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**Welcome
 New Member**

Dexter Patterson



**Contributing
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Sister Robin Junious
 Sister Shirlene King

A Message from Pastor

Pre-Planning
Helps protect the ones you love the most...

When a death occurs in a family, decisions must be made immediately. What mental state will your loved ones be in when this happens to you? When you plan for tomorrow's services at today's prices, you are saving your family from future inflated prices. If you could leave your family in a better financial position, I am sure you would. When you pre-plan your arrangements, you have the advantage of choosing your funeral home and making known your final arrangements. These arrangements can be made despite any health issues or pre-existing conditions - no one is refused. Also, if you should pass while you are paying for the program, your funeral will be paid in full. Should you decide to prearrange, you may decide the

amount that you want to set aside monthly and take care of it based on your budget and your wishes. Most of all, you alleviate the financial and emotional strain for your family at a time when they may not make the most cost effective decisions.

We are available to arrange for you private consultations with a representative of Alpha to Omega Church Support System, the management team for this pre-need service. To schedule your appointment, please contact Deaconess Mary S. Jackson at 770.482.7660. There is no obligation or cost associated with meeting with one of the representatives.

Remember, one of the best things that you can do for your family is to ensure that they are taken care of and that your specific desires are made known prior to your death.

Happy Mother's Day from The Mothers Ministry

*Mothers, please make sure you see a
 member of the Mothers Ministry on
 Mother's Day for your card of
 encouragement.*

A Moment in Black History

Tribe of Issachar

On April 11, 1966 Emmett Ashford broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball (MLB) as the first African American umpire in the MLB. On Monday, April 11, 2016, major league umpires wore arm bands with the initial 'EA' to honor him. Ashford broke the color barrier at DC Stadium (known as RFK) manning third base during the Senators' 5-2 Opening Day loss to the Indians. The 5'7" Ashford, who was known for his karate - like chop to signal a strike and sprinting to get into a squat position when making a call, received a standing ovation when he worked his first game at home plate in Anaheim. His Senators' teammate, Fred Valentine, told The Washington Times, "He was a favorite of the fans. He was energetic. They loved watching him on the field. He was different than everybody else." Ashford retired from MLB in 1970. He died of a heart attack in 1980.

Adequate Elimination

Nurses' Guild

Elimination is a subject that is very seldom discussed even with the doctor unless you experience a serious problem. We believe the subject should be given more attention. Have you ever noticed how much better you feel after a good bowel movement? Speaking of bowel movement, you should pay close attention to how often you go. Some people have a bowel movement after each meal. Some studies show this is ideal. Some people only go once a day. But, some people only go once a week. If your frequency is longer than a day, you need to make some changes and attempt to improve that pattern. The longer the waste stays stored in the body, the higher the potential to develop other physical problems. Think about it, you feel bad when you go days without a bowel movement. This is not to suggest that you start taking laxatives. It is much better to have a movement naturally. Remember, the more you take laxatives, the higher potential for your body to become dependent upon them. Some suggestions: increase your activity, drink at least eight glasses of water a day (unless your doctor orders otherwise); add fiber, whole grains, nuts, fruits and vegetables to your diet; and if you already see the doctor (and you have problems with the frequency of bowel movements) be sure and make this elimination problem apart of your discussion.

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The Lighthouse

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

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Happy Mother's Day

Minister Leonard Jones



Celebrating the gift and honor of motherhood can be traced back throughout history. In the United States, however, it began as one daughter's desire to share the legacy that her mother instilled. So, I thought this little bit of history might be interesting.

In 1907, Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948), a Philadelphia schoolteacher, began a movement to set up a national Mother's Day in honor of her mother, Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis. Anna

was 41 when her mother passed away. She missed her mother very much and wanted to instill an appreciation to celebrate mothers while they were still alive and not wait until it was too late. She hoped honoring this day would encourage respect and love and build family bonds. She solicited the help of hundreds of legislators and prominent businessmen to create a special day to honor mothers.

On the 2nd anniversary of her mother's death, Anna honored her mother at their home church. She handed out her mother's favorite flowers, white carnations, as they represent sweetness, purity, and patience. Anna's hard work finally paid off in the year 1914, when President Woodrow Wilson issued the first proclamation making Mother's Day an official national holiday.

Mothers are special indeed; God chose women to bare children to bring life into the world; a strength only a woman could handle. She is the person who carried you in her

womb for nine months and introduced you to the greatest gift of God on earth - LIFE. She made you realize the real value of life by acting as a guiding force and a guardian angel whenever you were left helpless before the thorny path called life. She was always there with a smile whenever you needed moral support and a shoulder to cry on. It was with pride that she could watch your growth and success. It is certain for a child, a mother is their best friend.

