



Upcoming Events

Pastor's Engagement

Pastor Benton will be the guest messenger on Tuesday, July 28, 7:30 PM at Clarkston First Baptist Church where Rev. Karl D. Moore serves as pastor. The church is located at 3999 Church Street, Clarkston, GA.

Homecoming 2015

Tribal Fest
Saturday, August 1, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Fun, Food, and Fellowship

Vendors are welcome!
\$25 for members
\$50 for non-members

Vintage Car Show
(See Eric Guthrie for information)

Homecoming Worship Services

Sunday, August 2, 10:00 AM

(Please note one morning worship service)
3:00 PM

Special Guest- Pastor Adrian J. McIlwain and
Rocky Creek Baptist Church, Simpsonville, SC

Revival

Monday - Wednesday, August 3-5, 7:00 PM

Pastor Stan Ferrell
Treasures of Excellence Ministries, Inc.
Arlington, TX

Welcome New Members

Destiny Brooks
Angelina Harrell
Britney Houston
Dr. Latrice McGrady
Lawanda Jelks-Wilson



Contributing Communication Coordinators

Sister Sandra Crocker
Sister Robin Junious



Join us Labor Day Weekend in Orlando, Florida.
Departure: Friday, September 4, 2015, 12:00 AM (midnight)
Return: Monday, September 7, 2015, 8:00 PM

Visit the Holy Land Experience and/or
Disney World Theme Parks and Water Parks

Accommodations:
Comfort Suites Maingate East Hotel
Plaza Boulevard, Kissimmee, Florida

\$50.00 deposit per person due by July 19, 2015

Two ppl per rm = \$170.00 per person
Three ppl per rm = \$130.00 per person
Four ppl per rm = \$111.00 per person

Admission to the Holy Land Experience: Add
\$40.00 per adult or \$25.00 per child

Watch Night Childcare

If you love working with children and coordinating events, you are the person for this volunteer project! We are looking for someone to coordinate the Watch Night childcare. If you are interested in working with this event, please contact Carol Franklin at 770-987-9148 or cfranklin@bellsouth.net.

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Minister Leonard Jones

Freedom



America celebrates Independence Day this month. Families, today, celebrate the month of July with family reunions, picnics, music and fellowship with one another. Since July 4th is the day that has been designated as our "independence" day, one could call this freedom month. The Declaration of Independence did more than just say the colonies wanted their freedom. It explained why they wanted their freedom. It listed all of the bad things that the king had done to the colonies and that the colonies had rights. Perhaps one of the most famous statements in the history of the United States is written in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty

and the pursuit of Happiness." As Christians, we celebrate our "dependence" every day by acknowledging God and praising, worshiping and honoring Him as our Lord and Savior. John 4:23-24 tells us, "But the hour is coming, and now is, when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." When we think about freedom, we have to be reminded that not only did God fight for us, He also freely gave His Son (John 3:16). That is Freedom! While celebrating, remember Christ in all that you do.

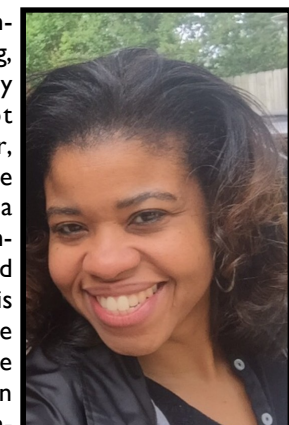
What Have You Completed?

Minister Adrienne Thompson

July, the seventh month of our calendar year, marks a completion of many things: We have observed the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebrated a number of past presidents' birthdays, given Valentine treats to our loved ones, fasted for the Lenten season, reflected on Resurrection Sunday, enjoyed cookout food on Memorial Day, and some us had the opportunity to take a nice restful vacation. My question to you is, since this is the 7th month and the number 7 means completion, what have you completed thus far? We often plan things but leave them undone. Do not let another day or moment go by without making an effort to complete those tasks you have already begun. Remember, ye are of God, . . . and have overcome them (obstacles that

may come our way), because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4). As God takes each of us to another level in Him, there are several things we will go through. However, we can be reassured that He is faithful enough to see us through. When we awake each day, we should be grateful that we have another opportunity to forgive those that have done us wrong, share God's Word with someone in our path, and give God praise for what He is doing, has done, and will do for us in the future. God is a parent that loves to stretch us beyond our temporary situation. He wants us to grow physically and spiritually with His assistance. When you feel like you just cannot go any more, cannot give

any more attention to something, cannot learn any more, cannot work any harder, cannot do one more thing; take a deep breath, inhale, exhale, and know the battle is not yours, it is the Lords. He is the only one that can help you to conquer your fears, handle your situations, and succeed in life. You are victorious because He is a way-making God!



Stay connected with us.



**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

Church Directory

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Ext. 115

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Usher Ministry
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Mission
Food & Clothing
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Have You Said Hello?

Veronica Means Perry

In May, I celebrated twenty-five years as a member of FBC. I have witnessed a lot of change and made many friends.

My husband and I built a home in Stone Mountain and our family and friends thought we were running a risk as this was known for KKK territory. We did not care as we were brave and made sure our house was going to have the latest security system with motion detection and glass breakage technology. I mean everything we needed to feel safe.

We were not members of any church. After getting familiar with the area, we ventured out in order to learn new routes to work, grocery store, and a church. All the churches in the area where we traveled were not of our color, which is what we wanted. Then one day, my daughter and my mother decided to try a new way home and became lost. While riding they passed by a church (now known as the C L Nall Chapel) and saw some people of color. My daughter stopped for directions. She was given the answers by a Welcome Committee member named Earl Davis. My daughter and mother inquired about service times. Earl was kind to them and he asked for our phone

number. By the time they arrived home, he had called to invite us to come to church. I came the 2nd Sunday in May, 1990 to the 11:00 AM service. I returned the next Sunday and joined the church; I was the only person that joined that day. I was assigned to Deacon and Deaconess Roy and Lucile Durden (now Reverend Durden and Mother Durden). In that same week, I came to the 7:00 PM Bible Study and was greeted by Mother Maudie Norman. A week later, she invited me to join the Mission.

