DAY	DATE	TIME	JULY EVENTS	
W-F	9-11	7 PM	Vacation Bible School	
Wed	9	7 PM	Men's Conference	
Wed	9	7 PM	Wing's Activity	
Wed	16	7 PM	Men's Conference	
Fri	18	7 PM	Pastor to preach @	
			James Paschal – Male	
			Chorus and Male Usher	
			Board on duty	
Sat	19	11:30	Wing's Jr. Tea	
Sun	20	3 PM	Pastor to preach @	
			Ambassadors for Christ	
			New Vision Choir, Praise	
			Team and Usher Bd #1	
			on duty.	
Wed	23	7 PM	Men's Conference	
Sat	26	8:30AN	DAMPastor's Under shepherd's	
			Breakfast	
Sat	26	TBD	Men's Cook-off	
Sun	27		Men's Day	
Sun	27	3 PM	Pastor to preach @	
			Rainbow BC, Dec. GA	
			Gospel Choir & Micheal	
			Benton Usher Bd on duty	
Wed	30	7 PM	Men's Conference	
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MAKE A NOTE:

July 7 PM Bible Study has been canceled. Class resumes Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

Sunday, August 3 is Homecoming. Service times: 10 AM and 3 PM. 3 PM guests: Rocky Creek MBC, Simpsonville SC Pastor Adrian Mcilwain.

General Primary, Nonpartisan and Special Runoff Election - July 22, 2014

> Early Voting Memorial Drive Location Only June 30 – July 18

Fairfield welcomes the Jackson/Jones Family, relatives of Rosie and John Bankhead, to today's 10:45 service.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS - TO THE FAIRFIELD FAMILY MAY

Feleacia Birton, Pacue Fonseca, Annie Gribble, James Gribble, Naimah Haynes, Tammi King, Rachelle Richardson, D'mva G. Taylor

> JUNE Reginald Ford Cora A. Jones Lisa Lee. Vincent Ligon Shelia Wilson

Youth ages 3- 17 are invited to make the Jesus Connection in **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Wednesday - Friday, July 9 - 11, 2014. 6:00 – 8:30 PM Dinner will be served for youth only.

Women's Mass Choir Rehearsal Tuesday July 22 7 PM Saturday July 26 11 AM The Women's Mass Choir will sing Sunday, August 31st at 10:45 AM



If you love to sing and you are not a member of a choir, the FBC Music Ministry invites you to attend a special music meeting and choir rehearsal (iust for you) Tuesday, July 8th at 7 PM.

Young ladies ages 6yrs. - 17yrs. are cordially invited to a Royal TEA Party Saturday, July 19th 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM – FLC \$5.00 Donation. Formal attire encouraged

Ladies of Fairfield- celebrate your talents and cooking skills. Prepare your best dishes and bring them to our August Wings luncheon on Saturday 8/16/14 at 11 AM. The deadline to sign up for the event is Sunday July 20, 2014. THAT'S NOT ALL, along with your fabulous dish; we are asking that you bring the recipe or any other recipes you wish to share. The recipes will be compiled into a Fairfield Baptist Church cookbook. PASS THE WORD. Please sign up, bring your wonderful dishes and recipes (Remember to sign the recipe), and help us make the Fairfield Baptist Church Cookbook a success.

A HIGH TEA

Saturday, October 4, 2014 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Ladies register now to become a hostess to uniquely showcase your talents by decorating your own table with your elegant tea place setting and centerpiece. FBC WiNGS members, ministry or auxiliary can sign-up to become a HOSTESS. Stop by the kiosk after each service for detailed information and a Registration Form. Forms can also be found on the website and in the church office. Deadline for hostess registration is July 13, 2014 for the tea that kicks off Women's Month in October.

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The National Baptist Congress ATLANTA 2015!

June 21st-June 26th

National Baptist Congress Hotel Headquarters

The Marriott Marguis Hotel

Rev. Dr. William E. Flippin, Sr., Chairman and Co-Host Pastor

Rev. Micheal Benton, Treasurer and Co-Host Pastor

Rev. Dr. R.L. White, Honorary Co- Chairman

Rev. Clinton McFarland, Honorary Co-Chairman

Rev. Dr. Jasper Williams, Jr., Chairman of Late Night Services

Bro. Kenneth Lowe, Music Director

Save the Date

The 37th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

Pastor Micheal Benton The Son's House More details to follow.



Deaconess Margaret Parrish The Love of God

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God demonstrated His love for us in the highest form when he sent His only Son into the world that we might live through him - that's real love, agape love.

Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. Since God so loved us, we also, ought to love one another (1 John 4:11) because God commands it.

When we examine God's love, we see qualities that will improve our relationships with our brothers and sisters, if we imitated them. First, God's love is patient and kind. It is forgiving, it never fails and – it is for everyone. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)



Worshippers at last Sunday's 7:30 service were pleasantly surprised by an impromptu visit and performance by Doug Williams of The Williams Brothers.

INSIDE STORIES

Pastor Micheal Benton

Manhood in Christ

The FBC Newsletter is published the first Sunday of each month. Articles MUST be submitted by the 15th of each month for inclusion. Submission should be emailed to saking@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org.

