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of All Festivities*

*Black History is
American History:
A Month Long
Celebration*

Fairview Honors
50 Years of Service

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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

Welcome to our first-time readers! Welcome back to our regular viewers. We hope you enjoyed the last issue and found our new format of interest. We are still refining the layout so you may find that some of the regular features are not located in the same areas as in the monthly issues. Please give us your feedback!

This issue is named as a “Commemorative Issue” as we are featuring a special occasion in the history of our church—the 50th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration of our Pastor and wife. Due to the limited space, we were unable to cover the event in detail. If you were unable to attend, 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 the services 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.

We want you to stay abreast of all of the events that are going on at our church so we encourage you to view our church website, the bulletin board and media screens on a regular basis as some of the forthcoming events listed in the “Opportunities” section of the newsletter does not contain all of the details. Also, events will be added to our calendar during the quarter. **Make www.fairviewokc.com your homepage!**

Blessings to you and we look forward to sharing with you again in July 2013. Feel free to send comments or items for print to communication@fairviewokc.com. Items must be received by the first Sunday in June to be included in the July—September issue. **Reminder:** information is printed at the discretion of the Editor in Chief and is subject to editing by the Editor.

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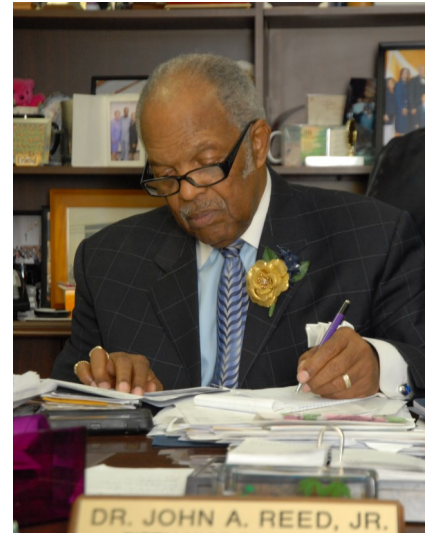
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A Letter From Your Pastor —

My beloved members,

“To all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi.” These words were penned by Paul as he wrote to the followers of Jesus.

These same words express my feeling on this first Sunday of April in the year of our Lord 2013. Paul goes on to say “Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.



“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you. Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy – for your fellowship I the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing – that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.” [Philippians 1:1-7] I say today on this seventh day of April, “Grace unto you all the saints of The Fairview Baptist Church Family. Peace be unto you.”

The past month has been a time of celebrating the fifty years of pastoral service that I have spent laboring with you. Let me thank all of you who thought it well to celebrate with me. The First Lady joins me in greetings and gratitude. Even during her illness, her understanding has been perennial and her patience unparalleled. Her radiance has been relished and her loyalty lingers.

Whether you cooperated with the Anniversary Celebration or not, Pastor want you to know that I love you. The Pastor, the under-shepherd, the leader of this congregation loves the people. There is no way for any pastor, if he is true to his calling and one who is born again, to labor this long without that labor of love. I love you as a people. I love my work with people. I love the burden of ministry. I love all of you.

To be a pastor is the most unique occupation on earth. So today, as I sat here in my office writing to you, God has granted me the opportunity to say to you that *my tenure has been a progressive past, a premium present and I am looking forward to a fulfilling future.*

Your Pastor



50 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE AND STEWARDSHIP IN THE PASTORAL MINISTRY

“This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

The following documentary contains accounts from various members of the Fairview Church Family on the 50th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration of Pastor John Arethaus Reed, Jr., and Sister Patricia R. Reed. In some instances, the writer will be noted; in others, information will be merged. Contributors include: Tamara Derrick, Marveda Stinson, Taressa Gaines, Cora Epps, C. Meldon Hardrick, and Maeleatha Patterson, Editor.

The journey began when former Fairview Pastor, the late Dr. S. S. Fairly, contacted Rev. J. A. Reed, Jr., and informed him that the congregation had voted to have him (Rev. Reed) serve as Assistant Pastor at Fairview. On the second Sunday in January 1963, Reverend Reed and his wife, Pat, were presented to the congregation.

The second Sunday of January, 2013, marked 50 years to the date that Reverend John A. and Patricia Reed began their journey at Fairview. From January 13, 1963 to January 13, 2013, 50 years, they have served as Shepherd and helpmate to the church family. The longevity of this union, Pastor and church, is one that few have been able to witness. So, we celebrated!

It was only fitting that the commencement of the celebration would replicate the reason for the celebration. On the second Sunday in January, 2013, a special worship service was held with Pastor Reed preaching from the Anniversary Theme, “50 Years of Faithful Service and Stewardship in the Pastoral Ministry,” 1 Corinthians 4:1-2. The call went out to all members and former members that were a part of the congregation during the year of the Reeds arrival, 1963, to be in attendance on January 13, 2013. They responded and the center aisle was filled. A special plaque was presented to the Pastor. The service was coordinated by Fairview’s Black History Ministry.

The entire month of March was spent celebrating. It started on Sunday March 3, with the visitation of Pastor Larry Mouton from the Pleasant Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas. A large contingent from the church traveled with him. Reverend Reed had served at PMG in 1963, prior to coming to Fairview.

Sunday night, Fairview’s Music and Fine Arts Ministry presented a Celebratory Musical with a lineup of special guests, including Reverend Dr. J. P. Dennis and the Dennis Family from Wichita, Kansas. The following is a recap from Tamara Derrick:

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The Musical Tribute to Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Reed, Jr., held on March 3, 2013, was unlike any other. This was not a typical sit-back and enjoy the musical type. It was a mixture of family and friends coming together in song to pay tribute to a man who has meant so much in their lives.

Sandra Thompson, Frankye Johnson, Jacqueline Devereaux, Josef Rolack and Antwain Cox all shared their experiences as musicians at Fairview. Songs were rendered from Fairview Baptist Church combined choir, New Union Baptist Church Choir. Solos were given by Bertick Bailey, minister James Willis, and Velina Davenport. A praise dance was performed by the FBC Young Adult Praise Dancers.

Dr. J. P. Dennis, a long-time friend of Dr. Reed, gave some loving remarks to the beloved Pastor. [In addition to his words to Pastor, he, through the working of the Holy Spirit, powerfully lifted one of his favorite hymns.] To end the musical, the Dennis Family, a group of siblings who sing together, put on their own mini concert. They are the children of Dr. Dennis, who himself celebrated his 50 year anniversary in August of 2012.



The Musical ended just like it began, on a high note. At some point, everyone was either singing along, clapping their hands, or just giving praise. This was a great tribute to a man who has dedicated 50 years of service to this church and community.”

Sunday, March 10, Reverend H. B. Charles, Jr., Pastor of Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, was the preacher for the 10:00 a.m. Worship Period. Marveda Stinson recounts:

“Which do you choose "Sand v. Rock?" Rev. Charles taught us how to have a life that is built to last. First and foremost, we need to build on a firm foundation and be doers of the Word. The Word of God is Indestructible; so is a child of God. WARNING: Matthew 7, verse 27: Those that build on sand will fall. Foolish people believe they can build without a firm foundation, wise people build on the rock!

