November 29, 2020
9:30 a.m.

PRAISE & ADORATION

Praise & Worship……FCBC Praise Team

Scripture……Minister
Jeremiah 36: 16-27

Prayer……Minister

Hymn……."I Am on the Battlefield for My Lord"

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Pastoral Concerns/Giving

The Word in Song

CARE & CONCERNS THROUGH PRAYER

The Recognition of Returning Sick/Prayer Concerns

Altar Call & Prayer……Minister

The Word in Song

WORSHIP THROUGH INSTRUCTION

****The Sermon……Pastor Fredrick A. Davis**

"THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBILITY"
Selected Scriptures

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship/ Invitational Selection
If you would like to unite with our Church Family, you can do so during the Hymn of Invitation following the sermon. You may join by Baptism, Christian Experience, Letter, or as an Associate Member.

*Benediction

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE and remain standing**
****Please refrain from walking during The Sermon**

E³: *Empower spiritual lives, Enhance quality of life, & Evangelize the lost*

CHURCH NEWS

FROM PASTOR DAVIS: Come to Bible Study! Join us on Facebook and Zoom (Meeting ID: 932 281 4455, Password: 573710) **on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.!**

PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office and Building are currently on limited access throughout the week. If you need to come to the Church, please be prepared to practice "Social Spacing", and wear a mask, for all our safety.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE SERVICE VIA THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK AT 9:30 A.M. EACH SUNDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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LET US PRAY: MATURE ADULTS, AGE 60 & UP, join in for "Noon Day" midweek prayer and devotion, **EVERY WEDNESDAY at 12:00 p.m. THE TIME IS NOW 12:00 P.M. Call 712-432-1000, enter access code 616729948#.**

MLK YOUTH LOCK-IN 2021: Calling all Youth 12-18...It's time to WAKE UP! "Realize the Dream"...The 2021 Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Lock-In Committee is pleased to announce the opening of registration for the 2021 MLK, Jr. Youth Lock-In iExperience. We are taking this exciting program to the WORLDWIDE WEB. Youth ages 12-18 years old...stay home and join us for a FREE evening of entertainment, activities and round table discussions virtually!! Our 28th annual MLK Jr. Youth Lock-In virtual event will be held January 17, 2021 from 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. **Register by December 31, 2020 and attend event to receive FREE Gift Card!!** To be a part of this historic event...Go to First Calvary website, then click on the MLK, Jr. Youth Lock-In Flash (3rd slide) located on the main page to register or go to: www.firstcalvary.org/_forms/view/38846. Please contact Registration Coordinator, Deaconess Janet Squires at 919-606-4801 or email: youthmlklockin@firstcalvary.org for any questions.

ALL PARENTS: The Sunday School Ministry is graciously inviting you and your child to join Zoom Sunday School Classes for children ages 5 to 17. We understand the taxing effect of ZOOM but this pandemic has superimposed this virtual teaching medium upon us. However, it is still an opportunity to religious education your child in the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ the Savior. Allow us to assist you with your child's the spiritual formation. (See church website for listing of all ZOOM Sunday School Classes each Sunday at 11:00 am). Thank you for entrusting us with such an important spiritual discipline.

HOLIDAY GRIEF: On Tuesday, December 8th, at 7:00 p.m., all are invited to a special Zoom event on Holiday Grief and Stress. This is for those who are dealing with grief, stress, and especially for anyone who has lost a loved one. Mark your calendars….more details to come.

BE SAFE…BE AWARE…BE WELL: DON'T FORGET- Wear a mask when out in public and remember "Social Spacing", stay at least 6 feet to 10 feet away from others. Wash your hands with soap and water regularly-wash for at least 20 seconds (sing "Happy Birthday" twice or sing the "ABC song"). Use hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol. Wipe down door handles, light switches, and surfaces with an alcohol based cleaner or Clorox wipe. Drink water throughout the day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO: Join us in Sunday School, at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. Log in and call in info is in the bulletin insert.

