



Upcoming Events

Caregivers

Gwen Bonair

Recognition Program Sunday, November 22, 2015, 10:45 AM The Son's House

For the entire month of November, our nation is celebrating National Family Caregivers month. A time to acknowledge the important role that family, friends and neighbors play in caring for the elderly, sick and/or disabled. This article will give insight on some of the pros and cons of being a caregiver. However, it is crucial to set clear the misplaced misconception that caregivers are only people in the health care industry. This is not to take anything away from those individuals who chose to prepare themselves by becoming professional in the health care industry. We salute and honor them, as well. A caregiver is, typically, an adult who takes care of another person in the family, usually an elderly parent or someone who is chronically ill or disabled. Sometimes, people take care of friends, too. Caregivers usually have no warning, no training and no ending shift. Oftentimes, they get burnout which is a state of physical, emotional and mental exhaustion that may be accompanied by a change in attitude, from positive and caring to negative and unconcerned. There are a lot of physical symptoms that are caused by "caregivers' burnout". This can even lead to death in some cases. It is crucial that the caregiver "self-care". God promised that He would complete the work that He began in each of us. God is transforming the person you are caring for

and also transforming you as you face the challenges of care giving. He is perfecting the character of Christ in both of you, in the midst of your struggles (Emlet). Paul writes about being confident of this very thing, "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ". (Philippians 1:6) Today, people are living longer than ever before. Many of us will spend nearly one third of our life as "retirees" or "senior citizens". We are living in a time where it is no longer unheard of to hear of four or even five-generation families. It is true to say that as we live, there is a strong possibility that we will someday need assistance caring for ourselves. It is predicted by the Bureau of Census that 2015, the millennial generation, will surpass the outsized baby boomers generation as the nation largest living generation. Many boomers are the primary caregiver for their children and grandchildren and role reversal with aging parents often is done at a distance. Embrace being a caregiver. Although, being a caregiver can be challenging physically, emotionally and financially, Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11:28-29) Embrace your newly assigned role and thank God for His grace and mercy.

Welcome New Members

- Amaree' Felix
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Brittany H. Felix
Quameik A. Flournoy
Eric D. Freeman



Contributing Communication Coordinators

- Sister Sandra Crocker
Sister Robin Junious

SAVE THE DATES

Happy Birthday
Pastor Micheal Benton
December 8

Christmas Celebration
"Celebrating with our Fairfield Family"
Saturday, December 12, 2015
6:00 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center

Health Tip Nurses Guild

It is the time of year when there is a greater risk of severe storms. These conditions could possibly cause you to have to evacuate your home in a moment's notice or find a safe area in the home. It is important to be prepared. Do not wait until the alerts come to devise a plan. Following are some things to consider: Discuss safe areas in your house to report to; if you had to evacuate, where would you go; if you had to evacuate in a few minutes, does your plan ensure you have access to things like important papers, prescription medications or necessary equipment; what if you are in the car and come upon high water; and are there plans for your children if the alerts come at the end of the school day or if the school dismisses them early. Also, consider conducting fire and tornado drills in your home. Prepare for safety.

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Being Thankful

Minister Terrell McGilberry



The month of November is when we celebrate Thanksgiving. We are thankful for so many different things in our lives. In the book of Ephesians, Paul talks about giving thanks always. In Philippians 4:6, Paul says, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." No matter what it is, we

should always be thankful. As I look back through the years, I am thankful for where God has brought me from. In November, we all cook good food and we invite family and friends over to dine and we give thanks to God the Father for the food that we are about to eat. But how many times has it come into our hearts about the unfortunate—the ones that are not able to have the big feast. This reminds me that everything Jesus did, He gave thanks to His Father in heaven. Here is the big question: "Are you really thankful for what the Lord has done for you?" During this month, leaves start turning brown and falling off the branches of the trees, but even the trees know that God is going to replenish its leaves in the spring. How many of us can say that the Lord has

restored me or He has given me strength to make it through this day and I thank Him? As I drive around Atlanta, God shows me a lot of reasons why I should be grateful. He has shown me how He has blessed me with a roof over my head; I am not sleeping under a bridge; I have food to eat, clothes on my back and I say, "THANK YOU LORD!" You see, God likes for us to be thankful for the little things He does. We, as children of God, should learn how to bless others. We know they are hungry, let us feed them; and we know they are naked, let us cloth them. In closing, I heard my Pastor say that Jesus builds disciples and they train up disciples. Now, we must train up disciples. God has given us everything we need. Let us just tell Him THANK YOU!

