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Marvell Battle
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Alisha Capers
Chamenia Capers
Jarion Hunt
Markeivon Haynes
Carlos Jones
Gregory Lawrence, Jr.
Jada Lawrence
Jovan Pettway
Malanie Pettway
Melvin Pettway
Pairlee Pettway
Samuel Pettway
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Kingdom Kreation Youth News



June's Theme
I AM SUCCESSFUL

Vacation Bible School
"Glow for Jesus"

June 14 - 16
All ages
Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Youth and
Young Adult Conference

"I'll Be the One"
June 23-25
FBC Campus
Are you ready for the youth and young adult conference? It is registration time and we have some exciting speakers for this event. When you ask? June 23-25, 2017. Different events nightly.

Registration link

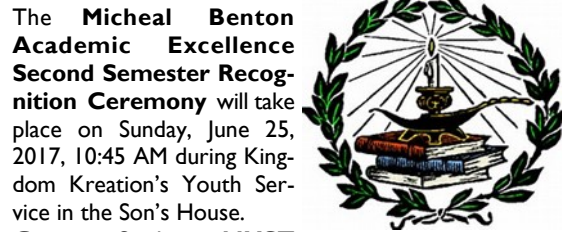
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Search People, Kingdom Kreation



The Micheal Benton Academic Excellence Second Semester Recognition Ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 25, 2017, 10:45 AM during Kingdom Kreation's Youth Service in the Son's House.

Criteria: Students **MUST** have the equivalent of ALL "A's" and not more than ONE "B" in each academic subject. Students **MUST** also have the equivalent of ALL "S" in conduct. All report cards must be submitted by Sunday, June 11, 2017.

Classy Grad Scholarships: Students who apply for this scholarship **MUST** meet the following criteria: **MUST** be a member of the church or have been an active participant, for six months in a ministry or auxiliary (proof required). Students **MUST** volunteer ten hours in the church if he or she is not active in other church ministries or auxiliaries. Students **MUST** complete application packet with a score of 90% or higher; **MUST** provide a letter of acceptance from a college or university. The application deadline is Sunday, June 11, 2017.

Classy Grad Recognition: High school and college graduates should submit their names and the school they will be graduating from to the AEP Committee for participation in the graduation portion of the ceremony. Remember to wear your caps and gowns. Documents must be faxed to 1-866-885-1739 or emailed to aep@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org. For more information on these announcements please visit our website at www.fairfieldbaptistchurch.org and click on the Education tab or contact Dr. Keith Benton or Sister Brittany King.

Health Tip

A Stroke can occur when a blood vessel in the brain bursts or becomes clogged. This can cause the area to stop getting an adequate blood supply. The sooner emergency medical care is received, the better the chances are for a positive outcome and recovery.

The Warning Signs of a Stroke

- * Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg especially on one side of the body
- * Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- * Sudden trouble with vision (sight)
- * Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- * Sudden severe headache

Youth Empowerment Summer Program Now - July 28, 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM Ages 5-14
Call 770.482.7660, Ext. 8 or Visit the church's website for more details

Nurses Guild



The Lighthouse
Happy Father's Day

Denying, Defeating & Destroying Division ...guarding the truth

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The Solution



Statistics reveal one in four Americans are sufferers of mental illness. Look at the news, neighbors or families to see the effects of this affliction. Mental health professionals predict this epidemic is rising. Yet, there is an answer. Mental illness, first, goes back to creation. Second, it is a result of the fallen world. Third, the solution is the gift of salvation through the Revelation of Christ.

First, let us return to the beginning. In Genesis 3, we find the account of Adam and Eve. We know their story; they could eat from any of

the trees in the garden except the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. They ate and hid. God is omnipresent; He is everywhere. He knew Adam's location so God asked, "Adam, where are you?" God wanted accountability.

Second, sin entered with penalties. The world has fallen from righteousness and man has lost his relationship with God. Exodus 34:7b, says "Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children . . . to the third and fourth [generation]." Peace departed and sin/mental illness entered. **But, there is a solution.**

God, pronounces His curse, yet provides for man (Genesis 3:15). Jesus appears. Jesus heals the lunatic (Mark 5). A lunatic is a person legally deemed possessing an unsound mind, and is not responsible before the law. However, this man had legions of unclean spirits, which Jesus commanded that they go into a herd of swine. "For God has not given us a

Sister Silvano D. Terrell

spirit of fear but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7) Jeremiah 29:11 says, "I know the thoughts I think toward you. . . thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you a future and hope." If it is not peace and not good, it is not God. God wants to teach us. He wants peace for His children. (Isaiah 54:13) Also, it comes without price. (Isaiah 55:2) Finally, Jesus said ". . . I have spoken . . . that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33).

