



## New Giving Technologies

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”*  
—Malachi 3:10

### KIOSK GIVING:

The kiosk will be found at a physical location on the church premises either in the Son’s House or in the Zack Brown Administrative Center’s executive suite. You will be able to contribute easily using your credit or debit card.

Since we began the pilot program with text and kiosk giving, our technological giving donors have doubled. We are on the move and are excited about the new technology that opens the door for all to participate.

Our insightful leader, Pastor Micheal Benton, having established on-line web giving, is now leading the way into the future with text and kiosk giving technology.

Perhaps you have had the opportunity to participate in the on-line giving via our Fairfield Baptist Church website. For all those who have done so, we commend you.

The two new additional giving technologies will allow Fairfield to make it convenient for everyone to give at anytime and from anywhere. They have been put in place and are currently being beta tested here at Fairfield. You can make use of them now.

The three technical methodologies include:

### ONLINE GIVING:

Sign onto the fairfieldbaptistchurch.org website and follow the prompts.

### TEXT GIVING:

Sign on to IPHONE Message using the number **770 285-0017**. If you have not yet posted funds via texting, a one-time registration to submit your gift will be requested. After that all you have to do is post the amount you wish to give and send. You will be prompted with a message letting you know your transaction was successful. Be very careful to put your decimal where it belongs.

Cut this card out and use the new technology.

**TEXT GIVING  
IPHONE MESSAGE CTR**  
Phone No. (770) 285-0017  
Register & post giving amount once. Only enter giving amount thereafter.

**KIOSK GIVING**  
Kiosk – “Son’s House or Admin. Exec. Suite  
Use Credit or Debit Card and follow the prompts.

**FBC WEB SITE GIVING**  
fairfieldbaptistchurch.org  
Use Credit or Debit Card and follow prompts

## Welcome New Members

Mary Carter  
Elizabeth Flournoy  
Patricia Harris  
Jasmine Jenkins  
Kierre B. Lee  
Michele Lowry  
Bassett Taylor, Jr.  
Frances King Taylor



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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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## That Resurrection Power

Reverend Sharlene Stroud



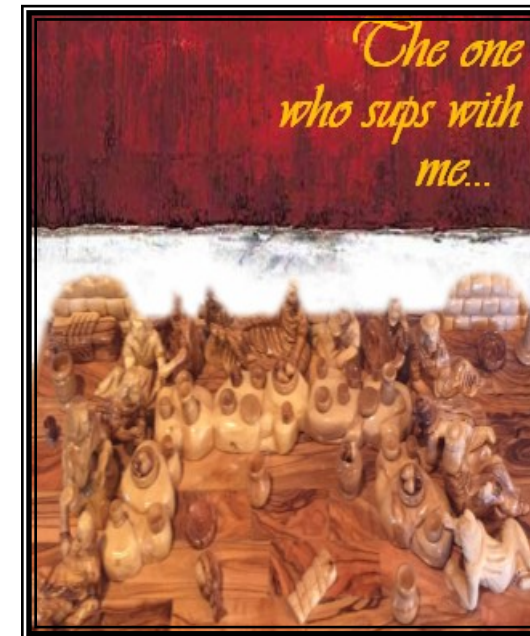
As Christians, Mary and Martha, is sick. In their mind, they must remember that this situation is not unto death, but for GOD to get the glory! You may be asking yourself, why must I go through all of this turmoil, pain and disappointment. It is by GOD’s design so that HE will get the glory! If you jump down to verse 25, Jesus says “I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in ME, though he may die, he shall live” and verse 26, “And whoever lives and believes in ME shall never die”. That is interesting. In essence, GOD was merely saying that the key to your resurrection lies within you believing that GOD is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think. If you believe that GOD can resurrect your situation, He will breathe the breath of life and resurrect those dead situations. Trust GOD and that same resurrection power will come to fruition within your life.

did not think that Lazarus was going to make it because of his vitals. Well, when you look in verse 4, Jesus responds and says “this sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of GOD, that the Son of GOD may be glorified through it”. I believe that this is an essential scripture that can help us to reminisce on the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. Mary and Martha truly believed that there was no hope for their brother. There are many of us that believe that there is no hope for our situations. I dare you to think about that resurrection power that Jesus used to raise Lazarus from the dead. If Jesus did it for Mary and Martha, do you not believe that He would do the same for you and I today? That resurrection power can save that unsaved child, can promote you on your dead end job, can revive that lifeless marriage and can ultimately heal you of those dead areas of your life. You