Remember, faith does not excuse you from trouble; life that last is tested by severe storms. Storms are inevitable; trust and believe at some point the storm

will cease. Trouble will not last always. Psalm 30, verse 5, God's favor is for life and He is a God of second chances. If there is something in your life that you know is not pleasing to God, tear it down and build again. Which foundation do you choose, Sand or Rock?

March 15 at 7:00 p.m., nearly 500 well-wishers attended Golden Anniversary Banquet. Sons, daughters, family and friends from across the nation were present. It was an occasion that will be long remembered by all. A collage of photos from the evening, taken by Lonnie Hunt, is on the back page of this issue. Cora Kemp-Epps reporting:

The Anniversary Banquet was held at the Magnusson Hotel on Friday evening, March 15, 2013. Elegantly dressed, there were many beautiful people in attendance to share in the historic evening. The evening was a three-fold celebration of the Man, the Ministry, and the Message. The emcees were Rev. Joe Carter and Sis. Anita Blanton.

The tables were beautifully adorned with customized place mats and each person received a gift bag, containing the Program and a customized bottle of water. Granddaughter, Tonia Rhone, paid special tribute in dance to her grandparents, performing to the song “Take Me to the King.”

There were many on program to pay tribute, including Sheriff Wetzel, The Sons of Fairview, Senator Connie Johnson, Representative Mike Shelton, Representative Anastasia Pitman, and County Commissioner Willa Johnson.

Sharing memories from their childhood, Pastor's cousin recalled that they all played Church as kids and that Pastor ALWAYS wanted to play the Preacher. Other family members were in attendance for the celebration from Texas, Maryland, California and Nevada.

The well wishes for Rev. and Sis. Reed were numerous, echoing so many memories and sentiments such as:

He has meant so much to so many,
Servant, and Inspirational intermediary, ,
He displays the essential elements to greatness:
Humility, Selflessness, Courage,
A friend to preachers and a friend to humanity at
large,
Romans 1:16 sums up the ministry of Pastor
Reed; “For I am not ashamed,”
A Leader's Leader and a Preacher's Preacher,
What a man, what a man, what a mighty good
man,
Tough but encouraging and honest; A beacon for
all!

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The Sons of Fairview poked a little fun at pastor in a short roast fashioned after Red Neck Comedy. Sample comments were: *If you have held every office and presided over every organization in the state of Oklahoma, you might be John Reed. If you like firing musicians and then hiring them back, you might be John Reed.* It was too much fun.

Everyone acknowledges that behind every good man is a good woman and Sis. Pat is that good woman. She was also honored as First Lady and Queen. Sis. Pat expressed her gratefulness to God and her continued commitment to pray for Pastor and stand with him. It was a wonderful evening and Pastor was especially happy that First Lady was able to stand with him."

March 17, 10:00 a.m., Reverend Reginald Payne, Pastor of Full Gospel Baptist Church, Los Angeles preached. Marveda Stinson gives her review of the message:

Proverbs 15, verse 28: The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil. Criticism will come and, oh, yes, there will be "hater's". People will grumble and complain when you do what is asked of you by God. Criticism will come from all around. Critics like to be around others who will reinforce their views.

Talk and pray to God like Nehemiah and God will handle the situation. God wants to draw us closer to him. Rev. Payne pointed out that criticism can demoralize and discourage us. There is hope; we are not destroyed or forsaken. If we serve the Lord, it will pay off. Rev. Payne said it best, "Knocked Down But Not Knocked Out."

Taressa Gaines added of Rev. Payne's message:

In celebrating the longevity of Pastor John A. Reed Jr., Rev. Reginald Payne preached from Nehemiah 4:1–8, a message entitled "Knocked Down But Not Knocked Out." He described Pastor Reed as a hero in the ministry, and also wanted the congregation to know there is a cost to being a leader of any kind in the world today. Criticism is going to come no matter what you do. It's how you react to the criticism that will determine your path. Pastor Reed has married, buried, baptized, and evangelized for the Fairview Family, but within these past 50 years he is still met with criticism.



Pastor Payne wanted the

congregation to know that when in a leadership position, opposition is inevitable, but prayer must be the first thing you do when met with criticism. For leaders to be successful, they must have good workers and the leaders must pray for their workers so they do not become weary. Nehemiah talked to God when met with opposition. He prayed for his workers and, most importantly, did not get deterred from building the wall around Jerusalem like God had commanded. Thank God for Pastor Reed's 50 years with Fairview, his intensity to pray criticism away, and his love for the community and congregation.

Sunday night, March 17, Reverend Joe Carter, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey, along with members of New Hope and his family, formed Joe Carter and Company and presented a highly spiritual Musical Tribute that "brought the house down." People came from across the city to be a part of the worship celebration. It was as if someone had put the word out that we were having a Fairview Reunion. Many faces were seen, ministers and laypersons, that had been members of or affiliated with Fairview from the days "in the red church" to present. Tamara Derrick added:

Pastor Carter reminisced about the impact that Rev. Reed had on him while he was at Fairview and even still to this day. The choir sang an assortment of praise songs as well as a song from Sam Cooke, one of Rev. Reed's favorite artists.

At the end of their worship period, Rev. Carter called for a period of prayer. One by one, members of the audience approached the altar, embracing each other as Rev. Carter offered up petitions on behalf of the Pastor, Sister Reed, and the people. Rev. Brandon McCray of Kansas was also present and Rev. Carter requested that he close the evening with a saxophone solo.

Tuesday through Friday nights, March 19–22, churches from throughout the city came to share with Fairview in honoring the Shepherd. The lineup of preachers included, in nightly order, Reverends Mike Woodberry, Pastor of Unity Baptist Church; Ricky Patton, Pastor of Holy United Baptist Church; E. Jennings Tyson, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church; and L. A. Kessie, Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church of West Los Angeles, California. Each night Fairview Ministries that were listed as sponsor were responsible for a presentation, depicting various decades of Pastor Reed's tenure. It was evident that from 1963 to present, Pastor and Sister Reed, have made some lasting impressions upon the membership. Various depictions were done, including mimicking attire, the "Reed" vocabulary, mannerisms and a look down memory lane through photography.

The celebrations ended on Sunday, March 24, with Reverend James E. Reed, Jr., Pastor of Central Baptist Chandler, and biological brother to Dr. Reed, as the morning preacher. Also present was Rev. Gary Hall and

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A SON'S CONFESSION

The following is an excerpt from Rev. H. B. Charles, Jr.'s Blog, HBC2, at www.hbcharlesjr.com. He commented on his visit to Fairview on March 10, during the Pastor's Anniversary.