We obey, no matter what we see. We believe the Word stands forever. As Christ is revealed to us, and we declare it; He is glorified! He loves His Creation (us), He understands our fallen state (our problems), and He redeems from mental illness (the solution).

The True Vine

In the natural, a vine is any plant having a long, slender stem that trails or creeps on the ground or climbs by winding itself around something for support. The nutrients that provide sustenance for the plant to thrive are supplied through the vine. Apart from the vine, the branches of a plant cannot survive. Needless to say, a branch that is not properly nourished can not bear fruit. Although vines are slight in appearance and creep along the ground, they are a source of nourishment, strength and vitality for the branches attached to them.

Spiritually, the true Vine is Jesus Christ who provides everything the believer needs to live presently on this earth and eternally with Him in heaven. The vine and the branches represent the unity of Christ and all who believe in Him. Like a low-lying vine, Jesus exemplified humility when He walked the earth and sacrificed His own life for the sins of the world. The close relationship between a vine and its branches provide a symbolic picture of the relationship between Jesus and those who believe in Him. Like branches on a vine, we must stay connected to Jesus to bear fruit,

especially fruit that will last (John 15:16). Essentially, it is vital that the Vinedresser, the Father, prunes the branches so that more fruit can be produced. It is the job of the vinedresser, or gardener, to cut away any dead branches that uselessly draw away vital sap from the fruit bearing branches. When the dead branches are cut away, the living branches receive even more life-giving nutrients, thus bearing an abundance of fruit. Likewise, the Father cuts away all those who are not truly connected to His Son. Who are the ones that the Father cuts away? They are described in 2 Timothy 3:1-5 as, " . . . men [who] will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"

Fruit-bearing branches may be measured by Matthew 7:15-20. According to this passage, you will know a true believer by the fruit he bears. A good tree bears good fruit. Our fruit is in essence our works or service. Although

Brother Cleon Frazier



we are not saved by works, our works are the "fruit" of our salvation (Eph. 2: 8-10).

Therefore, if you are connected to the true Vine, put your faith to work and answer the call of every believer of Christ. Join a ministry, offer your gifts and work with the Body of Christ at building God's Kingdom. By this, our Father is glorified. It is crucial to stay connected to the true Vine and bear much fruit, acknowledging that we can do nothing without Him.

**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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First Lady Benton
Ext. 104

Church Administrator
Bonni Ware
Ext. 115

Team of the Month
Ext. 172

Lost & Found
Usher Ministry
Ext. 180

Maudie Norman
Mission
Food & Clothing
Ext. 112

Faith Walk



"Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps on asking receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, [the door] will be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8, AMPC).

This is true not just on the spiritual level, but also on the physical level. As believers, we must persevere in our prayer life and continue trusting God for what we need. We can always count on God to keep His promises.

If we want to see and experience God's blessings in our lives, we must embrace an attitude of deliberate thankfulness. This involves glorifying God even when we do not physically see what we believe Him for, which is an act of faith. We have a strong example in Abraham, who refused to believe any-

Deacon Matthew Mitchell

thing that contradicted the Word of God. Because of his faith, Abraham was mightily blessed. We have another example in Jesus giving thanks for a few loaves of bread and a few fish, just before He fed the multitudes with them. There is real power involved in being thankful, because giving thanks is the key to fruitfulness. We are accustomed to hearing the world talking and complaining, but proactively thanking and praising God in advance will activate increase.

The Bible says that you have a covenant of peace with God (Isaiah 54:10; Ezekiel 34:25; 37:26). It is a promise that guarantees your empowerment to prosper in the areas of health, family and finances. God's perfect will is that you excel in every area of life. Giving thanks is a surefire way to get on God's side. There is much power in doing this. No matter what it looks like, we are protected because we dwell in the secret place of the Most High. We can be thankful to God for keeping His promises to us concerning healing and eternal life. We have the power to call things that are not as though they were. As Pastor spoke on May 7, 2017, speak it "The Lord is Mine".

