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If you believe in your heart that Jesus Is Lord, the Christ, the Savior, the Son of the Living God, and you are willing to turn from sin to God, then receive Jesus Christ now by faith and pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus I am a sinner. Forgive me of all my sins, come into my heart and save me. I do now confess you as my risen Lord. Thank you Lord Jesus for saving me. AMEN

We're excited to visit with you again this quarter. This issue is packed with information of past events and upcoming events. In an effort to not "overwhelm you," we provided concise information on some of the articles. Hope you will still be able to get the message.

This issue is focusing on the youth and young adults of our church. There have been lots of activities that these groups have been involved in and the months of July and August contains a lineup of several opportunities for these groups to be "Front and Center."

The month of August will center on The Family. We invite you to join us as we spend the month focusing intently on the Biblical principles set forth for the family.

We continue to encourage you to visit our church website for weekly updates of church activities. If you are unable to attend any of our scheduled events, contact our Media Ministry at 405-232-1621 or fairviewokc@aol.com and request copies of the DVDs or CDs. You're guaranteed to be blessed once you receive them. Photos of services and events are contained throughout this publication. You can also view additional photos at www.levisphotoz.smugmug.com. To obtain copies, download from the site, call Levi McCullough at 405-850-3891, or email lemac@sbcglobal.net.

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# A Moment with the Pastor —

## My beloved members,

Our Bible Study during the months of June and July is centered around the discipline of **Love**. Healthy disciples of Christ develop genuine love for one another in the home, workplace, church and community.

Jesus says in John 15:12-13, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."



When Jesus issued His command, *"Love each other as I have loved you,"* He was preparing them for His example to them that *"greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."* Jesus in fact did exactly that; He laid down His life for His first disciples, and He did it for us as His twenty-first century disciples. What will be your response to His sacrificial love for you? Are you willing to share it with others?

I find myself sometime sitting and dreaming about all the "what ifs" of the Christ life. For example: *What if* Christians were truly known for their love? *What if* the world saw only love when they looked our direction? *What if* all the world heard was loving conversation coming from our lips? *What if* all our relationships were motivated by true love? *What if* our tough love was more loving than tough? *What if* our love for the lost empowered our love for self? *What if* our churches were known exclusively for their love for God and one another and for giving love away to others? *What if* our love was filled with gratitude, grace and generosity?

That's exactly the kind of love Jesus blessed and the kind of love He commands His disciples to exemplify.

Fairview Family, let us love as Jesus has commanded us to.

Your Pastor



# Fairview Represented at National Baptist Congress

Fairview had 30 registered delegates to attend the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education that met in St. Louis, Missouri, the week of June 17—21.

The majority of the delegation left OKC early Sunday morning and returned on Saturday afternoon. Modes of transportation included church vans, cars, and airplane. Through God's grace and mercy, all made the trip safely and without incident.

The group, led by Fairview's Pastor J. A. Reed, Jr., not only attended but were actively involved in the activities during the week. We could not help but feel a sense of pride as we observed our Pastor grace the stage or walk around the Convention Hall as one of the National Convention Vice Presidents. In sharing that you were from Fairview in Oklahoma City, you would usually hear a ready response of "Oh, you're from Dr. Reed's church," and next, "Were you affected by the storms?"

Delegates in addition to Pastor Reed were: Bob Simmons, Lavinnie Moore, Lee Moore, Lillian House, James Tobler, Tamechia Tobler, Denise Patterson, Rev. Cleo McGlory, Paula McGlory, Clara Finley, Maeleatha Patterson, Brady Watson, Teresa Hill, Darnell Forshee, Charles Hardrick, Donna Thompson, Tamyra Thompson, Jasmine Walckhoff, D. J. Walter, Jahani Reed, Jailah Reed, Tykia Cole, Tyler Hurt, Chris Hill, Shaniya McClish, Jamil Hayes, Tracey Burton, Allysia Arbertha, Evelyn Collins (PMG, Texas).

During the week, members participated in various areas. Most started the week on Monday, which was a free day, by going to Six Flags! Tuesday began the hectic schedule. Youth attended classes and practiced for Friday's Children and Youth Rally, DJ and Chris were Mimes/Dancers and the other youth were in the choir. Denise Patterson represented the Young Adults and participated in the full-day schedule of classes and rehearsal for the iRock Explosion. Brother Bob Simmons taught a class during the week. The youth sponsors made sure the youth were situated in classes, had food, and all other responsibilities of "parenting." Other adult delegates attended daily classes, lectures, special sessions, and night sessions in support of the youth and young adults.

This article contains brief statements of experiences from some of those attending.

- DJ "Now I know someone out there asked if we had fun, and my answer is yes, we had fun, but when we go down to the National Baptist Congress we go to learn and then have fun."
- Tykia "St. Louis was a great experience for me. I learned how to better myself as a young teenage girl becoming a black woman."
- Shaniya "Mark, Luke, and Matthew both contain the same story of Jesus's life, but in more different words and orders."
- Tyler "Sin is something people should never do. And I have scriptures about it! Romans 3:23 & 6:23."
- Jailah "Certain popular stories, such as the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan, are found only in the Gospel of Luke."



Tracey - "Not only did we have class and bible study, but we also went to Six Flags and to the mall. That was really fun. I had a chance to see the fun side of Pastor Reed."

Brady Watson- "I first want to thank God for the wonderful opportunity to just further praise and worship His name. This trip brought more than a smile to my face. It brought an astonishing joy to my heart and soul. I myself attended the Youth Workers division course entitled "Teenage Evangelism". The most important thing that I gained from this year's Congress was a blessing that God gave to me at the iRock explosion. During the invitation, I took our youth down to the front. Having been filled by Rev. Reggie Bacchus' sermon "Gotta Get It Out", I lead our youth to the front to further receive the Word. As we are down front one of the youth bursts into tears and covers their face. They run past me and sit in a seat, crying heavily. I walk over to comfort them and lay my hands on them, and as I did.....tears start to fall from my own eyes. As I stood there and watch one of my youth burst out a cry to God, my heart broke instantly. For weeks I had been dealing with so many problems, My spirit was dragging as I came into the Congress. Yet, at that moment, seeing my youth cry out to God, my body was flooded. All I could do was cry out to Him, praising and worshipping Him just for who He is. It just reaffirmed to me that God is truly IN us. So many times we try to bring Him out. As the youth was out crying I noticed some of the other youth in tears as well. My soul cried out heavily. This was the BEST thing that I received from the Congress.

Denise Patterson: iRock (I rely on Christ the King) Explosion - IRock explosion was an amazing, eye-opening and cultivating experience. IRock is a worship service created and designed for young adults. The service allows young adults to showcase many forms of worship through (Continued on page 5)

#### National Congress

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song, dance, drama, and spoken word. I had the pleasure of participating with the iRock choir this year. During my participation I had the young adults from all over the country from such Tasha Cobbs was the musical number, and it was places as Detroit, Las Vegas, and many more. One very appropriate as we moved into an altar call such group that I connected with were from Pontiac, MI. This group of young people was so excited to be a part of the iRock explosion, and this excitement was contagious and in turn heightened my experience even more. The choir rehearsals didn't feel like rehearsals at all, but more like a worship service. Fellow young adults would give words on encouragement to help keep us focused on our purpose which was the ministry of God's word through song. The actual iRock service just felt like an extension of our rehearsals. IRock was such a high spirited service from beginning to end. Rev. Jeremy Moseley along with a mime presentation gave the call to worship by explaining the purpose of iRock. (I Rely On Christ the King). A powerful spoken word followed from Kevin Finch. Next, the drama group gave a short interpretive presentation along to James Fortune's "I Trust

You." The choir continued to uplift the service through high spirited singing and praise. The message of the hour was brought by the one and only Rev. Reginald Lee Bachus. His sermon was titled, "Its time to get it out!" Mark 5:1-9, 18 -30. The experience ended with a very moving selection involving the choir, mime, and praise pleasure of meeting and fellowshipping with many dancers, and praise team. "Break Every Chain" by period in which all of those present found themselves lifting their hands in corporate worship and praise thanking God for the chains that had been broken in their individual lives. The total experience left my soul happy and full of joy. I departed revived and rejuvenated, ready to share the experience with my fellow young adults, and help us continue to go higher in Jesus name.