It was my privilege to speak during the celebration of the 50 years Dr. John A. Reed Jr. has served as Pastor of the Fairview Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

Pastor Reed was one of my father's closest friends. He was "Uncle John" to me, when I was a boy.



The morning my father died, I was flying home to Los Angeles. Dr. Reed was flying home from Los Angeles, after preaching a week of meetings at my dad's church. He turned right around and was there for me and with me that week.

After my father's passing, Uncle John became "Pop" to me. He has been a father figure for me throughout my adult life. He ordained me into the ministry. He helped install me into my first congregation. He gave the message at my wedding to Crystal. He counseled me when I was deciding to move to leave my father's church for Jacksonville. He helped install me at Shiloh. For more than 15 years, he let me speak at his church's annual revival.

I often say, "It happens after prayer." It is the title of my upcoming book. That line is the truth I learned from Dr. Reed.

Dr. Reed, his family, and the Fairview Church have been a great source of support and encouragement through the years. And it was an honor to be with them for this special celebration.

Out the pulpits of my two pastorates, there is no congregation I have preached to more over the years than Fairview. It was a homecoming, of sorts. I enjoyed preaching to this word-loving congregation again.

I witnessed something I had never seen in worship before. At the end of the service, Pastor Reed asked for prayer for his ailing wife. Then he admitted to the congregation that her sickness weighed on him and that he desperately needed their prayers. As he was talking, several members left their seats and came to the altar and began to pray for their pastor. Within minutes, several hundred members literally surrounded their pastor in prayer. *That's what it means to cover your pastor!*

After service, a brother thanked me for the live streaming of our worship services at Shiloh. He had surgery and could not attend church for 12 weeks. He got through it, he said, my watching our Sunday morning services. Way cool.

Likewise, a young man came up to me and said, "From a young preacher to an old preacher, thanks for the message." Old preacher? Who, me?

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the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Muskogee. Taressa Gaines gave the following review of the morning worship period:

With Pastor Reed's 50th Anniversary coming to a close Reverend James Reed, Sr. delivered a message that left the congregation's spirit full. Selections were sung by Mt. Calvary Baptist Church and Central Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor James Reed, Sr. delivered the message from the book of I King 17:3 which emphasized the struggle of human existence. We are currently living in a time of despair, doom, and gloom; a time where it is acceptable for the modern day Christian to only come to church from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and where children have a choice of whether or not to come to church. Pastor James Reed, Sr. exclaimed that those reasons are a reason for the church to cry. But the example that Elijah set with his obedience and faith to God is a reason for hope and the way out of the wilderness of gloom. Dr. John A. Reed's dedication and 50 years of leadership over Fairview Baptist Church is a reason to shout and praise the Lord.

Following morning worship, Fairview's Culinary Ministry served a tasty Anniversary meal to the guest churches and Fairview's senior members.

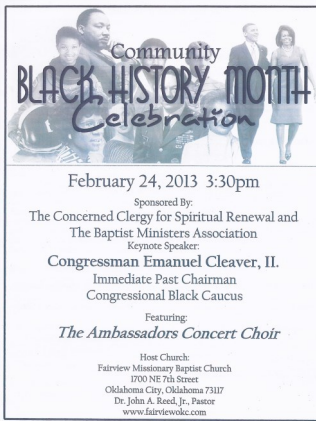
Dr. M. L. Jemison, Pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, preached the closing Anniversary Sermon. Ten other churches, over half pastored by Pastor Reed's Sons or Adopted Sons in the Ministry, were on the lineup of churches in attendance. Bro. C. Meldon Hardrick gives the final words on the Anniversary Celebration:

That Sunday afternoon, a very familiar servant, Rev. Dr. Major Lewis Jimerson from the St. John Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, led us in worship. Pastor Jimerson poured out his love for the Lord and Pastor Reed and his family, in a message entitled, "The Day of Greatness" lifted out of Joshua 4:11-14. There were several other churches there to support Pastor Jimerson and to honor the Reeds. Sister Pat made her appearance again and her presence lifted the spirit of all those in attendance.

I am aware of the space restraint, but I just have to add this. The Bible tells me that God blesses those who honors his Shepherds. Pastor & Family are loved indeed and it's my prayer that all of you put yourselves in line for receiving added blessings by honoring one who is worthy to be honored with your substance. Let us continue to pray for Pastor that God will continue to uphold him with His hand. May God give him 50 more years as our Shepherd.



Celebrating our Past, Committed to our Future By: LaNita Harris



Black History Month is a time to reflect, remember, and celebrate the accomplishments of members of the African American community. The Fairview Missionary Baptist Church Black History Ministry, through the pastoral guidance and vision of Pastor J. A. Reed, Jr., has been instrumental in placing

special emphasis on black history month at Fairview and in the surrounding community.

The Black History Ministry planned a plethora



of events to commemorate this occasion. Special worship periods included the following dynamic guest speakers: Congressman J.C. Watts, Jr., Rev. Ralph Elliot, Dr. Ray A. Owens, and Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II. Additionally, the Young Adult Ministry sponsored weekly “Who Am I” moments to depict a few, notable figures in

black history, with guest appearances by the Youth Ministry as well. The special screening of “Red Tails” was a showstopper with thrilling scenes portraying the lives of the Tuskegee Airmen, while the movie goers enjoyed free popcorn, hamburgers, hotdogs, and other snacks.

Furthermore, the Black History Ministry and Nurses’ Ministry placed special emphasis on health by offering blood pressure screenings and a blood drive. Special appreciation goes to those that attempted and were able to donate blood. With 16 successful donations, Fairview was able to save nearly 50 lives! Moreover, Bruce Fisher, of the Oklahoma Historical Society, presented a powerful black history presentation, which focused on the contributions of African Americans in Oklahoma, that sparked the interest and expanded the knowledge of youth and adults alike.

The month-long celebration culminated with the annual Sunday School Drama Ministry Black History Program, the presentation of the “John A. Reed, Jr. Spirit of the Community Award,” and the

Community Black History Month Celebration. This year, the Sunday School Program featured a special guest, former State Representative Kevin Cox. During the morning worship period, the “John A. Reed, Jr. Spirit of the Community Award” was presented to 16 recipients: John A. Reed, Jr., Jimmy Curry, Sharon Dean, Bruce Fisher, Rita McNeal Freney, David Gray, Blayne E. Hinds, Harlan Jones, Cleo McGlory, Roy Nelson, Tim O’Connor, T. J. Roberts, Sandra Rogers, Barbara Royce, Flossie Thurston, and Sheila Williams. The Community Black History Month Celebration, which is the first community-wide black history celebration, included several ministers and congregations, and featured Congressman Cleaver and the Ambassadors Concert Choir.

As we embark on the remainder of the year, let us not forget the accomplishments of the African American community, as Black History Month is truly the celebration of American history. We should continue to honor those that blazed the trail before us and uplift those that are currently shining their light in our community. Although Black History Month is celebrated once a year, we should continuously celebrate our past and commit to our future.



