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Upcoming Events



**Happy Birthday
Pastor Benton
December 8**

**FBC Recreation Ministry
Basketball & Cheerleader
Registration
2015-2016 Season**
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center



Volunteers are needed to coach boys and girls to make this season a success.
Please call 770-482-7660, ext. 203

Join us for our Opening Season Pep Rally
Friday, January 8, 7:00 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center
Participate in our Spirit Banner Competition
Ministries support and show your team spirit by creating a banner to be placed in the family life center.
Games Begin January 9

4th Quarter Conference
Friday, December 18, 2015, 7:00 PM
The Son's House
All members are encouraged to attend.

Watch Night 2016

Thursday, December 31, 2015, 9:30 PM
The Son's House

Join us for a night of praise, worship and thanks.

The Watch Night Committee extends a special invitation to all of our 2015 NEW Members to attend the Watch Night Service for a special recognition.

Black History Moment

Tribe of Issachar

When John Mercer Langston passed the bar in 1854, he was the first black man to become a lawyer in Ohio. He was elected to the post of Town Clerk for Brownhelm, Ohio in 1855. Langston became one of the first African Americans ever elected to public office in America. John Mercer Langston was also the great-uncle of Langston Hughes, famed poet of the Harlem Renaissance.

Health Tip

Nurses Guild

What is a Stroke? A stroke can occur when a blood vessel in the brain bursts or becomes clogged. The area effected stops getting an adequate blood supply. The purpose of this communication is to raise awareness regarding the warning signs of a stroke. It is important to be aware of the warning signs because if the problem is addressed in a timely manner, there is a greater chance of a positive outcome. A lady received medical attention in a very timely manner and had a complete recovery because her daughter-in law (talking to her on the telephone) noticed her speech was slurred. Do not ignore the warning signs no matter how slight.

Stroke Warning Signs

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; and sudden severe headaches.

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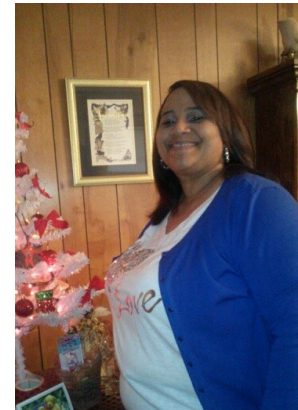
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Minister Alecia Shipp

Tis the Season



With the anticipation of the Christmas season upon us, we look forward to all the celebrations to come with great excitement. While busying with the hustle and bustle of running errands, planning dinner

parties, and family fun, let us not forget to include the One that this season is really all about. During the holidays, I would like to encourage each of you to take a moment to meditate on what this season really means to you and who it is really all about. It certainly is not about the toys that will come on Christmas morning or that diamond ring that he got from "Jared". It is not even about that much needed vacation to "Never Neverland" that we have been longing to take all year. This season is about Jesus!

This season is the time we set aside to celebrate our Savior's immaculate birth. According to Luke 2:7, Mary brought forth her first born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.

We find the miracle birth being prophesied in Isaiah 7:14. Yes, **this is the season that we celebrate our Savior, born into sin but knowing no sin, to save us from sin.** (2 Corinthians 5: 21) This is the season that we rejoice because we know that our King has come! We celebrate during this time by showing our fellowman the love of Christ, which is the love of Christmas. This is the season to give a little more of ourselves, share more of what God has blessed us to have and to hold our loved ones near. So yes, this season is a very special time and as we come together and celebrate with loved ones and friends, please remember that **"Tis the Season"** to celebrate Christ!

The Gift

Reverend James M. Roulhac

Each month of the calendar year brings about a celebration of some sort.

January, New Year's Day
February, Valentine's Day
March, St. Patrick's Day
April, Easter/Resurrection Day
May, Mother's Day and Memorial Day
June, Father's Day
July, Independence Day
August, Back to School (parents love it)
September, Labor Day
October, Cancer Awareness
November, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving
December, Christmas

Each day is a special celebration. Christmas is the most celebrated time of the year because it is the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A gift is something given or voluntarily-transferred by one person to another without compensation. It is the act and power of giving. In Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that no one had the ability to

interpret but Daniel. The capability of his talent enabled him to receive gifts and favor from the king.

When we were children in grade school, at Christmas time we pulled names out of a paper bag. The person who name you pulled would receive a gift from you. We often hoped that certain people pulled our names and thought about the gift that we would receive from them.

When it comes to Salvation, God did not pick and choose upon whom to bestow His gifts of favor/grace, the blessing of Jesus Christ as a ransom for our sins, and the gift of eternal life. Each of us can receive them.

Romans 6:23 declares, "That the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life."

As we celebrate this season, let us bless and show favor to one another in a spirit of giving. Let us not lose focus on the *real* reason for this season. Gifts and presents are okay, but the most important gift you can ever receive is Eternal Life.



The question should be asked, "Are you celebrating this season in the natural or spiritual?" It is okay to celebrate in the natural but we must also celebrate in the spiritual realm. A celebration without Christ means a celebration without life. Remember that He is the reason for this season, so receive your gift of eternal life with Jesus the Christ.

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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Alice Cunningham
Ext. 109

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

Hold Fast to Your Dreams

Deacon Carl Langley

"For if dreams die, life is like a broken-winged bird that cannot fly." The beauty of a dream is one of the greatest gifts ever given to man. Dreams rest in the place of our heart where we can envision the incredible and imagine the impossible. By dreaming, we can create something out of nothing and in pursuing our dreams, our hopes can become a reality.

