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Kingdom Kreation Youth News



**May's Theme
I AM Set Apart**

Youth Empowerment Session

Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 PM
 Eli McKenzie Jr. Media Center

**Upcoming Events
Mark your calendars now...**

Vacation Bible School
 June 14 - 16
 All Ages

Youth and Young Adult Conference
 "I'll Be the One"
 June 23-25
 FBC Campus



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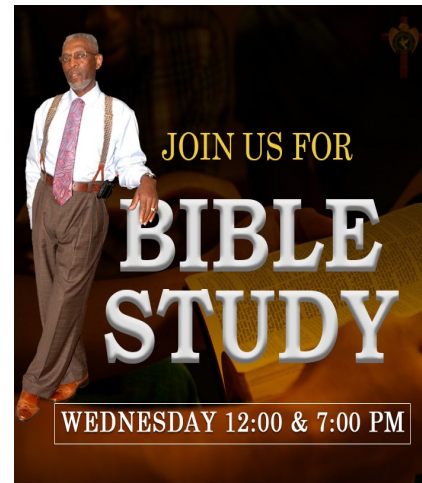
Toastmasters' International Youth Leadership Program

The Fairfield Kingdom Voices presents the 2017 Youth Leadership Program. The Youth Leadership Program begins Monday, June 5, 2017, with orientation. The official classes are Tuesday, June 6, 2017—Tuesday, July 28, 2017. The age requirement is 8 to 18 years old. The Toastmasters' International 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 workshops will 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 the eight sessions, they will have developed self-confidence and interpersonal communication skills that they will use for the rest of their lives. We look forward to the productive oratorical achievements by our participating youth!

For more information, contact:
 Deacon Toastmaster Michael Morris
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2017 High School & College Graduates

We want to honor you!
 Please send information on your graduation and future plans by May 15, 2017 to bware54@yahoo.com for publication in the June Lighthouse



Health Tip

A lady was talking to her friend and noticed she was having trouble speaking. She quickly got her to the emergency room and the lady was diagnosed with a stroke. Her quick actions helped to ensure a very good outcome. If you notice someone with abnormal behavior, do not hesitate to get medical attention.

Nurses Guild



God's Blessings Outside the Comfort Zone

Brother Ja'quon Chamblee



Spring is a very enjoyable season. Being that May is the last full month of spring, you get the best of the climate at this time. It is not extremely hot outside, grass is green, and refreshing winds blow to keep you cool. You are outside cutting grass, watering flowers, performing exercises and etc. But have you walked outside and expected that nice

May weather and got that cold, rainy and windy weather? You will be so quick to walk right back in the house and say to yourself, "I ain't going there today". That is a physical example to show us that we have comfort zones. We limit ourselves to what God has in store for us. Many of us are all good until an uncomfortable opportunity presents itself. What kind of faith is that? "Now faith is the substance of all things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

Over a year ago, this was put to the test for me. While working one job and balancing school, I was hit with an uncomfortable opportunity. During prayer and meditation, I could feel God telling me to move outside my comfort zone, but I did not want to move. I tried to reason with Him but, God had already given me His choice. I remembered, "Trust in the Lord with all of your

heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5) Also, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he that delighteth in his way." (Psalms 37:23) After submitting to God, I jumped out of my comfort zone and applied for another job which was at a sheriff's office. I had taken a big step and the Lord showed me I could not beat His blessings. In over a year, I went from being an officer to sergeant.

I always think about the story of Joseph, being pushed from family, house keeper, jail and to ruler under the king of Egypt. Amazingly, God saw him through it all. "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) God's zone has no limits and as long as we stay in His trusting lane, we are in His zone. So, it ain't no secret of what God can do and what He did for others He will do the same for you.

Why So Much Pain?

Minister Susan Cass

I was texted by a friend the other day and asked to pray for her nephew. He was in so much pain from a medical procedure. I responded with a prayer and some encouraging words. I was reading the Bible when the text came in and I looked up the word "pain". It directed me to several scriptures in the Bible. I went to Jeremiah 15:16-21. My mind began to focus on "why so much pain"? What purpose does it serve and how can we get some help? All of us face problems which may produce personal pain in our body and cause spiritual suffering. There are times when our grief goes so deeply that we really do not know what to do. We wonder what is going to happen next or where do we go from here? We often feel sad, depressed, and alone. We may pity ourselves and feel we are being persecuted. Many times we ask the questions, "Why did this happen to me?"