***Happy 40th Pastoral Anniversary
Pastor Micheal & First Lady Y'Vonne Benton***



How do we thank you for your faith to your call?
For all that you do for us be it large or small?
The time you spend to teach us His Truth.
The studying late to give us concrete proof.
All the early mornings spent pleading in prayer.
The funerals you preach to show us you care.
Your kindness holds steady when we fall apart.
Your patience to show us once again—the start!
Your labor is often without reward.
Still you strive to feed us the meat of His Sword.
So with these mere words for all that you do,
We are grateful to God for giving us a
Servant like you!

Congratulations Educators

"A teacher is a compass that activates the magnet of curiosity, knowledge and wisdom of their students."

Reverend Katrina Usher, Teacher of the Year
Stockbridge Middle School

Minister Adrienne Thompson
Educational Support Professional II
Champion Theme Middle School

Pamela Jones, Auxiliary Person of the Year
Kingsley Elementary School

Marilyn Cabbill, Teacher of the Year
Woodridge Elementary School



Margaret Jones, Educational Support Professional

**Well Done
Graduates**



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Collins
Georgia State
University
BS Business
Administration
In Managerial
Science
Minor in
Hospitality

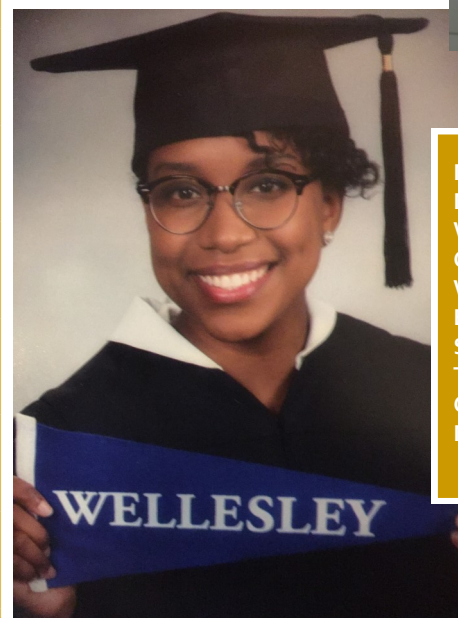


Michael Ferguson
Grambling State
University
BS Science,
Engineering
Technology



Carlen Franklin ~
December 2016
Albany State
University
Major Criminal
Justice, Minor
Political Science
Fall 2017 -
Masters Degree
Program in Social
Work

2017



Morgan Lacy
Millon
Wellesley
College,
Wellesley, MA
BA Political
Science &
Teaching
Career: TFA,
Memphis TN

LaNikah Geri
Ware
Central
Michigan
State
Master of
Arts
Education
Technology



Ministries' News

Singles' Ministry

Monthly Bible Study
Thursday, June 15, 2017, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Jr. Media Center

Topic - "The Stress of Anger"

Rev. Brenda Rush, Facilitator

We all have moments when we allow situations to cause us to lose control. Please come out and hear a word on how to handle these situations and continue to be a light to the world. Invite your friends and co-workers and anyone you think needs encouragement on how to apply the word of God in a crisis situation.

Questions, please see
Terry Scott, Tamika Foster or Robin Junious

Marriage Ministry

Saturday, June 17, 6:00 PM
Maggiano's

Please join the Marriage Ministry of Fairfield for an evening of fun and fellowship with couples coming together to celebrate their marriage!
Come out for "date night".

The theme this year is
"How to Remain Victorious in your Vows!"

Stop by the kiosk to sign up or see
Minister Valerie Cheely or Sister Carol Franklin.
You do not want to miss this great evening.

Veterans and Supporters' Ministry**"Save the Date"**

Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, July 15, 2017, 2:30 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center

Remember to sign up after each service beginning June 11, and bring your favorite dish.

If you are a veteran, a family member of a veteran or just a supporter, please join us.

Please continue to keep our troops, their families and our country in your prayers.

Second Annual "Real Men Cook"

June 24, 2017, 11:00 AM

Enter your barbeque/meat dish, side dish and/or desserts
Last Day to Register
June 11, 2017

Would you like to taste and vote?
Get your ticket(s) in advance
June 4, 11, or 18 @ the kiosk



On today, June 4, Christians around the world will observe Pentecost Sunday. In the Christian world, this day signifies the day that Jesus Christ ascended to heaven and the Holy Spirit descended to bless His apostles. The word "Pentecost" refers to the time when the resurrected Christ appeared in front of His apostles and promised the baptism of the Holy Ghost after His ascension, rather than the event itself.