"Let your dream devour your life, not your life devour your dream." Today, it is so easy to get distracted by the everyday currents of life and lose focus of our dreams. We often get so busy trying to stay afloat that we can lose sight of our original destination and get carried away by life's resolute waves. Yet, hope still remains.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." For if you dream, you will find hope, encouragement and goals for your life. My dreams keep me grounded to what God would want from me. The book of Joel (2:28) reads, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions."

As we enter a new year, I want to encourage you to reignite the fire in your heart that was once lit.

And if it is already on fire, add more fuel to the flame. *"When you dare to dream, dare to follow that dream; dare to suffer through the pain, sacrifice, self-doubt and friction from the world; you will genuinely impress yourself."* In pursuing your dreams, you will face temptation, regret, trials and adversity but with the prize comes honor, mercy, peace and joy – the blessings of a virtuous dream. Be patient with your dream, but pursue it steadfastly.

Let this coming year be a year of progress. No matter how frustrated or weary you are, please do not give up. Realign your strategy and move with focus and vigor. My prayer is that God will be your guide. May God bless and protect you.

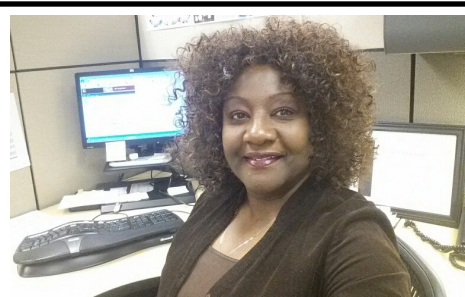


Silent Night, Holy Night

JoAnn Williams-West

If you are like me, you wonder about the origins of the songs that we have all come to know and love. One song in particular that is a favorite for most is "Silent Night, Holy Night." After a little research on the song, I learned a few interesting things: in their village high in the Austrian Alps, a Catholic priest and his organist often talked about the hymns their church sang. They agreed that the perfect Christmas hymn had not yet been written. Then, just before Christmas in 1818, the church organ broke down. Suddenly, they needed a new hymn that could be easily sung by the congregation, even without a booming organ to lead the way.

Joseph Mohr, the priest, took up the challenge and quickly wrote the words for 'Silent Night'. He handed them to Franz Griebner, the organist, who said, "You have found it -- the right song -- God be praised!" Then, Griebner wrote a tune that could be effective with guitar accompaniment. The hymn might have remained an obscure Alpine folk song if it were not for the organ repairman. A few days after Christmas, he got a copy of the song and began sharing it with others. Soon touring groups began to sing it in concerts, spreading its popularity even further. Today, it is one of the most beloved of all Christmas songs. Now, you know!



**Congratulations
Mary Nesbitt
2015 Inductee
UPS Hall of Fame**



Thank You!

Pastor Micheal Benton and the Deacon and Deaconess Ministries wish to thank the Fairfield family for giving to our 4th annual Community Thanksgiving Fellowship. Your love and generosity made it a blessed event to those in attendance.

Ministries' News

Veterans Ministry

This Veteran's Day, the Veterans and Supporters' Ministry and the Fairfield family honored our Veterans with a flag and wreath laying ceremony. This holiday season, we can say thank you to our active duty personnel by sending cards, letters or care packages, especially to those that cannot be at home with their family and friends. If you know an active duty member of our military, please send him or her a heartfelt 'thank you' to let them know how much they are appreciated. Our ministry is planning and preparing for 2016. Please join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Zack Brown Educational and Administrative Center at 7:00 PM beginning January 2016. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. Remember, 'Freedom is not Free'.

Trinitarians

Lee Thompson (678-386-9638); Robin Junious (470-441-9101); Michael Wright (678-476-1106)

Reaching Beyond the Walls of the Church

Ushers Ministry #2 participated in its second community outreach activity on Saturday, November 7, 2015. The ministry decided to forego their monthly meeting to volunteer at Open Hand Atlanta. Open Hand Atlanta is an awesome non-profit organization. It prepares 5,000 plus fresh nutritionally based meals daily. They deliver packed meals to homebound seniors and individuals who are challenged by chronic conditions and diseases. The majority of the clients they serve are too ill or have limited ability to prepare meals for themselves.

Much of Open Hand's success is due to their registered dieticians, amazing chefs and people volunteering their time to help get those 5,000 meals out each day to the people who need and depend on them. Open Hand has been operating for twenty-five years and has delivered 25,000,000 meals!

The ushers ministry, along with others who volunteered, assisted in the production of 1,996 packed meals including 719 gourmet meals, 1,303 pieces of Lemon Ricotta Cake, and 240 chocolate cookies! This experience positively impacted the ministry allowing them to leave Open Hand Atlanta with warm feelings and the knowledge that they helped people who are less fortunate than they are. Not only are we doorkeepers in the Son's House, but also, we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.



Congratulations
Noon Day Bible Study Luncheon Team
20 Years serving food and providing a time of fellowship
Sister Ora Hayden, Coordinator



Special thanks to
Sister Bettie Shipley
20 Years of Service to the
Noon Day Bible Study Luncheon Team

Events

**December 6
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

**December 8
Happy Birthday
Pastor Micheal Benton**

**December 18
Church Conference**
The Son's House
7:00 PM

**December 20
Sunday School Christmas
Program**
Micheal Benton Family Life Center
9:15 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
7:00 PM
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December 9 & 16
The Tribe of Reuben
Presents the Book of Philemon

Bible Study Resumes January
Tribe of Simeon
Presents the Book of Hebrews

Youth
Zack Brown Administrative &
Educational Center