> Our appreciation to Pastor Reed and the Church Family for this great opportunity. The van drivers and sponsors were awesome. They deserve awards for their patience in working with the group. Sister Lavinnie did an terrific job in coordinating the trip and giving clearly defined directions.

The 2014 Session will be held in Dallas, Texas. We encourage you to take advantage of whatever opportunity is presented for you to attend. If you avail yourself, you are guaranteed to receive a blessing.



The Fairviewan—Celebrating 20 Years

# FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

By Linette Burton, Staff Reporter

On Sunday, June 16, Fairview paid tribute to the fathers. The Drama Ministry, led by Sister Hattie Marsh, coordinated a Father's Day Celebration Program which was held immediately following Sunday School.

The program began with the song "Victory is Mine." The preschoolers told what Exodus 20:12 says, Honor thy Father and thy Mother so that your days may be long, by doing this we show the love we have for Christ. This is Agape love. The Primaries 1&2 welcomed their dads and told them they love them. The Primaries 3&4 came out with a yard stick and told us how you cannot measure a Father's love. Primaries 5&6 Showed that we must pray for our Fathers to live the way Christ called them to live.

Reverend Dedrick Marsh gave comments on the "Role of a Good Father." He reminded the congregation that a good Father is one who knows Christ and he leads his family in devotion in home and sets the



pace for his household by living a Biblical Christian lifestyle. He is the chief priest, chief provider, and chief protector. He loves and honors and has integrity even during tough times. Reverend Marsh also mentioned how the husband should stop putting the load on the wife. It is detrimental to life success of the family to be hidden from dangers protecting his family from hurt, he must provide and protect for the necessities of the life for his family.

Fairview youth praise dancers used the song to encourage entitled, "So glad I'm living my life in this place." A solo was done by Bro. Ron House, singing "Jesus, You're the Center of My Joy."

The oldest father present was Bro. Clearon Coffey, at the age of 79 years old. The youngest father was Bro. Michael Cleveland, who is 23 years old.

Thank God for Fathers! Please continue to encourage them. Not much is done for fathers; however, we do have some excellent fathers who stand no matter what the situations might be.

The celebration closed with final remarks by Sunday School Director C. Coffey and Assistant Pastor D. E. Walter, Sr.

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# Anual Youth Day

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Sunday, June 9, was Annual Youth Day at Fairview. Special guests for the day were Pastor Larry Mouton and members of Pleasant Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas.

The day was off to a great start with scriptural recitations from Fairview Sunday School youth. There was also a dance presentation from three of Fairview's teens. Fairview's Children and Youth Choirs sang while the Youth and Young Adult Ushers served as doorkeepers during the service.

Pleasant Mt. Gilead was represented by a girls' liturgical dance group and boys' mime/dance/ drill troupe who did phenomenal performances.

Fairview went on to be blessed by a great sermon by Rev. Mouton, titled "I once was lost but now I'm found," Luke 15:11-24. Rev. Mouton told a story of a relationship of a father and his sons. One son chose to live a life of the world leaving God out!

Rev. Mouton said heed these warnings:

- Watch out for what you possess.
- Do not build your life on things of the world.

The world will promise all that you long for, but in turn, the world will leave you empty. When you put your all in worldly possessions and leave God out, that can lead to riotous living, being and acting reckless. Reckless living can lead to being enslaved, humiliated, hungry and destitute. One can come out of the madness and back to Christ!

Good news, Jesus can satisfy, the world cannot. Only what we do for Christ will last. Praise be to God, who loves us in spite of ourselves.

Fairview's youth represented well. We were blessed to have the PMG family visit with us again and look forward to a reciprocal visit.

Marveda Stinson, Staff Reporter

NOTE: Photos from Annual Youth Day are included on the back cover of this issue.

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But He saves the needy from the sword, From the mouth of the mighty, and from their hand, and injustice shuts her mouth. So the poor have hope, and injustice shuts her mouth. (Job 5:15-16)

THERESA KIRKLIN. MINISTRY LEADER

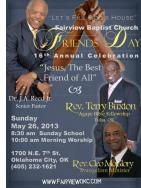


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# ANNUAL FRIENDS DAY

F airview members and guest were all blessed to be in the house of the Lord on May 26 for the 16th Annual Friends Day celebration. The theme was "Jesus, the Best Friend of All."

The occasion, which is evangelistic in nature, is a day set aside to celebrate friendships. It involves the entire membership engaged in inviting friends, especially those that are unsaved and unchurched, to share in



worship. The event was coordinated by Fairview's Evangelism Minister, Rev. Cleo McGlory. Members were engaged in organized team witnessing as well as individually distributing invitations to family, friends and coworkers. The goal was to "fill the house" on May 26.

The day began with Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Rev. Terry L. Buxton, Pastor of Agape Bible Fellowship in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the preacher for the 10:00 a.m. Worship Period.

Rev. Buxton had Fairview on its feet, preaching from Ephesians 2:1-10, titled "Thank God I'm Saved." He touched on all verses. Ephesians 2:1-3 tells us that Paul does a background check on all of us. Every one of us needs to stop and think about what we were like before we met Christ. Remember "we all have a used to be story!" Oh yes, we were all spiritually messed up before we met Jesus. Before Jesus, we were spiritually dead, selfishly disobedient, satanically dominated, which leads us to be out of harmony with our creator. "Man without God is dead."

Rev. Buxton further explained that we must understand two extremely important words: "But God." For example: hopeless to hopeful, sadness to joy. God gives us something we do not deserve, which is "Mercy." We should lift our voice to Heaven and cry out Mercy!

What a joy to know God blesses us in our past, present and future. People constantly change on us; God never changes. He is the same today, yesterday and tomorrow. Rev. Buxton told the worshippers that it is good to share your testimony often so other's can see how great God is. God transformed us from what we were to to what we are now. We were trash before Jesus, after Jesus we have become a Treasure. After this soul stirring message by Rev. Buxton, it makes you want to shout and be so glad and thankful to be saved. Rev. Buxton closes his sermon with a fantastic ending stating that God will make you love people you don't want to love; which takes us back to the title "Thank God I'm Saved.

The day ended with the congregation on a spiritual high. Members and their invited guests were recognized with special recognition of those with the most guests.

By Marveda Stinson, Staff Reporter

## FBC "Singing Churchmen" Present Annual Musical

The Singing Churchmen of Fairview did not leave the audience wanting in the presentation of their Annual Musical on Sunday evening, June 2.

The program began with a Praise and Worship Period. Brother Terrence Mayo was the Master of Ceremonies and kept the audience engaged and the groups on point. Fairview's male chorus, The Singing Churchmen, were featured during the first half of the agenda. They strolled in dressed in purple polo shirts, bearing their group name.

Fairview's Singing Churchmen set a bar that was difficult for the visiting groups to reach. The lead singers, backups and musicians were outstanding, to say the least.

Part Two of the program featured visiting groups and soloists, including Prospect Baptist Male Chorus, Bro. Keith Fraiser, St. James Chorus, Salvation, and Pilgrim Rest, which was represented by Pastor Tucker.

The men extended an open invitation to Pastor Reed and Assistant D. Walter by presenting each with a uniform shirt. President House advised Pastor Reed that he will be assigned as a lead for the 2014 Musical. Bro. Ahmad Kennedy serves as Chorus Director.



#### CONCERNED CLERGY PROVIDES RELIEF TO VICTIMS

The Concerned Clergy for Spiritual Renewal (CCSR) has announced the resurgence of the Oklahoma City Christian Relief Fund in an effort to raise funds to aid the victims impacted by the recent tornadoes that ravaged the area. The Oklahoma City Christian Relief Fund came into being under the umbrella of the Concerned Clergy as a result of the 1995 horrific bombing of the Oklahoma City Murrah Building in which 168 lives were lost. This relief organization also rendered aid to the May 3, 1999 tornado victims and in 2005 rendered aid to the Katrina, Rita and Wilma hurricane victims that migrated to the state of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City area.

Dr. John Á. Reed, Jr., Pastor of the Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, has served as leader of the CCSR for 25 years. Along with Dr. Reed, the Oklahoma City Christian Relief Fund is chaired by Dr. M. L. Jemison, Pastor of the St. John Missionary Baptist Church. The Concerned Clergy for Spiritual Renewal has a solid track record of rendering aid and assistance to disaster victims.

