



## Upcoming Events

### Pastor's Engagement

Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 PM, Pastor Benton will be the guest messenger for Pastor Grace Washington's Pastoral Anniversary Celebration, Love Life Christian Fellowship, The church is located at 3980 Panthersville Road, Ellenwood, Georgia.

Welcome  
New Members

Zarief Brand  
Corrine Hughes  
Mary Oliver  
Shakia Walker  
Lora Wilson



Contributing  
Communication  
Coordinators

Sister Robin Junious



### "Women Under Construction: Behold the Beauty"

**Construction Revival**  
Wednesday & Thursday  
October 14 & 15, 7:00 PM  
C.L. Nall Chapel

**Get Fit and Fight  
Breast Cancer Walk**  
Saturday, October 3, 9:00 AM  
FBC Campus

**Friday Night Live**  
Friday, October 16, 7:00 PM  
Micheal Benton Family Life Center

**The High Tea**  
Saturday, October 10, 1:00 PM  
Micheal Benton Family Life Center

**Women's Celebration**  
Sunday, October 18,  
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM  
The Son's House



#### ATTENTION FBC!

We need your help to make 2015 another successful **Hallelujah Carnival!** We are asking for **donations of individually wrapped candy!**

Please place in the candy bins located in each of the campus buildings (Son's House, FLC and Administrative Center)

**by Sunday, October 10.**

We thank you in advance for your donation. If you are interested in volunteering at the carnival, please go to the Carnival link on the church's website, [www.fairfieldbaptistchurch.org](http://www.fairfieldbaptistchurch.org). High school students can earn hours for volunteering and a letter will be provided to document your time.

Questions, please contact  
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### "A Servant

### Determined to Please God"

When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. - Proverbs 16:7  
A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps. - Proverbs 16:9



*Pastor Micheal Benton and  
First Lady Y'Vonne Benton*

God chose Fairfield Baptist Church as the place for Pastor Micheal Benton to serve and follow His path. Pastor Benton, along with First Lady Y'Vonne Benton, chose to honor Him and serve in His name.

For the past thirty-eight years, Pastor Benton has been the hands, the feet, the voice and the love of God expressed in many different ways. He always points us to God. He and First Lady counsel us through our life's challenges and fears. He consistently delivers sermons to uplift our souls. Pastor Benton never ceases to pray for us. The change of our heart and soul are important and meaningful for him. This is evident through the two bible study classes that take place on Wednesdays. His teaching of the Good News and sharing of his life experiences give us spiritual guidance and good advice. This is also expressed through Sunday School, where Pastor Benton has taught "The New and Old Testament Made Simple". Pastor Benton has a vested interest in training leaders, as he so often tells us "Sheep begat sheep". He wants all of us to know how to go out and tell a dying world, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

Our church has a rich history of pastoral longevity. Pastor Benton is serving this fifth watch as God's servant at Fairfield Baptist Church. As a young pastor, God gave him the advantage of strength and vitality. Continuing in his pastoral work having attained a full age, God has given him the advantage of experience and authority.

Thank you Pastor for your willingness to give of yourself and be used where God has placed you. You are a SERVANT DETERMINED TO PLEASE GOD!

### Thirty-Eighth Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

September 13-27, 2015

**Sunday, September 13**

**7:30 AM**

Guest Messenger: Pastor Keith Brooks  
All Nations Life and Praise, Stockbridge, GA

**10:45 AM**

Guest Messenger: Dr. Michael Woods  
O'Kelly Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Loganville, GA

**Sunday, September 20**

**7:30 AM**

Guest Messenger: Pastor Jasper Williams  
Salem Bible Church, Atlanta, GA

**10:45 AM**

Guest Messenger: Dr. William Flippin, Sr.  
Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA

**Sunday, September 27**

**7:30 AM**

Guest Messenger: Pastor Karl Moore  
Clarkston First Baptist Church, Clarkston, GA

