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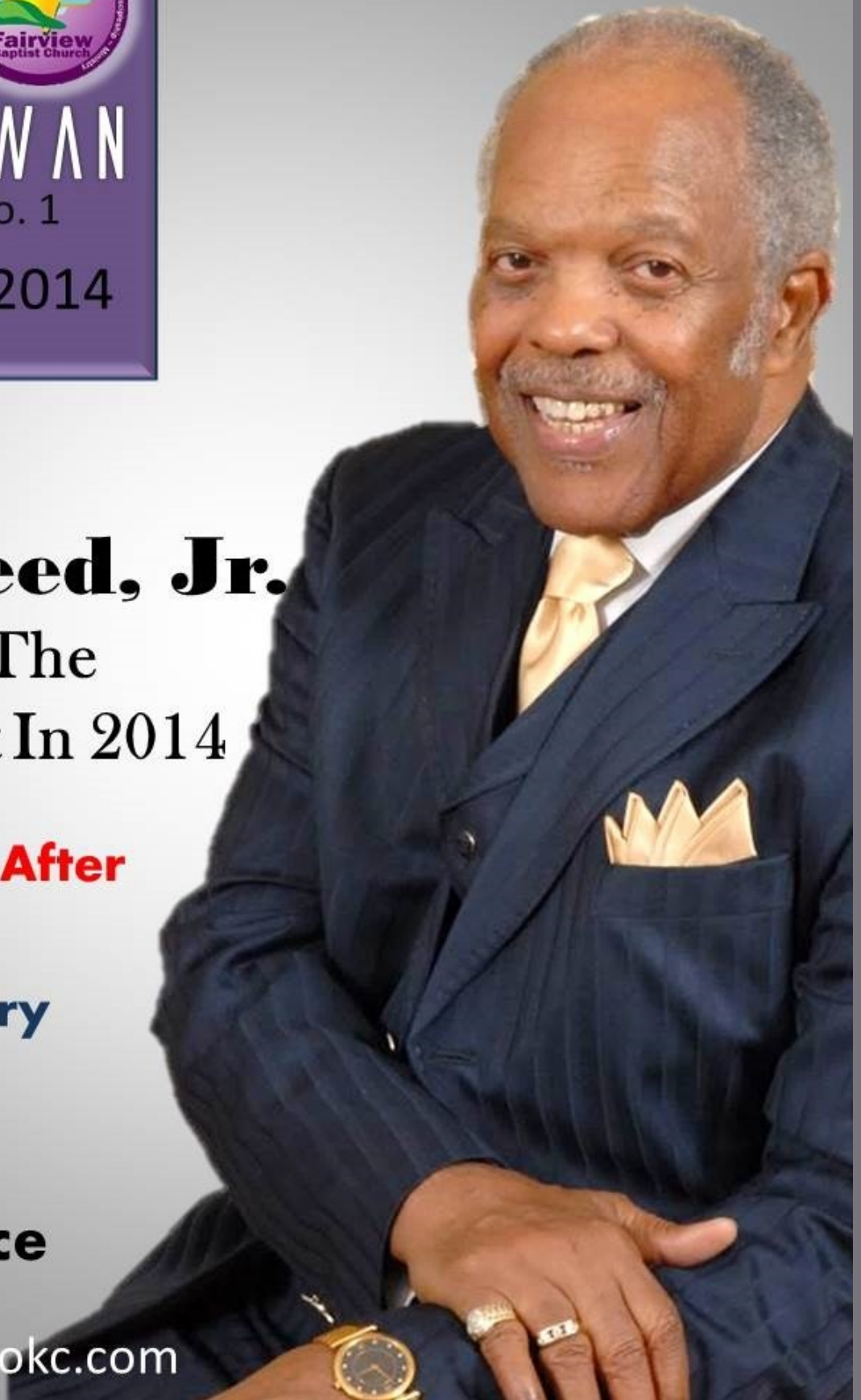
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Holy Spirit In 2014

**It Happens After  
Prayer**

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## DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST?

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

*Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, the Holy One, the Maker, Ruler and Sustainer of us all!*

We're grateful to join you again in our 21st year of publication! As a part of the Communications and Public Relations Ministry, we will be making a number of innovative moves to further our church's use of technology in the 21st Century.



Since we've gone to the Quarterly publication, you will only find brief announcements of upcoming events as we will not have all details at the time of publication. We encourage you to visit our church website at [www.fairviewoke.com](http://www.fairviewoke.com) for ongoing updates of church activities. You can also sign up to receive E-News and alerts of upcoming events and to receive the newsletter delivered to your inbox. ***Make us your homepage!***

If you are unable to attend any of our scheduled events, contact our Audio/Visual Ministry at 405-232-1621 or [fairviewok@aol.com](mailto:fairviewok@aol.com) and request copies of the DVDs or CDs. Photos of services and events are contained throughout this publication. You can also view additional photos at [www.levisphotoz.smugmug.com](http://www.levisphotoz.smugmug.com). To obtain copies, download from the site, call Levi McCullough at 405-850-3891, or email [lemac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lemac@sbcglobal.net).

Blessings to you and we look forward to seeing you at the Communications and Public Relations Ministry's 2014 Communications Conference scheduled for February 28 and March 1. A detailed schedule will be on the website as soon as it is available.

Maeleatha Patterson, Editor

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## *A Moment with the Pastor —*

*My beloved members,*

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope that you have enjoyed the holidays and are ready to face this new year with renewed hope.

Yesterday is already a dream,  
And tomorrow is only a vision,  
But today, well-lived,  
Makes every yesterday  
A dream of happiness and  
Every tomorrow a vision of hope.  
— Author Unknown



Will your yesterdays be dreams fulfilled and your tomorrows full of hope? As you make your new year resolutions, I hope you will determine to live each day to its fullest. Do not dwell on the past or count on the future. Ask yourself daily, “What would God have me do today?” and “How would Jesus handle this today?”

As you reflect upon the past year, remembering your accomplishments and your less-than-fulfilling moments, I encourage you today to set goals that fit your beliefs, and “press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:14)

Let us ask God for His strength and direction, and pray as Amy Carmichael once prayed:

Make us thy mountaineers,  
We would not linger on the lower slope,  
Fill us afresh with hope, O God of Hope,  
That undefeated we may climb the hill  
As seeing Him who is invisible.