The organization stepped into action and aided members of Fairview, Jerome and Shayla Taylor. The Taylors lost their automobile in the parking lot of Moore Hospital, while Shayla was awaiting the birth of her baby. The tornado destroyed the hospital but, thankfully, Shayla delivered a healthy baby boy. Shayla is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Prevost, former members of Fairview.

The Christian Relief Fund purchased a replacement automobile for the family, and equipped it with car seats for the infant and the couple's older son.



Above: Shayla talks with Pastor Reed Relief Fund Chairman Dr. Jemison after receiving automobile from the organization.

The Taylors were among a number of other families that have received assistance from the Fund, including gift cards to victims affected. Pastor Reed was quoted as saying he saw providence's hand in the young family's story: "A baby was born in a storm. Where life was taken, life was given. There's always good

that comes out of a bad situation. Remember that." (See full story in the June 23, 2013 issue of The Oklahoman).

The organization is accepting monetary contributions of any denomination to aid in this relief effort. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Oklahoma City Christian Relief Fund. Mail donations to Concerned Clergy for Spiritual Renewal, Oklahoma City Christian Relief Fund, P. O. Box. 17452, Oklahoma City, OK 73136. Donations can also be made online at www.concernedclergy-okc.org.

For more information, contact Dr. Reed at 405-232-1621 or 405 -235-8820, or Dr. Jemison at 405-478-3351 or 405-478-3344.

By M. Patterson

#### **Red Cross Disaster Training**

On June 29, 2013, Fairview Baptist Church hosted a statewide Red Cross volunteer training workshop from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Oklahoma Baptist State Convention has identified one of its initiatives is to be prepared for disasters. Rev. Teron Gaddis was appointed the Director for this committee and has been coordinating with various churches to host the training. The goal is to train at least 100 volunteers statewide to be ready to serve when disaster strikes. The Red Cross volunteer training program purpose is to prepare us how to handle these situations when they occur in our neighborhood and beyond.

As you know, just recently we faced flash flooding and tornadoes in our communities. Members of the Red Cross presented an overview of the Red Cross going over their mission statement, vision, and it's values. A brief history was given of the Red Cross and it's fundamental principles which included humanity and impartiality. After the introduction, Dee Wilson of the Red Cross taught the orientation course, 'Disaster Services: An Overview''. She discussed what areas the Red Cross focuses on to help people in need with shelter and food being the main issues. We also received a handout on what we need to have on hand in our emergency kit: water, flashlight, first aid kit, and cash to name a few.

A list of the various ways a person can volunteer to assist their community was discussed: Phone bank, damage assessment, food distribution, shelter, computer reports tracking volunteers, supplies, and damage. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer you can contact Teresa Hill, chair of the Social Action Ministry, who is the coordinator for Fairview. She can provide you with the link to use in order for the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention to track who is signing up. You will then have the opportunity to complete training at the upcoming, Disaster Training Open House Camp to be held July 15 -20.

The workshops are offered, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Victory Church, 4300 N MacArthur Blvd., Warr Acres, OK 73122. The Disaster Services: An Overview orientation will be held as well as 10 other courses during the week at one of the scheduled times. The training is ongoing as we had several members attend the workshop held on April 6, 2013 at Tabitha Baptist Church and there be announcements of other will future opportunities. In Matthew chapter 24, and 1 Thessalonians chapter 5, we are told to be "ready" so let us now also prepare for disasters.

Lillian House Staff Reporter



Reverend J. A. Reed, Jr. Receives 2013 Howard K. Berry Sr. Award - By M. PATTERSON, EDITOR (Reprint from article submitted to the Oklahoma City Herald, May 7, 2013)



Oklahoma City Pastor, religious and community leader, Reverend Doctor John A. Reed, Jr., was recently honored as the first African American to receive the prestigious Howard K. Berry Sr. Award. The presentation was made at the Oklahoma County Bar Association's (OCBA) Law Day Luncheon held at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City on May 1.

This year's luncheon theme was Realizing the Dream: Equality for All, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. An array of legal, judicial and political personalities from the local, state and federal level were in attendance at the event at which the Honorable Tom Colbert, Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, served as the featured Guest Speaker.

The award is named in honor of the late Howard K. Berry, Sr., long-time Oklahoma County Attorney, and is meant to recognize exceptional individuals and charitable groups in Oklahoma County who make significant contributions to advancing justice, the justice system and the principles of the U. S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Although the award recipient need not be an attorney or employed in the legal profession or the Justice System, the winner's achievement or contribution must advance the charitable purposes of the Oklahoma County Bar Foundation (OCBF) to advance the cause of Justice, equal access to justice for all and/or the improvement of the Justice system.

The winner of the award is selected by the Board of the OCBF from the nominations received without any action on the part of the nominee to seek the award. Reverend Doctor Reed's nomination was made by a member of the Oklahoma and Oklahoma County Bar, at the urging of Howard K. Berry, Jr., the son of the Sr. Berry. The nominator's statement referred to numerous aspects of Dr. Reed's involvement in the fight for justice stating he "is a minister first. His focus is always spiritual but also about the betterment of man. Day in and out, he is there for individual members of his congregation and his community."

Reverend Reed was painted as a fighter for justice for the people of Oklahoma, being a person who seeks to make changes so those who come behind him will have a successful path. The proposer tracked Dr. Reed's involvement in the civil rights struggle from his teenage years in Stillwater, Oklahoma, through his early days as a young pastor in Oklahoma City as President of the Coalition of Civic Leadership, and other involvements over the past 50 or more years. Key points were: his role in ending segregation in the state of Oklahoma; his role in seeking justice for and in support of others; his being arrested and jailed during the Oklahoma City Sanitation Workers Strike; his role in the Oklahoma Bombing relief effort, leading the clergy in Oklahoma City in developing a Relief Fund for the victims of the Murrah Building bombing; his role in saving an educational institution, speaking from the pulpit and in the halls of the State Capitol to save Langston University; his role in creation of a newspaper, seeking to have a positive media voice to communicate accomplishments of Oklahoma City's Black people and community, thereby becoming the founding editor of The Ebony Tribune and currently The Oklahoma City Herald.

Dr. Reed was presented as a role model in the fight for justice, human rights achievement, and leadership. The nomination read, "What makes Reverend Reed rise from among others is that he has used his positions to heighten the local, state, and national level of awareness to the plight of others and to be an agent of change to better the environments in which others must exist. He has made justice for others his life work. His motto epitomizes what a fighter for justice should be: 'If I can help somebody, then my living will not have been in vain!'."

Congratulations, Pastor Reed, on a well deserved honor!

# **OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP** —

The following is a list of events and services scheduled for July through September, 2013. This is not an exhaustive list and some dates, times, locations, etc., are subject to change. Please check the church website at <a href="http://www.fairviewokc.com">www.fairviewokc.com</a> and/or view onsite church announcements regularly for possible changes and updates.

#### July 1 – Monthly Staff Meeting

July's Monthly Staff Meeting will be held on Monday evening, July 1, at 6:00 p.m. All staff are to be in attendance at the meeting.

#### July 1 – Music Ministry Meeting

The Music Ministry will meet Monday night, July 1, immediately following the church Staff Meeting.

#### July 3–Noon-day Worship Service

We will have our monthly Noon-day Worship on Wednesday, July 3, from 12:00 noon–1:00pm. The message will be brought by Pastor Reed.

#### July 13–OBSWA Prayer Retreat

The Oklahoma Baptist State Women's Prayer Retreat will be held at Fairview on Saturday, July 13, from 8:30 a.m.–12 noon. Sister Marcene Mackey is President of the State Women and Dr. C. W. Whitlow is Convention President.

Fairview is encouraged to support the Prayer Retreat.

#### July 14—Paradise Baptist Church

We will worship with the Paradise Baptist Church, 4617 N. E. 36th Street, for the Anniversary of Pastor Wilbert Tripplett. Pastor Reed will bring the message and the Music Ministry, Ushers and Nurses will accompany him. Worship service begins at 3:00 p.m.

