CHURCH NEWS

FROM PASTOR DAVIS: BIBLE STUDY IS STILL HAPPENING! Join us on Facebook on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office and Building are currently on limited access throughout the week. It is available and open for essential employees only. Please call the Church for any type of information or before visits. If you need to come to the Church, please be prepared to practice “Social Distancing”, for all our safety.

RIDGECREST 2020 (July 20th-24th) REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN TO ALL ADULT MINISTRY LEADERS ONLY (18 years of age and above). Qualifying/interested participants: (1) must be current members of FBCC; (2) must be actively serving in some capacity in a ministry and (3) must not have attended the conference in the last two consecutive years. If you meet these criteria and you are interested in attending this conference in July, EMAIL Minister John Carter at carterj@firstcalvary.org, and please indicate your current servant position. Availability is limited and openings will be granted on first come first served basis. Registration is open until all slots are filled. The last day to be considered is May 21, 2020.

SCHOLARSHIP: ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: The 2020 FBCC Scholarship Applications are now available. They can be obtained via the Scholarship Ministry website. All applications are to be emailed to scholarship@firstcalvary no later than 7pm on June 10, 2020. Please contact Sister Brenda Carter (brenda647404@yahoo.com) or Deaconess Sharyn Davis (sharynsue@bellsouth.net) with any questions.

GRADUATE APPOINTMENTS: ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS will need to make an appointment to have a zoom meeting or a telephone conference with the Minister Jacques Wright, Minister to Youth and Children, in order to receive your graduation stipend. This meeting will need to take place by June 7, 2020. Contact Minister Wright at firstcalvary.org or 919-489-4184 to set up an appointment.

CELEBRATING ALL GRADUATES: ALL KINDERGARTEN, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE GRADUATES, AND POST GRADUATES: The graduate information form can be found on the Scholarship Ministry website page. Please fill out the form and submit it to Scholarship@firstcalvary.org no later than June 7, 2020.

MOBILE MARKET: SERVING OPPORTUNITY: FBCC Ministries, individuals and groups are all invited and encouraged to help with the monthly Mobile Market. This community food distribution takes place on 3rd Saturdays of the month. Volunteer duties are available ANYTIME from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Come help and make a difference in this local community...First Calvary membership is served within this project...so if First Calvary, let’s represent and SERVE...WE NEED YOU! Contact Sister Rebecca Oats at (919)682-0398 or r.oats@mn.com for details and to join the team!

THANK YOU: A great big THANK YOU to everyone that gave for the “Embracing Uganda” Project! Your giving truly makes a difference! From the Womanhood Committee and Pears of Praise Leadership.

MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

CFLR – Community Life Center Family at Lyon Park

CFR – Conference Room

CRM – Choir Room

CR I - Classroom 1

CR II - Classroom 2

CR III - Classroom 3

FH – Fellowship Hall

LIB – Library

Sanct-Sanctuary

SUNDAY

7:00 am

Intercessory Prayer Service (4th Sun)

Sanct

9:30 am

Discipleship Orientation Class

CFLR

11:15 am

Health & Wellness Ministry (2nd Sun)

CR I

1:15 pm

Evangelism Ministry (2nd Sun)

CR II

1:15 pm

Daughters of Calvary (3rd Sun)

CR II

1:15 pm

Computer Ministry (2nd Sun)

CR III

4:00 pm

 Associate Ministers (each 2nd Sun)

CR II

5:00 pm

Deacons & Trustee Ministry Mtg. (2nd Sun)

CRM

6:30 pm

Official Leadership Team (2nd Sun)

FH

MONDAY

6:00 pm

Tots of Praise Rehearsal (after 1st)

CRM

6:30 pm

Psalm 150 (after 3rd & 4th Sun)

CRM

6:30 pm

Young Adult Choir (after 2nd Sun)

CRM

6:30 pm

Children’s Church Committee (after 2nd Sun)

CR I

6:30 pm

Sunday School Teachers (1st Mon)

CR I

6:30 pm

Calvary’s Anointed/Vessels of Praise

FH/Sant

7:00 pm

Entrepreneur Ministry (TBA)

CRM

7:00 pm

Community Family Life (3rd Mon)

CRM

7:30 pm

Male Chorus (after 2nd & 3rd Sun)

CRM

7:30 pm

Young Adult Choir (before 3rd Sun)

CRM

TUESDAY

6:00 pm

Scouting Ministry (every other Tues)

ALL AREAS

6:30 pm

Hospitality Ministry (2nd Tues)

CR I

6:30 pm

Praise Team

CRM

6:30 pm

Circle of Care (CDC) 2nd Tues-Library

CRM

6:30 pm

Sunset Youth (2nd Tues)

FH

7:00 pm

Male Summit (Tuesday after 3rd Sun)

FH

7:30 pm

Music Council (2nd Tues)

CRM

7:30 pm

The Encouragers (1st Tues)