May we always be aware of the presence of “Him who is invisible.” *Have a great year full of God’s blessings for you and those you love.*

Your Pastor

## One Second in Time—

### ANNUAL PRAYER BOWL—BY M. PATTERSON

DECEMBER 31, 2013, nearing 5:30 p.m., the religious community began gathering at Fairview Baptist Church for what has become a New Year's Eve tradition, The Annual Prayer Bowl.

This service began 33 years ago, as a vision of Senior Pastor J. A. Reed, Jr. The Prayer Bowl was originally held on New Year's Day as an offset to sports bowls but was moved to New Year's Eve. Over the years the lineup of preachers may change but one thing is constant—the Fairview family and many of the community know that on December 31, they have a place to go where they can share with other Christians and await the time of hearing the man of God proclaim, "Happy New Year. We've made it over."

Each preacher in the 2013 lineup took his place, hour after hour. The theme was *"Preaching the Gospel of Spring to Break Up the Winter of Sin."* The last hour came and we were running ahead of schedule. The preacher that was up to bring in the New Year was new to Oklahoma and to the Prayer Bowl. Rev. J. Weldon Gilbert, Pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, Lawton, stood in for veteran Bowler Rev. Teron Gaddis. He fulfilled his assignment and did it well. When he ended his message on, "Let's Make Some Noise," most all in the house were on their feet. He *preached the people crazy*.

One thing that happened this year that has seldom, if ever, happened is that the last messenger ended before midnight. We were still in 2013! Assistant Pastor D. E. Walter conducted the period of commitment. When Host and Senior Pastor Reed approached the pulpit, he announced that it was a few minutes shy of midnight. I began looking at my phone, tracking satellite time, hoping to see the time change to 12:00 midnight, to see the new year actually come in.... It was 11:58, 11:59.....and then, 12:01. I never saw what happened to 12:00 midnight!

As I looked to my fellow worshipper to say, "we made it," Pastor Reed announced to the congregation, "We made it over!" The whole house began shouting with voices, hands and hearts lifted to God in praise.

One minute, one second in time, our lives were made anew. As I reflected on the evening, I realized that one second had moved us from one minute to the next, one hour to the next, one year to a new year! God had given us another chance, another moment.

And so, Rev. Gilbert was brought forth and the waiting congregation received their blessing to go forth to begin a new year: *"Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen."*

### "The Lord is My Shepherd," Psalm 23

The 23rd Psalm is a He and Me passage. How many will move into the new year saying "The Lord is my Shepherd?" Because He is our shepherd, we have a might help.



Dr. Levi Lenley



Rev. Kelly Booker

### "A Good Recipe for a New Year," Genesis 35: 1-7

When Jacob was in trouble, he made some vows to God. We've made some promises to God that we've forgotten about.

### "When You Don't Feel Like Praising," Psalm 137:1-4

We've got too many praise drill sergeants in the church who want to demand of you that you stand up and shout because that's what they think you should do. Authentic praise is not on the demands of someone else.



Dr. Lee Cooper



Dr. M. L. Jemison

### "Rebuilding What is Torn Down," Nehemiah 4:6

You don't wave sin in the face of God...without Him responding in some kind of way. You don't break the laws of God; they break you! The walls are down in OKC. The church of Jesus Christ has some re-building to do.

### "When God Leads the Way," Exodus 13:17

"There are some [bad] aromas in our lives because we took the shortcut." Let God—Determine Your Way, Direct Your Path, Demonstrate His Power.



Rev. M. McDaniel



Rev. Ray Douglas

### "Strength for the Struggle," Colossians 3:1-4

We belong to Jesus now. The devil is like an ex-lover that, if you let him, will come around and try to mess up your good thing ... the devil tries to get you to come by for a one night stand. That's the struggle.

### "Let's Make Some Noise," Luke 19:37-40

"I dare you to start coming to the house and making the right kind of noise.... We need some temple tailgaters. ...they make noise on the outside. If you start enough noise on the outside, something will happen on the inside."



Rev. J. W. Gilbert

**“PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF SPRING TO BREAK UP THE WINTER OF SIN”  
33RD ANNUAL PRAYER BOWL—DECEMBER 31, 2013**



# IT HAPPENS AFTER PRAYER — “PRAYER MAKES THE DIFFERENCE” - BY M. PATTERSON

For years you may have heard it spoken: *“Prayer changes things.”* In his greetings to the congregation during the Annual Super Prayer Meeting held at Fairview on Wednesday night, January 8, Senior Pastor Reed enlightened us to the actuality that “Prayer changes people; people affects change.”

During the month of January, the church’s emphasis is on prayer. The Pastor began the year January 5 and January 12, preaching on “It Happens After Prayer—Part I” and It Happens After Prayer— Part II,” respectively. Wednesday Bible Study and Sunday morning study groups is from the book, “It Happens After Prayer,” by Rev. Dr. H. B. Charles, Jr., Pastor of Jacksonville, Florida.

Two major events were held this month:



The Super Prayer Meeting and The Prayer Seminar. The theme was “Prayer Makes the Difference!” Sister Patricia Reed, Prayer Coordinator, although not able to be in attendance, planned and directed both events. Pastor Reed dedicated Wednesday night’s Super Prayer Meeting to Sister Reed.

Pastor directed that everything that is

done as a church over the next 12 months will be seasoned with prayer. “If we pray, the Lord will give us the strength to fulfill His mission. Through prayer, God will unite us as one, make us a Team, and affect the change needed for such a time as these. We should pray and then put feet on our prayers.”

Seasons of prayer were offered, followed by the evening message. Rev. Semaj Vanzant, Sr., and The Christ Experience Church joined with Fairview for the Super Prayer Meeting. Rev. Vanzant preached from Daniel 6:10-17; 22-23, “I’m Going to Talk to God.”

- *Pray Despite Your Haters*  
“While they’re hating on me, I’ll talk to the Lord.”
- *Pray Despite Your Limitations*
- *Pray Despite the Consequences*

Saturday’s Prayer Seminar on January 11 continued the special emphasis. Speakers on the theme, Sister Taressa Gaines and Rev. Damascus Williams, shared their personal experiences on prayer and how it has made a difference in their lives. Rev. Williams spoke additionally on being “Imprisoned But Not Immobilized” from Jeremiah 33:3.

The congregation offered their prayer requests by “hanging them on the cross.” The Seasons of Prayer period included petitions for Pastors, Church Staff, Ministries and Ministry Leaders, Church Members, Unsaved, Married Couples, Singles, Children,



Rev. Semaj Vanzant, Sr.

Youth and Young Adults, Sick and Shut-in, and Church Finance.

