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Kingdom Kreation Youth News



**April's Theme
I AM POWERFUL**

**Youth Empowerment
Session**

Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Jr. Media Center

Freedom Ain't Free

Gospel Play
Saturday, April 22, 7:00 PM
The cost is \$10.

You may purchase tickets after service today and April 9.



Search People, Kingdom Kreation



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Support our Youth
GLAD Dancers'
Participation

National Baptist Congress
June 19 - 24, 2017
Orlando, FL

Purchase Breakfast
Month of April, 9:30 AM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center



Upcoming Date
Friday, April 28

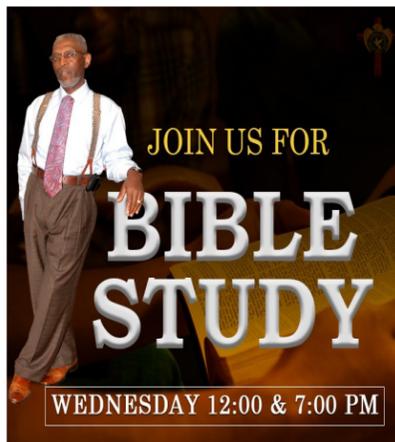
6:30 PM—8:00 PM
Youth Ages 4—17 and
Adult Fitness Center Classes
8:00 PM—9:00 PM
Open Gym for Adults
Micheal Benton Family Life Center

Sponsored by the DeKalb County Board of Health



Join us in Washington, D.C.
Tour of
Smithsonian National Museum
African American History &
Culture
Sunday, July 23 –
Tuesday, July 25, 2017

For more information stop by the kiosk after service for details or contact Sister Shirlene King at (770) 482-7660 ext. 121



WEDNESDAY 12:00 & 7:00 PM

Health Tip

Make a list for your doctor's visit. Have there been times you left the doctor's office and remembered things you forgot to tell the doctor? Maybe it was a dizzy spell, shortness of breath, or sharp pain. Do not take a chance. When these things occur, make a list and take it with you to your doctor's appointment. Be sure to note the date, time and what you were doing when these things occurred.

Nurses Guild

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...guarding the truth

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It's Resurrection Time

Reverend Edith Gilham



tians celebrate Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior of the world; the Son of our Father God. He hung, bled and died for all our sins - yours and mine. Jesus was crucified and buried, went into the

Some pits of hell and took the keys from satan. He came up out of the pits of hell, gave the keys to Peter, and told him that whatsoever thou bind on Earth shall be bound in Heaven and whatsoever thou loose on Earth shall be loosed in Heaven (Matthew 16:19). I am especially reminded this time of year of a book by Dr. Rebecca Brown entitled, "He Came to Set the Captives Free". In this book, she reminds us that we are in a spiritual warfare, but we have the resurrection power of Jesus Christ to stand in the gap for the unsaved. Those keys of power that Jesus Christ gave to Peter are not limited just to him. We also have access to this same power to bind and loose. We have power over all the powers of satan! Don't believe me? Matthew 28 tells the story: After the Sabbath, as the first light of the new week dawned, Mary Magdalene and the other

Mary came to keep vigil at the tomb. Suddenly the earth reeled and rocked under their feet as God's angel came down from heaven, came right up to where they were standing. He rolled back the stone and then sat on it. Shafts of lightning blazed from him. His garments shimmered snow-white. The guards at the tomb were scared to death. They were so frightened, they couldn't move. The angel spoke to the women: "There is nothing to fear here. I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross. He is not here. He was raised, just as he said. Come and look at the place where he was placed. "Now, get on your way quickly and tell his disciples, 'He is risen from the dead. He is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' That's the message." So, here we are here today! Let us spread the word that He has risen! **Have a blessed Resurrection year!**