In the New Testament, reference to the Pentecost can be found in the Book of Acts 2:1-13. This section of the Bible tells how the Holy Spirit descended from heaven to bless the disciples of Jesus Christ, causing them to speak in different tongues. It also accounts the time when the Savior ascended to heaven as a resurrected being. Describing the Pentecost, Acts 2:1-4 reads, "Suddenly, there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the houses where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, and the spirit gave them utterance."

At first, the apostles speaking in different tongues sparked controversy. Some thought they were simply drunk that time because of a feast that was held for the Jews on that day. However, those who had the chance to hear the message of God through the apostles speaking in different languages were convinced that the event was one of God's miracles.

As to why the event is called "Pentecost," the word is taken from the Greek term "pentekoste," meaning "fiftieth." It was the fiftieth day after Easter Sunday when Jesus Christ ascended to heaven and the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles. That is why today, the sacred day is called Pentecost Sunday by the Christian community.

**A Black History Moment**

The UNCF, also known as the United Negro College Fund, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste", was founded on April 25, 1944. According to the philanthropist organization, the UNCF has raised more than \$3.6 billion to help black students achieve the next level of their education.

The UNCF was a joint effort co-founded by Tuskegee University's president., **Frederick D. Patterson**, educator and civil rights activist **Mary McCleod Bethune**, and activist **William J. Trent**. Trent served as the UNCF's executive director and orchestrated a concerted fundraising effort that attracted the philanthropic attentions of the white elite. Famously, former President John F. Kennedy, donated the money he won for the Pulitzer Prize for his book, "Profiles in Courage," directly to the fund. Other top contributors include: John D. Rockefeller and President Bill Clinton. The alumni of the UNCF include a bevy of celebrities and figures of civil rights leaders. **Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Alexis Herman, Samuel L. Jackson** and **Spike Lee**, are among others who have benefitted from the organization's assistance.

Issachar Tribe**Events**

June 4
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

June 14-16
Vacation Bible School
6:00 PM—8:45 PM
Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center

June 18
Happy Father's Day

June 25
Kingdom Kreation Cap & Gown Sunday
10:45 AM
The Son's House

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
June 7
Tribe of Gad

Youth
Zack Brown Administrative &

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

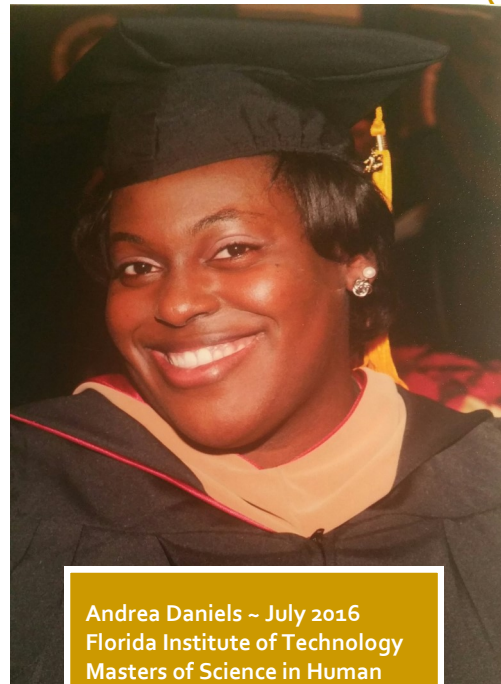
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Mother Lucille Durden
Margaret Freeman
Cathy Gardner
Ann Garrett
Arthur Giles
Idella Grimmer
James Leverett
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Ansley Robinzine
Barbara Saunders
Mary Lou Smith
Ann Delores Yarborough
Yvonne Williams

Terrance Dwight
Jamal Rogers
Master of Business
Administration
Harvard Business
School
Black
Commencement
Student Speaker



Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. For the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go.

