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Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST UPDATE

It's been 12 weeks since the tornado ripped across the Athens area, destroying houses, business, and churches. The hardest-hit church was Fairview Baptist, where four buildings were destroyed. At this point, four buildings have been demolished. They were the Shock Chapel, the fellowship hall, the two-story educational building, and the gymnasium. Plans to rebuild are on the drawing board. Church leaders say construction should begin in the late spring with a projected completion date of approximately one year. In the meantime, the church is holding services at the former American Bedding building on Dennis Street and Fairview Christian Academy is meeting at the former Four Star Academy on Matlock Road. The photo below shows where Fairview Christian Academy and the Fellowship Hall used to sit. The remainder of the gym is in the background.



National & World News

◆ There was a security breach at JFK Airport in New York Monday morning after 11 passengers were able to pass through a metal detector that was not supervised by a Transportation Security Administration officer. Three of those passengers set off the detector's alarm and continued to their gate. TSA stated that they are confident this incident presents minimal risk to the aviation transportation system, and once their review is complete, they will take appropriate action.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ In recognition of Black History Month, E.G. Fisher Public Library in Athens will present a discussion of the new book about Burkett Witt titled **"Burkett" A Man of Positive Tenacity** from 12 noon to 1 p.m. today. The author, Richard Patterson, will be present. Burkett is not expected to attend since he is still at home, recovering from a recent heart attack.
- ✓ The Athens City Council will hold its monthly meeting at 6 tonight. It will be the first Council meeting since new City Manager Seth Summer began work.
- ✓ Starr Regional Medical Center's oncologist, Dr. Stephen Miller, will speak and answer questions about colon cancer during "Wellness Wednesday" at the McMinn Senior Activity Center at 9 a.m. tomorrow. It is open to the public.



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Wednesday - Cloudy. 80% rain. High 63.
Thursday - Partly cloudy. High 71.
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More Fairview Baptist Photos

The upper photo shows where the old church stood before the tornado. The bottom picture shows the new church which is still under repair from the tornado damage.



Obituaries

- ♦ **Jerri Baxter**, age 48, of Englewood, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Englewood Church of God, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Wanda June Schultz Jones**, age 75, of the Mt. Harmony Community near Sweetwater, died Monday at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Mary Crockett Curtis**, age 72, of Athens, died Monday at NHC of Athens. She was a native of Spanish Fork, Utah and a longtime resident of McMinn County. A graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Cedar Grove Cemetery with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home of Athens.

◆ PRAISING THE LORD IN SONG

The 50th Anniversary of Burke's Gospel Jubilee Radio Show was celebrated this past Sunday at Greater Deliverance Ministries. Musicians from several churches took part. The photo shows two of the show's hosts, Karen King (on the left) and Jasmine Porter-McDermott, kicking-off the event.



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