**10:45 AM**

Guest Messenger: Pastor Christopher Shipp  
Bald Rock Baptist Church, Conyers, GA

**4:00 PM**

Guest Messenger: Pastor Jerry Black  
Beulah Baptist Church, Decatur, GA

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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Food & Clothing  
Ext. 112

**A Pastor's Heart**



As we celebrate our Pastor's 38<sup>th</sup> pastoral anniversary, I am reminded of a scripture found in Jeremiah 3:15 which states, "And I will give you Pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." This scripture makes us aware that through our Pastor, God gave us an earthly gift through which we can gain knowledge and understanding by the preaching of HIS Holy Word. The scripture specifically states that this gift was given to us by our Heavenly Father to be fed knowledge and understanding. As I pondered this scripture, I began to think about how we are spiritually fed with knowledge and understanding each week when we attend service. My question lies in

**Reverend Sharlene Stroud**

what we do with that knowledge and understanding once we leave the sanctuary. Do we tell others about the goodness of JESUS and testify about how good GOD has been to each of us? I believe that as we are being fed, it is our duty to go out and feed others. You may be saying, "But I am not a pastor." You still have a calling on your life to tell others about JESUS. There are many times when we receive gifts, whether for birthdays, anniversaries or holidays. When those gifts are received, it feels really good and we get excited. The ultimate gift comes from our Heavenly Father, so we must share it with others. You can give the gift of love, hope and salvation. We must do all that we can to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to receive JESUS. You maybe the vessel they are waiting on to receive their gift. As God has changed you, why not spread the gift? As we become educated on the word of God, we must share it. Each one, reach one, teach one!

*"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"*

- ROMANS 10:15

**Service**

In the month of September, we are elaborating on the word "service". Ironically, service and September coincide in a very spiritual way. Let us start out by defining the root of September. When you look up the definition of September, you will consistently see that "septem" in most dictionaries is a Latin word with the meaning of seven. The whole Word of God is founded upon the number seven. It stands for the seventh day of the Creation Week, and speaks of the Millennial Rest day. It denotes completeness or perfection. In Leviticus 23:15-16, the number seven and the Sabbath, which was the seventh day, is connected with the word complete. The word complete follows after the words "seven Sabbath" (Seventh day). The day following the seventh, there was something new that took place. The word finished is also connected with the number seven. In Revelation 10:7 we read, "In the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound the mystery of God should be finished." "It is done" is another expression found in connection with the number seven. "And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne saying, it is done." (Revelation 16:17).

Now many of you may wonder what does all of this have to do with the word "service"? Well the number seven, means completeness and perfection and the day of worship. The day of worship leads me to the thoughts of service. Church service is a formalized period of communal worship, often, but not exclusively occurring on Sunday. The church service is the gather-

**Reverend Herbert Brown**

ing together of Christians to be taught the 'Word of God' and be encouraged in their faith. Technically, the "church" in "church service" refers to the gathering of the faithful rather than to the building in which it takes place.

In September, we give honor to Pastor Micheal Benton for his humble and devoted thirty-eight years of obedient service to the Fairfield Baptist Church, devoting his all whole heartedly. In 1 Peter 4:10-11 the scripture reads, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever".

I thank God for blessing Pastor Micheal Benton with the spiritual gifts of leading, molding, and teaching our congregation about the Word of God. This is indeed an excellent "Service".