U.S. Congressman J. C. Watts and Pastor Reed



Pastor Receives Award from Black History Director Erick Harris

“Black History Celebration”

On February 24, 2013, the Fairview Baptist Church had the privilege of hearing former State Representative Kevin Cox, District 97, speak on behalf of our Black History. Mr. Cox was the guest speaker for the Sunday School’s Black History program.

Kevin Cox who was born in Oklahoma City, OK, has a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science, from Florida A & M University; a Master’s degree in Public Administration, University of Georgia.

His concerns include equal importance of Health Care availability; more state and aid in education. Mr. Cox reminded us of how important it is to remember where we came from and how it hasn’t been easy.

He mentioned a few of the forerunners of our past: Mr. Frederick Douglas who was the greatest anti-slavery leader and supported women’s rights because he felt they should be treated equally: Mr. Thurgood Marshall, who worked with the NAACP with the concern for equal protection for African Americans in voting, housing, employment, and education.

Our focus should be on encouraging one another as well as giving support to our youth. Statistics give information that make our youth look bad—every 3 hours one killed by a gun, every 9 minutes someone arrested, every 3 minutes a child is born to an unwed mother. What about the great things done by our youth—99% were not expelled, 98% of them are not violate, 99.8% are not doing drugs.

Let’s get back to the basic, lets teach our children to read, write, and count their money.

Linette Burton, Staff Reporter



Former State Representative Kevin Cox

Below are pictures from Black History Month at Fairview, including the Sunday School’s Black History Program.



THE FIRST OF MANY...

Dedrick Marsh:

1st Sermon



On Wednesday, January 30, in a country that is resembling much of Old Testament Israel, Dedrick Marsh delivered a message of hope and confirmation of our Savior and His faithfulness. Most Americans are turning to the modern day talk show host for life guidance, and many Christians are silent or barely speaking of the Gospel. Many outward expressions of hurt and pain are ostracized, but the message on this night was that we serve a God that hears and sees all and is in the business of answering prayers.

If you know who God is then you know what you can call on Him for. He is a friend, a comforter, a doctor, or a parent to all who need Him. When it appears there is no reason to continue on, hold on and hold out. Jesus is, was, and will always be there to help you through your oppression. Continue to pray hard and pray through and God will give you the strength you need to make it through your hardship.

This message was the first official sermon that Bro. Marsh has given, but it was a blessing to everyone in attendance and the congregation looks forward to seeing what God has in store for Bro Marsh's ministry. Rev. Marsh was issued his license to the Gospel Ministry by the Fairview Baptist Church.

Taressa Gaines, Reporter

Scholarship Sunday



With a congregation that is made up of members that are experiencing many different stages of life, **College Connection Sunday** is a Sunday set aside to address members who are currently furthering their education. But on January 20, 2013, the Holy Spirit did much more than that. The church was blessed by Bro. Bailey with two selections, *God Has Smiled On Me* and *I Am Redeemed*.

Bro Erick Harris, the messenger for the day, spoke from the book of **1 Samuel 17:4-50**. He eloquently captivated the congregation with a walk through the infamous heavy-weight bout of boxing legends Muhammad Ali and George Foreman. Comparing how David must have felt going up against Goliath and his



massive physique, Erick's speech was entitled **A Rumble in the Jungle**. From Ali, to David, from college students, to the congregation, if you keep living long enough, your personal jungle will begin to rumble. Erick gave an outline of tough tasks that are sure to accompany any student through life, including overcoming peer pressure, surrounding yourself with the appropriate friends and keeping faith in God being just a few. The highlight of the message was how awesome the God we serve is, and if He can be birthed from a virgin, if He can turn water into wine, heal the sick, and walk on water, He is over qualified for anything that may happen in our lives. So be of good cheer! Jesus has already conquered your personal Rumble in the Jungle.

Taressa Gaines, Reporter

50th Anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. J. A. Reed, Jr.—Black History Month

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50th Anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. J. A. Reed, Jr.—Joe Carter & Co. Musical Tribute

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50th Anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. J. A. Reed, Jr.—Black History Month

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP —

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

Monthly Staff Meeting—April 1

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

Music Ministry Meeting—April 1

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

69th Simultaneous Revival

The 69th Simultaneous Revival, sponsored by the Baptist Ministers Association and led by Fairview's Pastor J. A. Reed, Jr., will be held the week of April 1–7. Fairview's Revival will be Wednesday through Friday nights, April 3–7. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

This year's evangelist is Rev. Reginald "Reggie" Bachus, Pastor of Mt. Ollie Baptist Church, Bronx, New York. Rev. Bachus will also preach Friday night's 10:00 p.m. Late-night Service at Fairview.

The Revival will close on Sunday afternoon with a Mass Service at St. John Missionary Baptist Church. Dr. Harry S. Wright will preach the closing message.

High Attendance Day—April 7

April 7 is **HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY** for the Sunday School. All members are asked to be in attendance. Sunday School begins at 8:30 a.m.

New Member Fellowship - April 7

On Sunday, April 7, we will hold a continental breakfast and fellowship period, honoring all **new members that joined Fairview from October 2012 to the present.** The reception will be held between Sunday School and 10:00 a.m. worship. The Church Family is asked to attend that you might greet our new members and welcome them to the Family. Ministry leaders might use this opportunity to enlist members for ministry work.

National Ushers Conference—April 12–13

The Ushers Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., will meet in Oklahoma City April 12 and 13. The meeting will be held at the Magnuson Hotel/Meridian Convention Center. Brother James McHenry of Greater New Zion Baptist Church serves as National Usher President. Rev. J. A. Reed, Jr. is

the Vice President for the Convention's Western Region.



**Make A Will
&
Financial Planning
Sunday**

**April 14, 2013
10:00 am**

*Learn how to get a **FREE** will made and save
\$3000-\$6000!!!*

Singles Fellowship—April 19

The Singles Ministry will have their Monthly Fellowship on Friday night, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. All singles, aged 18 and up, are invited to be a part of this exciting group! One item of discussion will be the Singles Retreat scheduled for September at Fin & Feather Resort.



Calling all youth, friends, and family!

Karaoke Night!

**Thurs, April 25th
7-8:30 pm** **Free Food & Fun
For All!**

*Sponsored by the Sunday School Ministry &
Family Enrichment Ministry*

EZD 2nd Time Around Bazaar—April 20

The East Zion Consolidated Women's Ministry will hold their 2nd Time Around Bazaar on Saturday, April 20, at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Nearly new items are available at bargain basement prices.

Food Giveaway—April 27

Fairview's monthly Food Giveaway will be Saturday, April 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.

Noonday Worship Service—May 1

We will hold our monthly Noonday Worship on Wednesday, May 1, from 12:00 noon—1:00pm. The

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message will be brought by Pastor Reed. A light lunch will be available.