In his closing remarks, the Pastor declared that “Prayer conditions us to be obedient to God’s Word and to follow God’s Word.” If we pray for God to fix us personally, to condition our hearts to be obedient to His Word, we will treat each other better. To be obedient **TO** His Word is to do what He commands us to do **IN** His Word. Through prayer, we can affect change! Prayer changes people; people affect change. *It Happens AFTER Prayer!*



*“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*



# 104th Celebration



What a glorious time we had in the Lord on December 1 for the **104<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary and Homecoming**. Look how far we have come with the help of the Lord.

God blessed our services with the message from Rev. Jeff Mitchell, Pastor of the Tabitha Baptist Church. His topic was **“From the Pit to Praise.”** The scripture was from Psalm 40:1-3.

Pastor Mitchell let us know there are three reasons why we are in a pit:

- For Correction - No current release, so we have to stay in until God lets us out.
- For Protection – Until the enemy passes over.
- For Perfection – He has to put you underground by yourself.

Here are three ways “out of the pit” that King David used!

- A. David gave praise and prayer in his pit situation.
- B. David waited patiently on the Lord; not only did he wait in a patient manner, but he was



The mortgage for the Donald Burns Fellowship Hall and Educational Center is PAID IN FULL!! The day's celebrations included a symbolic

**Mortgage Burning Ceremony.**



strong in the Lord and did not blame others while he was being pulled, pushed, and stretched on.

- C. Don't forget, while all the above is happening, to wait on God with thanksgiving. Sometimes we have to encourage ourselves. We can't fix it, but God can.

Remember, when David prayed he was lifted by the spirit, and he had a brand new song. When you are going through “*your pit*,” remind yourself, He kept me, and never left me!

Sis. Linette Burton, Staff Reporter

# Fairview Feeds Over A Thousand Food Ministry



A reported 1,137 persons (528 adults and 609 children) from 477 homes) were able to enjoy nutritional food during the months of October – December 2013 through the collaborative effort of Fairview and the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. Through financial support of Fairview, the work of the Fishes and Loaves Ministry and community volunteers, many families were distributed wholesome foods, which included fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and staples to supplement their monthly grocery needs.

In the month of November, Fairview members financed an additional purchase of turkeys that were donated to each family at the Thanksgiving Food Giveaway held on November 16 and to senior members of the congregation. Additionally, each month those that come to the church are feed spiritually through a message of hope and God's saving grace by a member of Fairview's Ministerial Staff. Those requesting are followed up by the Evangelism Ministry.

Fairview members and others of the community are encouraged to take advantage of this service. Questions regarding eligibility can be directed to Ministry Directors Teresa Hunter of Theresa Kirklin.

*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)*

## Monthly Food Giveaway

Jan. 25 – Feb. 22 – March 22, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
(or all food is gone)

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

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# A Child is Born

"Oh Come Let Us Sing Unto The Lord"

Sunday, December 22, 2013

Student Speeches  
Praise Dance-L.I.F.T.

CANTATA- "A Child is Born"

9 AM

Donald Burns Fellowship Hall and Educational Center



The Sunday School Ministry held its first Christmas Cantata, "A Child is Born," on December 21, 2013. Although it was 29 degrees outside, the faithful still came out in the winter weather.

A Cantata is a lyric drama and this presentation was Biblical text was set with music to tell the story of Christ's birth, based on the scriptural accounts in Matthew and Luke.

The Burns Fellowship Hall was transformed into Bethlehem with children as sheep, wise men, Kings and finally Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. The youth choir performed the musical selections while the Sunday School children performed.

The Christmas celebration began with a praise dance from Sis Jo Reed and a saxophone solo from Jahlan Reed. Speeches were given and bells were rung to declare the Good News of Christ Jesus, and then the Cantata began.

We would like to thank all that assisted in making the Cantata a success, including Sis Delores Watley, Musical Director, and Sis Nella Coffey, Musician. Thanks also to all the parents, grandparents and guardians for assisting the children with their lines. A special thanks to all the assistants and helpers who worked behind the scenes, as there was only one rehearsal because of the frigid temperatures. God is truly good!

*For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
Authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

## The Cast

Ringling of the bells: Dakota Womack, Samia Hill, D'Shanti Moore, Mykail. Joseph and Mary: James Robinson and Laila Marsh. Solos for the Cantata: D. Walter, Jr., and Tracey Burton. Cast also included Alisia Brown, Jailah Reed, Reagan Berryhill, Nadia Robinson, Asia Moore, Merrayah Wommack, Michael Wilder, Cameil Crawford, Thaima Ivery, Amber Ryan, April Ryan, Dakota Brown, Philip Brown, Xavier Carter, Jaiden Crawford, Carly Hill, Layla Kennedy, Jayden Simpson, Traniesha Williams, Adrianna Williams, Cache' Smith, Brent Mitchell, and Rhianna Pullen Shayden, and Michael. The Wise Men were played by Rev. Dedrick Marsh, Rev. Damascas Williams, and Deacon Terrence Mayo.



Submitted by Monica Wilder (Coordinator)  
and Linette Burton  
Sis Hattie Marsh, Drama Director  
Sis Verrell Randolph, Assistant Director



# The Denial Experience—Pt II ...By Marveda Stinson

audience was blessed to hear more outstanding music from the city wide R.E.H.A.B. choir and guest soloist, Sean Johnson. The choir (Restoring Everything Hurt and Broken) was so remarkable, to the point where no one was sitting; everyone was on their feet! God's presence was truly felt throughout the evening.

The choir, WOW Ministry and some of the audience wore black T-shirts with *My-Ene-Me* on the front and #2013 *The Denial Experience* on the back.

Special guest, Minister Tye Tribbett's message of "Purpose" captured the crowd's attention from the onset and kept everyone engaged until the last words were spoken. Phenomenal message from 2 Kings 7:3, Minister Tribbett had us saying to our neighbor "I'm better than this." He incorporated points of not settling, to expect change, live by faith not hope, and you can rise from your issues.

A joyous time was had by all in attendance. If you came in feeling lost, isolated, broken, fearful, filled with anger, hurt and despair, you left feeling uplifted, inspired, encouraged and loved; most

importantly that you have a purpose.

The Young Adult Ministry had great success with vendors and support from not only Fairview members, but the community at large.

The Denial Experience—Pt II ended on Saturday with breakout discussion sessions, led by some of Oklahoma City's greatest: Rev. Michael McDaniel, Dr. Sharri Coleman, and Rev. Derrick and Sister Johnneese Walter.