**Don't Despise the Day of Small Things**

**Deaconess Donna Langley**



The home building was at a standstill. I never knew why some of God's projects stall, too. Five centuries before Jesus was born, the Israelites returned from exile to find Jerusalem in ruins and their beloved temple destroyed. With great enthusiasm they set about rebuilding it. However, Zerubbabel, the governor, got a little farther than laying the foundation before opposition set in. Like the rest of us when failure looms, what little self-confidence we have ebbs away. We seal ourselves from more pain by denial. We meet further effort

with skepticism. We look at the ground rather than the sky, at the past rather than the future. Then one day, a man of God named Zechariah, began to speak words that pierced Zerubbabel to the heart and filled him with fresh hope. Often our efforts for God are attacked by the enemy. We can get so discouraged we do not even want to try again but God delights in taking the insignificant and making something out of it. Down through history we can see the pattern:

- Moses' rod that delivered a nation from Egypt (Exodus 4:19);
- The jawbone of an ass that in Samson's hand killed a thousand Philistines (Judges 15:1416); and
- Five smooth stones that felled the giant Goliath (1 Samuel 17).

What little thing, what dream, what false start, have you despised? Surrender them to the God who delights in taking human weakness and showing His strength. Take another look at your discarded dreams, this time through God's eyes: "Not by might, not by power, but my Spirit says the Lord Almighty" (Zechariah 4:6).

**Ministries' News**

**Singles Ministry**

The Singles Ministry's Authentic Relationship Class began Friday, July 10. The first chapter dealt with "Being a Real Friend". A very important scripture was shared from that chapter: "Love each one another" (John 13:34). We learned that we should (a) respect each other wishes, (b) make sacrifices for one another, (c) take time to listen and share, (d) encourage each other to use our talents and be fruitful, (e) not judge, accuse or criticize and (f) be there for our friends/love ones and to never say "I told you so" when they fall. Remember, if you want to be a friend, show yourself friendly. We also learned to always pray that God's plan for our friend's life will be fulfilled. Remember to join us each 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month in the Eli McKenzie Media Center at 7:00 PM. Come listen to Reverend Brenda Rush, our dynamic teacher, and fellowship with other singles. If you would like to join the Singles Ministry and help plan single fun activities and outreach, please contact one of the Trinitarians:

Terry Scott, [terryscott19@bellsouth.net](mailto:terryscott19@bellsouth.net); Robin Junious, [robinjunious@yahoo.com](mailto:robinjunious@yahoo.com); Tamika Foster, [tiamarie\\_18@yahoo.com](mailto:tiamarie_18@yahoo.com).

**Veterans Ministry**

The Veterans and Supporters' Ministry of Fairfield Baptist Church wants to thank our military personnel for their service to our country. If you are a veteran seeking housing assistance, please contact Ms. Monifa Johnson with Hope Atlanta at [mjohnson@hopeatlanta.org](mailto:mjohnson@hopeatlanta.org). We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center at 7:00 PM. Please join us and remember, "Freedom is not Free."

Trinitarians Lee Thompson, Michael Wright & Robin Junious

**Dinner & Movie**  
Join the Marriage Ministry of Fairfield  
for dinner and a movie!  
**The War Room**

With great jobs, a beautiful daughter and a dream house, the Jordan's seem to have it all. Appearances can be deceiving. Their lives take an unexpected turn for the

better when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara, who encourages the couple to find happiness through prayer.

**Saturday September 12, 4:00 PM**  
Please contact Carol Franklin at 770-987-9148 or [cfranklin@bellsouth.net](mailto:cfranklin@bellsouth.net)

to attend and receive additional information.  
Check out trailer at [www.warroomthemovie.com](http://www.warroomthemovie.com)

**Events**

**September 6**  
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM  
Communion Worship Service

**9:15 AM**  
**Sunday School**  
Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center  
**New Members' Class**  
Executive Conference Room  
**Baptism Class**  
2nd & 3rd Sunday  
Computer Lab

**Pastoral Anniversary Celebration**  
September 13 & 20  
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM

September 27  
7:30 AM, 10:45 AM & 4:00 PM

**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**  
**September 2**  
Tribe of Asher presents the Book of I Thessalonians

**September 9 & 16**  
The Tribe of Naphtali presents the Book of II Thessalonians  
C.L. Nall Chapel

**September 23 & 30**  
The Tribe of Judah presents the Book of I Timothy

**Youth**  
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center