

Service Times

Mondays
Intercessory Prayer
7:00PM
Sanctuary
"The Upper Room"

Wednesdays
Bible Study (B.O.W.)
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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Food & Clothing
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News from Kingdom Kreation



Theme of the Month... **"I AM A WORLD CHANGER"**

Take Over Sunday, October 28, 10:45 AM *presented by R3, The Son's House*

Let's Get It Started—A College Prep Experience

Workshops

Saturday, October 27, 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Trust the Process

- ⇒ Completing your college application
- ⇒ Writing - the "how to" of essay writing
- ⇒ Narrowing your college choice

Saturday, November 10, 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Getting to the Money

- ⇒ Identifying & securing your scholarships

Saturday, January 12, 2019, 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Crunch Time

- ⇒ The interview

- ⇒ College fairs & admissions

Saturday, February 9, 2019, 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

Turn Down the Turn Up

- ⇒ Managing your time, money, relationships & reputation
- ⇒ All turn up ain't good turn up

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Workshops are \$10 per session per student

Registration and pre-payment required. No registration at the door.

This program is for students in grades 9—12 only. Register on-line @ www.fairfieldbaptistchurch.org—click registration link on home page or register at the kiosks located at both entrances of the Son's House.

Contact | Questions

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Atlanta STEM College Fair

Interested in science, technology,
engineering and math
Sunday, October 7, 2018
Bus will depart FBC @ 12:30 PM
\$7.00 per student
Dinner on your own

The College Tour

Visits to Albany State, Ft. Valley State
and Valdosta State Universities and
the University of Georgia
Cost: \$165 per student
\$50 deposit required
Payment plans after deposit
Final payment due March 17, 2019

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THE MONTH OF AWARENESS

by Minister Mary Hodo-Williams

Awareness is defined as knowledge or perception of a situation or fact; it is being concerned and well-informed about a particular condition or development.

October is known as Cancer and/or Health Awareness Month, Blindness Awareness, and other noteworthy events. It is a month where we are educated, informed, and encouraged to take action to help improve circumstances in our lives and the lives of those who are affected by many illnesses. October is also a special month for the W.In.G.S. Ministry here at Fairfield. It is a time when the daughters of Christ come together,

"Moving by Faith while Walking in Grace"; to fellowship, teach, and learn from one another; and most importantly celebrate our Lord and Savior. Perhaps the most widespread awareness in October is Halloween (to the world) and Hallelujah Night (to the church), a time set aside for food, fun and fellowship.

Although the above mentioned activities are significant, there are two types of awareness that keep coming to mind – a common and a personal awareness of God. A common awareness is to know "about" God, to have public knowledge, something that anyone could know. For example, to look around and see creation, anyone would know that "In the beginning God created . . .". A personal awareness is to "know God"; to have an intimate, private relationship with Him; it is to know that He gave His only begotten Son to die for us (John 3:16). A personal awareness of God knows that the situation worked out for you because God works it out for your good, and that He has a perfect plan for your life; no matter what, "*no weapon formed against you shall prosper*". The beauty in all this is knowing that "*nothing shall be able to separate you from His love*". As we go through this month, participating in the activities for good a cause, be aware that God loves you. He has blessings with your name on them. The things He has in store for us we cannot imagine.

*"For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless."* – Psalm 84:11



KNEELING FOR A REASON

There are many different reasons why people kneel. Men kneel when proposing; people kneel as a gesture of deep respect for superiors; some are made to kneel because they are being overpowered; some are made to kneel for execution; in football, quarterbacks kneel to call a play and to end a play and some kneel out of protest for a worthy cause such as Colin Kaepernick and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Of all the reasons to kneel, the most proper and most powerful reason to kneel is to pray.

Kneeling is a sign of submission to authority. Men kneel to acknowledge another's authority over them. For this reason, Christians kneeling denote a position for prayer in submission to almighty God. At some point in time we are all brought to our knees for one reason or another. Whether because of pain or out of passion, we have a reason to kneel.

All men are called to acknowledge the Lord's rule in our lives by kneeling before Him in worship. Psalm 95:6 says, "Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker" (NLT). We can learn to kneel now out of **submission** or be forced to kneel later out of **direction**. Jesus knelt in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. In the Book of Luke, Jesus is described as kneeling when He sought the Father's permission to avoid the cross.

This particular moment of Jesus' kneeling to pray was crucial, as it demonstrated both the extent of His suffering and His willingness to submit to His Father's authority. Jesus teaches us that we should pray the Father's will be done and not our own. Jesus submitted to the will of the Father, and His kneeling demonstrated that submission.

