

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

Church Directory

Call 770-482-7660

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Ext. 0

Overseer Micheal Benton
Ext. 0

First Lady Dorise Brooks
Ext. 0

Counseling Ministry
Dr. Y’Vonne Benton
Ext. 0

Church Administrator
Bonni Ware
Ext. 115

Team of the Month
Ext. 172

Lost & Found
Usher Ministry
Ext. 180

Maudie Norman
Mission
Food & Clothing
Ext. 112



Fairfield Baptist Church
...guarding the truth

News from Kingdom Kreation



March’s Theme

I AM REDEEMED

Empowerment Session

Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 PM

Eli McKenzie Media Center



Are you ready to travel?

Join us this spring for the Holy Land Experience and fun at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Friday, May 25, 12 midnight - Monday, May 27, 6 PM

Hotel accommodations: Walt Disney World All-Star Music Resort.

Costs for 2 nights hotel accommodations and transportation.

One person per room \$410.00 Two people per room \$235.00

Three people per room \$177.00 Four people per room \$147.50

Not included: Admission cost to the Holy Land Experience,
\$40.00 per person

Admission to Walt Disney World Theme Park:

Ages: 10 – Adult \$132.06 Children: 3 – 9 years - \$125.67

A \$50.00 deposit is due **TODAY**, Sunday, March 4.



Save the date...

Choose to be Free!
A New Mind = A New Me!

June 8 & 9
The Airport Renaissance Hotel

Sponsored by:

Couples Hearing About the Truth
(CHATS)

For more information, please contact

Valerie Cheely

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Further information is available at the kiosk.

Health Tip

There is much communication about the 2018 Flu Epidemic. Some symptoms of the flu are fever; muscle aches and pain; chills; headache; sore throat; and cough and congestion. It can also include nausea and/or vomiting. The germs are spread through the air and by touch. Frequent hand washing; covering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze (never in your bare hand, cough in a tissue or bend of the arm/elbow); not smoking; drinking 8 eight-ounce glasses of fluid each day (especially water which helps to flush the system); getting 7 to 9 hours of sleep each day; reducing stress; exercising; and eating dark red, green and yellow vegetables and fruit are some of the ways to reduce your risk of contacting the flu. An annual flu vaccination, as well as a daily vitamin D supplement are recommended.

Germs can live on a surface as long as 72 hours. Therefore, it is recommended that we use a disinfecting product such as Clorox on areas like the phone, remote control, doorknobs or light switches.

Nurses Guild

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Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

The FBC Newsletter is published on the first Sunday of each month. Articles MUST be submitted by the 15th of each month for inclusion. Please send submissions to: medianews@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org.

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The Lighthouse

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STRIVING TO LIVE PROSPEROUSLY

by Minister Rodney Ramey

3 John 1:2: “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thou soul prospereth.”

Discipline is one of the easiest terms to understand in the English language. However, it has proven to be one of the most difficult concepts to put into practice. This is particularly true as it relates to dedicating time for Bible study, getting physical exercise, eating healthy meals and developing (and living by) a written budget.

Living a well-balanced life is essential to remaining motivated and being effective as we seek to live the life of abundance spoken of by Jesus in John 10:10. In order to walk fully in the abundance of life promised to us, we must know what is written in God’s Word. The

BEST way for us to have His Word revealed to us is to study it for ourselves (But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. Psalms 1:2).

While being strong spiritually is what every believer should desire, there is more to being a representative of Christ. Good physical health is very important as it pertains to others being able to see how God has kept you as you serve Him. Physical exercise does not require setting any world records for speed, agility or weightlifting. A brisk walk around the neighborhood several times per week can improve endurance over the course of time. Stretching for fifteen minutes a day can help prevent physical injuries.

Physical exercise is a must in order to keep the body strong. Mark 3:25, however says it best, “And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.” Regardless of the amount of exercise in which one engages, a poor diet will result in a poor outcome. Fruits, nuts, vegetables, and water should be the major components of every believer’s diet.

Proverbs 22:7, helps us to understand the importance of a written budget. This document needs not to be very elaborate. Simply write down how much you bring home monthly and subtract how much you intend to spend. You may be surprised, much like I was, at the amount of EXTRA money that you find.

Committing to increase your level of discipline this year will indeed cause you to prosper spiritually, physically and financially.



WORDS by Reverend Willa Lewis

As a very young person, one of my worst fears was not being able to express my thoughts, my feelings or emotions. Then one day, while still in middle school, I had an opportunity to hear Senator Barbara Jordan (Texas) being interviewed on TV. As I listened to this Black woman speak, I noticed how well-spoken she was, how she expressed her thoughts and how she felt. At that very moment, I realized how wonderful it must be to know words and how to use them correctly. At that very moment, I fell in love with words and their usage. It was then that I started paying more attention to how people spoke and the words they used.

One Sunday I heard a sermon about the power of God’s word. Being hungry for this knowledge, I started researching the power of His words. These are some of the things I was introduced to in that research: I was intrigued to find out that words were more than air passing over the larynx. I found out that words have real power. In Hebrews 11:3, I discovered that God spoke the world into being with His Words. Words do more than just convey information. As we are learning from the media, words can destroy one’s spirit, stir up hatred and create an environment for violence.