CR II

CR III

WEDNESDAY

12:00 pm

Noon Day Prayer

LIB

6:45 pm

Prayer and Praise Service

FH

6:45 pm

Bible Study

FH & CR

THURSDAY

6:00 pm

Nursery Ministry (1st Thurs)

FH/Sant

6:30 pm

Calvary’s Anointed/Vessels of Praise

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Beautification Committee (2nd Thurs)

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Couples Ministry (4th Thurs)

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Youth Council (4th Thurs)

CR II

6:30 pm

ACT Ministry (3rd Thurs)

CR III

6:30 pm

Young Adult Ministry (2nd Thurs)

CRM

7:00 pm

Singles in Love with Christ (4th Thurs)

FH

7:00 pm

Sunday Service Choir Rehearsal

CRM

7:30 pm

Drama Ministry

CRM

SATURDAY

9:30 am

Pears of Praise (2nd Sat)

CRM

10:00 am

Scholarship Ministry (before the 2nd Sun)

CRM

10:00 am

PROJECT F.I.N.E.

CFKL

10:00 am

Adoption of Blind (3rd Sat)

CR I

10:30 am

Deacons Ministry (1st Sat)

FH/Sant/B

11:00 am

Senior Missionary Ministry (3rd Sat)

CR I

11:00 am

Senior Usher & First Aid Ministry (2nd Sat)

CRM/Sant

11:30 am

Culinary Arts Ministry (4th Sat)

CRM/Sant

Wishing you the best Mother’s Day!

Celebrating Our Mothers…

Happy Mother’s Day!

May it be a day full of God’s blessings.
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! We wish all Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, and “play Mamas” a happy, joyful day. At this time, where we may or may not be able to physically be in each other’s presence, I would remind all of us to use the resources at our disposal to “spend time” with women that mean the most to us today. Call them, video meet and chat with them...let them know that even now they are thought of and loved. I am grateful for the women in my family that are Mothers, my wife, Judith, our daughter-in-law, Josephine, and my Mother-in-law, Ms. Cecelia. I am grateful to God for such a strong family bond with these women that have mothered my sons, my grandchildren, and me. I also give honor and praise to God for the woman that gave me life and raised me, the late Deaconess Julia Davis. I pray that I honor her memory by God’s leading every day. My heart goes out to all of us that have lost our Mothers, but I hope we all take comfort in memories today.

Our Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) has been working to devise a plan of action for our coming Pastoral Search Committee (PSC). This group will spearhead the search and selection of a new Pastor. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this committee. We are looking for individuals that are active and who have been consistent with giving of their time, talents and treasures to serve in this Ministry. I want folks to understand you will only be approved if you have been true to your Discipleship in the life of this Church, this task will not be for the faint of heart. It will be time consuming. We already thank the members of the PRC that have given and shared to help prepare for this important process. Look in the bulletin or on the Church website for more details.

We are still in Revival and Evangelism Month. Although we did not have our Spring Revival this year, I would hope that we would all be “revived” even at this time. Read God’s Word, seek His face, PRAY TO HIM (that’s praying, v’al). Spend time in worship and give praise and glory to His Holy Name. I would further like to share the following about Evangelism. We are called by God to make disciples. This happens when we share the Gospel with others. Right now, we can use the mediums of Social Media to share God’s Word, and when this time is over, because this too shall pass, we can get back to making personal contact with the lost and helping them find their way to Christ.

Today’s “Wow” (Word of the Week) is a good one, considering it’s Mother’s Day. Let’s talk for a moment about LOVE. LOVE is powerful and is important. It is certainly an action word... and the greatest ability of LOVE came when God sent His Son to die for us and save us. Are we speaking in LOVE to one another? Are we serving each other in LOVE? Are we thinking with LOVE? Do we make decisions led by God’s LOVE? Are we giving in LOVE? We have to check our motives, our minds, and our hearts... and make sure we are truly influenced by LOVE. and the best LOVE is God’s LOVE! What can you do to show some LOVE this week? Never forget that we are excited about LOVE and we are an EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION!

THE DEACON’S MESSAGE

We should never forget how important it is to share the Word of God with others. You never know how great an impact it can make in someone’s life. When we heed the call of the Holy Spirit and act upon what we are told to do, great things happen. In Acts 8:26-40, NV, Philip is instructed by an angel of the Lord to, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” Philip follows instructions and finds an opportunity to evangelize to an Ethiopian eunuch… “This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, ‘Go to that chariot and stay near it.’ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading the Isaiah the prophet. ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ Philip asked. ‘How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone explains it to me?’ So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.” Acts 8:27-31, NV How does the story end? The man asks to be baptized. Philip honored that request when they came to some water. Never doubt the importance of sharing God’s Word with someone else.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

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SOME SCRIPTURES ON LOVE

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, and is not proud. Love does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

And now abide faith, hope, love: but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12

Devote yourself to another in love. Honor another one above yourself. Romans 12:10

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

REVIVAL/EVANGELISM MONTH

May 2020

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“An Exciting Church Excited About Its Mission”

