Happy Birthday & Anniversary

Happy Birthday to Rev. Roy Durden, celebrating his 68th birthday on January 2.

Happy Birthday to Rev. Jimmie A. Hall, celebrating his birthday on January 12.

Happy Birthday to JoAnn Williams West, celebrating her birthday on January 24.

Happy Birthday to Min. Clean Frazier, celebrating his birthday on January 28.

Happy Birthday to Deacon Wanda Wade, celebrating his 86th birthday on January 25.

Happy Birthday to Deacon & Deaconess John Williams celebrating their Anniversary on January 29.

Happy Birthday to Deacon & Deaconess John Williams celebrating their 36th anniversary on January 12.

Happy Birthday to TeYanna L. Andrews, celebrating her 20th birthday on January 12.

Happy Birthday to TeYanna L. Andrews, celebrating her 16th birthday on January 12.

Happy Birthday to TeYanna L. Andrews, celebrating her 20th birthday on January 12.

Welcome New Members


Congratulations

Congratulations to Rev. Indra Andrews who earned a Masters Degree in Educational Psychology from Capella University in Minneapolis, MN. Indra completed her course work with an overall GPA of 4.0. Indra is pursuing the second portion of her dual Master’s in Early Childhood Developmental Psychology of which she plans to have a career as a Licensed Practitioner and School Psychologist or Counselor.

Indra is the mother of TeYanna L. Andrews, daughter of Min. Alice Owen, granddaughter of Mother Elizabeth Andrews and related to a host of others at Fairfield Baptist Church.

This is truly a blessing and we thank God for His Mercy and Grace and pray for His continued favor as she continues in her endeavor.

Healing & Convalescing

In order that we may provide the most accurate and up to date information, members whose names have consistently appeared here due to long term illnesses: Lucille Durden, Sandra Long, Earlene Mills, Mary Smith, Wille Toomer, and Milton Webb will no longer be listed. Continue to remember them in prayers, phone calls, and visits. Updates, as appropriate, will be made.

Visionary, Pastor Micheal Benton
Copy Editor……………………………..Mr. JoAnn Williams West
Contributing Editor…………………..Deaconess Bonni Ware
Consultant Editor…………………..Ms. TeYanna Andrews
Assemblers……………………………..Min. Alice Owen
Assemblers……………………………..Min. Shewanda Rowan

Who is Dr. Rodney Jackson?
For over 25 years as a Business Partner, Change Agent, Educator and Coach, Rodney Jackson has positively influenced individuals and business leaders to achieve greater effectiveness in optimizing performance and introducing efficiencies, growing and expanding their organizations, facilitating complex problem solving, and driving change among functionally, culturally, and philosophically diverse teams and organizations.

Leadership Conference 2012

Denying, Defeating & Destroying Division
January 21, 2012
10:00 a.m.
Family Life Center
6133 Redan Road
Lithonia, GA 30058
Pastor Micheal Benton
Rev. Indra Andrews, Dean
Coca-a-Cola Product Campaign

February 12 - March 10, 2012

All ministries and members are asked to participate in this capital campaign to improve the FBC Campus. Trinitarians, please check your mailboxes for sales information.

In addition to the ministries’ sales, products may also be purchased from the kiosks in the sanctuary after each worship service.

Products may be picked up by the sellers on March 17, garage area of our sanctuary.

For more information, please contact Sister Margaret Jones, 770-482-5113 or Deaconess Mary Jackson, 770-482-6424

A true love of God must begin with a delight in his holiness.

~ Jonathan Edwards

Hallelujah...

The fruit campaign committee wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation to our members and friends.

Your participation in this campaign made it a success. A truckload of 1,155 cases of premium fruit was delivered just in time for Christmas.

We extend a great big thank you to our highest sellers: Brother Nathaniel Harmon of the Male Chorus, Sister Cathrene Howard of the Sanctuary Choir and Sister Jackie Corzealous of Pastor’s Aide.

In an effort to reduce the debt of our new sanctuary this was the first time that all ministries and members were asked to support the fruit campaign. In addition to promoting healthy snacks, the campaign decreased our debt by approximately $9,500.00.

The committee would also like to thank the men who came out to unload the truck. Your hard work did not go unnoticed.

Two Great Opportunities for Kingdom Kreation:

Sunday, January 29th at 3:00 PM

Saturday, February 11th at 12:00 Noon

Bus Departs promptly at 2:00 PM

PRICE: $25.00 per person

Bus Departs at 11:00 AM SHARP

PRICE: $22.00 per person

Payments are now being accepted after both services.

QUESTIONS:

Contact:
Carol Franklin @ 770-987-9148 or cfranklin@bellsouth.net
OR
Valerie Jackson @ 404-358-4573 or jackdval@charter.net
Reverend Micheal Benton Pastor

Fairfield Kingdom Voices

Fairfield Kingdom Voices would like to invite you to join us on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM at our Toastmasters Club.

Please contact:
Sister Sharon Mathis
404-787-5580 (Cell) or
770-483-0310 (Office)
Attention, Attention, Attention...!

Sunday, January 15, 2012
10:45 AM Worship Service

The Deaconess and Kingdom Kreation present
“THE KING AND I”

During the month of January, the Fairfield Baptist Church Family will pause to pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unlike the King of Kings we know as our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Dr. King was not a perfect man; although he spent his life to help create a perfect world.