OBSC Prison Ministry Workshop—May 4

The Oklahoma Baptist State Convention Prison Ministry will hold their Annual Workshop at Fairview on May 4. Registration begins at 9:00 and the workshop begins at 9:30. Contact Sister Donna Thompson, Ministry Director, at 405-209-6750 for more information.

Mt. Calvary, Muskogee—May 5

We will worship with the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Muskogee, for the Anniversary of Pastor Gary Hall. Pastor Reed will bring the message and the Music Ministry, Usher and Nurse Ministries are scheduled.

Afternoon worship begins at 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Monthly Staff Meeting—May 6

The Monthly Staff Meeting for May will be held on Monday evening, May 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Music Committee Meeting—May 6

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

Mother's Day—May 12

Fairview's Mother's Day observance will be held on Sunday, May 12. The Mother's Day Program will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Donald Burns Fellowship Hall.

Singles Fellowship—May 17

The Singles Ministry will have their Monthly Fellowship on Friday night, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. The group is designed to minister to the needs of singles, aged 18 and up.

Food Giveaway—May 18

Fairview's monthly Food Giveaway will be Saturday, May 18, from 10:00 a.m. — noon.

For eligibility criteria, contact Sister Theresa Kirklín or Sister Teressa Hunter.

Graduates Day at Fairview—May 19

Fairview will honor its graduates on Sunday, May 19, during the 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship period. There will be a special message for the graduates.

Those desiring to be recognized must provide requested information to the graduate's Sunday School teacher, Sis. Carlotta Hill or Bro. Ron Coffey by May 13, 2012. A form is inserted in this issue for your convenience.

Emmanuel Baptist—May 19

We have been invited to worship with the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2140 N. Kelley Avenue, for the Anniversary Celebration of Pastor Chester and Sister Regina West. Service begins at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Reed will bring the message and the Music Ministry, Usher and Nurse Ministries are to accompany him.

Annual Friends Day—May 26

We will have our Annual Friends Day at Fairview on Sunday, May 26. Fairview Evangelism Minister, Rev. Cleo McGlory, will be giving further directions to the membership on our strategy for the day.

Check the church website, the church bulletin board and announcements on the screens in the sanctuary for details on the event.

Men's Empowerment Conference — May 31—June 1

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—Fairview's Men's Ministry will hold their Annual Men's Empowerment Conference Friday night, May 31, and Saturday morning, June 1. ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT! More information on the Conference will be forthcoming.

Singing Churchmen Annual Musical—June 2

The singing Churchmen of Fairview will have their Annual Musical on Sunday evening, June 2. The musical is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. This is promised to be an event you don't want to miss!

OSB Congress—June 3—6

The 107th Session of the Oklahoma Baptist State Congress of Christian Education will meet at Dean's Chapel Baptist Church, Muskogee, where Dr. Don Dumas is the host pastor. Dr. Dumas also serves as President of the OBS Congress. The Congress is the educational arm of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention of which Dr. C. W. Whitlow of Union Baptist, Lawton, is Convention President.

June 9, Annual Youth Day at Fairview

Sunday, June 9, is Youth Day at Fairview. Rev. Larry Mouton, Jr., Pastor of Pleasant Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas, and the Pleasant Mt. Gilead Church will be our special guests. Rev. Mouton will bring the Youth Day message.

The youth will be leading out during Sunday School and 10:00 a.m. worship. Fairview adults are asked to support our youth on this day.



June 16, Father's Day

The Sunday School and Drama Ministry will pay tribute to fathers during the Annual Father's Day Program on Sunday morning, June 16, at 9:00 a.m.

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June 22, Food Giveaway

Fairview's monthly Food Giveaway will be Saturday, June 22, from 10:00 a.m. – noon.

June 17–21, Nat'l Baptist Congress, St. Louis, MO

The National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., will meet in St. Louis, Missouri, June 17–21. Please be in prayer for Fairview's delegation.

Monthly Staff Meeting – July 1

The Monthly Staff Meeting for July will be held on Monday evening, July 1, at 6:00 p.m.

Music Ministry – Meeting July 1

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

July 7, Central Baptist, Chandler

We will worship with the Central Baptist Church, Chandler, Sunday, July 7, 3:00 p.m., for the Anniversary Service of Pastor James E. Reed, Sr. Pastor Reed will bring the message and the JR Inspirational Choir, Usher and Nurse Ministries will accompany him.

MAKE A WILL PROJECT COMES BACK TO FAIRVIEW

For a fourth year in a row, Fairview members will have the opportunity to participate in the "Make A Will Project," which will allow them to have free wills and other estate planning documents drafted for free by a licensed attorney. It is reported that 80 to 90 percent of African Americans do not "go the extra mile" to protect their wealth by making a simple will. The Make A Will Project seeks to fill this gap.

In connection with the Make A Will Day Program on April 20, 2013, an additional service will be offered to those who attend the Program. For those who are interested, private financial consultations will be offered to those who are interested in increasing returns on assets that they own and adding assets that they currently don't have. The consultations will be conducted by a Financial Management Team ("FMT") that will be comprised of experienced professionals with expertise in the area of finance. Other fields of practice represented on the FMT include the fields of Law, Insurance, Accounting and Securities. The consultations will be offered free of charge.

In order to participate in the program, you must secure a packet from your church coordinator, Erick Harris, on **April 14, 2013** after the regular morning worship service. **Advance reservations for packets will not be taken and only one packet per household is allowed. Space is extremely limited; therefore members will be served on a first come, first serve basis.**

Those requesting a packet should be willing to provide information regarding their financial status and other pertinent information to generate a will and other estate and financial planning documents as needed. In addition, those requesting a packet should be available on April 20, 2013.

Information provided by the Make A Will Project Team

For questions or additional information, email blackhistory@fairviewokc.com

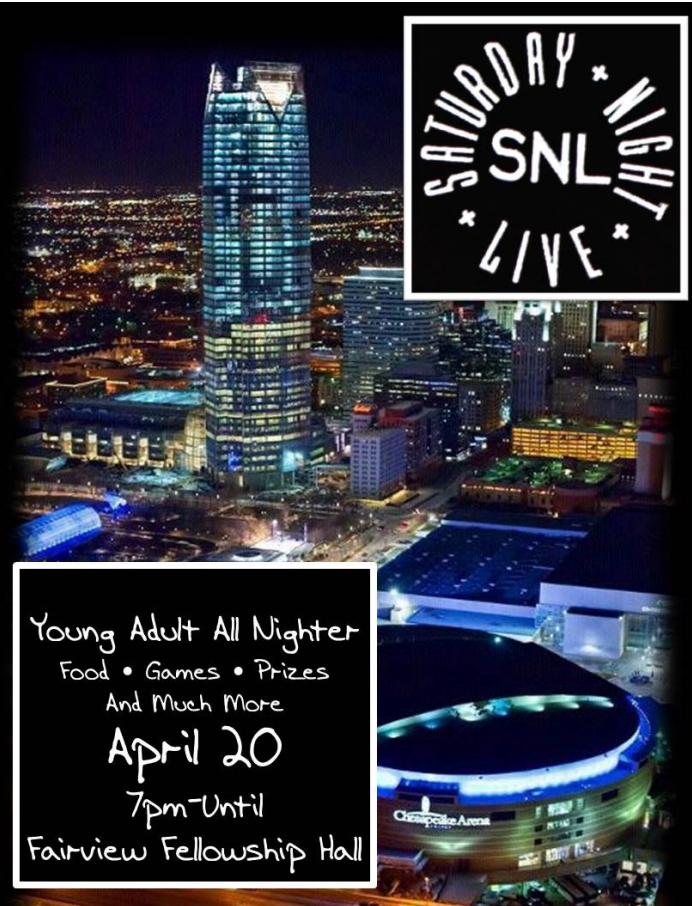
Fairview's Monthly Food Giveaway

Upcoming Scheduled Saturdays

April 27 – May 18 – June 22
10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
(or all food is gone)

Senior citizens, low-income families, unemployed, college students, others needing to stretch their food budget are encouraged to participate.