Jamar and Denise Patterson are a remarkable team and great warriors for Christ. Jamar was the project leader for The Denial Experience—Pt I and Denise was the Chair for the The Denial Experience—Pt II, WOW Conference 2013. Jamar also served as music coordinator for PT II. Endurance and dedication does pay off.

A souvenir program is available on the church website, [www.fairviewokc.com](http://www.fairviewokc.com), link **Resources**, cataloging those that provided financial support for the Conference.

Superb is the only way to describe Part 2 of *The Denial Experience*. The event was a successor to *The Denial Experience—Pt I*, WOW (Workers of the Word) Young Adult Ministry's Midnight Musical held on August 23.

Erick Harris welcomed everyone. As soon as the occasion was announced, audience members enthusiastically began posting live tweets about the event. After Assistant Pastor Derrick Walter spoke, the



# FAIRVIEW WOMEN IN ACTION

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2013

Saturday, October 5, 2013, was the scene of The Women's Conference at the Fairview Church, with Sis. Tracy Banks as Mistress of Ceremony. The Young Adult dance ministry prepared the hearts of the women by ministering through dance to *Break Every Chain*.

Sis Teresa Hunter presented a session to the ladies on Health Issues: Proper Hospital Procedures.

### Breakout Sessions:

#### RULES OF DISCIPLINE FOR BELIEVERS

##### Teressa Gaines

*Find her strength in the Lord*—Ephesians 6:10-18

##### Sandra Holloway

*Deny self of anything that would weigh her down and hold her back*—Hebrews 12:1

##### Debra Davis

*Place her on the altar of the Lord*—Romans 12:1-2

##### Eboni Johnson

*Keep her eyes fixed on Christ and not look to the left or to the right*—Hebrews 12:1-2

The guest speaker for the conference was Oklahoma Baptist State Convention Women's Ministry whose message was ***Women Becoming Godly Disciples through Strong Personal Discipline***.

It is not enough to say we are Christians; we should want to do our very best. There is a plan for each of us, so just walk in the plan.

We lack discipline in many ways and we don't like discipline. We want to be free to do what we want. As Christians, we are not free from the laws of God. We should avoid anything that will not grow us up. This requires self control. So we must set goals to have strong personal discipline. Bring natural desires under control in the areas of healthy lifestyle, companionship and sexual discipline,

work ethics and job performance, parenting, giving, avoiding reckless speaking, etc.

Set some goals. Establish a reading plan for the Bible or other spiritual materials. Work inside of God's will; cooperate with Him. Take care of your emotional health; consider journaling to express your emotions in a healthy way. Time is important and should be used wisely. Make lists to prioritize and accomplish your goals.

Jesus was a disciplined person, so we should strive to be more like Him through daily Bible reading and prayer.

After the President's message, Sis Walter led the ladies in a powerful period of rededication to the song "Draw Me Nearer."

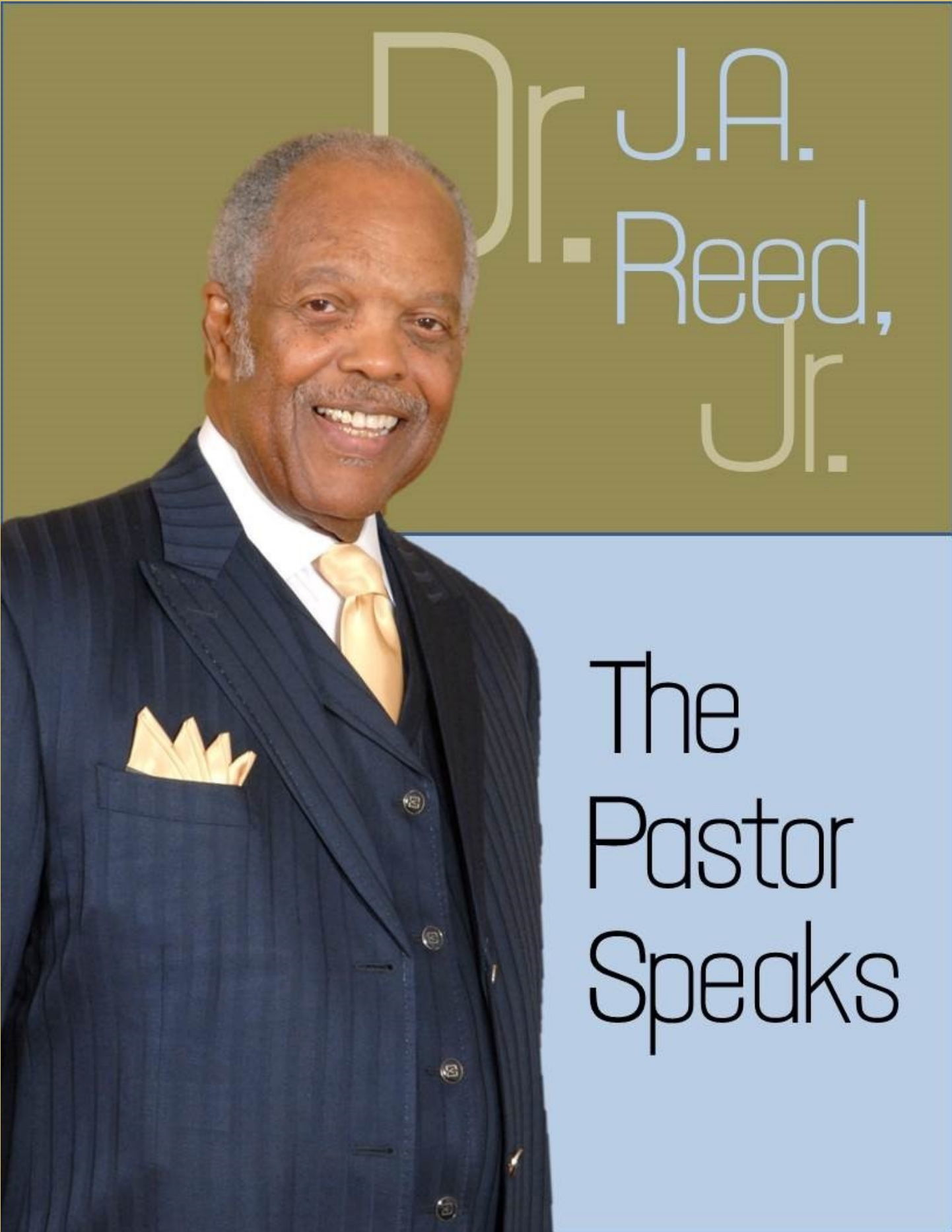


Women State President Mercene Mackey

The **Fairview Women's Ministry** closed out 2013 with the following activities:

- Supporting our World Vision child
- Monthly services held at nursing homes
- Gifts to nursing homes – Christmas in August
- Monetary gifts to the Rescue Mission to feed people for the holidays
- Volunteered at Regional Food Bank
- Diapers and other items for Infant Crisis Services of Oklahoma City
- Gift of coats for Infant Crises Services
- Christmas stockings to Salvation Army for children up to age 14
- Gifts to Fairview sick and shut-in members
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Our Harvest Feast to honor our eight (8) new members

By Sister Delores Stephens



Dr. J.A.  
Reed,  
Jr.