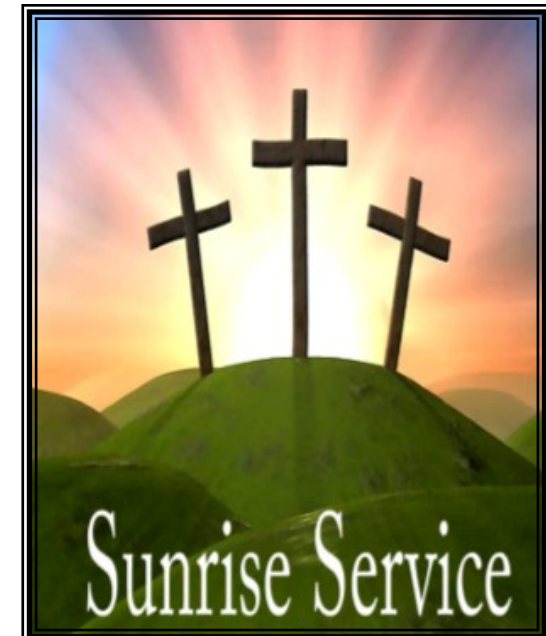
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Presented by the  
FBC Ministerial Staff

Join them for  
these awesome  
Services  
in celebration of the  
Resurrection of Jesus Christ



Good Friday, March 25, 7:00 PM  
The Son’s House



Easter Sunday, March 27, 6:00 AM  
The Courtyard

**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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Administrative  
Assistant  
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Ext. 109

Church Administrator  
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Ext. 115

Team of the Month  
Ext. 172

Lost & Found  
Usher Ministry  
Ext. 180

Maudie Norman  
Mission  
Food & Clothing  
Ext. 112

**Who Are You**

**Dean of Deaconesses Annette Rogers**



**Christian  
or  
Disciple**

What kind of life are you living? Are you in tune with Christ or are you off doing your own thing? Is there sin clogging up your pipes, preventing you from accomplishing and achieving your maximum ability? Are you constantly

hustling, struggling to make your way in the world? If you are, you probably have not become a disciple of the Risen Christ. You see, being a Christian is not enough to fulfill your potential. The word "Christian" was given to us by pagans. Jesus never called us "Christians". This term was given to the disciples in the church by the pagans in Antioch.

The Bible calls us "children of God" and "citizens of the Kingdom". We are God's offspring, a people who have been reconnected to their source. Only disci-

ples, those who are committed to abiding in Christ, will maximize their potential. A disciple is one who follows the teacher and learns until he/she resembles the teacher. Only a disciple experiences full potential because the greatest desire is to know and resemble the Master. One will spend hours studying, seeking new revelations and understanding concerning the Master's life and who He calls His disciples to be.

At an early age, I wanted to understand everything that God has prepared for me. So please hear the voice of God speaking through me. Do not fall for the limitations of the world - the lies and deceptions of the lower nature. Find your source and get connected. Then stay connected. God has chosen you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Abide in Christ, and the Father will give you whatever you wish. Refuse to live below your privileged potential. Have faith and starve your doubts to death. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." - Hebrews 11:1 & 6 KJV

**Are You God's Choice?**

**JoAnn Williams-West**

Having been inspired after reading Alan Redpath's 'Studies in the Life of David', I was motivated to write this article. Most of us convince ourselves that we are among God's elect. But, unfortunately, this is a secret hidden in the heart of God from before the foundation of the world. The elect of God is revealed by their conversations which have been transformed by the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. God's choice of a man is contrary to human reason. Are you strong enough to ask Him? Are you afraid to go back to the foundation with David and say, "Search me, O God...And see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting" Psalm 139:23-24? If you go on through life blindly, confident, but never examining your own heart, you could be delusional believing something that is not true!

NEWSFLASH: Because you attend church, tithe, sing in the choir, preach, teach, usher, shout, etc., does not automatically place you among God's beloved. The perfection of the flesh is always rejected in

heaven. You may be a church leader in Christian work, but not a God directed chosen one among His people; for, that which is done in the flesh is of no profit to God. What many of us need today is a burning examination by the Holy Spirit, which may be bitter to taste but which may awaken us to the disaster of imagining that we are Christians when there is no evidence in our lives of His grace. God's choice of a man is conditioned upon heart response, not head response. God already knows that we are prone to wandering and sin. The real question is this, "Is your heart resting upon Jesus?" Do you have a believing heart? Does it meditate upon God's word and find comfort in the scriptures? Does your heart desire and seek after holiness? Is it a grateful and humble heart ever thankful to Him? Is it eternally fixed upon God or is it a fickle heart, flirting with the things of the world? God is still looking, as He did in David's time, for a man after His own heart. By His grace and the power of the Spirit, you can be that person!