HEALING AND RECOVERY

Remember our sick & shut-in members with prayers, cards, visits, & calls and share this information with the Pastor and Deacons. Contact the church office with sick & shut in information.

HOSPITAL & CARE FACILITY

Sis. Dorothy Blakeney	**Parkview Health & Rehab Center** 1716 Legion Road Chapel Hill, NC 27517
Sis. Thelma Lee	**Hillcrest Convalescent Center** 1417 W. Pettigrew Street 27705

AT HOME CARE

Sis. Mary Bailey	1505 Palmers Grove Church Rd, Hillsbrough	27278
Sis. Mary Bolling	2200 N. Oakridge Blvd	27707
Sis. Betty Borden	718 Wortley Drive	27713
Min. Betty Brown	904 East Chatham Street, Apex	27502
Sis. Teresa Brown	710 Advancement Ave., Apt. L102	27703
Min. Rosa Centry	2417 Faucette Avenue	27704
Sis. Wilhemenia Foster-Long	309 Pearson Drive	27713
Sis. Mildred Gerald	6304 Amhearst Drive	27707
Sis. Shirley Jackson	2420 Glenbrook Drive	27707
Sis. Mary Liverman	4302 Stonehenge Rd., Greensboro	28406
Bro. Frank Lloyd	7 Gwendolyn Circle	27703
Sis. Tiffany Martin	700-102 Falls Pointe Drive	27713
Sis. Eliza McCrimmon	1207 Gilbert Street	27701
Sis. Rachelle Nelums	723 Melanie Street	27704
Sis. Judy Randall	704 Berwyn Avenue	27704
Sis. Gwen Smith	1326 Elmset Lane	27713
Dea. John Smith	1405 Timber Wolf Drive	27713
Sis. Conya Thorpe	2801 Ross Road	27703

The Candle of Hope

We have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our Hope comes from God.
Romans 15:12-13

MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

CFLR –Community Family Life Center 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 pm	Discipleship Orientation Class	LIB
1:15pm	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)	CR III/LIB
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
6:30pm	Children's Church Committee (after 2nd Sun)	LIB
6:30 pm	Sunday School Teachers (1st Mon)	CR I
6:30 pm	Calvary's Anointed/Vessels of Praise	FH/Sanct
7:00pm	Entrepreneur Ministry (TBA)	CR III
7:00pm	Visionary Ministry (3rd Mon)	LIB
7:30pm	Male Chorus (after 2nd & 3rd Sun)	CRM
7:30pm	Young Adult Choir (before 3rd Sun)	CRM
	TUESDAY	
6:00pm	Scouting Ministry (every other Tues)	ALL AREAS
6:30pm	Hospitality Ministry (2nd Tues)	CR I
6:30pm	Praise Team	CRM
6:30pm	Circle of Care (COC) (2nd Tues-Quarterly)	LIB
6:30pm	Beauty for Ashes	LIB
7:00pm	Male Summit (Tuesday after 3rd Sun)	LIB
7:30pm	Music Council (2nd Tues)	CR II
7:30pm	The Encouragers (1st Tues)	CR III
	WEDNESDAY	
12:00pm	Noon Day Prayer	LIB
6:45pm	Prayer and Praise Service	FH
7:00pm	Bible Study	FH & CR
	THURSDAY	
6:00pm	Nursery Ministry (1st Thurs)	Nursery
6:30pm	Calvary's Anointed/Vessels of Praise	FH/Sanct
6:30pm	Beautification Committee (2nd Thurs)	CR I
6:30pm	Couples' Ministry (4th Thurs)	CR II
6:30pm	Youth Council (4th Thurs)	CR I
6:30pm	ACT Ministry (3rd Thurs)	CR I
6:30pm	Young Adult Ministry (3rd Thurs)	CR II
7:00pm	Singles in Love with Christ (4th Thurs)	LIB
7:00pm	Sunday Service Choir Rehearsal	CRM
7:30pm	Drama Ministry	CR III
	SATURDAY	
9:30am	Pearls of Praise (2nd Sat)	CRM
10:00am	Scholarship Ministry (before the 2nd Sun)	CR II
10:00am	PROJECT F.I.N.E.	CFLR
10:00am	Onesiphorous Prison Ministry (3rd Sat)	CR I
10:30am	Deaconess Ministry (1st Sat)	LIB/Sanct
11:00am	Senior Missionary Ministry (3rd Sat)	LIB
11:00am	Senior Usher & First Aid Ministry (2nd Sat)	CRM/ Sanct
11:30am	Culinary Arts Ministry (4th Sat)	LIB
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Count your blessings, name them one by one… Count your many blessings, see what God has done"! First Calvary, we have so much to be thankful for, and I hope we are reminded of those blessings each and every day, but especially during this season. Even though Thanksgiving is over, let us remember that every day is a day of Thanksgiving. Each and every day should to be a time when we think of God's goodness, greatness and graciousness towards us! I want to share seven ways that gratitude can provide benefits in our Christian walk: 1) Gratitude makes us more like Christ. 2) Gratitude draws us closer to God. 3) Gratitude breaks the grip of materialism. 4) Gratitude strengthens our faith. 5) Gratitude is an investment for eternity. 6) Gratitude blesses us in return. 7) Gratitude makes us happy. I reflect on these 7 things as I deal with a medical issue that will need some specific attention over the coming weeks. I am grateful for a supportive Church family, for a supportive Church Staff, and supportive Church Officers. As I have come to grips with the fact that this will most likely have to come to corrective surgery for me, I take comfort in the fact that Ministry will still go on at First Calvary as I recover….and for that I am grateful.