#### EZD Congress of Christian Education-July 15-19

The East Zion District Congress will be held July 15–19 at the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 1020 N. E. 42nd Street, Oklahoma City, Rev. Ray Douglas, Host Pastor. The adults will meet at Mt. Olive and the Children and Youth Session will be held at Greater Shiloh Baptist Church, 1108 N. E. 50th Street, Oklahoma City, where Rev. Orlando Black is Pastor.

Those desiring to attend classes should contact Sister Lavinnie Moore, Fairview's Christian Education Director, to select your course and be added to the list of Fairview's delegation. The **deadline to submit the list is July 11** so please contact Sister Moore prior to that date. <u>All classes will be held</u> <u>in the evenings. Classes start at 6:00 p.m</u>.

Pastor Reed is asking that Fairview members would support and participate in the Congress as all classes and services are held in the evenings. There will be no Ministry meetings at Fairview during the period that the Congress is in session, with the exception of Wednesday <u>Noonday</u> Bible Study.

Rev. L. Mike Woodberry is EZD Congress President and Rev. Gregory Rogers is Congress Dean. Rev. A. R. Crawford is District Moderator.

#### July 27–Food Giveaway

Fairview's monthly Food Giveaway will be Saturday, July 27, from 10:00 a.m.—noon. Fairview senior members and other eligible members are encouraged to take advantage of this service. For eligibility criteria, contact Sister Theresa Kirklin or Sister Teressa Hunter.

#### July 27-OBSC Prison Ministry Youth Awareness Program

The 9th Annual Youth Awareness Program, sponsored by the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention Prison Ministry, will be held Saturday, July 27, at Fairview.

For more information, contact Sis. Donna K. Thompson, Prison Ministry Director, at 405-209-6750 or <u>obscprisonministry@yahoo.com</u>. Dr. C. W. Whitlow is Convention President.

#### July 28-Christmas in August Project

The Fairview Women's Ministry will have their "Christmas in August" project on Sunday, July 28. Fairview members are asked to make a financial donation. Money collected is used to purchase Christmas items for senior members.

#### August 3-State Youth Annual Meeting at Camp Burge

Fairview youth will be participating in the State Youth Annual Meeting at Camp Burge on August 3. Parents should contact Brother James Tobler or other Fairview youth leaders for additional information. The meeting is for boys and girls. **See inserted flyer.** 

#### August 4–Appreciation Services for Assistant Pastor

The 5th Appreciation Service for Fairview's Assistant to the Pastor, Rev. Derrick E. Walter, Sr., and Fanily, will be held on Sunday, August 4, during the regular Morning Worship Period. Please support the service and our Assistant Pastor. The message will be brought by Rev. Al Walter, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Chickasha and father to Rev. D. Walter.

#### August 5 – August Monthly Staff Meeting–CANCELLED

We will not have our August Monthly Staff Meeting as we will be participating in the East Zion District Association. The next Staff Meeting will be Monday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m.

#### August 5-9 - EZD Association

The 93rd East Zion District Consolidated District Association will be held August 5–9 at the Antioch Institutional Baptist Church, 507 N. Bath, Rev. Greg Rogers, Pastor. The session will begin will a Musical on Monday night. The Pastors, Ministers and Ministers' Wives and Widows Conference will be Tuesday night, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. Laymen will be in charge on Wednesday night and the Women will hold their Annual Program on Thursday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. Women are asked to wear white.

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#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP —

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The Moderator's Annual Program will be Thursday night, August 8, at 7:00 p.m. Fairview members are asked to be present to support Moderator Crawford as he gives his Annual Message.

The Annual Fellowship Banquet will be Friday night, August 9, at the Home Builders Association Event Center, 420 East Britton Road, in Oklahoma City. Rev. Ray Douglas will be the Banquet Speaker.

Please be attentive to future announcements regarding the session. Rev. A. R. Crawford is District Moderator.

There will be no Ministry Meetings at Fairview during the time the EZDA is in session with the exception of Wednesday's noonday Bible Study and the Monthly Noon-day Service.

#### August 7-Noon-day Worship Service

We will have our monthly Noon-day Worship on Wednesday, August 7, from 12:00 noon—1:00pm. The message will be brought by Pastor Reed. A light lunch will be available.

#### August 10-A Heart for the Fatherless Conference 2013

Projectboys2men and the New Union Baptist Church is sponsoring a conference focusing on fatherless young men on August 10. The Conference will be held at Fairview with a scheduled time of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Conference is free for young men 19 and under. Adult tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance. See further information on page 19 of this issue or go to PROJECTBOYS2MEN.VPWEB.COM.

#### <u> August 11 – Fairview Annual Church Cookout</u>

We will have our Annual Church Cookout on Sunday evening, August 11, beginning at 6p.m. The cookout will be held at Fairview. All members and their families are encouraged to attend this evening of fellowship and fun. We encourage our new members to come, bring your families that the other church family members may have the opportunity to fellowship with you.

Activities and games will be available for all age groups. Members are asked to bring food, enough for your family and others. Be attentive to further announcements.

#### August 17 - 22 - Youth Rally/Revival Scheduled

Fairview's Youth Ministry will sponsor the annual Youth for Christ events Saturday–Wednesday, August 17 - 21. There will be a Youth Rally at the church on Saturday, August 17. The Rally will consist of various youth groups from throughout the community.

Fairview's youth revival will begin Sunday, August 18, and go through Wednesday, August 21. Rev. Kraig Pullam, Pastor of Mount Salem Baptist Church, Victoria, Texas, will be the evangelist. Rev. Pullam will preach at 10:00 a.m. worship on Sunday and Monday through Wednesday nights. Nightly service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Fairview's Youth Choir and praise groups, and visiting churches from throughout the community will be participating nightly.

Please be attentive to further announcements about the Youth Rally and Revival from the Youth Ministry. Fairview adult members are encouraged to be supportive of the revival.

#### August 18 – St. John Pastor's Anniversary

We will worship with the St. John Baptist Church, 5700 N. Kelley Avenue, on Sunday, August 18, 3:00 p.m., for the Anniversary Celebration of Pastor M. L. Jemison. Pastor Reed will bring the message and the Music Ministry, Usher and Nurse Ministry will accompany him.

#### August 23 - Young Adult Midnight Musical

The Young Adult Ministry of Fairview (W.O.W.) will hold their Annual Midnight Musical on Friday night, August 23. The musical will begin at 10:00pm and continue through midnight. Groups from throughout the Oklahoma City area will be on the program. The Musical will be kickoff for their upcoming Conference, "The Denial Experience," which will feature recording artist Tye Tribbett. *See inserted flyer.* 

Check the church bulletin board and website at <u>www.fairviewokc.com</u> for updates on the musical.

#### <u>August 24 – Food Giveaway</u>

Fairview's monthly Food Giveaway will be Saturday, August 24, from 10:00 a.m.—noon. Fairview senior members and other eligible members are encouraged to take advantage of this service.

#### August 24 - Sunday School Promotion

The Sunday School will hold promotion of those transitioning to the next class level on Sunday morning, August 24 at 9:15 a.m.

#### August 25 – New Covenant Pastor's Anniversary

Sunday, August 25, the New Covenant Baptist Church will observe the Anniversary of Pastor J. O. Bradford. Afternoon worship service begins at 3:30.

#### August 30 – Usher and Nurse Conference

The Usher and Nurse Ministries of Fairview will have their Conference on Friday night, August 30. Please be attentive to further announcements about the Conference.

#### September - Family Month

The month of September is Family Month at Fairview. Please see **page 14 for** a list of activities for the month. Check the church bulletin board and website at <u>www.fairviewokc.com</u> for updates on the month's activities.

#### September 2-6 - National Baptist Convention

The 133rd Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., will meet September 2–6 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Convention is the major business meeting of the boards, auxiliaries and member churches of the Convention. Fairview Pastor J. A. Reed, Jr. serves as Vice President for the Western Region of the Convention.

Please be in prayer for the delegation that will be attending and for the success of the session.

#### September 6 - Monthly Noonday Service

We will have September's monthly Noonday Worship on Wednesday, September 4. Please plan to support the service and bring a friend or co-worker. The service is from 12–1:00 p.m. Lunch is available for takeout or you may choose to eat and fellowship with other worshippers.