I remember one outstanding thing Mother Norman used to do and that was, when she entered a room or the sanctuary, as she passed a person, she spoke to them. If she did not know you, she learned your name. I copied her style...I began doing the same thing speaking to people as I passed a row in the church.

Now my question today, have you said hello to a member? Have you introduced yourself to the person sitting next to you? Try it; you will have met someone you did not know before and perhaps learned their name if only you ask.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." - Proverbs 29:18

Faith to Wait on God's Timing

Deaconess Diane M. Scott

We live in a technological world that says, "If you want it now, you can have it now!" It is only natural for us to want such things as love, acceptance, purpose in life, food, clothing, comfort, pleasure, success and security (just to name a few). But, when it takes too long to achieve our heart's desires, we are tempted to ask, "When, God, when?"

Most of us need to grow in the area of patience instead of focusing on the "when" question. God has a perfect plan and a purpose for each of our lives but it is according to His Will. Isaiah 55:8-11 tells us, that His thoughts are not the same as ours and neither are His ways. It also tells us that His Word will accomplish what it is set out to do. If you are missing joy and peace, maybe you are not "fully" trusting God. The ability to wait on the Lord is not easy. In fact, it can be extremely hard sometimes. We can often become, fearful, frustrated, anxious, want to give up and we even become angry. This is just what satan wants. He does not want us to wait for God to bless us.

As Christians, we need to prayerfully meditate on God's Word in order to learn what it means to wait and the right attitude to have while we are waiting. We should not fall prey to satan's lies and follow his strategies (or our own) to meet our needs and fulfill our desires. **Psalms 37:4** says, "Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart". We need to stay focused on who "God" is and what "He" is doing.

Here are some scriptures that will encourage you and strengthen your faith as you wait, with confident

expectation, on God's timing.

Psalms 25:5... Lead me in thy truth, and teach me... on thee, do I wait all the day.

Psalms 27:14... Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart...

Isaiah 40:31... they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength...they shall run, and not be weary...and they shall walk, and not faint.

Romans 12:1-7 ... Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing...what is the will of God...to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Philippians 4:11-13 ... for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am...; to live in prosperity...being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Let us not forget some of the biblical stories of those blessed for their waiting, such as Abram and Sarah who waited twenty-five years for the promised birth of their son, Isaac. (Genesis 12:1-4; 17:17-19; 21:2, 5). And, what about Joseph's journey from the pit, to the prison and to the palace? What satan meant for evil, God meant it for good. (Genesis 37:2-28; 39:1-7, 11-22; 41:1-43). The names of many men and women whose faith in waiting on the promises of God are listed in Hebrews 11's "Hall of Faith". The initial promise was given in Genesis 3:15. God promised that there would be a Redeemer, a Savior - JESUS (Isaiah 9:6).

God bless you as you travel in the **Land of Waiting**.

Ministries' News

"Save the Date"

Singles Ministry's Study of Wisdom
July 10, 2015, 7:00 PM
"Authentic Relationships,
Being Real in an Artificial World"
C.L. Nall Fellowship Hall

Pack and Troop 1996 are seeking young men that want to have fun, be adventurous, and make lifetime memories!

To join or for more information, send an email as follows:

Young men grades 1-5: info@pack1996.org
Young men grades 6-12: infor@troop1996.org

The Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee has acquired a new uniform for the summer months. Many of you may have seen us in our new "red blouses with the church logo". The new uniform offers a new look but our mission remains the same. We welcome our guests, potential and current members into the Fairfield Baptist Church, where friendship is discovered and fellowship is enjoyed. The Welcome Committee's smiling faces and warm embraces are the first faces you see when entering the Son's House. We are thankful to have the awesome opportunity to do such important work in the up building of God's Kingdom.

The scripture says in Luke 10:2, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few". The Welcome Committee invites potential members to come and join our blessed ministry as we do God's work in promoting our Pastor's vision. The Welcome Committee meets every Tuesday after the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center. **Please come out and join us!**

**7:30AM
Greeters**

**10:45AM
Greeters**



The Ushers Ministry

The Ushers Ministry will have their Quarterly Ushers gathering Saturday, July 11, 2015, at 10:00 AM. Please come out for our general meeting, food fun and games. For more information, please see your Trinitarians. If you are interested in joining the Ushers Ministry this is the perfect time to unite with us.

Veterans Ministry

The Veterans and Supporters Ministry is dedicated to sharing valuable, updated information concerning benefits and job opportunities with our veterans and families. The Veteran's Administration has established a user friendly website, eBenefits@VA.GOV. Please contact Sister Robin Junious at (470)331-9101 or email robinjunious@yahoo.com to join our email list to receive useful information. We meet every 2nd Thursday in the Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center at 7:00 PM. We encourage you to join us. There will not be a meeting in July. Have a happy Independence Day and remember, 'Freedom is not Free'.

Trinitarians Lee Thompson, Michael Wright & Robin Junious

Events

**July 5
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

July 8, 15, 22, 29
Men's Conference
7:00 PM
Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center

July 8, 15, 22, 29
WiNGS Bible Study
7:00 PM

July 26
Men's Day
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

Youth
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center

Help Needed!

GLAD
Is seeking a dedicated, committed and talented Dance Choreographer.
Please contact the church office, if interested.