December starts in two days….but the year is not over yet and we still have a lot to look forward to! Our Christian Education and Music Ministries will have the Annual Christmas Presentation VIRTUALLY this year on December 20th. We will also VIRTUALLY celebrate the coming of 2021 with our Annual Watch Night Service (hope to SEE YOU there!) So you see, First Calvary, there is still much work to do, even as the year comes to a close….and even in a Pandemic. (Oh, and one more thing: parents, make sure your youth, ages 12-18, sign up for the 2021 VIRTUAL MLK Youth Lock In!)

It's the first Sunday of Advent! The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin term "adventus" or "coming" (Okay…that's my Minister Carter moment ☺). Advent is the first season of the Christian liturgical year. It traditionally includes four Sundays, beginning with the Sunday closest to November 30th and ending at sundown on Christmas Eve. As the word and the time period suggest, Advent focuses on anticipating and preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ. Often churches and families celebrate Advent with an Advent Wreath, lighting a candle each week for the principles of the season (3 purple candles, one pink candle, and often one white candle). During the first Sunday of Advent, the candle represents HOPE. During this week of Advent, Christians reflect on the sovereignty of God and his work throughout human history. As we continue to do what we do and prepare for celebrating His birth, let us remember why we celebrate and those who are in need and suffering. Speaking of which, it is always a good time to make a donation to our Food Pantry. What a great way to serve our community during this season. That gives HOPE to someone…. and we all need some HOPE right now. Never forget, First Calvary, that we are "AN EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION!"

THE DEACON'S MESSAGE

I know all things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me. (Revelation 3:8, NLT) God knows our strength and our level of faith. That is why the door is an open door. We do not have to guess about what is behind the door. What has God promised you? He has promised to bless you as only he can. An open door signifies that it is okay for you to come in. No one is worried about you taking what lies inside. God has opportunities and blessings for you and all you have to do is walk through the door to receive them. Sometimes we have to wait before we walk through the doors to our blessings and that requires strength. God wants our faith in him to grow and he expects us to use the strength he has given us to hold on until the time is right. We cannot deny our faith in him when doors are closed in our faces. There is no need for us to get in an uproar about missed opportunities because when God opens a door for us no one can close it. Do not let the memory of doors being closed in your face keep you from walking through an open door that leads to your blessing.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

Our Tithes & Offerings must be $34,315.00 per Sunday to meet our budget. Thank you for giving!