# The Pastor Speaks

## *The Pastor Speaks —*

### *“Living in the Power of the Spirit”*

Our church theme for 2014 is “Living in the Power of the Spirit.” The scriptural reference is Luke 24:49. All of our Bible study for this year will be centered around the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. He is first mentioned in the Bible in Genesis 1:2: “And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, long-time pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and former President of the Southern Baptist Convention, in his book *Fundamentals of Our Faith*, has pointed out that the Holy Spirit is the most neglected member of the Trinity. He says, “There are six reasons for this neglect.

(1) The doctrine of the Holy Spirit is difficult to understand. *“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God. .... Neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned”* (I Corinthians 2:14).

(2) The Holy Spirit is placed third in the Trinity (Father, first; Son, second; Holy Spirit, third). That’s why we unknowingly relegate Him to a place of unimportance.

(3) There is also a tendency to refer to the Holy Spirit as ‘it’! To speak of a person as ‘it’ makes of him a nonentity.

(4) Emotional excesses of some tend to defame the Holy Spirit.

(5) There is a fear of sin against the Holy Spirit. For this reason, people avoid Him.

(6) The use in the King James Version of Holy Ghost is unfortunate. In A.D. 1611 ghost meant spirit; today it means the spirit of a dead person.”

Dr. R. A. Torrey, in his book *The Holy Spirit*, said, “Anyone who does not know the Holy Sprit as a person has not attained unto a complete and well-rounded Christian experience.”

It is imperative that the Fairview Family understand that the Holy Spirit is a person and that we know Him as a person. This year we will look at some reasons for believing that the Holy Spirit is a person. When the Holy Spirit deals with us, it is a personal power, not an impersonal influence or power.

*God grant that this study will lead us into committing ourselves to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit!*

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*“...the Holy Spirit is the most neglected member of the Trinity.”*

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## FAIRVIEW OBSERVES BLACK HISTORY MONTH —FEBRUARY 2014



Rev. J. A. Reed, Jr.

Dr. Kent Smith, Jr.

Erick Harris

Rev. J. Weldon Gilbert

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 a.m.: Morning Worship Period

- ◆ **Morning Message:** Fairview Senior Pastor J. A. Reed, Jr.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

10:00 a.m.: Morning Worship Period

Special Guest, Langston University

- ◆ **Greetings:** Dr. Kent J. Smith, Jr., President, Langston University
- ◆ **Morning Message:** Deacon Erick Harris
- ◆ **Scholarship Sunday**

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

10:00 a.m.: Morning Worship Period

- ◆ **Morning Message:** Messenger To Be Announced

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.: Sunday School Black History Program

10:00 a.m.: Morning Worship Period

- ◆ **Morning Message:** Rev. Dr. J. Weldon Gilbert, Pastor, St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, Lawton, OK
- ◆ Presentation of the **"Rev. John A. Reed, Jr. Sprit of the Community Award"**

*Please visit the church website as additional events will be announced.*



Fairview's Drama Ministry  
Presents

#### A BLACK HISTORY PERSPECTIVE ON FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

After 104 Years,

*"We Are Still Here"*

...Songs and excerpts about grassroots  
founders and memorable moments

Sunday, February 23  
9:00 a.m.

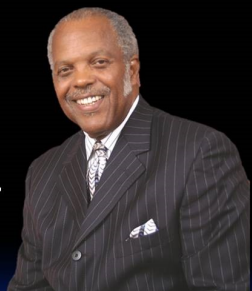
Donald Burns Fellowship Hall &  
Educational Center

**"The John A. Reed, Jr.  
Sprit of the Community Award"**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

January 5, 2014 - February 9, 2014

Contact Fairview's Black History Ministry at (405) 232-1621  
or [blackhistory@fairviewok.com](mailto:blackhistory@fairviewok.com)



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP —

The following is a list of events and services scheduled for January through the first week of April, 2014. 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](http://www.fairviewokc.com) and/or view onsite church announcements regularly for possible changes and updates. Also, **signup on the website homepage to receive automatic E-News alerts of events.**

## NBC Board Meeting—January 21-25

The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Board Meeting will be held in Birmingham, Alabama, January 20-23. Please be in prayer for Pastor Reed and the delegation.

**Ministry Fair 2014**  
*Everyone is invited to fellowship and join a Ministry of your choice in a mix and mingle environment!*

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fit here YOU

January 26 – Immediately Following Morning Worship  
 Donald Burns Fellowship Hall / Educational Center

## EZCDA Black History Observance—January 30—February 1

See flyer on this page.

## Women's Ministry Focus—February 1

Fairview's Annual Women's Ministry Focus and Mission Action Fair is set for Saturday, February 1. This is a special enlistment effort of the ministry and a showcase of projects of the various Mission groups. All women of Fairview are encouraged to attend.

## Monthly Staff Meeting—February 3

February's Monthly Staff Meeting will be held Monday evening, February 3, at 6:00 p.m. All staff are expected to attend.

THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT OF THE  
 East Lion Consolidated District Association  
 Presents...  
**"Fulfilling the Dream"**

Black History Program Workshop  
 January 30, 2014  
 6:30 pm  
 Fairview Baptist Church  
 1700 NE 7th Street  
 Oklahoma City, OK

Black History Program & Banquet  
 February 1, 2014  
 4 pm  
 Fairview Baptist Church  
 1700 NE 7th Street  
 Oklahoma City, OK

For additional information please contact  
 Sis. Flecclia Leverett (405) 408-0958 or Sis. Teresa Davis (405) 919-7159

**Monthly Food Giveaway**  
 Jan. 25 – Feb. 22 – March 22, 2014  
 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
 (or all food is gone)

Senior citizens, fixed income families, under-employed or 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

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP —

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### Monthly Noonday Worship—February 5

We will have our Monthly Noonday Service on February 5 at 12:00 noon. The one-hour worship period consists of worship and praise and a sermon by the Pastor or his designee. A light lunch is available.