Andrea Daniels ~ July 2016
Florida Institute of Technology
Masters of Science in Human
Resource Management
Working ~ Walt Disney World



Lynette Jones
Valdosta State
University



Amber Stubbs
Georgia State
University
Major Public
Policy
Minor
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Gwen Bonair
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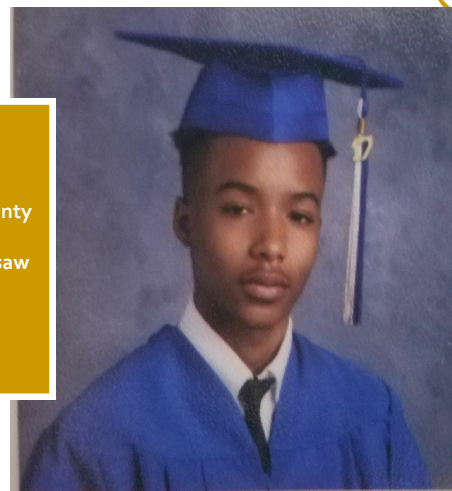
Congratulations 2017 Graduates



Morgan Anderson, South Gwinnett High School
Fall: Georgia Southern University

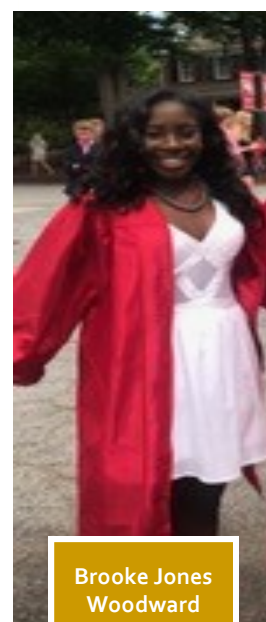


De'Andre Kinvieson Thomas
Newton County High School
Fall: Kennesaw State University



Jaden Lampkin
Newton High School
Fall: Georgia Southern University

Taylor Alexis Lee
Stockbridge High School
Fall: Valdosta State University



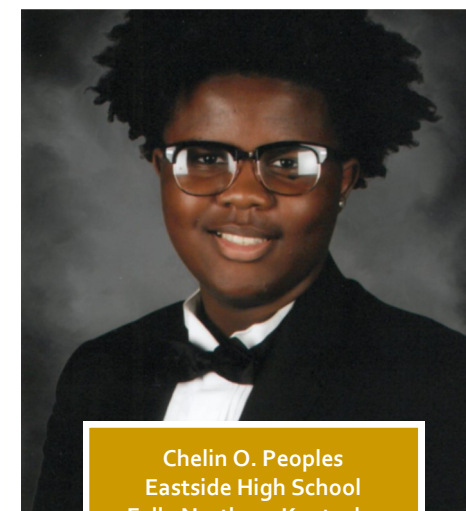
Brooke Jones
Woodward Academy
Fall: North Carolina A&T



Amiria Carter
Tucker High School
Fall: Savannah State University



Jazmine Richardson
Martin L. King, Jr. High School
Fall: Alabama A&M



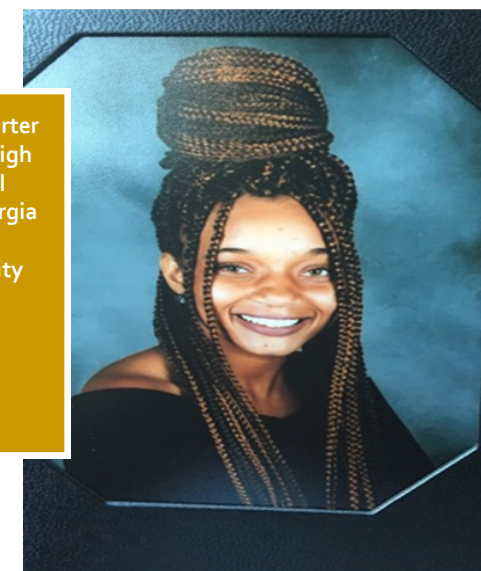
Chelin O. Peoples
Eastside High School
Fall: Northern Kentucky University

*Chase your dreams
Burst out at the seams
Never stop trying
Never stop learning
Live life to the fullest
Give it nothing but your best...*

Makaiah Lasiter
Stephenson High School
Fall: Albany State University



Ariana Carter
Tucker High School
Fall: Georgia State University



Daijah Travis
Stone Mountain High School
Fall: Albany State University



Alliyah Shanice Hunt
Tucker High School
Fall: Columbus State University