In the movie *War Room*, prayer was the ultimate weapon used to fight for the family. Praying on our knees is the best way to guide, guard, and guarantee our family's well being. The ultimate battle is the one we fight on our knees. God will enable anyone who is willing to kneel and pray before Him humbly to stand before man.

Prayer is peaceful; Prayer is purposeful; Prayer is powerful! Of all of the reasons to do so, let prayer be your primary reason to kneel.

*We're Glad
You're Here*

*"And let us not be
weary in well doing;
for in due season
we shall reap, if we
faint not."
Galatians 6:9 KJV*



by Minister Terry Scott

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“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.”

Obeying the Word of God Deacon Marvin Cunningham



As Christians we should always obey the word of God. Obedience to God proves our love for Him, demonstrates our faithfulness to Him, glorifies Him in the world, and opens avenues of blessings for us. When I read Genesis 3:6, it told me that Adam disobeyed God's word by eating from the tree of life. When God called out to Adam, he told God that me and the woman you gave me did eat. The consequence of their action caused them to be expelled from the Garden of Eden. When we are obedient to the Lord's word, we can live a life of joy, without shame, rooted deeply in the Lord and confident in our eternal hope. Do not be like Saul. We are responsible and will pay for our own sins. God will not hold another man's sin against us. We all are going to pay for our own sin. That is just like some of us, we listen to our own internal whisperings and those of others instead of seeking and obeying the word of God for ourselves. **I Samuel 15:10-20 (NIV)** Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: "I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions." Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the LORD all that night. Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, "Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a monument in his own honor and has turned and gone on down to Gilgal." When Samuel reached him, Saul said, "The LORD bless you! I have carried out the LORD's instructions." But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?" Saul answered, "The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the LORD your God, but we totally destroyed the rest." "Enough!"

Samuel said to Saul. "Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night." "Tell me," Saul replied. Samuel said, "Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. And he sent you on a mission, saying, 'Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.' Why did you not obey the LORD? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the LORD?" "But I did obey the LORD," Saul said. "I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. I completely destroyed the Amalekites and brought back Agag their king. Put nothing above the word of God. It is necessary to have faith to please God. If our faith is real and true, our life will reflect righteousness, modeling the example set for us by Jesus Christ. We will obey His commandments because we love Him. **Hebrew 11:6**, "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him". Growing up I was taught the word of God and I was afraid I was going to hell yet, I was still disobedient. Yes, I had gotten off the right track, and when God knocked me off my feet, I had to pay for all my wrong doing. You can believe I got myself back together and I thank God every day for the life I have now. God now speaks to my heart and I am so grateful that I can freely serve Him and Him alone. I became rooted deeply in the Lord and I am confident in my eternal hope. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **(2 Corinthians 3:17)** When I clearly realized that my obedience was actually part of my assurance that I truly know God, my world changed and the windows of heaven opened up for me. I thank God every day of my life that He speaks to my heart and hears my prayers. I serve Him and Him alone. I count it all joy that as brothers and sisters in Christ we all have the assurance of everlasting life!

Ministry News

W.I.G.S. Ministry
Celebration of Women
"Moving by Faith While
Walking in Grace"

- Women's Bible Study**
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 7:00 PM
C.L. Nall Chapel
- Survivors' Sunday**
October 14, 7:30 AM & 10:45 AM Worship Services
In honor of our survivors, all ladies are requested to wear pink and all men are to wear blue.
- Women's Tea**
October 20, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center
- Women's Day Service**
October 21
7:30 AM, Guest Messenger, Dr. LaToya K. Williams
New Life International Family Church, Lithonia, GA
10:45 AM, Guest Messenger, Dr. Sherry Gaither
Stronghold Christian Church, Lithonia, GA
Unity Colors: Shades of blue, burgundy and white or ivory
Donation: \$25
Women's Day Mass Choir Rehearsal Dates:
October 4, 8, 18, 7:00 PM; October 20, 9:00 AM
- FBC Cares**
Health Awareness Day & Walk
October 27, 2018, 7:30 AM
FBC Campus, register @ fbcareseventbrite.com



The Mother's Ministry
invites the
Senior citizens of FBC to join them
for the
Annual SCLC Christmas Lunch and Program
Tuesday, December 4, 11:00 AM
Georgia International Convention Center

Register by **November 4**
Sign up @ kiosk
or call the church office, 770.482.7660