Get Excited

Minister Joyce Smith

Can we "Get Excited" about Jesus? I am sure most of you have heard me say, "Get Excited". If you have not heard me say these words, then you still need to "Get Excited" about Jesus. We can get excited about a whole lot of things, such as a house, a car, clothes and even shoes. We also have a tendency to get excited about a baseball game or a football game. Rise Up Atlanta Falcons! But, would you not agree that it would be more beneficial for us to "Rise Up" for Jesus. We should worship the Creator more than His creation. In St. John 6:33 Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you". Think about it for a moment. God is bigger than your circumstance, bigger than your situation. He is bigger than your sickness or disease. He is bigger than a house note or car payment. He is bigger than cancer, diabetes, high

blood pressure and heart disease. God is greater. "Get Excited" that no weapon formed against us shall prosper. Isaiah 54:17 He is our Provision. He is our Protector. He is our Peace. Jehovah Jireh is our provision. Jehovah Shalom is our peace. Jehovah Nissi is our banner. El Shaddai is more than enough to meet all of our needs. A song writer wrote, "When I think of the goodness of Jesus and all He has done for me my soul cries out Hallelujah. I praise God for saving me." When I begin to think about all the things that God is to me, Protector seems to stand out at the present moment. I was on my way to work about 6:50 AM one morning, with my son in the back seat. As I approached the square in my small home town, a pick-up truck was about to hit me head on. The Holy Spirit quickly turned my steering wheel to avoid the truck. There

was an older gentleman in the truck and he hit a brick building head on. I called 911. I began to pray that whoever was in that truck would be ok. God protected all of us - me, my son and the older gentleman. Psalms 146:5 says "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God." "Get Excited!"



**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
Ext. 112

Unity

"To make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace"
- Ephesians 4:3

Unity does not have to be created by us; it exists in us already. Unity must be present with an attitude of humility, demonstrating a gentle spirit. Our gentle spirit should be with long-suffering and out of love. We do not have to be uniformed in our thinking but have a common purpose and dependence upon God. We are all given the capacity for the ministry through our gifts. We are to enhance one another, build up one another and encourage and restore one another and work together towards a common goal. We measure our maturity by our Lord Jesus Christ and by our stability and how much we love the truth and by our unity.

Unity is a way of life that leads to health, prosperity, happiness and peace of mind. Unity in the church is imparted because without unity it can cause ripples of discord. In order to have unity, Jesus must be in the beginning and in the midst of it all. For example, when it is time to feed the homeless we have a great group of people who come together with their gifts to help with feeding our fellowman. This is what God would have us to do. This shows an example of unity of a great group of people. Another example of unity

Deaconess Merlanda Donaldson

is individual members of the same body with all deriving thoughts and beliefs from one mind, the mind of Christ as the head. For that reason, unity is strength and where there is teamwork and collaboration there is unity. As a result, unity teaches that the spirit of God dwells in Jesus, just as it dwells in every person. More importantly, unity is being in harmony or one in spirit.

Christ is the ultimate example. Christians must stand firm and put others before themselves. Thus, Christians must show concern for one another. Likewise, in order to have a strong relationship with God, you must be united with Him in prayer. In conclusion, there is unity in Christ and it can only be possible if Christians would personally surrender to Him. The spirit of God lives within each person. We must all learn to live together in peace and unity.