May 10, 2020

SUNDAY Worship: 7:45am & 10:45am; Children’s Church: 10:45am Sunday School 9:30am

WEDNESDAY Noon Day Prayer 12:00pm Prayer & Praise 6:30pm; Bible Study 7:00pm

“EMPOWERING DISCIPLES WITH GOD’S VISION”

“Her children rise up and call her blessed.” -Proverbs 31:28

REVIVAL

EVANGELISM MONTH

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www.firstcalvary.org
Fredrick A. Davis, MDIV, D.D. Pastor

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY.... Wednesday, 7pm
Via the Church Facebook page
(First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, NC) or on the Church website, www.firstcalvary.org

The Abbreviated FC Mission Statement:
E3: Empower spiritual lives, Enhance quality of life, & Evangelize the lost

Join the Prayer Conference Call on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.
(713) 432-1001, code "Great Revival" (Wednedays), and Intercessory Prayer (4th Sundays, 7:00 a.m.)
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Are you called to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee? The Pastoral Relations Committee is looking for 12 servants who fit the following criteria:
1. Must be a member of FCBC as defined in the church BYLAWS (sections 4&5).
2. Must be a tither and/or consistent giver with active attendance at Sunday worship service.
3. Must be an active member of Christian Education, Young Adult, Youth Advisory Council, Senior Missionary, Associate Minister, Trustee, Deacon, Deaconess, Visionary, Music, or Ushers.
4. Must be a member to be selected as Member at Large.
5. Must have emotional and spiritual maturity to work with other elected members of the Search Committee.

Ministry chairs will coordinate the nomination process per ministry. A member of the Relations Committee will contact the ministry chairs with more information by Monday, May 4.

Important Considerations for Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) Candidates
1. Be prayerful and committed to finding a pastor.
2. Understand this is a volunteer role with no compensation.
3. Willing to commit a minimal time of:
   a. Up to 24 months of involvement (July 2020 – July 2022)
   b. 3-5 hours weekly (data gathering and candidate review, social media i.e. Youtube, Facebook)
   c. Possible travel (car, plane, FCBC van, etc.)
   d. Regular meetings with committed attendance
4. Must be able and willing to maintain confidentiality and discretion around committee discussions and candidate information; may sign confidentiality covenant.

Want to nominate yourself or a FCBC member to serve as member at large? Submit your name to PastorRelation@firstcalvary.org. All nominees submitted prior to May 15, 2020 will be presented to the congregation during the June brainstorming session. The congregation will elect the member at large on Saturday, June 6.

First Calvary Baptist Church•Frederick A. Davis, Pastor

Do You Know? A Few Biblical Mothers
Eve: Eve was the first wife and mom. She shared a special relationship with God until she sinned. We have been born with a “sin nature” because of Eve. Read Genesis 3:1-6 and Genesis 3: 20.

Hannah: Hannah was the mom of Samuel, a judge of Israel. She was unable to have children for many years, but called out to God and God heard her prayer. She promised to give Samuel to God for his whole life and she did. Read 1 Samuel 1:19-11 and 1 Samuel 1:27-28.

Mary: Mary was the mother of Jesus. She was chosen by God to have Jesus born. God saw something special in her. She was an ordinary girl, but she obeyed God in extraordinary circumstances. She knew the Word of God well. Read Luke 1:35-38.

Jochebed: Jochebed was the mother of Moses. When she gave birth to Moses, there was an order to kill all of the Hebrew baby boys. In faith, she didn’t allow her son to be killed, but hid him for three months. Pharaoh’s daughter found Moses in the river. Years later, he became the hero who led the Israelites out of Egypt into freedom. Read Exodus 2:1-4.

Sarah: Sarah became Isaac’s mom when she was over 100. She was Abraham’s wife, who laughed at the promise that she would have a child. Before Isaac was born, she got impatient to have a baby and tried to take matters into her own hands. She caused a lot of problems by doing that. Read Genesis 21:1-3 and Genesis 21:6-7.

Elizabeth: Elizabeth was the mother of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus. The angel Gabriel told her husband Zechariah that she would have a baby at a very old age. He didn’t believe this at first, but it was true. Elizabeth was a woman who followed God. Read Luke 1:39-45.

Rebekah: Rebekah was Isaac’s wife and Esau and Jacob’s mom. She was a beautiful woman who was first noticed because she served others selflessly. She was a hard worker. Rebekah followed God, but did make Jacob her favorite son. Because of that, she convinced him to steal his brother’s blessing. This caused a lot of problems. Read Genesis 25:4-46 and Genesis 27:5-11.

Naomi: Naomi was the mother in law of Ruth. Naomi had two sons, but they both passed away and left her very sad and bitter. Because Ruth wanted Naomi’s God to be her God, she travelled to Naomi’s homeland to live. It was there that Naomi helped Ruth find her husband, Boaz. Read Ruth 1:3 and Ruth 1:15-18.