



Welcome New Members

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Mark your Calendar!

Kingdom Kreation presents Game Night

Saturday, November 8, 4:00-7:00 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center
Games include: basketball, volleyball, video games, card and board games
Snacks will be served.
Contact
kingdomkreation@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org
for more information

Selma is coming!

Save the Date
Sunday, January 4, 2015, 5:00 PM
AMC's Northlake Theater

Red Carpet Event and Private Viewing for
Selma movie extras, their families,
church members and friends only.

"HOW CAN THE PEOPLE HEAR; EXCEPT WE SPEAK!" Attention Leaders & Laymen

The Fairfield Kingdom Voices' goal is to **Reach One and Teach One through Motivational Sharing**. We are cordially inviting each of you to join us every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month as Fairfield Kingdom Voices Toastmasters Club provides a platform for "practice" as we strive to "Perfect Perfection". Our ultimate goal is to assist our members with proficient communication skills both personally and professionally.

Please contact Sister Jacqueline Pugh for more information regarding membership.

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President Annette Ford, DTM VP Education, Odell Anderson VP Membership, Jacqueline Pugh
Meetings Held

1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 PM, Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center

Decreasing The Spread Of Germs

Nurses Guild

There is a great deal of communication regarding several health conditions and how its being spread from person to person. We are exposed to germs everyday. Perhaps we thought very little of this subject prior to recent events, however, it is a subject that is on everyone's mind currently. Let us become more aware of some of the things we might do which help spread and increase our risk of contracting germs:

Coughing in your bare hand

Coughing without covering your mouth

Eating unwashed fruit as you stroll in the grocery store (other hands also touch the fruit)

Not washing your hands after you use the bathroom

The best way to decrease the spread of germs is frequent hand washing.

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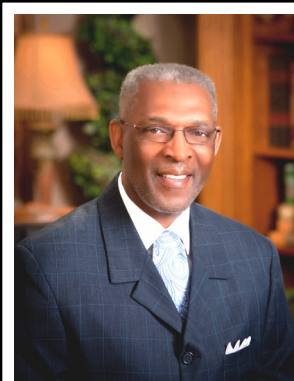
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Living the Word

Pastor Micheal Benton

Praise and Thanksgiving



As Christians we recognize Thanksgiving Day as a day set aside to express our gratitude to God for the blessings He has given to us as a nation. An appropriate and often quoted scripture at this

time is Psalm 100, also referred to as a Psalm of praise.

There are many lessons to be learned from this short Psalm, its author unknown. The first lesson teaches how believers should approach God: Verses 1 and 2 advise that we should prepare for worship with our audible praise, joyful service and enthusiastic singing. (Make a joyful noise and serve) Verses 3 and 4 inform us that we should have a purpose for worship, acknowledging the

sovereign and omnipotent power of God and what our posture, position and relationship to Him should be. (Know, enter and bless) Verse 5 relates to the power of worship, establishing the unending mercy and truth of an almighty God. (The Lord is good)

A more popular exegesis of this scripture, particularly during this season, is the commandment to be thankful and express great passion and gratitude to the God of our salvation. In this interpretation, praise is manifested as thanksgiving and a public articulation of divine goodness. To this end, there are seven commandments of thanksgiving found in this scripture: 1) *Shout or give thanks without restraint or reservations*. We open our Sunday services with songs and praise as we thank Him for another day. 2) *Serve with gladness*. Sincere thankfulness is demonstrated through our deeds and actions as well as our attitude towards service. 3) *Come before His presence*. Present yourself to the Lord as an empty vessel, and be thankful that He is willing to fill you with His presence, goodness and grace. 4) *Know that the Lord is*

God. Thanksgiving is for those who know God because they know that they have His providential and life giving care. We acknowledge that God is in control. 5) *Enter his gates or his presence with praise*. In this instance, "gates" can be symbolic of the church. This is the right approach to God as we experience His blessings and protection. 6) *Give thanks and be thankful*. This commandment is not merely to express thanks in words only. This means to give God the best of whatever you have to offer in service and in deeds. 7) *Praise*. The highest expression of thankfulness is praise and the highest action of thankfulness is worship. When we praise God, we bless Him. Psalm 103 penned by David gives a picture on how we should praise God and a reason for thankfulness. As we give personal and corporate thanks to God, we are expressing that we are well pleased with Him and that we glorify, exalt and praise Him with devout affections and grateful hearts. This we demonstrate through our worship to Him and service to His people.

I'm Just Saying

First Lady Y'Vonne Benton



Life Happens

Life is not always pretty. Life can be hard, filled with disappointments, heartaches, headaches, pain and suffering. Fret not, this is life by design.

The design of life is a fusion of divergent and dissimilar experiences, good and bad. You have not been singled out for hurt, it is a fate that awaits and befalls all of us. The hymn

writer puts it this way: "must I be carried to the sky on flowered beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize and sail the bloody seas?" Similarly, you are privileged for prosperity and fulfillment. Good things do come your way. Happy times permeate your existence. It is all a matter of perspective. How you view and treat the life given you is personal.