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

Breast Cancer Symptoms and Diagnosis

Breast cancer symptoms vary widely — from lumps to swelling to skin changes — and **many breast cancers have no obvious symptoms at all.** In some cases, a lump may be too small for you to feel or to cause any unusual changes you can notice on your own. Often, an abnormal area turns up on a screening mammogram (X-ray of the breast), which leads to further testing. In other cases, however, the first sign of breast cancer is a new lump or mass in the breast that you or your doctor can feel. A lump that is painless, hard, and has uneven edges is more likely to be cancer. But sometimes cancers can be tender, soft, and rounded. **It is important to have anything unusual checked by your doctor.** According to the American Cancer Society, any of the following unusual changes in the breast can be a symptom of breast cancer:

- swelling of all or part of the breast
- skin irritation or dimpling
- breast pain

- nipple pain or the nipple turning inward
 - redness, scaliness, or thickening of the nipple or breast skin
 - a nipple discharge other than breast milk
 - a lump in the underarm area
- These changes also can be signs of less serious conditions that are not cancerous, such as an infection or a cyst. Again, it is important to get any breast changes checked out promptly by a doctor. Breast self-exams should be part of your monthly health care routine, and you should visit your doctor if you experience breast changes. If you are over 40 or at a high risk of breast cancer, you should also have an annual mammogram and physical exam by a doctor. The earlier breast cancer is found and diagnosed, the better your chances of beating it. The actual process of diagnosis can take weeks and involve many different kinds of tests. Waiting for results can feel like a lifetime. The uncertainty stinks. But once you understand your own unique "big picture," you can make better decisions. You and your doctors can formulate a treatment plan tailored just for you.

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

Single People in Christ
Excelling Spiritually
(Singles Ministry)

Thursday, October 18, 2018, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Media Center

Veterans & Supporters
Ministry

The Veterans and Supporters Ministry is on one accord with the mission of Fairfield Baptist Church. Our purpose is to bring awareness to the church and the community by keeping our veterans, families and supporters abreast of information through seminars and meetings.
Benefits/PTSD Seminar
FBC Veterans, Supporters, Family & Friends Join Us
November 3
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM
C.L. Nall Chapel - Fellowship Hall
A light lunch will be served.
Meetings
Every 2nd Thursday
7:00 PM
Zack Brown Administrative Center

Rites of Passage
Excellence and Success
(ROPES)

A program designed for young men ages 8 - 18
Last chance to register
Saturday, October 20
Classes are held 3rd Saturday of each month,
October - December 2018
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center
For more information, please contact
Brother Harry Corbitt
(518.429.3177) or
Minister Grover Cochran
(404.580.0263)

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Days of

PRAYER.

conversations with God

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."—Acts 4:31

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Ninety Days of Prayer

Beginning October 1, 2018

“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 18:19, NIV)

For the next ninety days, the Fairfield Baptist Church Family will be engaged in praying for several elements pertaining to our church.

All members and friends are encouraged to join in this praying opportunity; growing towards making Fairfield a **praying campus**.

Pastoral Covering: Pray for Pastor Melvin and Lady Dorise Brooks’ anointed empowerment to take FBC to another dimension in Christ. Pray that Apostolic anointing will continue to flow. Pray that they are covered in every area of their lives, spiritually, physically, and financially.

Vision

Pray that FBC becomes an active and life changing prayer campus.

Pray for freedom in worship and an increase of those called to intercede.

Pray for the spiritual and numerical growth of the church.

Pray for vibrant and growing young adult members.

Pray that FBC continues with one voice – a spirit of unity.

Pray that the seven spirits of God are manifested throughout the FBC campus: ***Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of Wisdom, the Spirit of Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel, the Spirit Might, the Spirit of Knowledge, and the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord.***

Sunday School & B.O.W.

Pray that lessons learned each week become a practical and personal development for every member.

Stewardship

Pray that tithes and offering are increased.

Pray for faithful stewards.

Pray that members become better stewards of their household.

Pray that FBC operates in the black and pay off existing mortgage in less than seven years.

Community

Pray for FBC’s surrounding communities to grow together in developing a vibrant, healthy and wealthy environment.

Salvation

Pray for greater and practical evangelistic insights.

Pray that the members dedicate themselves to a personal prayer and devotional life.

Leadership

Pray for dedicated, faithful, and teachable leaders.

Pray that ministry leaders will increase and be empowered to lead – Holy Spirit breakout.

Pray that the Spirit of excellence rests on all.

Health

Pray that the members of FBC become healthier – miracles, signs and wonders.

Education

Pray for the execution of plans for an FBC education campus.

Pray for the Institute of Biblical Studies to be an accredited institution of higher Christian education.

Commitment

Pray that members remain committed to the work of the ministry.