### OBSC Mid-winter Board Meeting — February 3—5

The Oklahoma Baptist State Convention Mid-winter Board will meet February 3—5 at the Union Baptist Church, Lawton, Oklahoma.

### 1st Baptist, Purcell, Pastor's Anniv. —February 9

We will join the First Baptist Church of Purcell in celebrating the Anniversary Service for Pastor Ricky McNeal on Sunday, February 9. The Singing Churchmen, Nurse and Usher Ministries are scheduled. Service begins at 3:00 p.m.

### DOC Training—March 1

The Department of Corrections Volunteer Training will be held at Fairview on Saturday, March 1. Contact Sis. Donna Thompson, Prison Ministry Director, at 405-209-6750 for information on the training.

### CCSR City-wide Revival—February 11—13

Tabitha Baptist Church will host the CONCERNED CLERGY FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CITY-WIDE REVIVAL, Tuesday—Thursday nights, February 11-13.

The evangelist will be Rev. Dr. Sedic D. Veal, Sr., Pastor of Temple Baptist Church, East Cleveland, OH. Revival service will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

Fairview is programed for Wednesday night. There will be no services at Fairview that night so all members can be in attendance at the revival at Tabitha.

Dr. J. A. Reed, Jr. serves as President of the CCSR.



### Western Regional Youth Conference—March 1

The Western Regional Youth Conference will be held on Saturday, March 1. Additional information may be obtained from Fairview Children and Youth Ministry leaders, Sister LaNita Harris and Sister Delores Watley.

### Annual Communications Conference—February 28 -March 1

The 6th Annual Communications Conference, sponsored by the Communications and Public Relations Ministry, will be held Friday and Saturday. This year's agenda will begin on Friday morning, continue Friday night and conclude mid-day Saturday. Details and registration information will be available on the church website, [www.fairviewokc.com](http://www.fairviewokc.com), in the near future.

# Save The Date

*Fairview's CPR Ministry*

*Communications Conference 2014*

February 28 & March 1

**Details  
Coming  
Soon**





## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP —

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### Pastors Anniversary and Appreciation Celebration—March 16, 18-21, 23

This year, the church will hold a joint appreciation service for Senior Pastor J. A. Reed, Jr., and Assistant Pastor Derrick Walter, Sr., and family March 16, 18-21, and close on the 23rd. A number of worship services and events have been planned.

Please be attentive to ongoing announcements at the church and on the church website for specific details of events.

Join Us!!

### Noonday Worship Service

HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
**◆ UPCOMING DATES ◆**  
**FEBRUARY 5 - MARCH 5 - APRIL 2**  
 12 NOON — 1:00 P.M.



Rev. J. A. Reed, Jr.  
Host Pastor  
Preacher of the Hour

**This worship hour is tailored to meet the needs of the working community as well as those that are retired, unemployed, and other at-home persons. A light lunch is available.**

### Come and be renewed !!

For more information on each month's service, call the church at 405-232-1621, email [fairviewok@aol.com](mailto:fairviewok@aol.com) or visit the church website at [www.fairviewok.com](http://www.fairviewok.com). Those needing transportation should call the church office no later than Tuesday preceding Wednesday's worship.

**FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 1700 N. E. 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET—OKC  
 DR. J. A. REED, JR., SENIOR PASTOR



[www.fairviewok.com](http://www.fairviewok.com)

## The McKinley Brown-Lois Swain

# \$500.00 Scholarship

### Applications Now Available

The East Zion District Association will award \$500.00 to two (2) youth in the district association in compliance with the guidelines. The student must submit a typed application to the Scholarship Committee. An electronic copy of the guidelines can be emailed to you by calling Sister Edwards at 478-1024.

Applications must be postmarked no later than  
**APRIL 26, 2014**

### Community Outreach for Recovery Faith Brings Change (FBC)



**Please join us for the 12 Steps of Recovery  
 from the Life Recovery Bible!**

**Location: Fairview Baptist Church - 1700 N.E. 7th  
 When: Every Monday - Time: 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

For more information, please contact:

Sister Felicia Nero, Program Leader @ 405-514-6118 or [felicianero@gmail.com](mailto:felicianero@gmail.com)  
 Rev. Cleo McGlory, Fairview Evangelism Minister @ 405-471-9494

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

## High Attendance Day

April 13, 2014 - 8:30 a.m.

Calling All FBC Members!



Your seat has been empty in Sunday School for some time! We've been holding it JUST FOR YOU!



NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP



To the Fairview Family

We will have "New Member Fellowship," which includes a continental breakfast, immediately following Sunday School (9:15 a.m.). New members that joined Fairview since October 2013 will be recognized.

# IT HAPPENS *AFTER* PRAYER



## Prayer Ministry

### PRAY FOR LOCAL/NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS

#### 1 Timothy 2: 1-2

I urge then, first of all that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all godliness and holiness.

Christians must stay informed and communicate with their officials. We should not forget to praise them when they take correct stands.

*Lord, we pray for all government officials and especially for the leaders of our own country.*

*We pray for President Barack Obama that he may conduct the affairs of the national government with wisdom, bravery and true justice.*

*We pray for the members of congress, judges, our national, state and local leaders, that they may conduct the affairs of man in accordance with the will of God.*

*We pray that the leaders will respect authority and that we may live as a united people.*

*Our prayer is that all strive to form bonds of unity between countries, that we may one day share a united world of prosperity and peace. In the name of Jesus, Amen.*

Sis. Barbara Burns  
Leader, Group #12

Sis. Patricia Reed, Prayer Coordinator

## Welcome, New Members!

The following members have recently become a part of our church family. **Please greet them with a hearty *Fairview Welcome!*** Pictures of our new family members are posted on the bulletin board on the south end of the vestibule.