Mothers are nurturers and loving care givers who take care of the children while supporting their husbands, who are the heads of the home.

Proverbs 31

- 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
- 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
- 30 Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Never Forsaken...Keep the Faith

Reverend Edith Gilham

David states in Psalm 27:10, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up." I believe with all my heart, all of these words of David. At the young age of six, my mother left me, my six month old brother and my three year old sister. She waited until daddy had left for work. She told me that she was going to the store. It was during the winter season, and I spent all day finding paper to keep the fire from the night before going. The day passed and the night hours drew near. Daddy came home from work, but my mama never came home again.

This troubled me for years and unforgiveness took root in my heart. I promised myself and God, the Father, that if I had children, I would never leave them, but with God's help, I would raise and keep them safe to the best of my ability. Of course, I did not un-

derstand why my mother left, but I discovered Psalm 27: 10 to be true! People used to tell me that I would be just like my mama! What they did not know, is that the Lord became my mama. He taught me about love and forgiveness. I prayed for Jesus to cleanse my heart so that I could be free of the unforgiveness that was trying to hold me bondage. I was determined not to be a slave to hate.

Instead, my life's situation was used by God to develop a strong love for children. I discovered that children are a gift from God and that the care of these gifts can get hard some time. We spend countless hours and money trying to ensure that our children have the best that we can offer. We drive all over to get them to practice, to the store for materials for school, and we will walk the floor all night long until we know they are

home safe. In spite of it all, mothers, be encouraged! Perhaps you do not get "I love you" each day or a "thank you" like you deserve. Maybe it seems like all of your motherly advice goes unheard. Just be encouraged and pray that the hand of God is upon you as you raise your children. Times may get rough, but be encouraged and have faith. Know that God has equipped you for the gift that he has given you.



Stay connected with us.



**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

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First Lady Benton
Ext. 104

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Ext. 109

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

"Praise Due Unto Her"

"Give her of the fruit of her hands;
and let her own works praise her in the gates."
- Proverbs 31:31

**Happy Birthday
First Lady Y'Vonne Benton
May 3**

*In honor of our First Lady's birthday, please join
us today immediately following the 10:45 AM
service for a reception in the
Micheal Benton Family Life Center.*



Deaconess Jackie Woods

Mothers



On the second Sunday in May, we celebrate mothers. It is a day of honoring them with cards, flowers and candy. Occasionally, mothers are given the day off from cooking and other household tasks.

What is a mother? According to Webster, a mother is a female parent. Additionally, a mother is someone who loves unconditionally and places the needs of her children above her own. A mother has the faith of a mustard seed. A mother's faith is demonstrated by her strong belief in her children. "Her children rise up and call her blessed". (Proverbs 31:10) A mother is virtuous. "Who can find a Virtuous Woman? For her price is far above rubies" (Proverbs 31:10).

There are many mothers mentioned in the Bible, but for this Mother's Day, let us remember these five: Eve, Mary, Elizabeth, Hannah and Sarah. These women demonstrate that a mother's love is fierce, unconditional, and stubborn to a fault.

Eve, the first mother and the mother of all the living. Her sons were Cain, Abel, Seth (and many unnamed children). Eve was the first mother to bury a child. Her story is told in Genesis.

Mary, the most famous mother in the Bible, learned at an early age, from an angel, that she would give birth to the long awaited Messiah, Jesus Christ. She was a rich tapestry of real motherhood. She experienced a lot of excitement followed by years of hard work and moments of intense pain. I cannot imagine how she felt watching her

Son being crucified and then the joy of seeing Him rise again! (John 19)

Elizabeth, a godly woman, righteous in the sight of God, was unable to give birth early in her life. God answered her prayers late in life and she gave birth to John the Baptist. She is best known for her prophetic encouragement to the young Mary. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promise to her!" You can find Elizabeth's story in Luke 1.

Hannah, though her story is less well-known, she is one of the most inspiring mothers in the Bible. Through years of patience and prayer, she was still unable to have a child. One day, weeping bitterly, she prayed to the Lord and God answered her prayer. In gratitude for her son, Samuel, she dedicated him to God's service and he became one of Israel's greatest prophets. Her story is recorded in 1 Samuel 1.