"What did I do to deserve this?" and "Why me?" Underneath the questions may be a feeling of guilt and a belief, that if things had gone differently or if we had done something in a different way, this tragic suffering may not have happened. All of us have a tendency to believe that an illness, death, or other tragedy, which brings pain and suffering, is produced by something we did or did not do. The "why" question is not in the realm of the past but in the realm of the present and the future. How is the loving redemptive power of God's Spirit going to work through us? God knows our pain. He sent His only begotten Son because He loves us. He experienced pain on the cross. Jesus paid the price for our deliverance, healing and salvation. He knows our human suffering. The, "Why so much pain?" question will connect us to changes in our natural and spiritual lives. Turn to God. He will



help us make creative and redemptive use of suffering. He helps us to use all of life's experiences for personal growth. No pain, no gain, and no growth! Our growth allows us to help others in their distress. We can witness about how we overcame through God's grace and mercy. God will be glorified and Jesus will be lifted up.

**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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Team of the Month
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Usher Ministry
Ext. 180

Maudie Norman
Mission
Food & Clothing
Ext. 112

Let the Church Say, "Amen"

Deaconess Shirley Broughton



I am a Mighty God, nothing is too difficult for Me. I have chosen to use weak ones like you to accomplish My power. Therefore, do not fear your limitations or measure the days demands against your strength. What I require of you is to stay connected to Me, living in trusting dependence on My limitless resources.

Luke 1:37 reads, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." A well respected lady we know found strength during the most difficult time of her adult life when she experienced the loss of her spouse. For her children's sake, she faced this difficult time with dignity, peace and love. Hebrews 11:24 reads, "Who out of weakness were made strong". What Christian has not experienced loss - loss of a spouse, a parent, a child, a grandparent or others? If you have not, just keep on living. What Christian can not say that when they felt like sinking under the accumulation of many trials, they found strength according to their

day, and felt an arm of power supporting them? It is then that the Redeemer manifests Himself in a special manner; and then that the excellency of their faith in Christ is truly seen and it is power accepted and felt.

Forasmuch as Christ hath suffered in the flesh, arm yourself likewise with the same mind. The Cross alone extracts life out of pain; without this it is death-giving. "For when I am weak, then I am strong".

At Fairfield we are blessed to have:

- * A Pastor that preaches the Word – for this, "let the church say, amen"
- * A congregation that shows love and support of the church through their presence, their giving of resources and service - for this, "let the church say amen"
- * Believers who understand that the Lord sent The Holy Spirit to be our comforter - for this, let the church say amen"

Today, we celebrate YOU who are examples of:

- * Strength in a time of weakness
- * Joy in a time of sorrow
- * Peace in a time of despair

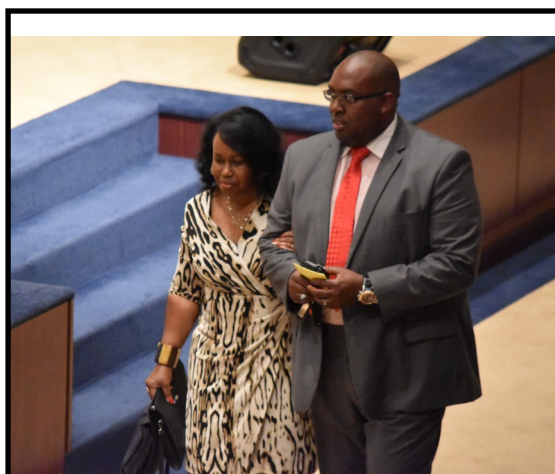
Relax in His presence. Trust in His strength. "God has spoken so, let the church say, amen."

