

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
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Maudie Norman
Mission
Food & Clothing
Ext. 112



Fairfield Baptist Church
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News from Kingdom Kreation



Empowerment Session

Wednesday, April 11, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Media Center



Join Minister Valerie Cheely
Conference Host
for a great Women’s Conference 2018

Choose to be Free!
A New Mind = A New Me
Inviting ALL Ladies!

Single * Married * Divorced * Widowed
This conference is for every woman who is ready
to allow her faith in GOD to move her to a place
of being free; ready to laugh, love & live!

Friday – Saturday, June 8 & 9, 2018

Renaissance Airport Hilton

Price: \$265.00 per person

Includes: registration, conference materials & all meals

Payment options welcome

Visit www.coaching4couples.org to register and obtain additional info on sessions

Contact: Minister Valerie Cheely | 770-656-8483 * valeriecheely@yahoo.com

Health Tip

Recognize Signs of Dehydration

The signs of dehydration are often overlooked and frequently mistaken for other illnesses. The condition can occur when the body loses more fluid than it receives. Sweating is an example of fluid lost. It is important to increase your fluid intake especially when you experience fluid lost. Some signs of dehydration are: increased thirst (usually first sign) (do not ignore thirst), tired, sleepy, dry mouth, dizzy, headache and low urine output. Prolonged dehydration can lead to fatal complications.

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BOUNDLESS LOVE by Reverend Vickie Freeman

One morning, the Holy Spirit nudged me and awakened me ever so gently. He instructed and reminded me of my nickname, Love. “I am calling you, Love, now begin using it again. You are a reflection of **My Love, Boundless Love!**” It is a fulfillment of a prophetic word given to me by Prophet Mark Chirrona in 1990, “You love the Lord, say, I love you, Lord.” As I reflected and contemplated on that, I remembered that He specifically instructed me in 2002, to once again **Proclaim** His calling, this time at FBC. He gave me the scripture, **John 21:17**: Jesus said a third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” and said, “Lord, you know

everything. You know that I love you.” Jesus replied, “Feed my sheep”. As I pondered on this, I was able to see clearly how over the years He had begun using others in the past and most recently to channel and demonstrate His love to me through different people. They either spoke or expressed His love through simple gestures and used me to reflect that love to them and others. **God is love and love never fails.**

In the New Testament, “love” refers to a way of treating people that was defined by Jesus Himself: seeking the well-being of others regardless of their response. The Greek word is **agape**; it is an unconditional and sacrificial love. God’s ultimate love for us is that He gave His Son. **Jesus** sacrificed His life *that* we may have life and have it more abundantly.

No matter what you are currently experiencing in your life, I want to express to you that you **are deeply loved by the Father**, and **nothing** can separate you from the **Love of God**. As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, meditate on **His love**, and **His word**. Why? - “That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, so that, because you have been rooted and grounded in love, you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and thus to know the **Love of Christ** that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 3:17-21)



ANSWERING THE CALL by Reverend Joe Hubbard

Jonah finally answered God’s call. It was a weak response to a great call. He like many of us have denied the call of God and in doing so, we put God in a precarious position. Upon our blatant denial to honor the instruction and the call from God. We make a decision-aggressively, to do what we want to do and not what God called us to do.

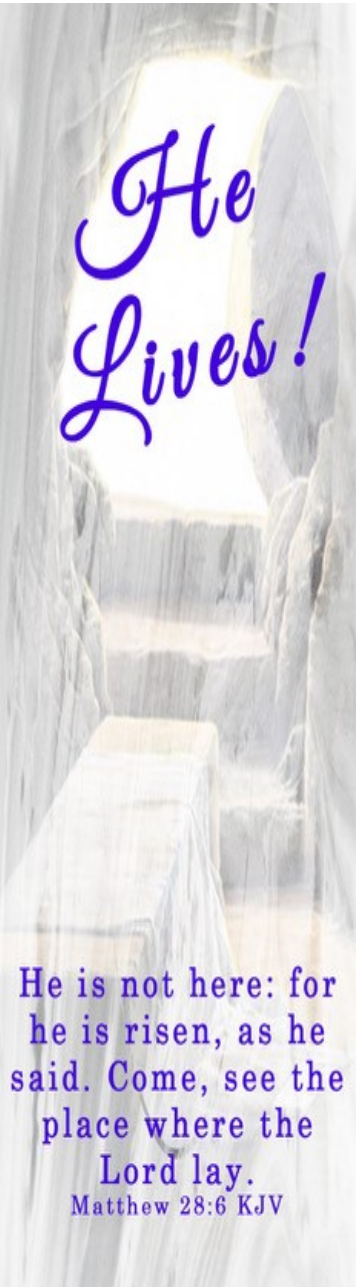
What was the call? Jonah was instructed to go to Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian kingdom. Jonah decided to take an alternate route, sounds like us, but he had a good reason to. He did not like the Assyrians and to him, that was okay because they did not like him either. He knew they were wicked people doing all sorts of things and he felt Nineveh should be destroyed. Jonah knew if he resisted going to Nineveh long enough they would be destroyed. His denial was not motivated by a direct intent to disobey God. It was by his own personal emotion.

Sounds just like us. God has reasons for doing things and we have reasons for doing what we do. Jonah’s job was to preach to a city that the citizens might be warned to turn from their wicked ways. His preaching would give them an opportunity to change.

We, like Jonah try to outsmart God. At this point, we still have a choice. We can willingly obey God by denying our personal agenda. We know that if we live our lives according to the will of God and tell other people of the calamity headed their way, they might listen and if they do, God will forgive them. Just a few words from you could be the difference in someone’s life. Our decision to disobey God could cost lives.