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SERVICE TIMES

Mondays Intercessory Prayer 7:00PM Ext. 125 Sanctuary

Wednesdays
Bible Study
12 Noon
C.L. Nall Chapel
7:00 PM
The Son's House

Sundays Worship Services 7:30AM & 10:45AM The Son's House

Sunday School
9:15AM
Zack Brown
Administrative Center
Ext. 111

KK Youth Church Last Sunday/Each Month 10:45AM C.L. Nall Chapel Ext 117

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Living the Word

Pastor Micheal Benton

Manhood In Christ



This month the men of Fairfield will be celebrating "Manhood In Christ". We will focus on what it means to be a man in Christ and how that relationship can be enhanced, improved or even developed. Man was created from the mind of God, and the scriptures are filled with Biblical definitions and instructions of God's idea of manhood.

To understand manhood in Christ, consider this example: In Acts 13, as Paul was speaking to the men of Israel, he speaks about David and God's affinity towards him. Acts 13:22 declares: "And when he had removed him, [Saul] he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart,

which shall fulfill all my will." Let us consider the meaning in this verse as it relates to manhood. The first lesson tells us that God "removed" and then He "raised up". To become a man in Christ, some things in your life will have to be removed. I Peter 2:I describes such things as malice, guile, hypocrisies, envies and evil speaking. Hebrews 12:8 calls those things weights and sin that besets us and Paul describes other such things as works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21. Seek to remove those things. Secondly, other things must be "raised up". This is to suggest that those things already live in us, but must be resurrected. Among such things to be raised up are the fruit of the spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Galatians 5:22), and righteousness (Ephesians 5:9).

The next thing that Paul declares is that God gave David testimony. We all know David was a terrible sinner, having committed murder and adultery. Just like us today, David sinned on a regular basis. However, David was truly repentant. He understood the forgiveness and grace of God. This gave him his testimony as beautifully outlined in Psalm 23. In the book of Psalms, he opened up his life for examination, displaying both success and failure.

Although far from perfect, David's heart was pointed towards God. David had absolute faith in God (I Samuel 17); he loved God's perfect Word (Psalm 119:47-48 among others), and meditated on His statues. David was very thankful to God (Psalm 26:6-7); and he was repentant (Psalm 51:1-2)

Finally, David aspired to fulfill God's will. David demonstrated his faith on a daily basis. His faith was tested many times throughout his life and he always passed the tests. He meditated on the Word of God and sought to follow Him. David's life was one of gratitude; he thanked God every day no matter the circumstances. David recognized that the only good in him was the God in him. (Psalm 16:2). Great Godly leaders are willing to step aside from their own need for ego building and self-confidence and humble themselves before an almighty God. This is the ultimate expression of **Manhood in Christ**.

JULY IS MEN'S MONTH

Fairfield men are invited to participate in the many activities.

See the list below for the schedule.

 $\label{eq:July 9-Man-hood-Growth and Development} July 9-Man-hood-Growth and Development$

July 16 – Man-date/Man-ish – Relationships

July 23 – Man-hole/Man-u-facture (Financial Planning/Entrepreneur

July 26 - Men's Breakfast - 9 AM

July 27 - Men's Day (Attire – Navy Suits, White Shirts - Gold Accessories)

July 30 – Man-tell – Roundtable Discussion

Male Choir Rehearsal – July 17, 21, 24, 7 PM - July 26 I PM

The Male Mass Choir will sing Men's Day as well as the 5th Sunday, August 31st 7:30 AM service.

Special Events Time: TBD
July 26: Cook-Off (man-i-fest)
Fit-to-be-tied Luncheon (Man-ner-ism

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The Diques Community

Brother Yohance Benton



During the summer of 2013, Yohance Benton, along with II others, traveled with Drawchange, Inc., an organization that contributes to the education of the world's poorest and most vulnerable children, to Cartago, Costa Rica to work with the people of the Diques community.

Cartago is located in central Costa Rica approximately 16 miles east of San Jose. The people are decedents of Nicaragua and have limited resources and support from the Costa Rican government.

While on the trip, Drawchange introduced the children to games and activities to help relieve their minds from the present



economic and social problems that are prevalent in the community. Additionally, they painted the community center as well as distributed goods to the families. While in the community, Yohance and crew were able to directly see the conditions of the community and the great need for assistance. Despite their situation, the families were still filled with love and were excited that Drawchange was there.



The school that the students attend, Fatima School, goes only to the 6th grade and students are not mandated or governed to attend; it's all free will. Education beyond the sixth grade is not free however; therefore, those who complete the 6th grade usually end their educational careers.

While visiting the school, Yohance met and bonded with a student by the name of Michael Orozco (left photo). Michael, an 11 year old 4th grade student, suffers from a disease that is



causing him to slowly lose his sight. It is predicted that unless he receives the much needed medication attention; he will be totally blind by the age of 19. Last year, Yohance sought to help him by providing him and his family with the resources needed for him to obtain glasses and assist with doctor visits. Yohance's goal is to continue to help Michael and his family in order for him to receive the corrective operations that will prevent blindness and other complications with his sight.



In August, Yohance will travel back to this community through the Drawchange Inc. where they will continue to spread love and seek to bring about change and a source of hope to this community. If you would like more information, or to donate to this organization, please contact Yohance Benton or visit www.drawchange.org

From the Nurses Guild Sandra Crocker

WHAT IS A STROKE?

A stroke can occur when a blood vessel in the brain bursts or gets clogged. The area stops getting an adequate blood supply. It is important to be aware of the warning signs. If the problem is addressed in a timely manner, there is a better chance of a positive outcome.

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 (seeing)
- * Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- * Sudden severe headache

In Loving Memory

Deacon Edward Scudder 09/16/1911 – 06/16/2014