Fairview Baptist Church
1700 NE 7th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73117
405-232-1621



Women's Ministry NEWS

The Fairview Women's Ministry has been busy from January to March.

On **January 12**, we attended the *East Zion Consolidated District bi-monthly meeting*. On **January 18-19**, we participated in the *Annual Prayer and Praise Retreat* at Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman, OK. The Theme was "After You Stood All You Can, Get on Your Knees," Romans 14:11. Our facilitators were sisters Denise Baker, Flora Gissandaner, Gail Wilburn, and the keynote speaker was Dr. Carol T Taylor Mitchell, Ph.D. She is the National Director of the Department of Education Faith-based Development for the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

Some of the topics discussed were "Rejoicing in Prayer after Your Breakthrough," presented by Sis. Gail L Wilburn; "Standing in Prayer When Bruised, Battered and Broken," presented by Sis. Flora Gissandaner. Dr. Mitchell talked about "What's in Your Tool Box?" We truly were uplifted by the Prayer Retreat.

March 9, 2013 the women attended the bi-monthly. Sis Donna Thompson, Prison Ministry Director, asked if the ladies would supply hygiene products for the female residents. She also thanked all the churches that have prison ministries.

At 5:00 pm on Saturday, March 9, we attended the *Spring-A-Ling Musical* held at the New Zion Baptist Church. The Women of Grace choir looked beautiful in red. The choir sang us happy with songs like I feel Like Going On and I Want to be Closer than I've Ever Been Before, led by guest soloist Myra Beasley. Sis Linda Edwards and Sis Laura Hawkins sang with the Women of Grace choir. Sunday, **March 10** at 3:30 pm, the East Zion District Women's Ministry met at New Zion Baptist Church for *Spring-N-Spirational* service. The Women of Grace choir again thrilled our hearts with songs. The guest speaker was Rep. Anastasia Pittman. The Fairview women won 2nd Place for registration. Sis Velma Davenport was tremendous with "I Need Thee Every Hour". Our Baptist Young Adults attended these meetings.

Upcoming Events are:

April 20, 2013: Second-Time-Around Bazaar, 9:00 am, Tabernacle Baptist Church
Sis Mary Jones chairs this event.

May 4, 2013: East Zion District Bi-Monthly Meeting, 9:00 am, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

On Saturday, February 2, the Women's Ministry held its **2013 Women's Focus and Mission Action Fair**.

This year's theme was *Women Becoming Godly Disciples Through Strong Personal Discipline*. The purpose of this event is to educate and encourage all Fairview women to be active in the ministry by communicating and demonstrating the mission outreach projects of each circle within the ministry.

The speaker for the event was Sis. Carolyn Peters, a dynamic and committed Christian woman. She inspired the women with her message on the theme taken from the scriptures Matthew 11: 29-30. She began with a crystal clear definition of disciple; "a 'learner' or 'student' who accepts the teachings of Christ, not only in belief but also in lifestyle."



Sis. Peters told us that this involves **learning with the purpose to obey**. To accept the teachings of Christ as a lifestyle can be compared to being a "learner" or "student" of a foreign language. Do we know just enough to count to 10, or do we know enough to exist and thrive in a Spanish-speaking community? The process by which God's people learned obedience was through PRAYER, PROPRIETY and PERSEVERANCE. God wants us to devote ourselves to prayer. When we devote ourselves to anything, we make it a priority. The discipline of Propriety is simply behaving in ways appropriate for Christians. Propriety elevates our words, our appearance and our attitudes. Perseverance is to keep going when the going gets tough, understanding that it is hardest in the middle of the race. Keep our eyes on the prize that He promised to each of us.

After highlighting all of the many projects the women are involved in, the group made a special tribute to three special members by saluting them as **Bridge Builders**, each contributing 40+ years in the ministry. Truly they have



provided broad shoulders as examples upon which we can continue to stand in the name of Jesus. The honorees are Sis. Velma Brown (not pictured), Sis. Lucile Williams (L) and Sis. Lillian Williams (R).

Cora Kemp-Epps, Staff Reporter



Prayer Ministry

SEEK GOD TO RENEW OUR HEARTS TO OBEY HIM

Ezekiel 36: 26-27

When we pray, our prayers should always be for God to fix our hearts to obey Him, and let our will be lost in His will.

The Bible tells us that we should obey God rather than man. Proverbs 14:12 says “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” When you are saved, you have a change of heart. You no longer want to live the life you had before you received salvation. You have *two natures*; a carnal and a spiritual. The spiritual nature is guided by the Holy Spirit of God. Its only desire is to please God. The carnal nature opposes the spiritual nature. The Apostle Paul referred to this opposition as a wrestling match. In order to win, we *must* seek God to renew our hearts to obey Him every moment of each day.

The advantage and blessedness of the new nature: when we receive the new nature, we shall find the new nature struggling with the old. However, the old nature will grow weaker and weaker and the new nature growing stronger and stronger as we grow in grace through the study of God’s Word and consistent prayer.

We must be aware that the time draweth near when that which is corrupt and depraved and defiled shall fall of itself and be dropped forever, and the new nature shall come forth in all its beauty. Not as delinquents to be punished, but as victorious to receive the crown of life.

Submitted by: Prayer Group #2
Bro. & Sis. Clearon Coffey, Group Leaders

1 Peter 5:2 & 7

Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers — not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve;

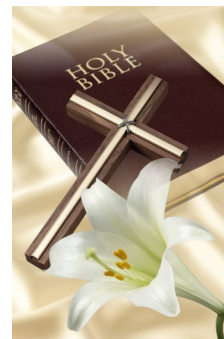
Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

A shepherd is one who guards, feeds and protects his sheep. This is what our Pastor is to us. He feeds, advises, prays and teaches the Word. Our Pastor shepherds us, not by constraint, but willingly. He shepherds us not for dishonest gain, but eagerly.