In Proverbs 12:6, it states that our words have the power to destroy and the power to build up. As we read further on into Proverbs, the writer tells us, “The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit”. (Proverbs 18:21) While reading for this writing, I ran across a powerful question that asks, are we using words to build up people or destroy them? Are our words filled with hate or love, bitterness or blessings, complaining or compliments, lust or love, victory or defeat? The Apostle Paul wrote, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen”. (Ephesians 4:29). Paul told the Colossians: “Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” Saints, please be mindful that Matthew 12:36 - 37 tells us that on the day of judgment, people will give account for every careless word they speak.

NO
Greater
LOVE

Greater love hath no man
than this, that a man lay
down his life for his friends.
John 15:13 KJV

Welcome to our Church
We're glad you're here!

New Members

Sharika L. Astin

Larry R. Brown

Jasmine N. Johnson

Shannon Meggs

Spring Forward

Sunday, March 11, 2018
2:00 AM
set clocks ahead one hour

Strength and Healing



Death came knocking on my door August 21, 2012. When I reflect back on it, it seems like it was yesterday. I still remember as I was leaving for work how my husband walked me to my car, leaned in, looked me in my eyes and said, “Have a good day”. When he whispered those words, I did not know it would be the last words he spoke to me. His death was such a shock to me...but God. God gave me the strength and calmness to deal with the loss of my husband, my children’s father. I did not fear where he would spend eternity because I knew he loved the Lord. John 3:15 declares, “Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” I continue to thank God for the time we had together. Although, it has been five years since my husband’s passing, I must say thank you to Overseer Benton,

Deaconess Vera McKenzie

Dr. Benton, the Deacons, Deaconesses and all of my Fairfield family for your love, prayers and support. My family and I will forever be grateful for how you (Fairfield) loved me and my children during our time of grief. I want all of you to know that with much prayer and time there is still joy, peace and happiness after the death of a spouse. I made a decision to continue to live and not let anything steal my joy in the Lord. I did not have the power to change what had happened, so I said “Amen” to God’s will because I believe that God does not make any mistakes. Because God allowed his death to occur, it had to be alright. Romans 8:28 states, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose,” not just when things are good, but in all circumstances and all situations. Yes, I wept. Yes, I felt lost and alone. Yes, I had many restless and sleepless nights. Yes, the pain of the loss was excruciating, but I trusted God more than my pain. I continue to believe Psalm 23:1 & 6, “The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” May “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.” (2 Corinthians 13:14) God is still good!

Ministry News

Fairfield Kingdom Voices

Fairfield Kingdom Voices Toastmasters welcome you to enhance your speaking and leadership skills.

Every 1st and 3rd Monday, 7:00 PM
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center, Room 219

Veterans & Supporters Ministry

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, April 21, 2018, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Please sign up to bring your favorite dish.
Planning Meeting
March 8, 7:00 PM
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center

Single People in Christ Excelling Spiritually (Singles Ministry)

Thursday, March 15, 2018, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Media Center

If you would like to be a member of the Ministry and have great ideas to offer, please join us.

For more information, please see Minister Terry Scott, Tamika Foster or Robin Junious

1st Quarter Church Conference
Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 PM
The Son’s House
All members are encouraged to attend.

W.I.n.GS’ Breakfast & Chat with First Lady Dorise Brooks
Saturday, March 10, 9:30 AM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center
All ladies of FBC are welcomed to attend.

MEDALS (Men’s Ministry)
presenting our next project to read “Act Like Men”
by James MacDonald
For more information, contact Reverend Leonard Jones 678.923.9004
Minister Grover Cochran 404.580.0263



Excellence and Success (ROPES)

coming soon...

The ROPES Program is a process that builds the capacity of young men between the ages of 8 and 18 years old. It assists them to achieve and excel with an understanding of their roles as current and future leaders of the community, village and nation.

For more information, please contact
Brother Harry Corbitt (518.429.3177) or Minister Grover Cochran (404 580 0263)

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, 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

Are You “All” In?

10 | 20+ | 1

Beginning Sunday, April 1, we **“are all in”**. What are we in? We are into tithing, evangelism and being debt free as a church family. Every first Sunday, the Fairfield family is asked to tithe 10% of their income, give an offering of \$20 plus and bring one person with you to church. With this giving opportunity, you will experience the blessings of God for your obedience to His word, assist in paying off the church debt and sharing Christ with others. If you are already a Tither, please continue being faithful and we ask only that you give \$20+ in the offering and bring someone to our Christian fellowship on Sunday.



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An app with prayer at your finger tips. Its not like Instagram or Facebook. Pray.com is a spiritual platform where you can post prayer requests and/or praise reports. Its a safe place where you can get spiritual support from your church family and friends.

To download this free app, open your web or internet browser on your device, type in the address bar pray.com/fairfieldbc. The option will be given to download the app from the App Store for Apple/iOS devices or Play Store for androids. You can then register with your name and phone number and begin to utilize the service where you can send your prayer requests to the community (Fairfield) or to a specific person.

God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world “I love you”. Evangelist Billy Graham



Resurrection Services

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

Easter Morning Worship Services
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM, The Son’s House

Join Pastor Melvin Brooks for

B.O.W.

Business On Wednesday
12:00 & 7:00 PM
C. L. Nall Chapel

A BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE
ABOUT SPIRITUAL BUSINESS

“True faith is going to the edge with all you have; seeing all that you can see; then taking one more step.”
Pastor Brooks
28 February 2018

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life but by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”

Booker T. Washington

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

Blanche Abrams
Judy Durden
Margaret Freeman
Cathy Gardner
Charlie Mae Hall
Reverend Darrell Marshall
Ola M. McGuire
Minister Evelyn Mills
Blontine Moody
Ansley Robinzine
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