

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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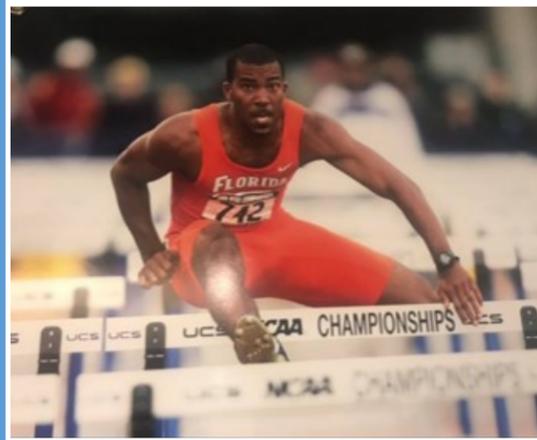
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**2018 Inductee**  
**University of Florida Hall of Fame**

Congratulations to Josh Walker! This track star, whose beginnings were here at Fairfield Baptist Church, grandson of Mother Luella Cherry, son of deceased Deaconess LaFrance Walker and Deacon Jerry Walker was inducted into the University of Florida (Gators) Hall of Fame on November 2, 2018. To this honor we say, congratulations Josh!

**Health Tip**

**Instead of Resolutions, Set Goals**

Many of us start the new year by making resolutions. The resolutions might include lose weight, stop smoking, get more rest, eat healthy, reduce stress, just to name a few. The list goes on and on. Many times the bar is set too high which increases the risk of becoming discouraged due to unsuccessful attempts. Well, lets try something new. Take a different approach. Instead of making resolutions, try setting goals. Start with small steps and celebrate each success along the way. OH, never forget, laughter is a wonderful medicine.

**Nurses Guild**

Join Pastor Melvin Brooks for  
**B.O.W.**  
Business On Wednesday  
12:00 & 7:00 PM  
C. L. Nall Chapel  
A BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE  
ABOUT SPIRITUAL BUSINESS



An app with prayer at your finger tips. Its not like Instagram or Facebook. Pray.com is a spiritual platform where you can post prayer requests and/or praise reports. It is a safe place where you can get spiritual support from your church family and friends.

To download this free app, open your web or internet browser on your device, type in the address bar pray.com/fairfieldbc. The option will be given to download the app from the App Store for Apple/iOS devices or Play Store for androids.

You can then register with your name and phone number and begin to utilize the service where you can send your prayer requests to the community (Fairfield) or to a specific person.

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*The Lighthouse*



**2019: Welcome to a New Year**

by Reverend Brenda Rush

It is 2019! A new year full of new possibilities! Say thanks to God for His Grace in allowing you to see all of 2018 and begin anew in 2019! What happened in 2018 can not be changed; so let us shake the old year off and welcome in the New Year! Let us look forward to the promises this year brings. What are those promises? Believe it or not, Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forevermore. The promises that He made in 2018 are still true for 2019. He says in Philippians 4:19, "And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his

glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus." This will never change. What has to change is our belief in what He says. This year let us take the opportunity to read, believe, and apply His Word to our lives. By reading, believing, and applying His Word to our lives, we will see transformation take place as He requested in Romans 12:1-2. By reading, believing, and applying His Word to our lives, we will increase our ammunition supply when satan comes to steal, kill and destroy. By reading, believing, and applying His Word to our lives, we become testimonies not only to ourselves but to everyone that has watched our journey along the way.

By reading, believing, and applying His Word, we recognize three crucial things:

1. Jesus goes before us – Jesus has already prepared the way for us, so all we have to do is follow the pathway that He has left for us. If we walk where He has walked, the pathway will lead us to victory. The Holy Spirit is speaking to us and telling us which way to go. We have to tune our heart to hear Him.
2. Jesus goes with us – The great thing about being a Christian is not only understanding that Jesus has gone before us, but that He will then walk alongside us if we would only trust Him. We can rest assured that if He has gone before us and left us a pathway to victory, and we follow the pathway, then victorious we are!
3. Jesus will never leave us or forsake us – This is so comforting to know that as long as we read, believe, apply His Word to our lives, look to Him, have faith and trust the guidance of Holy Spirit,

Jesus will never, ever, leave us or forsake us. A synonym for forsaking is to abandon. Jesus will never "abandon" us, regardless of the circumstances! Adam and Eve messed up, but He never abandoned them. Abraham, Moses, David, and the list goes on as so many more messed up, but He never turned His back on them. So many times we have turned our back on Him, but He will not turn His back on us – we only need to know that He is right there whether we feel His presence or not.

When we commit to reading God's Word, we will obviously learn new things that we never knew before about God. We will see that nothing new has occurred in our lifetime (Ecclesiastes 1:9), so we only need to find out what God says about our situation and follow His direction. By believing His Word, we are saying to God that we believe that He is God (Hebrews 11:6) and that He is the authority. By recognizing that He is the authority we are now ready to apply the Word to our lives. This is where change takes place because we are submitting to His will.

As I penned this article, the words began to flow as I wrote this poem from my heart and I call it, "Here We Are Again, My Lord."

Here we are again, my Lord  
Stepping into another year all shiny and new  
Looking for new hope and new chances  
Believing that they are within our reach  
Because you told us that nothing was impossible  
Grabbing hold to impossibilities  
Makes us know that your Word is true  
Here we are again, my Lord  
No fear, just faith as we continue to look to You!

Welcome the new year of 2019 by agreeing to read, believe, and apply the Word of God to your life. Welcome the pathway that God has prepared for you and don't be afraid of where the pathway leads you. Remember Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (NIV). Welcome, 2019! A New Year full of greater faith, greater trust, more victories, and new possibilities! Just remember: Read, Believe and Apply!

Happy  
New Year!

