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

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Empowerment Session Wednesday, September 12, 7:00 PM Eli McKenzie Media Center

Congratulations!

California Third District

welcomes Senator Jalia Carlton-Carew University of California @ Santa Barbara

It all started here at Fairfield with our Toastmasters Program. As you can see, it does not take long to use your voice and help make a difference in this world. Jalia is fighting for affordable tuition so you can all get onboard.

Nyla Baxter

National Beta Club Leadership Award

Nyla attended the National Junior Beta Leadership Camp in Greeneville, Tennessee this Summer. Out of 160 campers, the National officials chose twelve campers that showed the most leadership skills, character, and stayed true to the Beta motto, "Let Us Lead By Serving Others". Nyla was among the twelve students that received the Leadership Award.

Health Tip

Nurses Guild Be Cautious Taking Scheduled Prescription Medication

There is a man who takes a cardiac medication every night. He was going to a function the following night, so he decided to take the next dose of medication early the next morning. Well, he ended up in the emergency room because of symptoms caused from taking the medication too close together. Please note that this was a drastic change in his medication schedule. Any changes in your medication or the schedule should be discussed with your doctor or pharmacist if the doctor cannot be reached.

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INSPIRATION

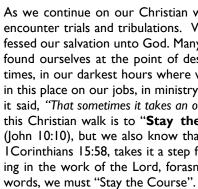
Inspiration is the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially something creative. Scripture tells us that the Bible was written by men inspired by God. Jesus is the divine influence on people, and the Holy Spirit qualifies him or her to receive and communicate sacred revelation (1 Corinthians 2:10-11). Scripture also teaches us that God uses people, places, and things to inspire us. Inspiration can be used to do good and bad things. For instance, the great black hunter Nimrod was an egotistical man in ancient times. He was the son of Cush, the grandson of Ham, and the great-grandson of Noah, but he set his face against God. He stood in opposition against the Lord and sought to win the souls of men. Nimrod's objective was to build a kingdom for himself and to rule over all the people of the earth. His kingdom efforts inspired thousands of men to join him in building the Tower of Babel, and though they came very close

to completing their objective, God said no.

For many decades, people of color, have been persecuted for unjust reasons, but despite these injustices, God has always raised up an incredible fighter from among us. God did it with Jack Johnson, Joe Louis, Mohammed Ali, and Martin Luther King, Jr. However, the greatest fighter the world has ever known is Jesus Christ, who was victorious over death after being crucified on Calvary for the sins of the world.

Now let us look at "places" and "things." Millions of people are inspired after visiting the Holy Land, the Pyramids, the Grand Canyon, the Great Wall of China, the Taj Mahal, the Amazon Rain Forest, Acropolis Greece, and the Valley of the Kings. When I think about some of these things God created that inspires us, I remember the different genres of music and the musicians He has assigned to play the instruments, the vast appreciation of arts and crafts, water paintings, and sculptures. We have millions of books that have been written and later turned into movies of all types. The Bible is the greatest and best selling book of all times, for it reveals the life of Christ and provides our greatest source of inspiration. So, let us spread the Gospel whenever the opportunity avails itself and everyone can experience this great inspiration. Be inspired today!

STAYING THE COURSE



So you may be asking how do we "Stay the Course"? Hebrews 12:1-2 states that, "...we should run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith". To stay the course, you must lean, depend and trust in our Lord and Savior. When one leans, depends and trust in God, they tend to lose focus of their issues. When we focus on our issues, they tend to be magnified in our eyes, but when we place them in God's hands, they are minuscule. If we already know and believe that we are victorious, then many times, God is just trying to see if we will allow Him to fight our battles. It may take time for you to see the victory, but I dare you to be patient and wait on God and praise Him in advance.



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by Reverend Anthony Freeman



Sunday, September 16, is National Back to Church Sunday. Churches across America are uniting to bring people back to church, invite someone to church.



by Reverend Sharlene Stroud

As we continue on our Christian walk, there will be times in which we come to a point where we will encounter trials and tribulations. We can all attest that we have been through many trials since we confessed our salvation unto God. Many times there were points within those trials and tribulations where we found ourselves at the point of despair and felt like giving up and throwing in the towel. It is in those times, in our darkest hours where we will be able to find our way. How many of us have found ourselves in this place on our jobs, in ministry, within our homes, financially or even with our children? I have heard it said, "That sometimes it takes an overwhelming breakdown to have an undeniable breakthrough". The key to this Christian walk is to "Stay the Course". We all know the enemy's job is to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10), but we also know that God has given us the victory over the enemy (ICorinthians 15:57). ICorinthians 15:58, takes it a step further and says that we must be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. In other



Having a Joyful Attitude **Deaconess Bennie Steed**



We cannot always and joy comes from the assurance that God is expect everything with us and He will deliver us from present diffito work out the culties. In 2 Corinthians 6:10 (NKIV) Paul writes, way we may have "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet planned, nor can making many rich; as having nothing, and yet poswe escape trials, sessing all things". Look at all of Paul's trials and hardships, and dis- sufferings he endured. Paul is an excellent examappointments in ple of how to remain joyous, faithful and content life. However, in even through pain and stressful situations. We the midst of all of can always make it a priority to live a life of our trials, we can thanksgiving and praise, putting our complete learn to rejoice in trust and confidence in God's love for us, and His those circumstanc- joy will fill our hearts.

es. How is that As believers in Christ, we are commanded to lesus rejoice always in the Lord. Unlike happiness, our warned His disci- joy is not temporary; but it is a result of what

have a "loyful Attitude".

possible?