We as sheep should be humbly obedient to the shepherd, not like goats, hard headed giving him a hard time. We should be on one accord.

We should pray daily for our Shepherd, asking God to give him the strength to continue to lead the flock. Keep him encouraged. Give him lots of hugs.

Pray for all ministry leaders that they can do whatever God sets before them to do.



Submitted by Prayer Group #4
Sis Phyllis Reece, Group Leader

MEN'S MINISTRY CORNER

Greetings from the Men's Ministry. Our report will be short and sweet, but we add that it also will reflect how God has and continues to bless us.

Men there are many of our brethren who are sick and afflicted and going through other trials and tribulations. Let us remember to pray for all of them that God will supply their needs in accordance with His will for their lives.

Our Singing Churchmen continues to grow in numbers. We welcome the new members and we are on a campaign to recruit more of you. We begin earnest preparation for our **Annual Musical** Concert which is scheduled for the evening of June 2. Singing Churchmen Members please note that we shall begin



weekly rehearsals each Monday at 7:30 from the present time until that date. Again we invite each of you who can make a joyful noise unto the Lord to join with us. *We need you "now" so that you will be well prepared for the upcoming concert.*

Immediately preceding the Musical Concert, our **Annual Empowerment Conference** will be held on Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1. Pastor has not given the details of the Conference but please keep these important dates in the forefront of your plans. I will be in contact with the Standing Committee to complete details when the information is received.



Pray for the Men's Ministry and its leaders and all other Ministries and their leaders as well.

Scripture for the month: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. **Isaiah 12:2**

Charles M. Hardrick
Director Men's Ministry

Welcome, New Members

The following members have recently become a part of our church family, through March 31, 2013. Please greet them with a hearty *Fairview Welcome!*

JaRoyce Bledsoe	Rayven Pointer
Monica Jean Clark	Alecia Reed
Michael Cleveland	Ciara Richardson
Ethelle Dunn	Olivia Russell
Naomi Hudson	Va'Shon Russell
J'Leeya Johnson	Heaven Smith
Rev. Brent Lewis	Seveaha Smith
Linda Lindsey	Latrevion Walker
Chanisha Littleton	Toni Warlitrer
Sheona Littleton	Monique Watkins
Elizabeth McAllester	Michael Louise Wilder
Raina McCoy	Rev. Damascus Williams
Brandon McDonald	Rodney Jenkins (Reded.)
Latisha Oliver	Junicha Rogers (Reded.)

THE DRAMA MINISTRY PRESENTS A SALUTE TO MOM

MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM

MAY 12, 2013

9:00 A.M.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL



The East Zion Consolidated District Young Adults will celebrate their annual May Day Weekend, May 3-5, 2013. May 3, 2013, there will be a young adult Meet & Greet at 6:30 p.m. at the Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, located at 10608 E, Britton Rd, in Jones, Oklahoma. On Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. the young adults will present their Queen's Review at Mt. Moriah. Sunday, May 5, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. will be the Annual May Day Celebration at Tabitha Baptist Church. Sister Jameka Lewis, EZD Young Adult President, Sister Rhonda Mitchell, EZD Women's President, Rev. Arthur Crawford, EZD Moderator.





\$ DOLLARS FOR CAMP BURGE



2nd QUARTER TOTAL - \$673.75

Anglin, Maurice	\$ 20.00	Hildreth, Mozel	\$ 6.00	Rogers, Jacqueline	\$ 7.00
Carbajal, Eloise	\$ 1.00	Hill, Teresa	\$ 10.00	Rolfe, John Jr.	\$ 1.00
Colbert, Laretia	\$ 2.00	Holloway, Annie	\$ 25.00	Seay, Jamecia	\$ 3.00
Crawford, Rev. Arthur R.	\$ 15.00	Holloway, Chametra	\$ 3.00	Seay, Kerry	\$ 3.00
Douglas, Elgie	\$ 1.00	Holloway, Sandra	\$ 30.00	Smith, Mary	\$ 39.00
Dunlap, Alene	\$ 40.00	Hunter, Teressa	\$ 10.00	Thompson, Bobby	\$ 20.00
Edwards, Charles	\$ 4.00	Jackson, Robert	\$ 62.00	Thompson, Cathey	\$ 20.00
Elder-Smith, Yvonne	\$ 5.00	Johnson, Karen	\$ 15.00	West, Marian	\$ 22.00
Franklin, Ardis	\$ 1.00	Jones, Bobbie	\$ 10.00	Westbrook, Peggy	\$ 2.00
Franklin, Mary	\$ 28.00	Kirklin, Theresa	\$ 20.00	White, Valerie	\$ 1.00
Gaines, Claudette	\$ 7.00	Marsh, Hattie	\$ 10.00	Wilder, Monica	\$ 10.00
Gaines, Mosellee	\$ 12.00	McGlory, Rev. Cleo	\$ 50.00	Williams, Cheronda	\$ 1.75
Gaines, Odessa	\$ 12.00	Montgomery, Angela	\$ 6.00	Williams, Lillian B.	\$ 3.00
Hardrick, Charles	\$ 90.00	Peeler, Terry	\$ 20.00	Williams, Lucile	\$ 5.00
Hawkins, Alice	\$ 5.00	Peters, Carolyn	\$ 6.00	Wilson, Ernice H.	\$ 5.00
Hicks, Gracie	\$ 5.00				

Thanks For Your Continued Support!

Fishes & Loaves Ministry



	JAN	FEB	MAR
# Homes Served	77	94	75
# of Children in the Homes	78	60	76
# of Adults Served	115	99	109
# of Evangelism Contacts	2	NOT REPORTED	NOT REPORTED

*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

Fairview Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. John A. Reed, Jr. Pastor

2013 Church Theme: Disciplines of Discipleship

Family Enrichment Ministry

Singles and Married Couples
Retreat



Retreat Location: FIN AND FEATHER FAMILY RESORT in Gore, OK

Date: September 20th-22nd

Cost: \$225-\$250 (Married Couples) and \$125 (Singles)

***Friday Only Option Available at \$50/Couple and \$25/Single. Ask for details!!

Calling all Married Couples and Singles to come and join us for this year's annual retreat. Sign-up immediately to secure best lodging option. \$75 DEPOSIT NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (or by 05/1/31) TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT. That includes your lodging, all the seminars, and t-shirts. Contact Larry Epps for lodging options. Your transportation, food including cost of the banquet meal is your responsibility. Meals in the restaurant are approximately \$10 for breakfast and lunch, and \$15 for dinner. We will provide Friday breakfast and lunch. Some lodging has kitchens so you can prepare your own meals if you desire.

Lodge in rustic cabins near Lake Tenkiller, just 20-30 minutes from Muskogee. You will enjoy the fresh air, take walks, bring your skates or bikes, or just relax. There is an indoor swimming pool, volleyball court, and basketball court for you to enjoy.