**Ministries News**



**R3 = REAL + RIGHTEOUS  
+ REDEEMED  
Young adult ministry for  
ages 18 - 35**

**Sunday School, 9:15 AM  
Wednesday Night Bible Study/Counseling  
Session, 7:00 PM**

**Love and Relationship Forum**  
Tuesday, March 29, 2016  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Eli McKenzie Media Center

**For more information, please contact  
R3@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org**

**Ministries News continued...**

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

March 11, 2016, 7:00 PM  
Eli McKenzie Media Center  
"Authentic Relationships, Being Real in an Artificial World"  
Lesson: "Dealing with Real Conflicts" - Luke 10:38-42



**The  
Sunday  
School**

Cordially invites you to attend  
their  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, March 19, 12 Noon - 2:00 PM  
Scout House Yard  
Annual Easter Program  
Sunday, March 27, 9:15 AM  
Micheal Benton Family Life Center

**Mark your Calendar!**

The Nurses Guild  
Will conduct Defibrillator Training  
Saturday, April 2, 2016  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center

All Trinitarians along with three other persons  
from each ministry are asked to attend  
this important session.  
RSVP  
Deacon Michael Morris  
404.502.5806 or mmamorris5211@yahoo.com

**Safety First**

Fairfield is embarking on new ventures to ensure the wellbeing of all of our members and visitors while on our beautiful campus. After a recent review with our insurance company, we initiated two new programs to assist with safety: background screenings for persons working with our youth and a safety committee. The old African Proverb teaches us that it takes a whole village to raise a child. The Fairfield family considers itself a vital part of that village and creates programming that help our youth formulate a strong walk with Christ. To that end, we have a responsibility to keep them safe. In order to make sure that they are in good hands, we are requiring that all volunteers that work with youth undergo a background screening. The screening process is automated, secure and personal. All volunteers will be able to enter their own information on-line. Fairfield's Human Resources Committee is overseeing this

process and will be the recipients of the background information retrieved from local and national law enforcement agencies. Deacon Michael Morris was appointed as the leader of our new FBC Public Safety Committee. This group comprised of deacons, trustees and general membership meets regularly to review issues and make recommendations regarding safety on campus. Their goal is to provide an avenue for all Fairfield Baptist Church's members, visitors and lessees to have a safe and healthful campus. Through the mercy and grace of God, we will continue to do all we can to improve our programs and campus. We give a big thank you to all of our volunteers that serve faithfully to make Fairfield the church that "sits on a hill that cannot be hidden".

**United We Stand, Divided We Fall**

**Shirlene King**

While feasting on a healthy meal, the group was also fed *food for the soul* from a panel of speakers. Each speaker, in their own way, echoed the same sentiment: united we stand or divided we all fall. In essence, we must Deny, Defeat and Destroy Division. A headless mannequin was brought in as a prop by Minister Gina Garlington to demonstrate how neither the physical or church body can function without a head. First Lady Y'Vonne Benton conveyed her appreciation to the event coordinators and noted that there is still much work to be done in the vineyard. She welcomed those with future ideas to bring them to her attention. In conclusion, Pastor Micheal Benton "dittoed" the words of each of the speakers and left us with three take-a-ways:

1. Be careful of the words you speak as well as those you receive.
2. When God speaks to you, ask yourself if the words were meant just for you before sharing with

others.  
3. God's word is life. Satan's words, however, will ultimately bring about death.



Speakers: Seated L-R: Tamika Gus, Harrison Horne  
Deacon Trelis Dawson, Deaconess Linda Dawson  
Standing: Minister Gina Garlington

**Events**

**March 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

**March 19  
Easter Egg Hunt**  
Scout House Yard  
12 Noon - 2:00 PM

**March 25  
Good Friday Services**  
7:00 PM  
The Son's House

**March 27  
Sunrise Service**  
6:00 AM  
FBC Courtyard

**Easter Services  
Sunday, March 27**  
The Son's House  
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM

**Easter 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**  
C.L. Nall Chapel  
March 2 & 9  
The Tribe of Manasseh  
Presents the Book of 2 Peter

March 16 (The Son's House) & 23  
The Tribe of Benjamin  
Presents the Book of 1 John

**Youth**  
Zack Brown Administrative &  
Educational Center