Jonah, eventually, obeyed God, but not before he brought unnecessary trouble into his life and the life of others on a ship. But God did not walk away because Jonah did not respond positively at first. God stayed right on him, because everything God does “is for a reason”.

How have you been responding to God? Has He been “at” you? Has He been pursuing you? Is your disobedience affecting your life or others around you? You have a call to answer. God needs your gift to touch the world around you. How will you respond to the call?



Welcome to our Church
We're glad you're here!

New Members

Cedric Marlow

Craig Sneed

Joe Spicer

Robert Sullivan

Aniayae Woods

Are You
"All"
In?

10 | 20+ | 1

starts today!

Tithing
Offering
Evangelizing

JESUS CHRIST IS
RISEN

Happy Resurrection Sunday...

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me."
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Enthusiasm

"Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money, power, and influence. It is no more or less than faith and action."
Henry Chester

Enthusiasm is defined as strong excitement and definite of purpose in whatever we decide to do. The etymology of enthusiasm comes from two Greek words. The first "Theos" which means God, the second is "En-tae" which means within us. Thus, the early usage of the word enthusiasm literally means God within us. Throughout our Bible there are stories where having enthusiasm got the job done:

David was highly enthusiastic in II Samuel 6:12-17; Verse 14 - So David danced before the Lord with all his might... Solomon told us to be enthusiastic in Ecclesiastes 9:10, Verse 10 - Whatever thy hands findeth to do, do it with thy might... Paul stated his zeal for obtaining the upward call of God in Jesus Christ in Philippians 3:7-14, Verse 14 - I, press toward the goal for the prize of the upper call of God in Christ Jesus.

The foundation of enthusiasm stands on interest, knowledge, and belief. When something attracts our attention we either take an interest in it or let it pass

Deacon James Bowers

without much thought. Our interest can change but to sustain interest we must gain knowledge of what is interesting to us. Knowledge will either increase our interest or decrease our interest. If it increases, our belief then our interest will come into place. However, if we actually decide to do it, that will become our purpose. Here are three ways to help us develop the power of enthusiasm:

Go Beneath the Surface - Dig Deep - Think of a few things you have little or no interest. Now, ask yourself how much do I know about them. The answer most likely will be, not much! I must confess I had little interest in hymns because I knew little about them. Sister Cathrene Howard, our Director of Music, enlightened me to the value of hymns. Now, I have an appreciation and respect for hymns.

Be Energetic Especially When We Interact With Others - Let our handshake convey, "I am glad to meet you"! Let our smiles light up the room. Be sure to show some teeth and be of good cheer. Let us say our words with sincere feelings. Our greetings, our congratulations, and our thank you's say them with vigor!

Broadcast Good News - We are celebrating on this day the best news that the world has ever heard, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and never let us forget to tell this good news wherever we go. So, let us renew our goals and aspirations here at Fairfield Baptist Church or wherever we go with a new burst of enthusiasm and let us not forget what our own Reverend Joyce Smith says to us so often, "Let's Get Excited"!

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)

Ministry News

You are cordially invited to attend the Installation Festivities for
Pastor-Elect Melvin and Sister Dorise Brooks

Spiritual Assigned Leadership
Fairfield Baptist Church

Wednesday, April 18, 12 Noon & 7:00 PM
C.L. Nall Chapel's Fellowship Hall
Meet & Greet
Pastor-Elect Melvin & Sister Dorise Brooks
Dinner will be served

Sunday, April 22, 2018, 10:00 AM
The Son's House
(Please note, only 1 morning worship service)
Pastor Marvin Wiley, Morning Messenger
Rock of Ages Baptist Church, Maywood, Illinois
3:00 PM
Overseer Micheal Benton, Installation Messenger
Dinner will be served after the service.

The Mother's Ministry
Winning souls and building up the Body of Christ, by providing for the spiritual and physical needs of the women of Fairfield Baptist Church.

We are seeking members to assist us in our mission.

Criteria
Ladies Ages 50 - 60
A Fairfield member for at least 3 years
Actively involved in a ministry for at least 2 years
Regularly attend worship service
Regularly attend Bible Study and/or Sunday School
People oriented
Spiritually motivated
Willing to work
If you are interested in working with this exciting ministry, please contact
Mother Gwen Fluellen, Mother Dorothy James
Mother Esther Guthrie

"You may call God love, you may call God goodness. But the best name for God is compassion."
- Meister Eckhart

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

Ushers Ministry Quarterly Meeting
April 14, 10:00 AM
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center, Room 219
All ushers are to attend and please bring your manuals. If you would like to join this ministry, please feel free to attend.

Veterans & Supporters Ministry

Veterans and Supporters, you are cordially invited to attend the
Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, April 21, 2:30 - 5:00 PM
Please see a member of the ministry to register and sign up to bring your favorite dish.

Single People in Christ Excelling Spiritually (Singles Ministry)
Thursday, April 19, 2018, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Media Center
Topic
"Wisdom in Relations"

Prayer Ministry Fall the Wall Prayer Walk
Joshua 6:1-16, 20
April 29 - May 5, 2018
Sunday - Friday, 7:00 PM
Saturday, 12 noon
All members are invited to join the Prayer Ministry for FALL THE WALL Prayer Walk
We will Fall the Wall of Doubt and raise up Faith,
Fall the Wall of Unforgiveness and raise up Forgiveness and Love.
Fall the Wall of Pride and raise Humility,
Fall the Wall of Sickness and raise Health and Wholeness.

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

Blanche Abrams
Judy Durden
Cathy Gardner
Charlie Mae Hall
Reverend Darrell Marshall
Ola M. McGuire
Minister Evelina Mills
Blontine Moody
Ansley Robinzine
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Mary Lou Smith
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