges. Her bravery inspired children everywhere, black and white. She taught them everyone should be treated fairly. On January 8, 2001, she was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal by President Bill Clinton.

Prevention of Colorectal Cancer Nurses' Guild

Reports suggest there is an increase in the cases of Colorectal Cancer in the US. Symptoms such as rectal bleeding, unexplained weight loss, stomach ache/cramps, frequent foul smelling gas or stool or persistent tiredness should be reported to the doctor. Remember our focus for the year 2016, is on wellness. Do not wait to see if you might develop any of the symptoms listed, but rather establish diet and life style changes which will decrease your risk of developing the condition. Let us look at proper elimination and preventing constipation for a start. The terms feces, bowel movement or stool all are the same - waste products. If these waste products become hard and stored in the colon for days, it is no wonder if it starts to increase our risk for health problems. Following are some ways to help prevent constipation: Include fiber in your diet (fruit, vegetables, wholegrain rice, wholegrain bread, seeds and oats); drink plenty of water and avoid dehydration; never ignore the urge to have a bowel movement (if you delay, the urge could go away); exercise (remember, it is not necessary to go to a gym to exercise. Simple, moderate exercise can be performed right in the home).

Pastor's Engagements

Sunday, April 10, 3:00 PM, Pastor Benton will be the guest messenger for Pastor J.L. Henderson's Anniversary, New St. John Baptist Church. The church is located at 1536 Hardee Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia. Usher Board No. 2 and the Gospel Choir will be on duty.

Sunday, April 24, 3:00 PM, Pastor Benton will be the guest messenger for the Welcome Friend Baptist Church's Deacon and Deaconess Anniversary. The church is located at 3198 Bouldercrest Road, Ellenwood, Georgia. Rev. John Smith serves as the pastor. The Micheal Benton Usher Board and the Mass Choir will be on duty.

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God is Real Reverend Darrell Marshall

Yes, God is real; this is not just a cliché. I remember the song, "God is Real". When I was a young boy, we used to sing it in the Methodist and Baptist churches. You see, my family was divided when it came to church. My mother and grandmother were Methodist and my grandfather was Baptist. So, I often went to both churches. My most memorable experience hearing the words, "God, Jesus is real" was when my grandfather was on his death bed and we had some personal time together. He held my hand and began singing, "Real, Real Jesus is Real to Me".

Life experiences with good, bad and indifferent things will show you that "God is Real" and not just real in my soul, but real in my mind, body and soul. The scripture teaches us to love the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind, (Matthew 12:30).

There are some benefits when you love the Lord, and He becomes real to you. God has shown us in so many ways that He is real. Theologians have examined the Bible over and over again and found evidence through the Word that God is real! Scientists have examined the earth, the moon and the stars to discover that God is real! The human brain processes more than a billion messages per second; Yes, God is real! Jesus Christ is the clearest picture of God revealing Himself to us. Again, yes, God is real!

I could go on and on, but I would like to close with these words. Through my experience and faith, God has proven that He is real. The way we feel about God in our heart proves that He is real. The miracles in the Bible and in our everyday lives prove that God is real.

So, if you examine the evidence that God

revealed Himself through His Son and keep it in your mind that the Bible says Christ died to pay the price for all of our sins, then you will know that God is real.

Please know that in this world today, "So many people, so many people doubt Him, but for me, myself, I cannot live without Him. And that is why I love Him so because God is real to me!"

Prayer Reverend Willa Lewis

Do you ever wonder why some of your prayers are not answered? Now, remember Jesus said, "Ask anything in my name and I will do it". (John 14:14). So, again I will ask you - what about the unanswered prayer? Does it mean He just does not want to answer that one? Can it mean you did not ask in the right way? Maybe you were not in the right place or in the right position. Was He teaching you how to be patient? Maybe you think you are not worthy for Him to answer your prayers. How many prayers have we heard that sounded more like a begging session than a prayer? Are we really

asking in His name? Let me first explain what John 14:14 means. When Jesus instructs us to "Ask anything in His name and He will do it", He is not just saying to keep repeating His name. He is saying, ask in the authority and power in His name. He has given to us His power of attorney which authorizes the believers (us) to withdraw from His account. When we pray, there is no need to beg. Matthew 21:22, clearly states that Jesus said, "Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive". We have to understand that faith is the basis for answered prayer.

