



**Welcome New Members**

Pingke Dubignon  
Mittie Pettway  
Naomi Pettway  
Kayla Wade



**Contributing Communication Coordinators**

Sister Sandra Crocker  
Sister Marilyn Dukes  
Sister Robin Junious

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**Youth News**

FAIRFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH WANTS YOU TO

# GET THE BALL

**Upcoming Dates**

Friday, November 11  
Friday, December 9

6:30 PM—8:00 PM  
Youth Ages 4—17 and  
Adult Fitness Center Classes  
8:00 PM—9:00 PM

Sponsored by the DeKalb County Board of Health

*Join us for the 2016 - 2017  
Basketball & Cheerleader Season*

*Ages 5 - 17*

*Register Now*

*Micheal Benton Family Life Center*

*www.fairfieldbaptistchurch.org*

*Coaches are needed, contact  
Tiffinee McGilberry, 770-363-6122*



A very special congratulations to the First Family's granddaughter, Emani Benton, on successfully cheering with Towers High School Varsity Cheer Squad. Way to Go!

**A Moment in Black History** **Tribe of Issachar**

Black women played a pivotal role in the 2016 Democratic National Convention standing in the shoes of Fannie Lou Hamer, Shirley Chisolm and Barbara Jordan. In their own right, all of them made history during democratic conventions elevating Black women's voices and leadership. From Baltimore's Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake who gavelled in the 2016 Democratic National Convention (DNC) and Reverend Leah Daughtry serving as the Chief Executive Officer of the convention to the recent announcements of Donna Brazile as the Interim Chair of the Democratic National Committee and Congresswoman Marcia Fudge as the permanent chair to the 2016 Democratic National Convention, black women are leading the DNC. Forty years this past September, First Lady Michelle Obama addressed the nation, continuing the legacy of the late Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, the first black woman keynote speaker at a Democratic Convention. It is clear that black women played a visible and pivotal role in the 2016 convention as the Democrats seek to activate the 2008 and 2012 coalition that included a record number of black women who voted for and mobilized their networks to elect President Barack Obama.

**Signs of a Stroke** **Nurses' Guild**

A stroke can occur when a blood vessel in the brain bursts or gets clogged. This causes the area to stop getting an adequate blood supply. It is important to be aware of the warning signs and if they occur, seek medical attention as soon as possible. The sooner medical attention is received, the better the 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 walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- \* Sudden severe headache

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**Newsletter Article Submission Deadline**

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# The Lighthouse

**Denying, Defeating and Destroying Division**  
*...guarding the truth*

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**Developing an Attitude of Gratitude** **Minister Joyce Smith**



**Count Your Blessings and Name Them One by One**

How can we develop an attitude of gratitude to the Lord of lords and the King of kings? First, let us examine the word gratitude. Gratitude means the quality of being thankful. Psalm 136 says, "Oh give thanks unto the Lord for His mercy endures forever." Lamentations 3:22-24 tells us that the Lord loves us very much. So, we have not been completely destroyed. His great love is new every morning. Lord, how faithful you are. I say to myself, "The Lord is everything that I need. So, I will put my hope in him." Think about how we could become more thankful for all that Jesus has done for us. Think about how we could try but never measure up to His loving-kindness. Think about how His tender mercies keep us from perishing. Think about how...and the list goes on and on. One songwriter says, "When I think of the goodness of Jesus and all He has done for me. My soul shouts out hallelujah. I praise God for saving me." Another songwriter says, "Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good. Yes, He is good. He is worthy of all of our praises." Even if we had 10,000 tongues that would still be an inadequate praise for God's love towards us. Our attitude should always be one of

thankfulness, not just on Thanksgiving or when we are going through something or just coming out of a struggle. Everyday we should give thanks for this is the will of God concerning us. (1 Thessalonians 5:18) Begin and end your day with a thankful attitude. Watch the joy of your salvation take control of every situation that you face that day. Psalm 92 says, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises to thy name, Oh Most High. To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning and thy faithfulness every night." We should make it a practice to have an attitude of gratitude all the time, constantly thanking God for all He has done for us. We get a good feeling when we are going through a circumstance or a situation, knowing we will get through it; the key word here is through. I Corinthians 10:13 states, "There is no testing, trial or temptation that has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond that which you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." God is faithful! That statement alone ought to be enough to "get you excited" about being thankful. In developing an attitude of gratitude, let us start to count our blessings and name them one by one daily. I thank God for Jesus. I thank God for the Holy Spirit. Thank you Jesus for being the perfect sacrifice. Thank you God for my health and strength. Thank you God that I am in my right mind. Thank you God for giving me a church home. Thank you God for Pastor Micheal Benton and First Lady Y'Vonne Benton. Thank you God for all of the Benton children. Thank you God for my family. Thank you God for my home. Thank you God for food. Thank you God for my children. Thank you God for my

husband. Thank you God for my job. Thank you God for my cars. Thank you Jehovah Jireh for always providing for me. Thank you Jehovah Shalom for being my peace. Thank you Jehovah Rapha for keeping me in good health. Thank you Jehovah Nissi for always causing me to triumph over my enemies. You are my banner. Thank you Jehovah M'Kaddesh for your sanctification. You are the only one who could take my black soul, dip it in your red blood, and make me white as snow. Thank you Jehovah Tsidkenu who is my righteousness. You are the reason that I can decree a thing in the Word of God and it will be so. I am the righteousness of God. Thank you Jehovah Rohi for always being my shepherd. He makes Psalm 23 come alive for me. "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right path, for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anointed my head with oil. You cause my cup to overflow. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Thank you Jehovah Sham-mah for always being there. When I wake up in the morning you are there. When I go to sleep at night you are there. When I am feeling down you are there. In my finest hour you are there. I have to stop here and count my blessings! I could go on and on thanking God for His worth towards me. Let us try to count our blessings. We will find out that our cups overflow.