Community Thanksgiving Fellowship 2015

For the fourth year, on Thanksgiving Day, the Fairfield family will 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 Bishop Carl McRae of Exousia Light House International in Lithonia, Georgia will be the guest messenger. Pastor Micheal Benton, the visionary of this event, believes that the true meaning of Thanksgiving is expressed by us serving others on this day set aside for giving thanks. Fairfield, along with other local churches, have helped over 1,000 families since the inception of the program. Join us in this endeavor as we give back to our community.

*Here is How You Can Help?
Please bring the following items to be given to our guests on Thanksgiving Day
Non-perishable food items*

*New or gently used clothing & shoes for women, men & children
Personal hygiene items
School supplies New Toys
Barbers are also needed
Drop off items: Wednesdays, 11:00 AM-12 Noon & 6:00 PM-7:00 PM
Saturdays, 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Sundays, after the 7:30 & 10:45 AM services
If you are aware of job opportunities, please contact
Sister Carol Franklin, cfranklin@bellsouth.net
To register to receive services, call 770.482.7660
Registration Deadline: November 16
Deacon Trellis Dawson, 404.944.7837
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**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.

A program designed to develop and teach young athletes sportsmanship, teamwork and integrity in a Christian environment.

Ministries' News

Singles Ministry

The Singles Bible Study will take place on Friday, November 6, 2015, at 7:00 PM in the Eli McKenzie Media Center. If you are unmarried and age 18 and above, you are welcome to attend. Our next session will be on Making Forgiveness Real, Luke 15:11-32. Please bring a friend.

Veterans Ministry

The United States Congress set aside November 11, each year as Veterans Day, to honor veterans who serve this Nation in times of war and peace. The Veterans and Supporters' Ministry of Fairfield Baptist Church will recognize our veterans with a Flag and Wreath Laying Ceremony on Sunday, November 8, during our 7:30 and 10:45 AM services. Businesses across the country offer veterans discounts on various goods and services on Veterans Day. Please contact the ministry for information on available local discounts and freebies. The ministry meets the second Thursday of each month in the Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center at 7:00 PM. You are welcome to join us. Keep our soldiers in your prayers.

Remember, Freedom is not Free. Trinitarians
Lee Thompson (678-386-9638); Robin Junious (470-441-9101); Michael Wright (678-476-1106)

Safety

In our world today, we see all types of terrible things happen. No place is completely safe. Bad things occur at work, school, malls and churches. It is our responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe. Here are a few suggestions on how to be safe.

- ◆ Be observant. Look around when you drive on campus. Look around before you get out of your car. If something or someone looks out of place move to another parking lot or wait until someone else arrives before getting out of the car. Be sure to report this to a Deacon, a Trustee or a Safety Committee Member (Deacon Michael Morris, Chairperson). If possible always leave the building in a group. We advise that no one should go to his/her car alone especially at night.
- ◆ When you park your car, make sure you lock the doors. Do not leave valuables in view and take

your keys with you. We know this is basic, however, the parking team and officers have found doors open, keys in doors and valuables visible.

◆ Parents, make sure your children are in the appropriate places (Sunday School, church, Bible Study). We often see children walking around when they should be in class or church. If you leave church make sure your child's instructor knows you are not on campus and the instructor has a good contact number. Please pick your child up on time. Parents please be aware of your child's location at all times.

Security and safety have become increasingly important for churches. It is the responsibility of all the leaders, workers and members of Fairfield Baptist Church to make our campus as safe and secure as possible.



**CONGRATULATIONS
PAUL LEWIS
Induction into Southern University A&M College
Sports Hall of Fame**

We are Proud of You!

Events

**November 1
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

**November 8
Veterans Observation**
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM

**November 22
Caregivers Day**
10:45 AM
The Son's House

**November 26
Community Thanksgiving Fellowship**
9:00 AM
The Son's House

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
C.L. Nall Chapel
November 4 & 11
The Tribe of Issachar
Presents the Book of 11 Timothy

November 18 & December 2
Tribe of Zebulon
Presents the Book of Titus

Youth
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center