I recently read, that the backbone of prayer is our agreement with God's Word, our oneness with Christ, who is the Living Word, and our unity with God's purposes and will. So rest assured that the power in prayer is not based on our feeling but on the Word of God.

If you are wondering by now what is prayer, then keep reading. Prayer to me, is the expression of man's dependency upon God for all things.

At the beginning of my prayer life I thought I wanted to pray like I had heard others pray. So, I would listen intently to how they prayed, but then the more I listened, the more I heard the same prayers. Believe me, please, I am not criticizing how anyone prays, but for me, prayer must come from your spirit. Please do not forget to ask the Holy Spirit to pray for you because often times we do not know how to pray as we ought as found in Romans 8:26, "...for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Keep on praying, saints, because "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much". (James 5:16)

**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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Being a Witness for Jesus

Deacon LaMar Woods



As we become a child of God and start a new path in life, one of the elements we learn early on is being a witness for Jesus. A person who sees you living in a way that they would like to live could approach you and simply ask, "How can I get what you have? What do you do?" You can simply explain God's plan for salvation. Where do you start? Well, to begin, let them know that we all have sinned. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) The price that we will pay is death. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23). But, there is a gift waiting for us and that gift is eternal life (Romans 6:23) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13) All you have to do is admit that you have sinned, believe that Jesus is the Son of God and accept Him as your Savior. At some point, you have to make a decision. If you think that you have plenty of time to make a decision, you do not. Life is short. Consider this, when you see vapor it only lasts for an instant. One minute you are here and the next you are gone. Tomorrow is not promised to us. "Whereas you know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." (James 4:14) Now is the time, not tomorrow, NOW! We must remember that God loved us so much, that He gave His only Son to die for our sins so that we may have eternal life. John 3:16 states, "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." Not only did Jesus die for our sins, He rose from the grave with ALL power. Do you hear that voice? Do you feel that tugging on your heart? That is the Lord talking to you, saying: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me." (Revelations 3:20) Are you ready to be a Witness for Jesus?

What Are You Reading?

JoAnn Williams West



It is time to start compiling a list for summer reading. Bookstores abound in great Christian reading. The Bible is a great book, second to none, however, other books use biblical principles to drive home familiar life-like points in a very user friendly manner. For consideration, you might want to try one of these: **Through the Eyes of a Lion: Facing Impossible Pain, Finding Incredible Power** by Levi Lusko - What will you do when the unthinkable happens? Her parents called her Lenya Lion because of her ferocious personality and hair that had been wild and mane-like since birth. But they never expected that five days before Christmas, their five year old daughter would suddenly go to heaven after an asthma attack. How do you walk out of the ER without your daughter? **Through the Eyes of a Lion** will help you turn your journey into a "roar story" by guiding you to look past what you can see with the naked eye. Whether you are currently facing adversity or want to prepare yourself for inevitable hardship, it is time to look at the adventure of your life through Jesus' eyes - the eyes of a lion. **By the Grace of God** by Keshia Dawn is a powerful story about betrayal, pain, and the power of God. When Gracie's fiancé, Dillan, leaves her one day without even so much as a warning, she is devastated and confused. All she wants is a reason for his abrupt departure. But, when Gracie finally learns the answer to the question, it is not at all what she was expecting, and it causes her world to flip upside down. As Gracie looks to God for strength, can she find her faith through the thick dark clouds of pain and tribulation? **With Friends Like These** by Reshonda Tate Billingsley - The third in a series of books. In the year since Camille, Alexis, Jasmine, and Angel joined Rachel Jackson's church youth group, the four best friends have bonded over boys, pitched in on community projects and shared their deepest secrets. There is nothing they do not know about each other - or is there? When a special guest arrives at Rachel's group and announces a television talk show, the girls will come to know a side of each other they may never knew existed. And they may not like what they see. **Will the four friends become enemies?** If you have read a great Christian book, write your review and submit it so others can consider reading it also. Reading has benefits: mental stimulation, stress reduction, knowledge, vocabulary expansion, memory improvement, stronger analytical thinking skills, improved focus and concentration, better writing skills, tranquility, and free entertainment. Try it!