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#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP** —

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#### <u>September 8 - Grandparent Day</u>

Sunday, September 8, is Grandparent's Day! We pay honor to all grandparents for the contribution they have made and continue to make to the stability of our families. We will have our Grandparent's Program at 9:00 a.m. Reverend D. E. Walter, Sr., will bring the message for 10:00 worship.

#### September 14 – DOC Training

The Department of Corrections will hold training for those that interested in working with the Prison Ministry. For information, contact Sister Donna Thompson, Prison Ministry Director.

#### September 15-Senior Saints' Day

Sunday, September 15, all those aged 60 and over will be honored as "Senior Saints." Senior Saints are asked to sit in the center section during morning worship. Lunch will be served to our seniors immediately following morning worship. Additional information will be made available as received. Please check the church website at <u>www.fairviewokc.com</u> for updates.

#### September 18-New Hope Baptist Church, OKC

We are invited to share with the New Hope Baptist Church, located at N.E. 7th and Lottie, on Wednesday night, September 18, for the Anniversary Celebration of Pastor E. Jennings Tyson. Pastor Reed will bring the message, the JR Inspirational Choir will sing and the Usher and Nurse Ministries are to be on duty. We WILL NOT have our regular Wednesday night services at Fairview. The Pastor is asking that all members will meet him at New Hope. Service begins at 7:00p.m.

#### <u>September 19–Paradise Temple, OKC</u>

We will worship with Paradise Temple, located at 1404 Euclid, on Thursday evening, September 19, for the Anniversary Service of Bishop Bob Thomas. Pastor Reed will bring the message and the Singing Churchmen, Usher and Nurse Ministries are to accompany him. Service begins at 7:00p.m.

#### September 20–21 – Singles and Married Couples Retreat

The Single adults and *Married Couples* of Fairview will hold their Annual Conference Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21. The session will begin at the church on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. and the group will then travel to Fin and Feather Retreat, Gore, Oklahoma, for Friday night and Saturday's session. If you have not secured a spot and would like to participate, please contact Larry or Cora Epps, 405-326-5270. The deadline for all monies is August 11.

#### September 22-Annual Family Day

We will have our **Annual Family Day** on Sunday, September 22. Reverend Manuel Scott, Jr., of Los Angeles, California, will be the messenger for the service. We will begin the day with Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. All members are asked to be in attendance in Sunday School and families are asked to sit together during the 10:00a.m. worship period.

#### September 28- Food Giveaway

September's Food Giveaway will be held on September 28 from 10:00 a.m. until 12noon. Wholesome foods (meats and staples) are distributed to aide in supplementing your monthly food costs. Fairview members are encouraged to take advantage of this benefit. Senior members and/or disabled persons that are unable to come to pick up their foods should contact the Ministry Coordinators (Sister(s) Theresa Kirklin or Teressa Hunter) about the possibility of deliveries.

The Food Giveaway is open to the community.

#### **STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS**

During the months of October and November, we will be putting special emphasis on Stewardship. All teaching and preaching will be centered on Stewardship.

#### October 2 - Monthly Noonday Service

We will hold our monthly Noonday Worship on Wednesday, October 2, from 12:00 noon–1:00pm. The message will be brought by Pastor Reed. A light lunch will be available.

#### October 5-Annual Women's Conference

Fairview's Women's Conference will be Saturday, October 5. All women of Fairview should plan to be a part of this great Conference. See additional information in this issue and on the church website at www.fairviewokc.com.

#### October 6 – New Hope Baptist, Chickasha

On Sunday afternoon, October 6, we will worship with the New Hope Baptist Church, for the Anniversary Service for Pastor Al Walter. Pastor Reed will bring the message and the Singing Churchmen, Usher & Nurse Ministries will accompany him.

The church is located at 1202 Sheppard St Chickasha, 73108 (405) 224-0892. Lunch will be served.

#### October 7 – Staff Meeting

October's Monthly Staff Meeting will be held on Monday evening, October 7, at 6:00 p.m.

#### October 7 - Music Committee Meeting

The Music Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m., immediately following the Staff Meeting.

#### October 8 – Clarence Wilder Fish Fry/Church Fellowship Supper

The Men's Ministry of Fairview will again treat the Church Family to an evening of food and fellowship at the Annual Clarence Wilder Fish Fry and Church Fellowship Dinner. The fellowship will be held on Tuesday evening, October 8, in the Donald Burns Fellowship Hall. All Fairview church members are encouraged to share in this great feast and evening of family fellowship. Dinner will be served, beginning at 7:00 p.m. For further information, contact Men's Ministry Director Charles Hardrick or his designees.



#### SEPTEMBER 2013 FAMILY MONTH AT FAIRVIEW

#### WEEKLY EMPHASIS ON THE FAMILY

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 8:30 a.m.—Church School (Designated Group Areas)
- 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (Main Sanctuary)
  ◊ Pastor's Message to the Family

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—GRANDPARENT DAY

- 8:30 a.m.—Church School (Designated Group Areas)
- 9:00 a.m.—Tribute to Grandparents (Donald Burns Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (Main Sanctuary)
  - ♦ Message by Assistant Pastor D. E. Walter, Sr.
  - ♦ Reserved Seating for Grandparents—Center Section

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15—SENIOR SAINTS DAY

- 8:30 a.m.—Church School (Designated Group Areas)
- 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (Main Sanctuary)
- Preacher to be announced
  - ◊ Reserved seating for Senior Saints—Center Section
  - ◊ Lunch will be served to Senior Saints (aged 60 and over) immediately following Morning Worship in the Donald Burns Fellowship Hall

#### Friday and Saturday, September 20 & 21

- Singles & Married Couple's Retreat
- Friday morning (Fairview)
- Friday afternoon—Sunday morning, Fin & Feather Resort, Gore, Oklahoma (Return to Fairview for morning worship, September 22)

#### Sunday, September 22—Annual Family Day

- 8:30 a.m.—Church School (Designated Group Areas)
- 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (Main Sanctuary)
- Family Day Sermon by Rev. Manuel Scott Jr., Los Angeles, CA
  - Families are asked to sit together during Morning Worship



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## Resurrection Day What a joyous occasion to



recognize Jesus on this day. Our Sunday School Ministry Celebrated "Easter" by opening with a song "He Lives." Sis Clara Finley spoke with a message of "Let Us Celebrate Jesus."

The Preschoolers came in ringing their Bell to let us know John 3:16 says that God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. The Primary 1 & 2 classes let us know that Jesus loves us and expressed with a song to remind us. Primary 3 & 4 groups reminded how Jesus was our perfect us of sacrifice. Primary 5 & 6 students told how Jesus shed His blood for and has unconditional love for us. The Intermediates reminded us that Easter isn't about the clothes or the Easter Bunny, but because of His love, He saw something in us we don't even see.

A praise dance was done by L.I.F.T.; their praise was a worship to the King. The solo was done by Sis. Debra Sancho, singing "The Blood that Jesus Shed for Me." The program closed with the song, "Because He Lives."

Please Join us Sunday mornings in Sunday School at  $8{:}30$  a.m! What A Blessing to be in the House of the Lord!!!!!

Linette Burton, Staff Reporter

#### Fairview Summer Youth Camp

Fairview's Rev. J. A. Reed, Jr. Community Summer Day Camp is in session and will continue through August 9. The camp is held Monday—Friday, 7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. for ages 3 - 17. A light breakfast and lunch is provided. Over 250 youth attend the camp. (See Photo on the front cover of this issue.)

Volunteers and donations are still needed! Donations can be monetary or goods. Checks should be payable to Fairview Baptist Church and earmarked for Summer Camp.

Those willing to volunteer should contact Camp Director Sheila Williams by phone at 405-426-9693 or by email at <u>boyzofpraise@gmail.com</u>.

The Program Finale will be held on Sunday, September 11, during regular Morning Worship. All campers, their parents, and other special guests, will be worshipping at Fairview to witness the youth display their learned tools.

# 69th Annual SIMULTANEOUS **REVIVAL**

During the three-day Simultaneous Revival held at

Fairview Baptist Church April 3—9, Reverend Reginald Bachus of Bronx, New York, brought hope, help and God's instructions on Wednesday thru Friday. He preached three sermons entitled **How to Birth your Miracle**, Fruits of Fail-



ure, and A Pause in Progress. Each sermon was tailor made to provoke thought, speak life, and to help evaluate your individual relationship with Christ.