November 22, 2020

Bible Study **N/A** Sunday School **136** New Members **N/A**
Early Worship **N/A** Worship Service (Streaming) **280**

Tithes and Offering	$8,625.00
Sacrificial Offering	$390.00
Food Pantry	$332.00
Scholarship	$95.00
Sunday School	$24.00
Online Giving	$7,444.75
Total Giving	**$16,910.75**

THE FCBC FOOD PANTRY IS ALWAYS ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, to include: jelly, peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit and veggies, ramen noodles, cereal, rice, dry beans, oatmeal, and tuna. We also take small packs of ground beef and hot dogs.
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS MINISTRY!

PASTORAL APPRECIATION MONTH

November 2020

SUN 1	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
	11:00 AM	Sunday School on Zoom
4	7:00 PM	**BIBLE STUDY** Stream on Facebook & Zoom
7	11:00 AM	**PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY DRIVE THROUGH**
SUN 8		**29TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY**
	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
	11:00 AM	Sunday School on Zoom
11	7:00 PM	**BIBLE STUDY** Stream on Facebook & Zoom
SUN 15	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
	11:00 AM	Sunday School on Zoom
18	7:00 PM	**BIBLE STUDY** Stream on Facebook & Zoom
19	11:00 AM	**SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN DRIVE THROUGH**
SUN 22	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
	11:00 AM	Sunday School on Zoom
25 **26** **27**	7:00 PM	**NO BIBLE STUDY** **THANKSGIVING** **CHURCH CLOSED**
SUN 29	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
	11:00 AM	Sunday School on Zoom

TODAY'S MINISTRY THROUGH SERVICE

Music:	**Praise Team**
Director of Music Ministries	**Minister Michael Dotson**
Percussionist:	**Brother Andre Sanders**
Videographers:	**Sister Hilary Fearrington/ Sister Toni McIntosh**

Join the Prayer Conference Call on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. (712-432-1001, code "494132935#"), Noon Day Prayer (Wednesdays), and Intercessory Prayer (4th Sundays, 7:00 a.m.)

If you are having a medical procedure, or are sick at home for over a week, please contact the church office so that Pastoral contact can occur as soon as possible or at your request.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:
First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, NC

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

First Calvary BAPTIST CHURCH

"An Exciting Church Excited About Its Mission"

Pastoral Appreciation Month

Count your many
BLESSINGS

First Sunday of Advent

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November 29, 2020

SUNDAY
Worship- 9:30am◆Sunday School-11:00am

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study–7:00pm

"EMPOWERING DISCIPLES WITH GOD'S VISION"

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Fredrick A. Davis, Pastor
Minister John Carter, Sr., Minister of CE

SUNDAY SCHOOL
where FAITH & LIFE connect

FCBC Sunday School: **Women's Class**
Time: Every week on Sun, until February 28, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82210248650

Dial by your location
1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 822 1024 8650
No password needed

FCBC Sunday School: **Singles Class**
Time: Every Sunday at 11:00 AM Eastern Time (USA)

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82186642323?pwd=TlNKVEZ2UWgyclhOZVdacXpKUm1Zdz09

Meeting ID: **821 8664 2323**
Password: **353779**

Dial by your location
929-205-6099
Meeting ID: **821 8664 2323**
Passcode: **353779**

FCBC Sunday School: **Young Adult Class**
Log-in:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9862394139
Meeting ID: **986 239 4139**
***no password is required**

FCBC Sunday School: **Couples' Class**
Weekly @ 11:00 AM
Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3786293858?pwd=aTdzZW94MnZZMnF1TUVWdGNWejlEZz09