*Ray Allen*

*Mercedes Bishop*

*Dawan Brooks*

*Sheryl Broom*

*Winston Chambray*

*Jaiden Crawford*

*Thomas Davis*

*Carmeletra Ellis*

*Dorles Ellis*

*Jamelia Ellis*

*Lisa Fourkiller*

*Ella Frazier*

*Rhonda Hall-Williams*

*Paula Howard*

*Winston Johns*

*Shyla Jones*

*Ashantaki Judy*

*Mykail Leathers*

*Diedra Littlejohn*

*Marie Meininger*

*Dorris Moore*

*Quinnesshia Nelson*

*Mary Smith*

*Tracey Smith*

*Don Taylor*

*Eric Taylor, Jr.*

*Eric Taylor, Sr.*

*Corday Wallace*

*Shelia White*

*Leqrella M. Williams*

*Alicia Wright*

**The ALLSTARS**  
 Sunday School  
 Perfect Attendance

The following Sunday School members had perfect attendance for the months October, November and December 2013:

**Pre school / Kindergarten**

Dakota Brown  
 XaZavier Carter  
 Rihauna Pullen

**Kayleona Hill-Group 1**  
**Alisia Brown-Group 2**  
**Ashton Crawford-Group 4**  
**Laila Marsh-Group 4**  
**Patti Brown-Group 5**  
**Phillip Ryan-Group 5**

**Young Adults**

Min. Dedrick Marsh  
 Min. Damascus Williams

**Evangelism**

Thomas Davis  
 Larry White

**Laura Hawkins-Group 1**  
**Lillie Moore-Group 1**  
**Mary P. Johnson-Group 2**  
**Bobbie Jones-Group 2**  
**Victor Brown-Group 4**  
**Alene Dunlap-Group 4**

**Singles**

Edward Cargle  
 Carolyn Peters  
 Brenda Colbert  
 Ervin Smith  
 Katie Darling  
 Robert Thompson  
 Melva Franklin  
 Mose O'Bryant



**Sunday School HIGH ATTENDANCE/  
 New Member Fellowship—October 13, 2013**



Current members and Ministry Leaders fellowshiped with new members joining the family as of April 2013.

*It how nice to walk around and greet each one and get to know everyone better. It was also a chance for the new members to acquaint themselves with Ministry Leaders and ask questions.*

High Attendance	143 members 4 visitors
Average Attendance	128 members 2 visitors

**We are glad for those who encouraged someone to join them in studying God's Word.**

**CORRECTION: Sunday School Perfect Attendance**

The previous edition of the Fairviewan recognized the following youth for quarterly perfect attendance but it should have been for **annual** perfect attendance.

Six youth were also recognized for having annual perfect attendance (September 2012 through August 2013). Each youth received a \$10.00 gift certificate to McDonalds. They received this award in addition to receiving a certificate of achievement promoting them to the next group.

Dakota Wommack	Phillip Brown Ryan
Kayleona Hill	Tyler Heard
Alisia Brown Ryan	Cheyenne Thompson

**Fairview Baptist Church** CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL  
**Largest in Church's History - HUGE SUCCESS!**

THE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL (CLS) held at Fairview the week of October 9-12, 2013, was deemed as the largest in the church's history, according to 51-year veteran pastor, Dr. John A. Reed, Jr. The theme for the school was "Solidarity with the Savior through His Work," Matthew 5:15, John 10:32, Titus 2:14, and Hebrews 13:20-21. The school was approved and certified by the Sunday School Publishing Board (SSPB) of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. (NBC, USA, Inc.) and was opened to anyone interested in furthering their Christian Education or earning course credit toward certification through SSPB.

Classes were held nightly, Wednesday through Friday from 6-8 pm, and Saturday from 9am-12pm in Fairview's Donald Burns Educational Center and Fellowship Hall. The courses offered were taught by a very knowledgeable staff: *Introduction to the New Testament*/Rev. Lee Benson, *Survey of Psalms*/Sis Erma Coburn, *Introduction to the Old Testament*/Rev. Al Walter, *New Members' Orientation*/Bennie Surratt, *Creative Ways of Teaching*/Sandra Holloway, *Eschatology*/Rev. Orlando Black, *Becoming an Effective Deacon*/Bob Simmons, *Methods of Evangelism*/ Rev. Kenneth Sherrill and Rev. Cleo McGlory, *Introduction to Discipleship*/Carolyn Peters, *Marriage and Family* (The Church Ministry to Singles)/Rev. and Mrs. Derrick Walter, and *Ministry to the Bereaved*/ Rev. L. M. Woodberry. Delores Watley, Rev. and Mrs. Dedrick Marsh, Rev. Tim Jones, and Rev. Damascus Williams taught the Children and Youth Classes.

The school concluded with Pastor Reed lecturing on *Spiritual Leadership*. In his

exposition, he stated, "As your pastor, I am interested in developing a climate wherein leaders can be trained and equipped to lead ministries in our church. It has become clear to me that if we are going to be a successful church, we need trained leaders." Pastor Reed also expounded on the definition of Christian Leadership, the duties of Spiritual Leaders to the Church, and some of the general duties that apply to every leader in the church:

- Follow the Leadership of the Pastor
- Support the mission, ministry, purposes' and programs of the church
- Lead your ministry toward involvement and participation
- Work to promote peace, unity, and cooperation among church members
- Embrace and foster the Pastor's Vision for the future ministry of the church
- Build teamwork and team spirit among the members of your ministry
- Encourage participation in Bible

Study, Prayer Meeting, and Sunday School

- Be Faithful in your service to the church
- Encourage members of your ministry to nurture and use their individual Spiritual gifts
- Support and show love for your Pastor

The school closed with 152 in attendance; 100 adults received Course Cards, 2 adults received Certificates, 26 youths received Certificates, and 24 staff/instructors. Also, a SPECIAL THANKS to Sis. Willa Nero and her staff for preparing and serving meals each night, and to Peggy Westbrook and Havered Hill for their genuine support. The next Christian Leadership School (CLS) will be held, May 9-10, 2013.

Lavinie L. Moore is Fairview's Christian Education Director, Manilla Fields served as school registrar, Maeleatha Patterson served as Informational Technology Support, Rev. Gregory Rogers, District Dean, Rev. Alfred Baldwin State Director/Dean, Rev. J. A. Reed, Pastor.