Birthing your Miracle centered the believers' thinking on trusting in God's perfect timing and how in our lives there may come a time that you are blameless but barren. Each believer must know that God has given us power to speak life or death into existence; it is up to us to be in the right place, receiving the Word of God from the man of God to get instructions to our miracle.

Rev Bachus closed the Revival with concentrating on the pause in progress in the church. Eloquently stating when we are willing to leave our resources with the pulpit, God gets the glory. When God's finances are not in order, it is just like the finances in our own lives. Just like the prayer of Jabez, let my territory be expanded. God wants to bless our family, our households, and our relationships but we must first trust ALL to Him.

Rev. Bachus was the speaker for Friday night's Late Night Service, which was held a Fairview. By the time the young Bachus stood to deliver the message, the house was packed. He brought the audience to their feet as he closed in his unique way. There is no doubt that when Oklahoma City hears that Reggie Bachus is in town, they will make their way to hear him.

Taressa Gaines, Staff Reporter



	COLLEGE
Angela D Clemmons	Oklahoma State University
Whitney J Hunter	Masters in Nursing — Texas Woman's University
Cynthia McCoy	Bachelor of Arts and Science Psychology — Langston University
Donna Thompson	Bachelor of Arts and Science Criminal Justice — Langston University
Shauna Turner	Bachelor of Arts and Science English- Prairie View A & M
HIGH SCHOOL	
Tim Bartee	Moore High School
Asia Moore	Carl Albert High School
Nia Stepeny	Douglas High School
Tamyra Thompson	Douglas High School
Johnte' Barr	Edmond Santa Fe
Joshua A. Hayes	Midwest City High School
Amber Ryan	Midwest City High School
Kaubriana Walter	Midwest City High School
Toni Cooks	Millwood High School
Queen Okyere	Northeast Academy
Jarod Thompson	Star Spencer High School
Μ	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Tracey Burton	Del Crest Middle School
ELEN	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Cymirah Williams	<b>Ridgeview Elementary</b>
K	KINDERGARTEN
Michael Wilder	Destiny Christian Science
Dakota Wommack	Spencer Elementary



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#### SEEK GOD ON BEHALF OF MARRIAGES Hebrews 13:4

Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled, but whoremongers and adulterers, God will judge.

Each partner brings expectations and needs into a marriage. We naturally want to get our desired goals accomplished, get our needs met, and receive the attention we need. And when that doesn't happen, we react. But God wants us to react supernaturally, not naturally. He wants us to develop Biblical attitudes and, with His help, we can.

Creating a mate for Adam was God's idea, not Adam's. Genesis 2:18 reminds us that all of God's plans are perfect. The problem is not marriage; it's the people who are bound together in a relationship that makes it good or bad. One of the most important things a husband must learn is how to cherish his wife as his life helper that God created her to be.

God made Eve to correspond perfectly to Adam. She was just what he needed to complement and complete him. The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make him a helper suitable for him." (Genesis 2:18)

A husband who wants to love his wife according to God's kingdom agenda must be his wife's satisfier. The Apostle Paul gives us the New Testament version of this when he says that husbands need to love their wives as their own bodies (Ephesians 5:28). A wife must see to it that she respects her husband (Ephesians 5:33). When a man's wife gives him respect, he is more likely to return that respect and love and security she seeks.

Submitted by:

Bro. Curtis and Sis. Doris Simmons, Group Leaders



# NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP



One new member's perspective . . . By Kim Watley

My experience at the New Member Fellowship was extremely exciting. Eve

Fellowship was extremely exciting. Every since my family and I joined the Fairview Baptist Church Family, we have been welcomed with warm hugs and kind words.

At the New Member Fellowship, it was no different. Each of the members approached my mother, my brother and I and introduced themselves. It was very helpful to meet the different Ministry Leaders and other members of the church.

There is always a loving atmosphere when members of Fairview are present. The fellowship was well organized, and as part of the fellowship a game was played where the current members had to name the new ones, and at the end all the new members were introduced. It was so much fun trying to keep up with all the people we had just met.

I truly enjoyed my experience and I cannot wait until the next one so I can share the same warm welcome with the next group of new members.

# Welcome, New Members

The following members have recently become a part of our church family, through June 30, 2013. Please greet them with a hearty *Fairview Welcome!* 

Jenellis Alford Eva Lee Black Aja'onna Blonner Destiny Bowers Edtyya Cargle Vickie Hogg Falomi Ivery Thaima Ivery Nicole Hooks Kenneth Johnson, Jr. Yolanda Lewis Semaj Malone Dorris Moore Charles Rodgers Keashia Ruffin Jeanetta Singh

#### PRISON MINISTRY SPEAKER'S NIGHT April 19, 2013

"Working Together for Change" Guest Speaker- Elder Nickelberry, Grace & Mercy Church

Reiterating the benefits of the 12-step program, Rev. Nickelberry shared that the program is not just about drugs, but rather about ANY addiction such as bad behavior, stealing, men, as well as drugs. Whatever has you, you can make a change in life. The Goal of the program is to give you a different outlook. formed against you shall prosper. Greater is He that In sharing her personal testimony, Elder Nickelberry opened by sharing that he is so grateful for many things; food on his table, dollars in his pocket, a good relationship with his wife and his freedom both from physical prison and from the prisons we build for ourselves. He is grateful to be free from the bondage of crack cocaine. Elder was blessed in that he woke up with no obsession or compulsion to get crack any longer.

At one point, dope took over his life taking him from the top of his world as the head of his wife and family.

Who is an addict? It is a person whose whole thinking is centered in drugs and whose life is controlled by the drug. In the beginning, it was nothing like that, but Elder has an addictive personality. Today, he won't even eat Lays Potato Chips because they say "you can't eat just one". When he started his journey with cocaine, things were good. He can remember times when he just didn't want to get high anymore.

The first step is to stop acting like you don't have a problem and the Lord can help you. God wants us back, naked and honest and calling it what it is. Stop trying to save face.

How can you tell a crack head to Just Say No? It's not going to happen until we say 'Yes' to a power bigger than ourselves who will stand with us to help us say NO! For Elder got on his knees, surrendered and told God the drug habit was bigger than he was. Elder was in a motel room for 13 days getting high and he started to get paranoid. He was hearing and seeing things that weren't there. He lost so much weight that he had to stand in a spot twice just to make a shadow. You find out that the thing you love doesn't love you. This is what sin will do to you. Once he was beaten, he became willing.

Each of us has a powerful call on our lives, but the devil has manufactured some challenges for us; divorce, loss of children, etc. and these challenges make us miserable, depressed, paranoid and unwilling

to go on living. This is how he was feeling at his lowest point. If there was a God, he needed that power to show up in his life. He told God that he needed Him to deliver him. We all need to do as he did. He called 911 on himself. After being paranoid that everybody was the police after those 13 days in the hotel room. But before there can be a breakthrough, there has to be a breakdown. Everything that we put our trust in has to fail. There has to be a rude awakening before a spiritual awakening. God doesn't make mistakes. Elder is now celebrating 9 years clean. Once Elder surrendered God stepped in. No weapon is in me than he that is in the world. For those incarcerated, this is a time to focus on what you can do with your time, not on how much you can do. When in prison, Elder turned the time into college time, into grace time because he didn't have to cook, to wash dishes, to wash his clothes. He turned his time into physical fitness time by working out and playing golf. He lived better in prison that he had the world. He wore starched pants, got his hair cut every week, had 24-hour security nightly to come around and check on him, and if his shoes and clothes wore out, he could just go to property and get some more. In other words, he shifted his thinking while he was in prison.

At his low point, he lost his wife and his family. While he regrets this very much, his advice is not to let a woman find you where she dropped you off. So he got into a recovery program. He also stayed out of relationships for three years because he was still holding on to his wife. He built a relationship with God first

In recovery, Elder Nickelberry became transparent, learning how to talk things out. He made a list of what he wanted in a wife and gave the list to his confidant in recovery. The confidant didn't read the list. He told Elder to write down what he wanted to be to his wife. A friend of Elder's preached a revival and spoke on Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve had the last perfect husband and wife, so there's no such thing as perfect mate. He learned that the things he didn't like about his then fiancé were really things he didn't like about himself. They married and began building their lives together. God restored his health, gave him a wife to cherish, restored his son, restored his home, a paid-for home. God is no respecter of persons but He is a respecter of Faith. God has restored his ability to provide through his Recovery business. God keeps His Word through a thousand generations and Elder thanks God for crack because through it, he found Jesus.