**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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**A Day to Give Thanks**

Deaconess Bobbie Farrar



The month of November is when we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a national holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States. Although the American concept of Thanksgiving developed in the colonies of New England, its roots can be traced to the other side of the Atlantic. Those who came over on the Mayflower and the Puritans, (people who seek to regulate their own way

of life and that of the community) brought with them a tradition of providential holidays – days of fasting during difficult moments and days of fasting and celebrating to thank God in time of plenty. Giving thanks to God has continued today in many forms, the attendance at a religious service as well as the saying of a prayer before the Thanksgiving meal. Thanksgiving is a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal which includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and vegetables. It is a common practice at the dining table for

each person to tell one specific reason he/she is thankful to God. Thanksgiving is a great time to be thankful and appreciate all the blessings God has provided. It not just a day to celebrate at the end of November. It is a constant awareness of God's goodness that results in counting your blessings morning, noon and night. "O give thanks until the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." (1 Chronicles 16-34) This Thanksgiving, whatever you do in the bustle of day-to-day life, remember to give thanks and live in such a way that others who watch you and experience God's goodness from your hands cannot help but pause and offer up a prayer to express their thanks. There are times when we face trouble. We may get spiritual amnesia and forget the grace of God. Often in difficult times, our eye sight gets foggy and we fail to recognize God's hand of blessing. We focus on the negatives and let them pull us down. But, a good way of re-establishing a thankful heart is to set aside undistracted time and deliberately remember God's past provision for us and give thanks. Yes, face life difficulties, but focus on the blessings that surround you and thank God for them. Today, we can be truly thankful by worshiping a true and living God. "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1Thessalonians 5-18)



**Friday, November 11, 2016**

**Veterans Day** is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11. The day honors military veterans, that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I; major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

**Bless Them Abundantly: A Veterans Day Prayer**

Dear Lord,  
Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made, for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.  
In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.  
By Joanna Fuchs

**Pastor's Engagement**

**Sunday, November 27, 3:00 PM,** Pastor Benton will be the guest speaker for God Tabernacle of Praise's Ministerial Fellowship, 5650 Byrd Road, Union City, Georgia. The pastor is Reverend B.J. Woods.

**Learning Opportunity**

**Old & New Testament - Bible Made Simple  
Class Dates**

November 18, 2016, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
November 19, 2016, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Everyone is invited to participate.

**ALL MINISTERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**

*If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Brenda Rush at 404-317-6933.*

**Ministries News**

**VETERANS & SUPPORTERS MINISTRY**

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Seminar  
Saturday, November 5, 2016, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Michael Benton Family Life Center  
RSVP by texting 470-331-9101

This seminar is not only for veterans, but also for families that are experiencing the affects of PTSD. Refreshments will be served and we have two great speakers.

**VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY**

Sunday, November 13, 7:30 AM and 10:45 AM  
To volunteer, please contact one of the members of the ministry.

Remember, if you are a veteran or supporter and would like to be a part of the ministry's planning for future events, please join us the second Thursday of each month in the administration center. Keep our troops, their families and our Country in your prayers.

**The Singles Ministry's  
Study of Wisdom**

Single? This is an open invitation to you to join the ministry. We need your ideas and suggestions on getting our singles involved in reaching out to one another and to our community. Let the ministry know how you can help us and how we can help you. Join us monthly for our Bible Study on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Eli McKenzie Jr. Media Center (Library). Reverend Brenda Rush is our teacher. We are currently studying from the book, "Intentional Choices: Discovering Contentment in Stressful Times". Invite your friends, co-workers and anyone you think may be interested. God's word is for everyone. If you have any questions for the Singles Ministry, please see Terry Scott, Tamika Foster, or Robin Junious.

**The Marriage Ministry**

War Room Seminar  
"Making Your Marriage a Priority Through Prayer and Applying the Word of God"  
Saturday, November 12, 2016, 10:00 AM  
Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center

Please make plans now to join us for our last event of the year. The cost is only \$10 per couple to cover the price of the workbook and refreshments. If you already have a workbook, the cost is \$3.00. Lunch is available for a minimal cost, immediately following the seminar, prepared by R&R Mobile Grill. Pre-orders will be taken as well when you register. We look forward to seeing every married couple there!



**Community Thanksgiving Fellowship  
A collaboration of community churches**

**Come and Worship With Us  
Thanksgiving Day  
November 24, 2016  
9:00 AM  
The Son's House**

**A day to give thanks and  
a day of service**

In preparation for our guests, please bring... new and gently used clothing and shoes, personal hygiene items, non-perishable food items, school supplies, new or gently used books and toys.

Wednesday | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Saturday | 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Deadline for Donations  
Wednesday, November 14, 2016

**Events**

**November 6  
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM  
Communion Worship Service  
9:15 AM**

**Sunday School**  
Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center  
**New Member Class**  
Executive Conference Room  
**Baptism Class**  
2nd & 3rd Sunday  
Computer Lab

**Community Thanksgiving Fellowship  
Thursday, November 24  
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

**Youth**  
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center

**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

- Bridgett Allen
- Mother Lucille Durden
- Margaret Freeman
- Cathy Gardner
- Oscar & Mary Giles
- Ola M. McGuire
- Ted McGuire
- Laura Miles
- Blontine Moody
- Dorothy Reed
- Etha Roberts
- Ansley Robinzine
- Barbara Saunders
- Mary Lou Smith
- Ann Delores Yarborough
- Yvonne Williams