Contact person: Larry & Cora Epps (Married Couples) and Karen Johnson (Singles)

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◆ Banquet and
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The **ALLSTARS**
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Perfect Attendance

Pre-School

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Youth #6

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Alisha Brown

Kaylonia Hill

Youth #4

Tyler Hurt

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Intermediate

Chyenne Thompson

Derrick Walker

Seniors

Asia Moore

Amber Ryan

Adult #1

Laura Hawkins

Lillie Moore

Delores Stephens

Adult #2

Cleo Beshears

Clara Finley

Sandra Holloway

Mary Johnson

Bobbie Jones

Vivian Jones

Lillian Williams

Adult #3

Frankie Quinn

Adult #4

Barbara Burns

Singles

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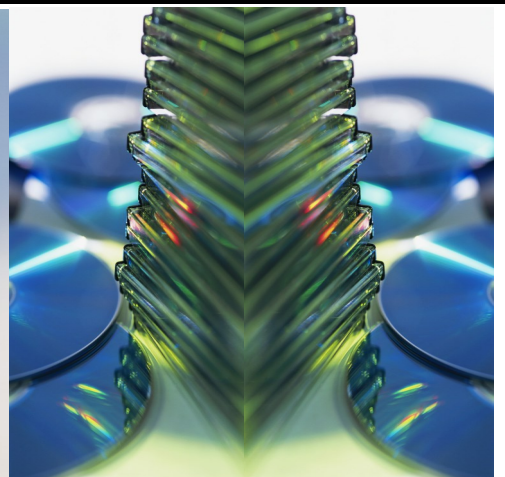
These services are available on CD, DVD, and Cassette Tape through Fairview's Media Ministry. Call the office at 405-232-1621 or email fairviewokc@aol.com.

Date	Event	Presenter	Title
01/06/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Pastor J.A. Reed Jr.	"The Divine Security," Romans 8: 28
01/13/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship <i>Pastor's 60th Anniversary</i>	Pastor J..A. Reed Jr.	"50 Years of Faithful Service and Stewardship," 1 Corinthians 4: 12
01/20/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship <i>Scholarship Sunday</i>	Bro. Erick Harris	"A Rumble in the Jungle," 1 Samuel 17:1
01/27/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Pastor J. A. Reed Jr.	"To Whom Shall We Go," John 6: 66-69
02/03/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Pastor J..A. Reed Jr.	"Spiritual Dropouts," John 6: 66
02/06/13 10:00am	Fairview Noonday Worship	Rev. A. Crawford	"Under the Influence," Colossians 3: 16-17
02/10/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Rev. J. C. Watts	Black History Month Tribute
02/17/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Rev. Ralph Elliott	Black History Month Tribute
02/24/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship Sunday School Speaker	Dr. Ray Owens Kevin Cox	Black History Month Tribute
03/06/13 10:00am	Fairview Noonday Worship	Pastor J..A. Reed Jr.	"Winning Life's Greatest Race," Hebrews 12: 1&2, 12-17
03/31/13 10:00am	Fairview Morning Worship	Pastor J..A. Reed Jr.	"The Day of Resurrection," John 20: 1

GET YOUR COPY OF HISTORY! CONTACT THE OFFICE TO ORDER YOUR MEDIA FOR THE 50TH PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

Dates & speakers include:

March 3, 10:00 a.m., Rev. Larry Mouton; 6:00 p.m., Music Ministry Musical; March 10, Rev. H. B. Charles, Jr.; March 17, 10:00 a.m., Rev. Reggie Payne; 6:00 p.m., Rev. Joe Carter & Company Musical Tribute; March 19, Rev. Mike Woodberry, March 20, Rev. Ricky Patton; March 21, Rev. E. Jennings Tyson; March 22, Rev. L. A. Kessee; March 24, 10:00 a.m., Rev. James E. Reed, Sr.; 3:00 p.m., Dr. M. L. Jemison.



In Loving Memory

Karen Lynn Hayes



Missing You
Always

Ernice, John,
Dorsene, Tre' and
Maurice, Trillion

September 15, 1965—April 17, 2011

IF TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

... If tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me;

I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;

But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,

And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.

I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible,
That I was leaving you.

He said, 'This is eternity,
And all I've promised you.'
Today your life on earth is past,
But here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last,
And since each day is the same way,
There's no longing for the past.

So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart

Opal Jackson



August 29, 1922—January 27, 2013

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day.

(II Timothy 4: 7-8)

Opal lived her early adult life in Atlanta, TX and Texarkana, TX where she was employed by Ross Perot (for U.S. Presidential candidate). She and her family moved to Oklahoma City where she became a member of Fairview Baptist Church. Retiring from the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, Opal was a very proud, dependable and caring woman with a heart of gold.

"He came for me on Sunday to take me home.
I know you'll miss me, now that I'm gone.
But please don't cry—just carry on
And live to see me around God's Throne.
And remember me as I was in my best days
For I will love you forever and always!"
(Grandma)

In Loving Memory

Velma L. Cook



October 2, 1944—February 1, 2013

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: - (II Timothy 4:7)

Sis. Velma Louise Cook, affectionately known as “Cookie” accepted Christ at an early age joining the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. As an adult, she was employed by the 2nd Baptist Church in California. Velma was always involved in church, and after moving back to Oklahoma, she united with the Fairview Baptist Church.

*When you were here I always felt
That nothing could go wrong,
But you're still my inspiration
And your memory keeps me strong*

*As though my heart is heavy
It's also full of love
And that's enough to comfort me
While you're in heaven above.*

Odessa Lee Gaines



February 16, 1917—February 11, 2013

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice” - (Philippians 4:4)

Odessa, born in Macintosh, South Dakota, confessed Christ at age 12. She was baptized in Quincy, IL and later moved to Oklahoma with her family.

A long-time member, Odessa joined the Fairview Baptist Church in 1940 where she served as a member of the Gospel Choir, the Senior Choir and assisted in the culinary ministry. She was also an honorary member of the Communications Ministry assisting monthly with completing the newsletter.

She had a green thumb so she loved flowers and potted plants. She was an excellent seamstress and knew her way around the kitchen. One of her many, many specialties was German Chocolate cake.

Victoria Elliott



October 27, 1913—March 8, 2013

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice” - (Philippians 4:4)

Sis. Elliott was born and educated in Luther, OK and raised in the A.M.E. Church. After moving to Oklahoma City, she united with the Fairview Baptist Church where she was a member for over 50 years. She was active in the Sunday School, Women’s Ministry and the Anderson-Newby-Anglin Mission Circle.

Graduating with honors, Sis Elliott was propelled into her professional career becoming a classroom teacher where she retired after 35 years as a special education teacher. She will be remembered for her warm and friendly personality, her charming smile, and her love for education. She touched so many lives in her teaching profession.

Victoria loved to travel with her many friends, especially cruises, as well as spending time with her family. She was a dedicated worker, a great friend and an inspiration to many.

50th Anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. J. A. Reed, Jr.—Golden Anniversary Banquet

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