Cora Kemp-Epps, Staff Reporter

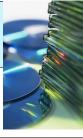
## The **ALLSTARS** Sunday School Perfect Attendance

The following members of Sunday School had perfect attendance for the months March, April and May. The members were recognized on June 30, 2013, during the Worship Hour.

DAKOTA BROWN **RIHAUNA PULLEN** XAZAVIER CARTER ALISIA BROWN THAIMA ISECRY KAYLEONA HILL LAILA MARSH PHILLIP RYAN PATTI BROWN TERRY PEELER MIN DEDRICK MARSH CLAUDETTE GAINES CLEO BESHEAR CLARA FINLEY SANDRA HOLLOWAY LEOLA JOE VIVIAN JONES DELOIS WATLEY ALENE DUNLAP TERESA HILL BOB SIMMONS DONNA ADAMS WINSTON BERRYHILL KATIE DARLING MELVA FRANKLIN LINDA GAINES CAROLYN PETERS DARCEL THOMPSON MOSE JAMES O'BRYANT, JR



# Media Ministry



These services are available on CD, DVD, and Cassette Tape through Fairview's Media Ministry. Call the office at 405-232 -1621 or email fairviewokc@aol.com.

Date	Event	Presenter	Title	
04/07/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Pastor J. A. Reed, Jr.	"What Does The Bible Say About It," Timothy 3: 16	
04/14/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Dr. Jimmy Brown	<i>"The Secret to Paul's Contentment,"</i> Philippians 4: 11	
04/21/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Rev. Derrick Walter	<i>"How To Deal With The Devil In The Desert,"</i> Mat- thew 4: 1-4	
04/27/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Rev. Derrick Walter	"God Will Take Care Of You," 1 Kings 17: 7-16	
05/01/13 10:00am	Fairview Noonday Worship	Pastor J. A. Reed Jr.	"God's Supply," Philippians 4: 19	
05/05/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Pastor J. A. Reed Jr.	"What Will Worship Do For Me?," Psalm 73: 17	
05/12/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Pastor J. A. Reed Jr.	"Why We Worship," John 4: 23-24	
05/19/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Pastor J. A. Reed Jr.	"Where Are You Going?," Genesis 12: 1-4	
05/26/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship Annual Friends Day	Rev. Terry Buxton	"Thank God I'm A Christian," Ephesians 2: 1-10	
06/02/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Pastor J. A. Reed Jr.	"The Command To Love Your Neighbor As Thyself," Matthew 22: 39	
06/09/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship Annual Youth Day	Rev. Larry Mouton, Jr.	"I Once Was Lost, But Now I'm Found," Luke 15: 11-24	
06/16/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Pastor J. A. Reed Jr.	"Do You Love Jesus?," John 21: 17	
06/23/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Pastor J. A. Reed Jr.	"Consider His Love," Romans 5: 8	
06/30/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Pastor J. A. Reed Jr.	"Loving a Prostitute, and Can't Help It," Hosea 1: 2-3	





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Service Se	SECO	OND QUARTE	CR REP	ORT			
Brown, Mary Turner	\$ 10.00	Hicks, Gracie	\$ 5.00	Seay, Jameica	\$ 2.00		
Burns, Barbara	\$ 20.00	Hildreth, Mozel	\$ 4.00	Seay, Kerry	\$ 2.00		
Byrd, Virginia	\$ 15.00	Hill, Havered	\$ 20.00	Simmons, Doris	\$ 2.00		
Celestine, Charles	\$ 5.00	Holloway, Sandra	\$ 30.00	Smith, Mary L.	\$ 12.00		
Coffey, Arthanella	\$ 12.00	Jackson, Robert J.	\$ 47.00	Smith, Ruthie	\$ 2.00		
Coffey, Cleron	\$ 12.00	Jones, Bobbie	\$ 5.00	Thompson, Bobby	\$ 15.00		
Crawford, Rev. A. R.	\$ 15.00	Kirklin, Theresa	\$ 20.00	Thompson, Cathey	\$ 15.00		
Dunlap, Alene	\$ 40.00	Long, Norlotta	\$ 5.00	Threatt, Barbara	\$ 5.00		
Edwards, Charles	\$ 13.00	Marsh, Hattie	\$ 10.00	Westbrook, Peggy	\$ 7.00		
Ellison, Gail	\$ 15.00	McCall, Moriah	\$ 1.00	Wilder, Dee	\$ 5.00		
Fagn, Gregory	\$ 2.00	McGlory, Rev. Cleo J.	\$ 25.00	Wilder, Monica	\$ 10.00		
Franklin, Mary	\$ 25.00	Partin, Rose	\$ 7.00	Williams, Lillian B.	\$ 3.00		
Gaines, Claudette	\$ 6.00	Peeler, Terry	\$ 60.00	Williams, Lucille K.	\$ 5.00		
Gaines, Teressa	\$ 5.00	Peters, Carolyn	\$ 7.00	Wilson, Ernice	\$ 5.00		
Hardrick, Charles	\$ 90.00	Peters, Devon	\$ 2.00	Wright, Maurice	\$ 1.00		

# April - June Totals - \$624.00

# **Thanks For Your Continued Support!**





O n April 25, 2013, the Sunday School Ministry and Family Enrichment of Fairview sponsored Gospel Karaoke Night from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The registration table was manned by Carolyn Gaines and Dolores Stephens, who signed in a total of 55 people.

We had 23 youth come fellowship. which included two visitors who had been outside playing basketball. Twenty-seven Bibles were distributed to participants. The music was handled by Traci Banks.

We had several brave souls sing their "Sunday Best." Jahlani Reed did a Rap, D. J. Walter sang, "Never Would Have Made It," Valerie White, who recently had surgery, sang, "I Won't Complain." Also, doing duets were Micheal Wilder and Alisia Brown-Ryan singing, "Jesus Loves Me" and Patti Brown performing, "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand,"

Food was prepared by volunteers of the Culinary and Family Enrichment Ministries, which featured tacos, drinks, and desserts. In addition, to the opportunity to be a music artist for the night, several games were made available. Some of the favorites were Candyland, chess, and a giant coloring book which was heavily in demand by both youth and adults. Thank you to all who came out.

SUBMITTED BY SISTER LILLIAN HOUSE

## MEN'S MINISTRY CORNER

Greetings in the Matchless and Eternal name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. God has sustained me once more and allowed me to share news from the Ministry as we continue to try to do those things that He has tasked us to do.

Within the Ministry there are those who stand in need of your prayers for special blessings. We pray and ask that God would comfort Minister McGlory as he mourns the passing of his daughter. Comfort the family Lord and let them know that God loved her best. We also ask that you would bless our brothers who are sick and afflicted. Heal each of them Lord who stand in need of your healing blessings in accordance with your will for their lives. Then Father, we want to thank you for blessing me. Lord I have heard the thunder roar, I have seen the lightning flash, I have felt the pouring rain, but through it all Heavenly Father, you brought me safely through, and I still have my joy. I thank you Lord.

Thank you Lord for allowing us to be successful as we celebrated our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Empowerment Conference. Even though Friday's activity was disrupted by severe storms over the area, the sun rose brightly on Saturday morning and our three Facilitators did a magnificent job of expounding on the theme. Amen.

This year's theme was "**Building Men Into Men of God**," I Chronicles 23: 14. The facilitators were

Rev. Frank McClarty, Interim Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, OKC, Pastor Vance Roland, Fellowship Baptist Church, Spencer, Oklahoma, and last but not least, Pastor Wilbert Tripplett, Paradise Baptist Church, OKC. Rev Don Dumas, Pastor of



Deans Chapel Baptist Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma was the scheduled Banquet Keynote Speaker, but God did not allow that portion of the program to take place because of the severe storms that invaded Central Oklahoma.