Sarah, Abraham's wife, is considered one of the great matriarchs of the Bible. She did not become a mother until very late in life after her childbearing years. When Sarah heard God tell Abraham she would give him a son, she laughed. This was her reaction to God's promise. She gave birth to a son, Isaac. Her lineage included Jesus Christ Himself! Her story is found in Genesis 18. Good things come to those who wait!

A mother is the Bible's most honored woman. She teaches her children the ways of her Father in heaven. She nurtures her children with the love of Christ. She disciplines them with care and wisdom. She trains them in the way they should go. (Proverbs 31:28, 31:26, 22:6; Deuteronomy 6; Luke 18:16)

We can learn from the women of the Bible. These were praying women. While dad is considered the leader, mom sets the tone in the home. And where does she find help? Psalm 121:2 says, "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Even though God is Father, He has a mother's heart. Say a silent prayer of thanks for mothers on Mother's Day.

Making Your Marriage A Priority Retreat

Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa, Youngstown, GA

August 12-13, 2016

\$390.00 per couple

Includes: hotel stay, dinner, breakfast, retreat materials & transportation

Only a few spaces left

Contact: Minister Valerie Cheely – 770-656-8486 / valeriecheely@yahoo.com or

Carol Franklin – 770-987-9148 / cfranklin@bellsouth.net

Reminder

Payment is due today, please see a representative at the front kiosk.

The Toastmasters International's Youth Leadership Program

Toastmasters International's Youth Leadership Program is designed to develop the speaking and leadership skills of young people. By developing these skills, young people will be better prepared to meet the demands and challenges of today's world. The program is a workshop designed to be conducted in eight sessions. Each session should last one to two hours. Participants learn how to prepare and present a speech, conduct meetings, listen effectively and evaluate what they have heard. By the end of eight sessions, they will have developed self-confidence and interpersonal communication skills that they will use for the rest of their lives. Age requirement is 8 to 18 years old. This dynamic summer enrichment program will be at no charge to the participants. Class schedule is from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The class will be held in the Zack Brown Education and Administrative Center.

Class Dates: June 6, 2016 – Visit a Fairfield Kingdom Voices Meeting

June 7, 2016 – Time to become acquainted with each other and conduct election of officers

June 14, June 21, June 28 and July 5, July 12, July 19—(Speeches and Evaluations)

July 26, 2016 (Award Ceremony)

We look forward to the productive oratorical achievements by our participating youth.

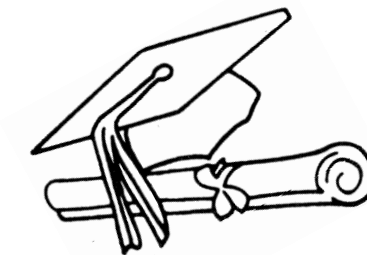
For Information and Registration

Please contact Deacon Michael Morris at 404-502-5806.

FAIRFIELD KINGDOM VOICES CLUB 9851 WELCOMES QUALIFYING PARTICIPANTS



**Parent Orientation
May 24, 2016, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Media Center
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center**



**Attention
2016 Graduates**

We congratulate you on your achievements and would like to highlight all high school and college/university grads in the June edition of the Lighthouse.

Please forward your picture, the name of the school, diploma information and your future plans to

bware@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org

WinGS 's Cookbook

**WAIT Guess What?
Recipe submission deadline
has been extended to
Sunday, May 8, 2016**

If you forgot to turn in your finger licking good recipe or one that will make you kiss your mama, you still have time. Do not delay and remember we welcome pictures and stories that relate to the recipe. Help us make this Fairfield Baptist Church Cookbook a treasure we can all remember.

Cookbook Debut
Taste of Fairfield
Saturday, July 23, 10 AM - 12 Noon

Vacation Bible School 2016

**"I'VE GOT TALENT:
SHOWCASING OUR GIFTS FOR JESUS"**

Wednesday - Friday, June 15 -17
6:00 PM - 8:45 PM
Dinner will be served

Classes for Youth and Adults

If you are interested in sharing information about your job for our VBS Career Fair, please see a Kingdom Kreation Leader in the lobby or contact us @ kingdomkreation@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org

FBC FINANCIAL TRAINING SESSION

May 12, 2016, 7:00 PM

Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center Room 219

The first 2016 training session for the ministries that collect dues, handle deposits and withdrawals for their projects, was held on April 7, 2016. Please mark your calendars for the next training to be held on May 12, 2016. Treasurers, this is an annual required training session. Trinitarians, you are welcome to attend. Please remember to establish an approved ministry budget for the various events held at Fairfield and your internal expenses such as calling post, fellowship, etc. At year end, the treasurers are accountable for reporting exact amount paid in dues by each member. Keep the church anniversary in mind as each ministry is assessed \$1,310.00. 131st CHURCH ANNIVERSARY-TRANSFER FORMS are to be used for this occasion. The form can be found in the shared office in the Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center.