What Spring Means

Minister Leonard Jones

When we think of Spring, do we think of the times when our mother would wash clothes in the metal wash tub and hang them out to dry on the clothesline? Or, do we think about how she hung the rug and beat it, which removed the excess dirt? These activities were completed during what we called spring cleaning! Do you remember celebrating Easter with bunnies, baby chicks, and eggs? The reason we look forward to springtime and Easter is because this is the time of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. You have some who question what one has to do with the other? Is the origin of Easter biblical? What does the Bible say about Easter? What is the meaning of Easter? Should Christians observe Easter? A brief history of Easter tells us that the name "Easter" comes from the Anglo-Saxon, Eostre, who was named the goddess of spring. Bunnies were symbols of fertility, while eggs were pagan symbols of death and life. The word Lent comes from an old English word meaning 'spring'. Easter Sunday services are observed by various church denomina-

tions. The combining of the two observances—Lent and Easter—is therefore applied to the same period during which our Lord Jesus died, and resurrection occurred. Lent is a period of forty days of penitential preparation for Easter. The forty days relate to Jesus' temptation in the wilderness where He fasted for forty days and nights after His baptism by John. It was at that time and place that satan tried to turn our Lord away from the earthly ministry he had come to establish. The initial concept of observing forty days of Lent was associated with fasting. In this sense, Jesus cautioned, "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you. They have their reward" (Matthew 6:1-2 KJV). So, you see, Spring is about more than setting our clocks forward. It is about Jesus Christ completing the first spring cleaning. He



washed our souls from sin and made us white as snow.

**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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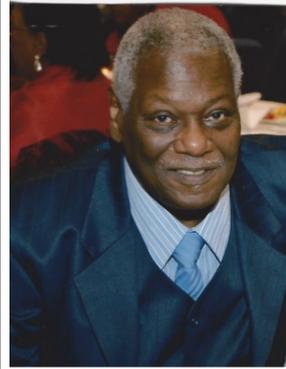
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Team of the Month
Ext. 172

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Usher Ministry
Ext. 180

Maudie Norman
Mission
Food & Clothing
Ext. 112

April Changes



It is April again! April is the month of many changes. The days are getting longer and warmer; the trees are budding; and the grass is growing. Adults are thinking about working in the yard, home improvement projects, and spring cleaning. Meanwhile, children are thinking about Easter, the Easter bunny, egg dying, Easter egg hunts, jelly beans and of course, Easter baskets. We cannot forget about all of the Easter Day outfits with special attention by the ladies in finding the perfect Easter bonnet. There is always so much going on around us this season—so many changes and things drawing our focus and attention. The biggest change was the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Without Jesus' death we would not be forgiven for our sins. No one can pinpoint the exact time of His crucifixion. It is believed to be between the middle of March to April. The word Easter is never mentioned in the original scriptures. However, one English translation of the

Deacon Charles Jackson

Bible does use the word found in the King James translation, Acts 12:4. Some doubters have asked why Jesus came into the world. The answer can be found in Timothy 1:25, Mark 2:17, Luke 19:10, John 18:37, John 6:38, John 12:46, John 10:10. Yes, April is a month of changes. What changes have you made? Do you come to church stone-faced and just nod at the person next to you on your pew or is there a mote in your eye? Matthew 7:4-5, "Remove it"! Are you willing to help others? Do you have time for the kids? The children are one of our greatest gifts from God. Do you call your parents just to say, "I love you"? If you are not doing these things, let this month of change be the month that YOU make changes and start to embrace some of these things. Do not just go through the motions of coming to church. Rather, be fully present while you are here. Make the time to engage with your children each and everyday. Take the time to tell your parents you love them while you still have them. At the start of the day, thank God for the new day. Remember, He did not have to do it. Praise Him! Remember, when praises go up, blessings come down. This is your time. Make the changes and start anew. "Everyone make that change."

40 DAYS WITH
JESUS

Join the Ministerial Staff for a series of eyewitness accounts that dramatically retell the course of Christ's ministry leading up to His crucifixion.

Friday, April 14, 2017
7:00 PM

Micheal Benton Family Life Center

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday, April 16

6:00 AM
Sun Rise Service

7:30 & 10:45 AM
Worship Services

9:15 AM
Sunday School Easter Program



"A Royal Jewel in the Master's Hand"

First Lady Y'Vonne Benton's Birthday
A Celebration
Sunday, April 30, 2017
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM
Your expressions of love will be received via envelopes starting
Sunday, April 16

Further details of the celebration are forthcoming. Let us make this year a memorable occasion for our First Lady.