Meeting ID: **378 629 3858**
Password: **878147**
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+19292056099,,3786293858#,,,,0#,,878147# US (NY)

FCBC Sunday School: **Primary Class**
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2543615342?pwd=SXp6WXNsa3dQWnJwN1VtRk9JV1BMUT09

Meeting ID: **254-361-5342**
Passcode: **175175**

FCBC Sunday School: **Beginner Class**
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85433735526?pwd=S055ZHU3VWNCTXBBZ1ZocVk3R09QUT09

Meeting ID: **854 3373 5526**
Passcode: **635090**

FCBC Sunday School: **Teen Class**
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81023410603?pwd=RGU1aTVKTS9Ta29OL3VhQzd2ZE1Udz09
Meeting ID: 810 2341 0603
Passcode: 515700

FCBC Sunday School: **Junior Class**
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2543615342?pwd=SXp6WXNsa3dQWnJwN1VtRk9JV1BMUT09
Meeting ID: 254 361 5342
Passcode: 175175

FCBC Sunday School: **Men's Class**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82971940163?pwd=MUVUOGdPRHY5VXBFSGhaVmsrN3lvZz09

SERMON NOTES

DATE: _____ Text: _____

SUBJECT: _____

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY….
Wednesdays, 7pm
Via the Church Facebook page
(First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, NC)
or Zoom (Meeting ID: 932 281 4455, Password: 573710)

Reminder:
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Check the Church Website each week for a copy of the Sunday bulletin.
You can also see previous bulletins.
Stay Connected with the Church!!

What is Advent?

From the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "arrival" or "coming," Advent is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Along with Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, the season of Advent is a part of the liturgical year, or church calendar, which dates back over 1,500 years and is observed in many Christian traditions. Even in traditions that do not practice the church calendar, Advent is often observed as a part of the Christmas season.

Beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and leading up to the festivities of December 25, Advent is intended to be a time in which we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. The season of Advent is marked by themes of self-reflection, anticipation, hope, and, ultimately, joyful celebration of the Savior's coming. These themes carry a dual meaning, first giving shape to our remembrance of Christ's birth, then encouraging us as we await His second coming.

ADVENT ALPHABET

Alphabetically listed are 25 items commonly associated with Advent and Christmas, one object lesson per day starting December 1, to help your family attach deeper spiritual insight to traditional customs and apply what they have learned to everyday life.

Aromas (December 1)
Identify Christmas scents by smelling small bags containing apple slice, bayberry candle, clove, ginger, peppermint, or pine cone. Place fresh evergreens around. Add spices, (rosemary, laurel, bay, sage) to wreaths and greens. Make a pomander ball by pressing whole cloves into an unpeeled orange and hanging it as a symbol for Christmas fragrances.

Bells (Dec. 2)
Sing "Jingle Bells" while each family member shakes the rhythm with a bell. Make a set of bell chimes by filling water glasses unequally and see who can tap out a recognizable melody with a spoon. Hang bells as the symbol.

Candles (Dec. 3)
To reinforce the symbolism of light use Christmas candles. Line a driveway or walk with luminaries (candles set in open paper lunch bags half filled with sand) Set votive or electrical candles in windows. Make a candle carving by tracing a design onto a thick candle and shaving away the wax with a knife. Eat dinner by candlelight. Take a few quiet moments of meditation by candlelight.

Decorations (Dec. 4)
Go out to view decorations and vote on the one which best communicates the true meaning of Christmas. Sing carols about decorations between stops (“Deck the Halls” “Jingle Bells”). Begin to hang your Christmas decorations. Create personalized paper placemats with drawings, stickers, dry transfers, markers, and paints and cover them with plastic wrap or clear shelf adhesive to preserve them.

Eating (Dec. 5)
Use a cookie as today’s symbol. Research a recipe and make some wassail. Wassail means “be well” so drink each cup as a toast to each other’s health. Make plates of cookies as gifts and watch your children enjoy the true meaning of Christmas - giving to others.