As a part of the celebration, our youth will participate in several workshops that center around the principles of non-violence, which was the strength of character for the Civil Rights Movement. By teaching and sharing these principles with the youth of Fairfield and the community, our youth will be equipped with other means to handle the increasing violence that they face in school and in their communities. The workshops will be held during our regular Bible Study hours. We invite all youth to participate and learn the ways of the King.

“Paradise”

Sometimes in life we find a flower that is so beautiful it takes your breath away; we would love to pick it but if we do its beauty fades away, if we just observe its brilliance it gives us joy for a lifetime.

Sometimes, we look for fulfillment in a size, height, laughter or a look when what we really need is a good book.

A friend is like a good book they can read you time and time again; it’s not often we find a good book or a good friend but when you do always make sure you read to the end who knows how it may read and they may live happily ever after.

--Author Gregory Moore

FBC Institute of Biblical Studies

The FBC Institute of Biblical Studies is designed to instruct and provide illumination which allows the Holy Spirit to bring deeper insight into the revelation of God through Spiritual Growth, Biblical Knowledge, Christian Leadership and Christian Ministry.

Winter/Sprint semester begins January 23. Please be sure to reserve your seat by registering now. Late registration begins January 8 through January 15. Late registration fees apply.

This semester we are offering a variety of classes to help everyone experience and develop a deeper knowledge, understanding and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Classes are:

1. Apologetics I
2. Apologetics II
3. Biblical Leadership
4. Christian Ethics
5. Triune God
6. Understanding Teaching
7. Old Testament Made Simple

I am Rev. Indra Andrews, Dean of the FBC Institute of Biblical Studies. It is my prayer as Dean that you are enlightened and empowered as you excel spiritually by seeking to fulfill your purpose in the body of Christ and that you will be led and convicted by the Holy Spirit to participate in classes and grow deeper in God’s Word.

Please feel free to email me your questions, comments or if you need further information to:
fbcbiblicalinstitute@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org
Living the Word

Pastor Micheal Benton

“New Wine”

(Scripture Lesson: Matthew 9: 11 John)

The Book of Matthew tells us about the life of Jesus as well as it relates the most complete systematic account of His teachings through parables and performances. On one occasion when Jesus’ actions were called into question by John’s disciples (Matthew 9:14-18), He spoke of the fallacy of mixing old things with the new. His declaration was that the old cloth or wine would ultimately ruin the new garment or container. He was showing that the new doctrines did not match the old rites of the Pharisees. In fact, any attempt to mix the two beliefs would result in a distorted truth. This passage also illustrates the necessity of embracing the new walk of life according to Jesus’ teachings (see II Corinthians 5:17 and Colossians 3:9-10). Life cannot be a mixture of two opposite principles.

As we embark into a new year, we can apply this principle to our daily lives. Let us commit to leaving the old distorted and dismal ways of our past in the em and embrace a new way, Jesus’ way—forgiving those things that are behind and pressing forward. Any attempt to hold onto past bad memories, missed opportunities, ill-fated relationships, failed experiences or wayward ways will spoil one’s ability to enter into and enjoy life anew.

Let this new year represent for you a new beginning. What is the new wine? I am glad you asked. The Third Epistle of John, verse 2 says it well as he spoke to Gaius: “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” Walk in this way.

I’m Just Saying

First Lady Y’Vonne Benton

“Resolve This”

Traditionally this is the time of year when we make New Year’s Resolutions. We resolve to reach new standards, accomplish new goals, make life-time choices, and attain long desired ambitions (i.e. get fit, get fine, get rich!). The end results however: we make excuses, lie to ourselves or procrastinate. None of this is productive or make us feel good about our commitments. We are then left with the realization that we are not as great, strong or convicted as we want to be, resulting in depression, stress, and a sense of failure. Therefore, most of us have abandoned the New Year’s Resolutions exercise altogether.

While the initial premise to change and make life better is certainly admirable, it is time to rethink our approach if the end is goal is to be successful. Start by resolving not to resolve. Then simply endeavor to make every day of your life your best day. Take full advantage of your daily “new mercies”, which cover past failures and ineffective or unproductive attempts to thrive. Finally, remember to acknowledge and reward yourself for every accomplishment or any nuisance of success. Have a great day—one day at a time.

Words of Wisdom

If You Are A Worshipper, God Will Track You Down!

Dacon John Williams

“But the time is coming, indeed it’s here now, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him that way. For God is a Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Worship turns the tables on the chase. It takes you to the point where you don’t have to pursue Him because He begins to pursue you.

Worship and spiritual hunger make you so attractive to God that your circumstances cease to matter anymore. He will move heaven and earth to find a worshipper. When you begin to worship with all your being and desire, your heart turns Him towards you. You capture His attention and attract His affection.

It transforms you into being a God Catcher. Your worship essentially sets a “lover’s entrapment” for Him. If the Song of Solomon is any indication, then this kind of “passionate entrapment” is His delight.

Spiritual conversion mixed with childlike wonder is irresistible to God.

“New Mercies”

“For I will not forsake thee, nor forsake thy seed. He will not forsake you, nor forsake your children.” —Psalm 90:15

Journey through the Bible

Topic from Wednesday Night Bible Study

“How to Make it Through Hard Times”

From the Book of Philippians

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APPLICATION

Learning the Word increases our knowledge or mind; receiving the Word speaks to our heart; hearing the Word speaks to our ear; and seeing the Word speaks to our eyes - then he says DO.

Each week we are challenged to leave Bible Study and allow God to manifest Himself to us by seeking ways to APPLY His Word to our lives.

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Be Blessed and keep believing - Rev. Brenda L. Rush

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