Fairfield Baptist Church

Celebrates
132 Years of Service
**"Praising God for the Past:
Celebrating the Future"**
Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can shew forth all his praise? -Psalm 106:1-2
Sunday, May 21, 2017, 7:30 AM & 10:45 AM
Anniversary Revival
Monday - Wednesday, May 22-24, 2017, 7:00 PM
The Son's House



**"A Royal Jewel
in the
Master's Hand"**
**Happy Birthday
First Lady Y'Vonne Benton
May 3**



Ministries' News

Singles' Ministry

Monthly Bible Study
Thursday, May 18, 2017, 7:00 PM
Eli McKenzie Jr. Media Center
Topic - "The Stress of a Crisis"
Rev. Brenda Rush, Facilitator
Invite your friends and co-workers and anyone you think needs encouragement on how to apply the word of God in a crisis situation.
Questions, please see
Terry Scott, Tamika Foster or Robin Junious

Veterans and Supporters' Ministry

Mark Your Calendar!
Annual Veterans' Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, July 15, 2017, 2:30 PM
Micheal Benton Family Life Center
Registration begins May 21. Sign up to bring your favorite dish. If you are a veteran, a family member of a veteran or just a supporter, please join us.
Preparations are on the way for our Memorial Day Flag and Wreath Ceremony. Our members are welcome to participate. Join us for our next meeting, Thursday, May 11, 7:00 PM in the Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center or see a member of the ministry to participate. Continue to keep our troops, their families and our country in your prayers.

Ladies of Fairfield...

We had an awesome women's planning meeting on April 11, and are excited about the remainder of this year! We want each lady of Fairfield to be a part of the second half of the planning. The second meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 15, 7:00 PM, C.L. Nall Chapel.** To review the notes of the meeting and what is next on our planning agenda, please check your email. If we do not have your email address, please send an email to wings@fairfieldbaptistchurch.org. We will update your email to the distribution list and send the notes from the April 11 meeting. You will also be included in all future distributions. We look forward to seeing you on **May 15** and being a part of all the happenings of the women of Fairfield.

**Volunteers Needed!
Homecoming 2017**

Help plan our Worship Service
August 6, 2017
Interested members, please join the Event Task Force's meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2017, 7:00 PM, Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center. Do not miss this chance to put your ideas to work. We are excited and look forward to seeing you May 11.



A Black History Moment

Doris "Dorie" Miller enlisted in the Navy in 1939 and was made a mess attendant in the United States "Jim Crow" Navy. Miller was eventually elevated to Cook, Third Class and assigned to the USS West Virginia stationed in Hawaii. Miller was aboard the *West Virginia* on December 7, 1941, when it was subjected to a surprise attack by Japan. During the attack, Miller secured an unattended anti-aircraft gun and began firing at Japanese war planes. Miller had no previous training in operating the weapon. Miller shot down at least one Japanese aircraft before he ran out of ammunition and was ordered to abandon ship. Although Miller's courage under fire was initially overlooked, the black press pressured the Navy to recognize him. On May 27, 1942, Miller was awarded the Navy Cross. In addition to the Navy Cross, Miller received the Purple Heart, American Defense Service Medal - Fleet Clasp, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. In 1973, the *Knox*-class frigate USS Miller was named for Doris "Dorie" Miller. In 1991, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority dedicated a bronze commemorative plaque of Miller at the Miller Family Park located on the U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor. During the spring of 1943, Miller was assigned to the *Liscome Bay* and was still serving as a "messman" on the warship, despite his previous heroism, when the carrier was sunk in the Gilbert Islands in 1943.

Issachar Tribe

Events

**May 7
Communion Worship Service
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM**

**9:15 AM
Sunday School**
Zack Brown Administrative and Educational Center
New Member Class
Executive Conference Room
Baptism Class
2nd & 3rd Sunday
Computer Lab

**May 21
132nd Church Anniversary
7:30 AM & 10:45 AM**
The Son's House

**May 22 - 24
Revival
7:00 PM**
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 10
Tribe of Simeon
May 31
Deacons & Deaconesses
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

- Blanche Abrams
- Mother Lucille Durden
- Margaret Freeman
- Ann Garrett
- Arthur Giles
- Idella Grimmer
- Taylor Hamm
- Ola M. McGuire
- Blontine Moody
- Ansley Robinzine
- Barbara Saunders
- Mary Lou Smith
- Ann Delores Yarborough
- Yvonne Williams