2019

# "There Is More"

## More

making the decision for eternal life in Jesus Christ  
renewing our commitment to our church  
in Bible class and Sunday School  
understanding of our time, talent and treasure  
understanding of the things of God  
understanding of the gift of grace

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.

But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind me, and straining towards what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heaven-ward in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)

Pastor Melvin Brooks' 2019 theme for the Fairfield Baptist Church

## God's Heart for His People

Deaconess Alice Cunningham



We enter a new year and make all kinds of resolutions we sincerely intend to keep. Secretly, we know there may be some that will just not be accomplished for one reason or another. The truths we know as Christians and the commitment made to us by God, throughout the bible, are tried and true. From the beginning of time, God's undying love has proven itself to us, even when, as humans, we have failed Him from the Garden of Eden to this very day, His love for us is so profound that He planned an escape to save us by

assuring a second Son, the Savior of the whole world, "JESUS", would through unimaginable sacrifice, secure our path to salvation. *God has a heart for His people!*

I appeal to you to look at your life and count the numerous times our God has stepped in to save you, even sometimes from yourself. We cannot even fathom how many unknown times He has been right there interceding for us. His love for us, many times, is bigger than the love we even have for ourselves. Just think about it. Many of us do not eat healthy for these beautiful and wonderful bodies God has given us, made in His image; and designed to carry out His work in the world. He saw fit to breathe life into your new born body to make you a living soul. One could call every birth a living miracle and a testament to God's love. *God has a heart for His people!*

What is God's expectation of us as His beloved children: to love each other as God loved the church; to be forgiving as He forgives us; to help the poor and down trodden; to obey our parents and care for them; to be trust worthy; to follow the 10 Commandments; to be men and women, husbands and wives, church members, co-workers, bosses, entrepreneurs, children, even strangers of integrity. Our demonstration of love would be to do these things and more. It would please the heart of God and bless us throughout

our earthly journey to our heavenly home on high. If you feel you are doing all there is to do and you are giving God your all, remember then to give God the glory for the great things He has and is continuing to do in your life. Nothing of worth can be accomplished without God. *God has a heart for His people!*

God has given us the ability through our faith in Jesus Christ to cast out demons, to lay hands on the sick and they will get well, and to protect ourselves from the enemy by putting on the whole armor of God. Just like a parent puts on the coat, scarf and gloves of their young child to protect them from the elements of the cold harsh winter weather, so as His children, God has equipped us with what we need to fight off the enemy here on earth by calling on the name of Jesus.

Can you come right now as a humble servant of God, take a deep breath, and say "JESUS loves me this I know"! This I know....WHY.... because the bible tells me so, because He has come into my heart, because He has changed my life, because the joy of the Lord strengthens me, because in times of trouble He rescues me, because He is my lawyer in my court room, because He is my doctor in my sick room, because He has shown me there is nothing too hard for Him, because He healed my broken heart, because He has performed miracles in my life, because He puts food on my table and clothes on my back. Can you sit and think on that just for a moment and let the Holy Spirit minister to you? He has a **2019** word just for you.

**YOU ARE MY BELOVED, MY PEOPLE,  
A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD AND I HAVE A HEART FOR YOU.  
ABOVE ALL THINGS I WISH YOU TO PROSPER AND BE IN  
GOOD HEALTH! I LOVE YOU!**

*God truly has a heart for His people!*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND  
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS AND  
PROSPER YOU IN ALL YOUR ENDEAVORS!**

**2019 IS YOUR YEAR!**

## Ministries' News

### W.I.N.G.S. & Waffles

Join the W.I.N.G.S. Ministry for  
Chicken and Waffles Brunch  
Saturday, January 19, 2019

@ 10:00 AM

Micheal Benton Family Life Center



Mothers, please bring your daughters.

Please bring a new journal.

### The Men's Ministry

Invites men of all ages to join them for  
discussion and breakfast

Saturday, January 19, 2019, 10:00 AM

Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center

Room 219

Breakfast will be served in the

C.L. Nall Chapel's Fellowship Hall

### The Deaconess Ministry

presents the

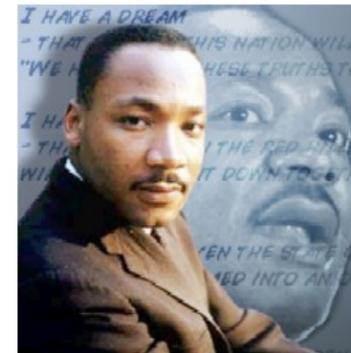
Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Program

### "The Men Who Held My Ladder"

Sunday, January 20, 2019, 7:30 AM & 10:45 AM

The Son's House

Featuring the youth of Fairfield



### Strike Out Hunger!

The Marriage Ministry created a fellowship evening of food, fun and bowling in November. Participants were asked to bring canned goods and non-perishable items. The ministry set a goal of 300 items. The items requested were generated using a list that the Maudie Norman Ministry uses to make up the boxes that are provided to consumers of the weekly pantry.

The entire event was a great success. Nearly 400 items were donated. These items will allow the Mission Ministry to stretch the funding available for this effort many times over. Reverend Valerie Cheely, coordinator of the Marriage Ministry, stated, "together we achieve more".

In addition to the bowling event, there was also a food drive conducted by the Rainbow Elementary School. Reverend Sharlene Stroud, one of the coordinators for Kingdom Kreation and also affiliated with Rainbow's Beta Club, enabled the food pantry to receive additional canned goods from their food drive.

The Maudie Norman Mission Ministry is so appreciative of these additional resources. All of the canned and non-perishable items will enable us to be a blessing to more of those in need of this vital service.

### 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
- Barbara Saunders
- Mary Lou Smith
- Annie Delores Yarbrough
- Yvonne Williams