Friends (Dec. 6)
Call, text, or video chat with friends. Set up a table with a jigsaw puzzle (200-1000 pieces) to try to complete by Christmas and show it to friends. It’s appropriate that Jesus' first friendly visitors were shepherds for he became the good shepherd. Hang candy canes, shaped like a shepherd’s crook.

Greetings (Dec. 7)
Place Christmas cards received in a basket on the dinner table and take turns reading one at each meal. Share happy memories of the senders and include them in prayers. Make a “Good News paper” about Jesus’ birth, including a birthday announcement, copy of Caesar’s census decree, interview with King Herod, a notice about the free concert by the Herald angels in pastures near Bethlehem, etc. The good news of Christmas is that a Savior has been born.

Home (Dec. 8)
People without a home or away from home tend to feel more lonely at Christmas time. God understands because his Son was away from home for the first time on Christmas Eve. Joseph and Mary spent their first Christmas in Bethlehem, about 60 miles from their home in Nazareth (a 3 day trip). Having no friends or relatives with whom to stay, and no advance reservations at an overbooked hotel, they spent Christmas in a stable. The first home of Jesus, our Spiritual Bread of Life, was Bethlehem which means “house of Bread” Sing “O Little Town of Bethlehem as your family prayer.” Symbol: house. Make a gingerbread house, or draw houses and decorate them

Individuals (Dec. 9)
The ultimate meaning for Christmas is personal, the need for each person to receive God’s gift of forgiveness and eternal life. As a symbol use a picture frame with the child’s picture. Read “A Christmas Carol" by Dickens to focus on the needs of others.

Jesus (Dec. 10)
Hang a cross to symbolize Jesus. Have a Birthday celebration for Jesus with a star shaped cake. Wrap a toy and donate to a charity as a gift to Christ.

Kin (Dec. 11)
Christmas is a time to be with family. Hang a family symbol or photo. Talk about Jesus' family. Do something together as a family and with those considered family.

Love (Dec. 12)
Hang a heart as the symbol. Make a large red heart and write on it the qualities of true love from I Cor. 13

Music (Dec. 13)
Hang a musical note as a symbol. Invite friends to join you in singing carols virtually. Play Christmas music around the house.

Nativity (Dec. 14)
Set out a nativity scene. Add pieces daily explaining their relationship to the manger story. Leave the manger empty with a box of straw. When children do good deeds let them place a piece of straw in the manger with the goal of having it filled for Christmas when you place Jesus in it.

Ornaments (Dec. 15)
Help children make personal ornaments. Make or purchase one cross ornament as a reminder that Jesus' cradle was the prelude to the cross.

Present (Dec. 16)
To focus on giving gifts or presents: help someone less fortunate through donations. Help each person choose and wrap a symbol of an intangible gift for Jesus (i.e. a heart for love, a clock for time, etc.)

Questions (Dec. 17)
Hang a question mark on the tree. Have a quiz on Christmas facts, a spelling bee on Christmas words, etc. The wisemen asked a question in Matt 2:2 seeking Jesus to worship him.

Red (Dec. 18)
How many red Christmas items can you name? Hang one as a symbol. Red symbolizes the blood of Christ, as well as, red holly berries and poinsettia leaves which are vivid reminders of life in a lifeless winter.

Stocking (Dec. 19)
Renouncing wealth to serve as a church leader, legend says Saint Nicholas gave his inherited wealth away by putting gold in stockings hung to dry.

Tree (Dec. 20)
Establish some family traditions based around the Christmas Tree. Explain how three trees explain the Christmas story - Adam lost access to the tree of life by eating from the forbidden tree but Jesus reopened the way to the tree of life by his sacrifice on the cross (itself a tree).

Unwrapping (Dec. 21)
Use an open box to symbolize the unwrapping of gifts.