Ministries' News

Ushers' Ministry

Quarterly Meeting
Saturday, April 8, 2017, 10:00 AM
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center, 219

All Ushers are required to attend for updates and information regarding the ministry. Please bring your manuals. If you are interested in joining the Ushers Ministry, please come to this meeting or see Chief Usher Kim Jones.

Singles' Ministry

Monthly Bible Study
Thursday, April 20, 2017, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Jr. Media Center
Topic - "The Stress of Excess Demands"

Please come out and hear a word from our own Rev. Brenda Rush. Invite your friends and co-workers and anyone you think needs encouragement. If you have any questions for the Singles' Ministry, please contact Terry Scott, Tamika Foster or Robin Junious.



Tribe of Benjamin

"Get excited", Tribe of Benjamin members. We need to see you on **April 20, 2017, 7:00 PM**. We are asking all members of Fairfield Baptist Church whose last name begins with **S or Q** to be in attendance. We have a lot of exciting activities that we would like your input. Such as Bible study series, spring outing, community outreach and more.

Institute of Biblical Studies

Coming April 18

"Detours" by Dr. Tony Evans. Please go to the church's website, www.fairfieldbaptistchurch.org to register. You may pay online or download the registration form.



Sunday Breakfast Program

Returning by Popular Demand!

The Sunday Breakfast Program is one of several 501(c)3 entities in operation at our church. It is a non-profit program, however, the program must pay for itself as it is not subsidized by the church. The breakfast program was suspended a few months ago due to operational concerns. The 501(c)3 committee recognizes that providing breakfast between services is especially beneficial to those who stay for both services though it is accessible to all. The committee is currently restructuring the program to ensure that the

overall dining experience is one that is reflective of the Christian environment in which it is set and where we are committed to "Denying, Defeating and Destroying Division...guarding the truth". The committee requests that you prepare to partake of the "New and Improved" Sunday Breakfast Program when the grand re-opening is announced.

It is important to note that the program's operation will continue to be totally dependent upon teams of volunteers. If you have an interest in serving on a team **one Sunday each month**, please contact Deacon Fred Jackson, call the church at 770-482-7660 to leave a message or print your name and contact information on a slip of paper and give it to an usher. You will be contacted immediately and given additional details regarding your team assignment. The deadline for signing up to volunteer is **April 23, 2017**. Serving on a team is not a **'life sentence'**! **Its an opportunity to serve.**

A Black History Moment

Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson and Dorothy Vaughan were African-American mathematicians who played an integral part in NASA's space-race successes. Their collective contributions were largely left out of the history books. The credit for their outstanding contributions to NASA's historical space program was brought to the public eye when their story was told on the 'big screen' in the hit movie **Hidden Figures**. Known as the "computers in skirts", the three women worked behind the scenes at NASA in the segregated West Area Computers Division of Langley Research Center. Their meticulous calculations helped the United States catch up in the "space race" and sent John Glenn into orbit around Earth. Katherine Johnson continued to work for NASA until 1986 and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award from President Barack Obama in 2015. Despite her many accomplishments, Johnson, who turned 98 this past summer, always remained humble. In a 2010 interview, she said "We always worked as a team. It's never just one person." Dorothy Vaughan went on to become NASA's first African-American female manager. She became an expert programmer and headed the integrated computing division from 1949 until 1958. She retired in 1971 and passed in 2008. In 1958, Mary Jackson became NASA's first African-American female engineer. After 34 years, she took a job in NASA's Equal Opportunity Office, making changes to benefit female workers. She retired in 1985 and passed in 2005.

Issachar Tribe

- Blanche Abrams
- Mother Lucille Durden
- Margaret Freeman
- Cathy Gardner
- Ann Garrett
- Arthur Giles
- Idella Grimmitt
- Taylor Hamm
- Ola M. McGuire
- Blontine Moody
- Ansley Robinzine
- Barbara Saunders
- Mary Lou Smith
- Ann Delores Yarborough
- Yvonne Williams

Events

April 2
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

April 14
Good Friday
April 16
Easter Sunday

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 5
Tribe of Reuben

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