# Prison Ministry: News you can Use

## Felon Voting Rights

### WHO CAN VOTE

- Convicted felon who has been pardoned
- Felons who have served their time
- Person with a Deferred Sentence
- Felon on parole serving a life sentence cannot vote unless pardoned

### When a person may begin voting again:

Date of Conviction	3/6/2003
<u>+ Years sentenced</u>	<u>10</u>

Date eligible to vote	3/6/2013
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Consecutive Convictions	
Date of Conviction	3/6/2003
+ Years 1st Sentence	4
+ Years 2nd Sentence	3
<u>+ Years 3rd Sentence</u>	<u>5</u>

Date eligible to vote	3/6/2015
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**NOTE:** The Oklahoma State Election Board does not have a process to determine who is a felon. It is your responsibility to know when you are eligible to vote. If you register and vote before your original sentence is expired, you could face imprisonment for more than 5 years, a fine of no more than \$50,000.00 or both imprisonment and a fine. (See voter's registration card Oath 9)

**For More Information:**  
Donna K. Thompson \* 405-209-6750  
or [obscprisonministry@yahoo.com](mailto:obscprisonministry@yahoo.com)

## Then vs Now

Do you remember growing up how you always thought anything your parent(s) told you was old fashioned, of no value, just crazy??? After a few bumps along life's road, most of us finally decided that one or two of the things they tried to instill in us were probably pretty good ideas.

Darrell Simpson is no exception to this truth. Stepping back to a time when Darrell was a boy, he shared with me that he was fortunate to grow up in a loving, two-parent home with his other siblings. His father, now a retired drill sergeant, was a disciplined military man, and his mother, a God-fearing woman. But at the time, all that discipline, instruction and praying was just too old fashioned, not necessary, of no value and just crazy!

What was important was to impress his friends, run the streets, do drugs and party. Like most of us, Darrell worked to "fit in" with his "friends." Fitting in took Darrell down some roads that led his parents to say NOT MY SON, as they learned more and more about some of Darrell's "friends" and how he was fitting in. He was baptized as a young man at the Antioch Baptist Church in Muskogee. While he went to church on Sunday, he was skipping out of school and getting in trouble on Monday. For several years, his life was torn between two worlds. He wanted to know what God really wanted with him. Darrell could never get comfortable and content on the wrong road, but he didn't last long on the right road. **But that was then . . . .**

Fast forwarding to a point in time when Darrell was confined at the Lexington Correctional Center, By now, God had gotten more of his attention and less of his rebellion. At Lexington, he grew in the Word and built a prayer life. When God gets you, the parts you thought were unnecessary are necessary. He began helping to coordinate church services inside the facility where he was a participant on God's program. Enter the Fairview Baptist Church and Rev. John Reed, Jr. During a visit to the facility in 2010, Pastor Reed made a lasting impression on Darrell telling him he wanted to be his pastor. While Pastor Reed didn't know it, Darrell was looking for a church home. Darrell united with Fairview before his release and followed Pastor Reed to Fairview when he got the opportunity.

**Now**, so many blessings have come to him and with him; a new career and a new wife and family and a new heart. He developed a strong career before his release, walked into a job and was blessed with reliable transportation. Now Darrell along with his lovely wife, Lashell, and their boys are hanging out with a new group; the Fairview family. Life is a process and he is still going through. But, today God has changed his focus and the desires of his heart.

Cora Kemp-Epps—Staff Reporter

# 10th Annual Cancer Survivors Tea

Dee Wilder held her 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CANCER SURVIVOR'S TEA at the Stephenson Cancer Center at 800 N.E Phillips. The Tea Party began at the Fairview Church as a way for cancer survivors in the Fairview family to celebrate God's goodness. Dee is a long-time member of Fairview and a long-time survivor of multiple forms of cancer.

This is the second year that the Tea was held at the Stephenson Cancer Center. The tea party celebrates being a cancer survivor through God's grace and mercy, while helping to educate the community on how to prevent, treat and live with Cancer. We are honored to expand the tea and open this opportunity to more of the surrounding Oklahoma City community.

This year's guest speaker was Dr. Takemi Tanaka. Dr. Tanaka, a recent grant recipient to the center, recently joined the Stephenson Cancer Center, and focuses on the development of new and personalized therapeutic approaches for the prevention and treatment of breast cancer and other cancers. She will be appointed an Oklahoma TSET Cancer Research Scholar in recognition of the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust's efforts to reduce the burden of cancer in the state by supporting innovative research. Dr. Tanaka was referred by the Director of Development of the Stephenson Center, Von Allen, who is a friend of the Fairview Baptist Church and a friend of the tea.

Fairview ministries supporting the celebration included the dance group L.I.F.T. and the Fairview Young Adult dance team.

The Wilder family and The Stephenson Cancer Center would like to thank the community for supporting this cause. If you need a support group or know anyone who would like more information about cancer treatment, please contact Dee Wilder through Fairview Baptist Church or The Stephenson Cancer Center at 405-271-6822.

Submitted by  
Monica Wilder

Photos by Levisphotoz. (top to bottom)  
Monica Wilder and Dee Wilder  
Dee Wilder, Monica Wilder, Dr. Tanaka  
Fairview Young Adult Dance Team



# We Still Remember

Faith Fa'Lena Mae Marsh



Sunrise: October 4, 2009  
Sunset: October 28, 2009

What ever you ask for in prayer with Faith you will receive.  
Matt 21:22

## *Faith and Doubt*

Doubt sees the obstacles,  
Faith sees the way;  
Doubt sees the blackest night,  
Faith sees the day;  
Doubt dreads to take a step,  
Faith sours on high;  
Doubt Questions, "who believes?"  
Faith answers, "I."

Rev. Dedrick and Sister LaRhesa Marsh, Parents

## Media Available



You can obtain copies of Special Events and regular Sunday Morning Worship by contacting Fairview's Audio-Visual Ministry at 405-232-1621 or email [fairviewokc@aol.com](mailto:fairviewokc@aol.com). Media available are on CD, DVD, or audio cassette.

# Celebrating the Life of Elaine Frances Drake

SUNRISE  
May 24, 1922

SUNSET  
January 10, 2014



*"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice."  
~Philippians 4:4*

ELAINE FRANCES DRAKE was born May, 24, 1922, in Boynton, Oklahoma. She accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Fairview Baptist Church. Sister Drake was active in many ministries but her passion was for the Usher Ministry. She was an active member of the City-wide Ushers for 37 years.

Sister Drake was referred to as a devoted wife to the late Jesse Drake, Jr, a loving mother and a very caring person with a fantastic sense of humor. She took in many children and treated them as her own; they all called her Mama Drake.

We extend our love and support to the family of Sister Drake. A life well lived is one worth celebrating!

# *It's Harvest Time!*

FAIRVIEW'S 104TH ANNUAL CHURCH ANNIVERSARY AND HOMECOMING CELEBRATION— DECEMBER 1, 2014  
See story in this issue. Photos courtesy of Levi McCullough, [lemac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lemac@sbcglobal.net). View and download other photos at [levisphotoz.smugmug.com](http://levisphotoz.smugmug.com).