Vacation (Dec. 22)
Create a vacation calendar and on it creatively plan and build anticipation as to how holidays can be spent.

Wreath (Dec. 23)
See who can count the most circular Christmas items around the house. A wreath is like Jesus in that it never ends.

Xmas (Dec. 24)
Christmas literally means "celebration of Christ" The X represents the first letter of Christ in the Greek alphabet. Hang a Chi-Rho cross as a symbol, the first two letters of Christ.

Yule (Dec. 25)
Yule is another name for the Christmas Season. You might use a yule log as a symbol. On Christmas morning ask children to stay in bed until they hear Christmas music playing. No Christmas presents are to be opened until everyone is present. Share a worship time before opening gifts. Do at least one fun activity as a family. Make Christmas dinner special with a centerpiece and lighted candles. Make Christmas place cards with Scriptures to be read. See which family members can share the significance of the 25 ornamental symbols for this month.

WHEN TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

*When you need to schedule an appointment to see the Pastor.

*When there is death in your family.

*To make a prayer request.

*When you are going to have surgery.

*When you a question regarding scheduling a room for a meeting

*If you need to contact your deacon and you don’t know who he is.

*When you have a baby or to arrange a Baby Dedication.

*To set up marriage or pre-marital counseling.

*If you desire your wedding ceremony to be performed by Pastor.

*When you have questions regarding your financial giving.

*To change your address or telephone numbers when you move!

NOTE: Some of the above items are altered due to Church schedule and availability at this time.

First Calvary Baptist Church
Fredrick A. Davis, Pastor

Social Justice Ministry Challenge

Your Social Justice Ministry would like to thank you, First Calvary Baptist Church for GETTING OUT THE VOTE! Our ancestors would be proud! We have now had a front row seat to how fragile our democracy is! We should be VOTING IN EVERY ELECTION IN OUR LIFETIME! EVERY VOTE DOES COUNT! THANK YOU AGAIN!

Now, remember we have presented you with a "Seek Justice and Do Good" Challenge. Isaiah 1:17. We encourage you to make a difference in your community and the world by choosing to contribute to the betterment of our society. Pick a social justice issue of concern -find an organization, activity, or project to support – share your experience with FCBC via the Social Justice Ministry.

If you have not submitted your brief (1-3 sentences) description of what you have done to address a social justice issue of your concern, you have until December 31, 2020 to email your experience to socialjusticeministry@gmail.com. This is a great way to show love by doing.

* Choose 1 Social Justice dilemma of concern; take part in improving the issue. Email how you contributed to/ participated in the solution to socialjusticeministry@gmail.com.

1. Racial Injustice- Racism
2. Health Disparities – healthcare reform
3. Civil Rights
4. Cradle to jail Pipelines
5. Voting Rights
6. Police Brutality
7. Hunger/ Food Insecurities
8. Homelessness
9. Poverty
10. Black on Black Crime
11. Immigration/ Refugee Crisis
12. Taking a Knee – sports inequality issues
13. Climate Change
14. Student Loan Debt
15. Affordable Housing
16. Pollution
17. Ineffective Government
18. Income Gap -The unequal Distribution of Wealth
19. Gun Control & Gun Violence
20. Inequality – of all kinds- Discrimination
21. Trafficking
22. Clean H2O
23. Ageism-Sexism
24. Child and Elderly Abuse
25. Mental Health Disparities
26. Reproductive Rights/ Abortion/ Stem Cell Research
27. Capital Punishment
28. Toxic Waste
29. Nuclear Weapons -Weapons of Mass Destruction
30. Juvenile Justice Reform & Criminal Justice
31. Environmental/ Wildlife/ Extinction Issues
32. Reparation (for Slavery)

Isaiah 1: 17 GNB "..and learn to do right. See that justice is done – help those who are oppressed, give orphans their rights, and defend widows."

Thank you

Your FCBC Social Justice Ministry