Live life on purpose. Live a focused and determined life. Make someone happy. Share the wealth of your experiences and the treasure of your good fortune with others. Encouraging others has a boomerang effect - it will encourage you. Turn trials into

triumphs, adversities into advantages and burdens into blessings. Everything that looks bad is not necessarily bad. Trials do come to make us strong, and without rain, things do not grow. When troubles come, resolve to be better and not bitter. Live a thankful and grateful life. Make daily affirmations of appreciation and determination - thankful that you are still here and for what you have, and determined to make life better for you and your surroundings. Every experience you have had was necessary to get you to the place you are now. Life is good because you declare it to be so. Have a happy life!

**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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Food & Clothing
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Honoring our Veterans

World War I – known at the time as "The Great War" - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars". In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11, as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. An Act approved May 13, 1938, made the

11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans". With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11th

became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. We owe our freedom to the sacrifice made by our nation's veterans. People serving in the armed forces, now and in the past, all deserve tribute and respect. The men and women who serve in the U.S. military are beyond brave. Today, we pause to thank and honor the members of our congregation and community that have served our country with humility and bravery. Your service is not in vain. *The Fairfield Veterans Ministry is available for all veterans and their families for support. For more information, contact Reverend Eddie Alford, Brother Lee Thompson and Sister Robin Junious.*

Thoughts on Faith

To God Be the Glory

Deaconess Christine Brown



"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

As we approach this season of Thanksgiving, let us not forget the real reason of why we should be thankful. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, our Lord Jesus Christ" (John 3:16); that alone is more than enough to give Him the utmost thanks. We should be grateful to know that our Father in Heaven is continuously looking out for us in spite of what we think or feel when our eyes get off Him. Yes, even when we loose our focus and are faced with difficulty, we know that it is an opportunity for us to see You work...that in Your time, You will bring us out to a place of prosperity. Lord, we thank You, for we know that You use trials to humble us and perfect our faith. We are grateful

that You look beyond our faults and continuously supply our every need. We thank you Father for the Holy Spirit that dwells deep down in our souls giving us counsel, strength and direction in times of need. We thank you Father for the people who are a blessing to us; for family and friends as well as brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for using these people to meet our needs, brighten our paths, and enrich our knowledge in You. Father, I personally thank you for keeping me when I had nothing and for your amazing grace that enables me to hold my head up high, not in pride, but in humble gratitude for Your undeserved and unchanging love.

**In Memory of
FBC Departed Member**

Aaron Moore
Betty Hays



*There will always be a heartache,
and often a silent tear,
But always a precious memory
Of the days when you were here.*

Upcoming Events

Community Thanksgiving Fellowship

On Thanksgiving Day, the Fairfield family will again join with other ministries in the Lithonia, Redan and Stone Mountain communities to worship together, give praises to an Almighty God and be a blessing to our members and community residents. Pastor Micheal Benton is the visionary of the Community Thanksgiving Fellowship. Ten churches helped to inaugurate the event in 2012. Last year, over 450 people were in attendance to benefit from a day of thanks and giving. This year's event will be sponsored by fifteen churches and will provide an array of social services on Thanksgiving Day to economically challenged individuals and families. Persons registering for the event may choose clothing and shoes, receive food baskets, new bibles, personal hygiene items, toys, haircuts, salon certificates and school supplies. A new component will be introduced providing information on employment opportunities and other vital information to secure jobs. Additionally, the attendees will be served a home cooked Thanksgiving Dinner prepared by the members of Fairfield. Reverend Marlin Harris, Pastor of New Life Baptist Church in Decatur will deliver the Thanksgiving Message at 9:00 AM in the Son's House. For the second year, the participating churches will render the musical selections for the occasion. Please join us as we give back to the community on a day set aside to give thanks.

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Pastor Micheal Benton's Birthday
December 8

Christmas Gala
Saturday, December 13, 2014, 5:30 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center
(Ticketed Event)

2015 Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Sunday, January 18, 2015, 10:45 AM
Guest Speaker
Reverend Jared Sawyer
Centerhill Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA

As a part of our annual celebration, we will visit the new Civil Rights Museum in downtown Atlanta, Saturday, January 17, 8:30 AM. Tickets are \$15.00 a person, which includes transportation. Registration November 2 - December 14 at the kiosks.

Pastor's Engagement

Sunday, November 9, 2014, 3:00 PM - Pastor Benton will be the guest speaker for Bald Rock Baptist Church, 2284 Old Covington Road, Conyers, Georgia. The New Vision Choir and Usher Board No. 2 are asked to accompany Pastor.

Events

November 2
Communion Worship Services
7:30 & 10:45 AM

November 8
Kingdom Kreation Game Night
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center

November 27
Community Thanksgiving Fellowship
9:00 AM
The Son's House

Sunday School
9:15 AM
Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center
New Member Class
Executive Conference Room

Prayer Ministry
Intercessory Prayer
Monday Nights, 7:00 PM
The Upper Room
"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much".
- James 5:16b

Singles Ministry
"A Study of Wisdom"
13 Steps for the Unmarried to Become Wise
2nd Fridays, 7 PM
Fellowship Hall

Fairfield Kingdom Voices
1st and 3rd Mondays
7:00 PM
Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center

Bible Study
Wednesdays
12 Noon
C.L. Nall Chapel

7:00 PM
Adults
C.L. Nall Chapel
November 5, 12, 19
Review of the Old Testament
Pastor Micheal Benton