Ministries News

The Singles Ministry's Study of Wisdom

April 8, 2016, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Media Center
"Authentic Relationships, Being Real in an Artificial World"
For further information, please contact Terry Scott, Tameka Foster or Robin Junious.

Quarterly Ushers Meeting & Breakfast

Saturday, April 9, 2016, 10:00 AM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center
Please see your Trinitarians for details. If you would like to join the Ushers Ministry, please see an usher or ask for Chief Usher Kim Jones.

WinGS 's Cookbook is on the way...

Submit your 'finger licking good' or 'make you kiss your mama' recipe by April 30, 2016. Submission forms are available at the kiosks or the church's website. The cookbook will debut for sale at the **Taste of Fairfield** event on Saturday, July 23, 2016.

Veterans and Supporters Ministry

Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, April 30, 2016, 2:00 PM
Register after each service beginning Sunday, April 3. Bring your favorite or famous dish. There will be games, entertainment and guest providing important information for veterans. If you have any questions, please see one of the members from the Veterans and Supporters Ministry.



R3 = REAL + RIGHTEOUS + REDEEMED
Young adult ministry for ages 18 - 35

Sunday School, 9:15 AM
Wednesday Night Bible Study/ Counseling Session, 7:00 PM

For more information, please contact R3@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org

Upcoming Events

Spring Family Fashion Show

Saturday, April 23, 2016, 1:00 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center
Sponsored by the WinGS Ministry
"Fashionably Fit and Modeling Our Lives to Become Like Christ... Transformed by Truth"
Tickets available at kiosks, bookstore and church office.
Admission
General: \$10 \$12 @ Door Ages 6-12 & 65+ \$5.00

"Praise Due Unto Her"

"Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." - Proverbs 31:31

A celebration in honor of First Lady Y'Vonne Benton's

Birthday
Sunday, April 24, 2016
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services



FBC Live Nativity

Fairfield will host a live nativity this year during the Christmas holiday. We solicit your help and support. We are in need of your talents in construction (painting, common yard work, carpentry, plaster, scenic design, or install); drama/actors (interested in acting, speaking and non-speaking parts are available); guides (direct our guests around); technical staff (experience in sound and lighting); musicians, all instruments; choirs; dancers; costume designer/seamstress; hair and wig designer; make-up artist; etc. These are just a few of the volunteers needed. If you or someone you know may be interested, please attend the planning meeting on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Eli McKenzie Media Center. More details and timelines will be discussed. Event contacts:
Minister Valerie Jackson at (404)358-4573
Minister Leonard Jones at (678)923-9004

Events

April 3
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

April 24
Birthday Celebration
First Lady Y'Vonne Benton
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
C.L. Nall Chapel
April 6
The Tribe of Dan
Presents the Book of 2 John

April 13 & 20
The Tribe of Asher
Presents the Book of 3 John

April 27 & May 4
The Tribe of Naphtali
Presents the Book of Jude

Youth
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center

Coming Soon...

- Lovingkindness Summer Camp
- Educational & Enlightening Ages 5- 14
- Open House
- Saturday, April 16, 2016 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- May 24, 2016 7:00 PM
- Parent Orientation
- Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center
- Eli McKenzie Media Center