The joy the Bible speaks about is rooted in our relationship with God, not in our circumstances,

ples, "In the world, you will have tribulation; but happens within us and the inner strength that be of good cheer". (John 16:33b) Whenever we comes from our fellowship with God by putting face difficult times in our life, we should always Him first in our thoughts and actions. Regardless evaluate them in the light of what God is doing of how things may look, we can decide to be of for us and what His word reveals to us. Through good cheer and watch our lives change for the those times, there is an intimate relationship with better. Our real joy comes when we are focused God that seems to grow. Yes, we can be in on walking with the Lord and being obedient to stressful or uncomfortable situations, and yet still His will; then we can have a joyful attitude in spite of the many challenges we may face.

JoAnn Williams -West

Prayer Works, Try it!

Our Healing & Convalescing

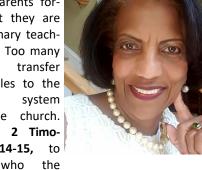


"Beloved. I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." - 3 John 1:2

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Good Kids in a Bad World

If you watch the news or television shows, you do offers comes at a not need me to tell you that times are rapidly great cost. Too changing. We have long since forgotten the many parents forwholesome picture of family life depicted on get that they are "Leave It To Beaver" with Ward and June Cleaver, the primary teach-Wally and, of course, "the Beav"! That kind of ers! fame has faded from the scene. We live in the parents days of school-based health clinics, AIDS, free their roles to the condoms, police in the schools, and talk of arming school teachers and others. Goodbye "Waltons" and and the hello "Teen Moms", "All My Babies' Mamas", Read "Honey Boo-Boo" and more! Our children are thy 3:14-15, to enrolled in the school of life, as was young Timo- learn who the thy. We do not, however, have to let the world teachers were for young Timothy. provide the examples for our children. The scrip- Parents, remember that "required reading" in ture gives the rules for those who want to have your homes must be the Bible! 2 Timothy 3:16good kids in a bad world. For starters, parents 17, gives at least five values that can make a have to lay the foundation knowing that the ulti- difference in having a good kid in a bad world: mate test is the world! **2 Timothy 3:12-13**, is reproof, correction, adequate for all needs, worth studying! In short, "Imposters" are numer- equips for life ministry, and, training in godly be-



ous and available at any given moment to distrib- havior. Paul's words to parents are timeless! Do ute 'persecution' to our children. What the world not take my word, read them with your child(ren)







W.In.G.S. Ministry Upcoming Events "Moving by Faith While Walking in Grace"

Flight School (Ages 7-18) September 22, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM Micheal Benton Family Life Center

Women's Bible Study October 3, 10, 17, 24, 7:00 PM C.L. Nall Chapel

Cancer Walk October 13, 8:00 AM

Please join the **Marriage Ministry** for A Meal, Music and A Movie Saturday, September 15, 5:00 PM Micheal Benton Family Life Center

Only \$40 per couple to enjoy a romantic date night as we Reignite the Marriage Ministry, **Reconnect** with other couples, and **Recommit** to continuously reviving, restoring, and rekindling our marriages! You will enjoy a full course meal while listening to great music, then finishing the night with a movie! To purchase your tickets, see Ager or Valerie Cheely at the kiosk (or contact them by phone, 770-656-8483 or email valeriecheely@yahoo.com)

Fairfield Kingdom

Voices Fairfield Kingdom Voices Toastmasters welcome you to enhance your speaking and leadership skills. Every Ist and 3rd Monday 7:00 PM Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center, Room 219

Veterans & **Supporters Ministry** Annual Benefits/PTSD Seminar November 3, 2018 9:00 AM -1:00 PM Micheal Benton Family Life Center

2018 Veteran's Day Ceremor Veteran's Day, November 11 7:30 AM & 10:45 AM We are updating our Veterar and Supporters' list the 2nd Sunday in September and Oct ber after service at the kiosks

We will also update our activ duty and reserve troop roste If you have a valid address of troop, please let the ministry know as soon as possible. W like to send cards and letters

our deployed troops. Meeting Schedule 2nd Thursday of Each Month Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center 7:00 PM

Thank you...

Overseer Micheal and Dr. Wonne Benton

for your love, dedication and commitment to the

Fairfield Family

for Forty-One Years

May God's richest blessings continue to flow down upon you.

Ministries' News

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 & 10:45 AM Unity Colors: Shades of blue, burgundy and white or ivory Women's Day Mass Choir Rehearsal Dates: October 4, 8, 18, 7:00 PM; October 20, 9:00 AM

Movie & End of the Year Wrap-Up December 15. Time TBA



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Michael Wright (404) 729-8340	Day TBA
Patricia Thomas	New Testament Survey
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Lee Thompson <u>(678) 386-9638</u>	Thursday, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
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	Growing Towards Spiritual
	Maturity
Institute of Biblical	(Full Semester Class)
Studies	Monday, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Fall Semester	(Rev. Cheryl Roulhac)
run semester	It's Not Too Late
Begins September 10	(Six Week Bible Study Session)
Registration Now Open	Thursday, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
	(Rev. Gina Garlington)