The weekend's activity ended with the Annual Musical Concert given by Fairview's Singing Churchmen Men's Chorus. A large and enthusiastic group of friends and supporters gathered to witness their performance. Several other musical aggregations from churches across the area were guests of the Fairview Men's Chorus. The Fairview members were highly complementary of the performance given on that Sunday evening.

The support of and the attendance of the *Men's Ministry* meetings continues to be less than what it should and could be. You are invited to join with us on each **Second Wednesday** of each month at **6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. We urge you to come and fellowship with us. There is much to be learned and we have the best Bible Instructor that anyone could have. Won't you please join with us.

Even though the *Singing Churchmen* continue to increase their numbers, Director Ahmad Kennedy

and leaders, Ronald House & Chris McCain, cordially invite you to join the ranks of those who are capable of making joyful noises unto the Lord. Scheduled rehearsals are the **first and third Monday's** of the month at **7:30** 



**PM**. You will be blessed if you will become a member of what Pastor Reed calls the best Men's Chorus in the best church this side of heaven.

I conclude this month's writing by making mention of the fact that I was able to attend the 108<sup>th</sup> National Sunday School Training Congress in St. Louis, Missouri. Each session seemingly is better than the preceding one. I enrolled in and took a chorus in the Laymen Division and again learned so much more than I knew before arriving there.

I was asked to address the entire body and share my testimony about how God brought me safely through the tornadoes that severely damaged my home and made it unfit to live in. I thank all of you for your concerns and prayers.

Continue to lift me in prayer. I love each of you and seek your prayers as I go forward with my life.

**Scripture for the month:** Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Eccl 12:13b. And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul. Deuteronomy 10:12

Charles M. Hardrick Director Men's Ministry

In Loving Memory

# Dímple Dawson Davis



November 13, 1918-May 24, 2013

**Dimple Naomi Mims Davis**, the oldest of 10 children, was born in Clarksville, Texas, to Robert Lee and Malissa Gray Mims November 13, 1918.

Dimple moved to Cisco, Texas, around the age of six. She attended Smithville Grammar School in Cisco and Dunbar High School in Stamford, Texas. She received certificates in Cosmetology, Body Massage, Modeling and Charm, Millinery, Tailoring, Bookkeeping and Retail Recordkeeping as well as Certificates in Christian Education from The King is Coming Bible Institute and the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

Dimple was a lady of many talents and trades. She was a successful businesswoman for over seven decades, working as a cosmetician. She received numerous awards and recognitions for tailoring, hat design and modeling.

Dimple accepted Christ at an early age. She united with Fairview Baptist Church in 1954 and was a devoted, faithful member until her death.

In January 1982, Dimple married the love of her life, Deacon Anderson Davis. They remained together as Fairview's "ideal couple" until his sudden death in September 2000.

Mrs. Davis served as President of Fairview's Usher Ministry for over eight years, was Director of the Bus Ministry, and was active in the Prison Ministry, the Deaconess Ministry, Adult Sunday School Class #3, the Senior Ministry and the Women's Ministry.

the Senior Ministry and the Women's Ministry. In addition to her work at Fairview, she served as Assistant Secretary and Sunshine Chairperson for the City-wide Ushers, was twoterm President of the East Zion District Association Ushers, and was Assistant Secretary of the State Usher Ministry and Chairperson of the State Usher and Nurse Ministry Workshop. She was one of the organizers of the Workshop, which was later named the Oklahoma Baptist State Ushers and Nurses Annual Dimple Davis Workshop. Sister Davis was actively involved with the Usher's and Nurse's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and was recognized in 2010 at the Annual Session held in Kansas City, Missouri, as being one of the oldest, active members of the Auxiliary.

Sister Davis was known for her warm and youthful personality. When asked how she stayed so young, she attributed it to staying busy. She loved and enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. Her love for others was far reaching. During her life's tenure, she mentored many who affectionately referred to her as Mama Dimple or Mom and she reciprocated by calling them her children. Mrs. Davis' philosophy in life was to "Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, just as long as you can."

# We Remember . . .

# Billy Earl Campbell, Jr.



October 17, 1952-June 17; 2013

BILLY EARL was born to Billy Sr. and Lillie Mae Campbell. He grew up at Fairview and was baptized under the leadership of Rev. John A. Reed, Jr. He was a member of Fairview's baseball team.

Billy met and married the late Connie Jean Nubine. While attending Douglas High School. Billy and his family made their home in Homestead, Florida, where he remained until his death. Those who knew him shall always cherish the memory of Bill Campbell.

# Leveat Deníse (Brown) White



July 6, 1967-May 1, 2013

Leveat Denise was born in Texarkana, TX to Ernest Climant Campbell and Ella Mae Jackson. Leveat enjoyed her TV shows, playing bingo, shopping, going to the movies, traveling, watching sports, and spending time with her beloved family.

Leveat and her children, Benesha Brown, Clyde Lee, Leondrick and Antonio Brown were once members of Fairview. Leveat sang in the Inspirational Choir and would often take the out-of-town trips with the Pastor and Choir. She made a visit back to Fairview in December of 2012 and sought out her choir members. She reported that she was "coming back home."

She didn't make it back but, we shall remember ... Leveat Brown.

# In Loving Memory

#### Cleopatra "Pat" Gaddis Sunrise: December 7, 1937 Sunset: June 19, 2013



Proverbs 31: 25-29

Her clothes are well-made and elegant, and she always faces tomorrow with a smile. When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say, and she always

says it kindly. She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive. Her children respect and bless her, her husband joins in with words of praise: "Many women have done wonderful things, but you've outclassed them all."

As a young woman, Pat recognized the need for Christ in her life and began her spiritual journey where she united with the Church of God in Christ in Tishomingo, OK.. After an invitation from Bob and Mendel Simmons to visit the Fairview Baptist Church, Pat joined the Fairview family and remained a member for 42 years. She served faithfully throughout those years contributing significantly in the Music Ministry.

The collaborative spirit that God gave Sister Pat produced a history and legacy of music throughout the state of Oklahoma and throughout the nation. She served as the Oklahoma Chapter Representative to the Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA). Most recently Pat was awarded the Lifetime Chapter Representative Award from the GMWA. To God be the Glory!



April 3, 1923—June 11, 2013

Verna accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age, uniting with the Fairview Baptist Church as a child. Everyone who came in contact with her knew about her church as she was a dedicated and loyal member. She served in several capacities at Fairview including the gospel singing group, the Fairlyettes, named after Rev. S. S. Fairly, who served as Fairview's pastor prior to Rev. J. A. Reed, Jr.

Sister Verna loved to sing, so she was also a longtime member of the Senior Choir. She was also a member of the Women's Ministry in the Monteen Warner Mission Action Group and she was a faithful Deaconess.

Sister Verna loved children, and teaching children about Jesus Christ was her passion. She served as a Sunday school teacher for over 50 years here at Fairview along with a long teaching career in the Oklahoma City Public School System where she retired at the age of seventy five.

#### A TRIBUTE

God called her above to eternal joy. Her life was all good without an alloy She was faithful member of her church so dear, She served in many capacities for many a year. As a mother and wife she measured up well. Her family & friends this fact could tell, We will miss her more Than mere words can express, But her influence lives on more lives yet to bless



Teresa Lorene Austin December 11, 1962—May 28, 2013

Teresa was born to Genevieve Rogers and Donald Ray Austin in Boston, Massachusetts. She was the fourth of five siblings.

Teresa moved with her family to Oklahoma City at an early age and attended public schools.

She received Nursing Certificates from Oklahoma City Metro– Technology Center. Teresa was an accomplished cosmetologist and a certified Substance Abuse Counselor. She worked as a nurse aide and served as a volunteer worker for Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous.

Sister Austin united with Fairview Baptist Church in November 2004, where she served faithfully with the Prison Ministry.

Teresa loved people and connected well with others. She had a memorable personality.

Our prayers are extended to her two children and other relatives. May God grant you peace and the strength to continue in his love and peace.

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling. And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and forever. Amen

# Annual Youth Day June 9, 2013 — Guest Church, Pleasant Mt. Gilead (Ft. Worth) (Photos courtesy of Levi McCullough. Copies are available at www.levisphotoz.smugmug.com or call or text 405-850-3891)