For more information, contact
Deaconess Alice C. Cunningham, Administrative Assistant / Accounts Payable
770 482-7660 ext. 109

**FBC
Live Nativity**



Fairfield will host a live nativity this year during the Christmas holiday. We solicit your help and support. We are in need of your talents in construction (painting, common yard work, carpentry, plaster, scenic design, or install); drama/actors (interested in acting, speaking and non-speaking parts are available); guides (direct our guests around); technical staff (experience in sound and lighting); musicians, all instruments; choirs; dancers; costume designer/seamstress; hair and wig designer; make-up artist; etc. These are just a few of the volunteers needed.

Event contacts:
Minister Valerie Jackson (404)358-4573
Minister Leonard Jones (678)923-9004

**Fairfield Baptist Church
Celebrating Our 131st Anniversary**

This month we are celebrating our 131st church anniversary. We thank God for yet another glorious opportunity to give praise and thanksgiving as we celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness during our church anniversary and revival.

Fairfield became the first Black church in the Redan community in 1885. Built from old limbs and brush, picked up from trees on the flat ground in the field, the first church was named Fairfield Brush Arbor (FBA). It was built in a field on two acres of land that were donated by a white merchant, Johnny Johnson. One acre had to be used for the church and the other, a cemetery to bury members. This all started just 19 years after the slaves were freed. Several families (Carol, Durden, Mapp and Moore) because of their strong love for the principles of the Baptist church set out to organize and start a church. Fairfield has a very rich history. In its 131 years of existence, there has only been five pastors. The first pastor was Rev. A.D. Freeman (1885-1918); the second, Rev. A. C. Collins (1918-1924); third, Rev. Zack Brown (1924-1930); fourth, Rev. C. L. Nall (1941-1977) and the fifth and present Pastor is Rev. Micheal Benton. 131 years is most certainly a long time to still have a strong presence and foundation in the Redan community. We have so much for which to be thankful for! As



we celebrate our past, it is also a time to look towards the future in anticipation of great things that God has yet to do at Fairfield Baptist Church.

Join us for this awesome occasion, "Celebrating 131 Years of Inspiring Believers". On **Sunday, May 15**, we invite you to celebrate with us during the 7:30 AM and 10:45 AM worship services,

as Pastor Micheal Benton delivers powerful messages. Our church anniversary revival will be held May 16 - 18 at 7:00 PM. Our revival speakers are:

- Monday, May 16**
Rev. Christopher Chappell
Grace Community Christian Church, Kennesaw, GA
 - Tuesday, May 17**
Rev. Michael Shinn
New World Harvest Church, Stone Mountain, GA
 - Wednesday, May 18**
Rev. Edward Randolph
Union Missionary Baptist Church, Lithonia, GA
- The Twelve Tribes of Israel, along with our ministries will participate in this year's celebration.

In honor of this auspicious occasion, members are asked to gift \$131.00 above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings.

Celebrating "131 Years of Inspiring Believers"

Ministries News

Veterans and Supporters Ministry

The Veterans and Supporters Ministry would like to thank everyone that played a part in the Veterans Appreciation Dinner, April 30, 2016. We appreciate all of your support to the ministry. As we prepare to celebrate our deceased soldiers with our Memorial Flag and Wreath Laying Ceremony, we hope again, that you will volunteer to be a part of the program. Thank you and please continue to pray for our soldiers, their families and our Country. The Trinitarians

The Singles Ministry's Study of Wisdom

May 13, 2016, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Media Center
Please bring a friend and come out and get God's word of encouragement on relationships.
Trinitarians of the Singles Ministry: Terry, Tamika and Terry



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

Events

**May 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

**May 8
Happy Mother's Day**

**May 15
131st Church Anniversary**
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM
The Son's House

**May 16 - 18
Anniversary Revival**
7:00 PM
The Son's House

**May 29
Memorial Day Flag & Wreath
Ceremony**
7:30 AM & 10:45 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
May 4
The Tribe of Napthali
Presents the Book of Jude

May 11
The Ministerial Staff
Presents the Book of Revelation

May 25
The Ministerial Staff
Presents the Book of Revelation

Youth
Zack Brown Administrative & Educational Center

2016 Rip the Runway

