



April 16, 2023
9:30 a.m.

CHURCH NEWS

PRAISE & ADORATION

Praise & Worship.....Praise Team
 Scripture.....Minister
 Prayer..... Deacon
 Hymn.....#397.....“I Am Thine”

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Church News
 Offertory Prayer
 Offering/Giving
 Offertory Song

CARE & CONCERNS THROUGH PRAYER

“We Are First Calvary”
 Pastoral Concerns/ Recognition of Sick/Prayer Concerns

Altar Call & Prayer
 The Word in Song

WORSHIP THROUGH INSTRUCTION

****The Sermon.....Pastor Marc A. Lavarin**
 *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**



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

FROM PASTOR LAVARIN: DISCOVER THE VISION HAPPENS EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 7PM. This is at Bible Study time, but it's so much more than Bible Study! In-Person (please wear a mask) and on Zoom and Facebook. Join in the discussion and let's “Discover the Vision” together!

WE ARE FIRST CALVARY: Watch the full video of the “We Are First Calvary” Segment featuring Sister Donna Mack on the First Calvary YouTube Channel: Youtube- @FCBCDurham. Learn about a member of your church family and their FCBC journey... and remember that together, WE ARE FIRST CALVARY.

NEW MEMBER CONNECTION: ALL NEW MEMBERS OF FIRST CALVARY ARE INVITED TO THE NEW MEMBER CONNECTION EVENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 9:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. Come learn more about your church and meet others in your church family. Look for an email to register. If you are a new member and have not attended an NMC yet, WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU TO BE THERE.

RIDGECREST 2023—(July 17-21) REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN TO MINISTRY LEADERS. The Family Conference encourages, equips, and inspires. Please contact Minister John Carter at carter@firstcalvary.org for details. Availability is limited and openings are on a first come, first served basis. Registration is open until all slots are filled. The last day to be considered is **May 21, 2023.**

WOMANHOOD MONTH: LADIES, GET READY FOR WOMANHOOD WEEKEND, COMING APRIL 21ST-23RD! We are “Building Hope”, and YOU are invited to the events for the weekend. Friday, April 21st, 12p-Hour of Power with Minister Cynthia Jacko-Wise, Saturday, April 22nd, 9a-Women’s Conference, also with Minister Jacko-Wise, and Sunday, April 23rd, 9:30a-Womanhood Sunday, with Rev. Shavon Arline-Bradley. Register for Hour of Power and Women’s Conference via the church website or TODAY AFTER SERVICE IN THE VESTIBULE!

IT’S THE WOMANHOOD CHOIR! Yes, the time has come! We will be back in the choir stand for Womanhood Sunday, April 23, 2023. If you are interested, please click the link to register: <https://www.firstcalvary.org/forms/view/39935>. Space is limited and the deadline to register is April 18, 2023. Before registering please check your calendar and make sure you are available to make the following rehearsals. Hopefully, you can make all three. However, attending at least two is mandatory to sing. Thursday, April 13th at 7pm, Tuesday, April 18th at 7pm, and Thursday, April 20th at 7pm. If you are not able to join us on April 23rd, more opportunities are forthcoming. Stay tuned.....

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: The 2023 FCBC Scholarship Application is now available. They can be obtained via the Scholarship Ministry website. All applications are to be emailed to Scholarship@firstcalvary.org no later than 7pm on April 26, 2023. Please contact any member of the scholarship ministry, Sister Brenda Carter (brenda_6470404@yahoo.com), or Sister Traci Boone (traci_boone2000@yhao.com) with any questions.

NURSES...AND THOSE WITH NURSING AND MEDICAL EXPERIENCE...WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU...AND WE NEED YOU! Come join “MERT”, the Medical Emergency Response Team, and give insight on medical concerns and issues. Please contact Brother Charles Currin at (910)448-8763 or Brother Robert Vance at (919)544-4425. Come join the team!!

THE MALE SUMMIT will meet virtually on Tuesday, April 18th, at 7pm. We will study chapter 9 from the book *Spiritually Fit to Run the Race* by Kenneth C. Ulmer.

Zoom information: Topic: FCBC Male Summit
 Time: February 21st, 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88484194912?pwd=eVhWekpiSyTbHdZTFJa0JUd2RQdz09>

Meeting ID: 884 8419 4912 Passcode: 300052

Dial by your location: +1 646 876 9923 US
 Meeting ID: 884 8419 4912 Passcode: 300052

YOUTH TRAIN: All Aboard: Choo-Choo! The Youth Council will sponsor an Amtrak train ride to the Greensboro Museum on May 13, 2023. The mission project for May 6th is the Diaper Bank for all ages 9am-11am at FCBC; and the Food Bank for kids day ages 5-11 from 1pm-3pm (8 slots available at Food Bank on 2700 Angier Ave). The link to sign up will be available on next Sunday, so save the date.

THE HONORING OUR ELDERS DRIVE THROUGH EVENT will be held in the FCBC Parking Lot on Saturday, May 20th, 11:30am-1pm. Mature Adults, 65 years and over, come join us and drive through. RSVP by May 7th or as soon as possible to Deaconess Angela Privette (919-414-2119), Deaconess Denise Guerrier (919-724-8168), or Deaconess Monica Perry (919-801-8698).

FROM THE COMMUNITY: BWWC6! Ladies, 18 and above, YOU ARE INVITED! Come to the 6th “Be Well Women’s Conference”sponsored by The Well Fellowship Christian Church, on Friday & Saturday, April 28th & 29th. **Registration is ONLY \$50!!** FCBC’s own, Dr. Micara Sessoms is a featured panelist. Register at <https://buytickets.at/bwwc6>. **REGISTRATION IS GOING ON NOW—REGISTER TODAY. SPACE IS LIMITED...SO DON’T WAIT TO REGISTER--DO IT TODAY...** Don’t miss it...you will wish you had been there!

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

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| Sis. Louise Jones | Duke University Hospital |
| Sis. Rochelle Nelums | Pruitt Health |
| | Erwin Road 27707 |
| Bro. Michael Wilson | Tower Rehabilitation & Nursing Center |
| | 3609 Bond Street Raleigh, NC 27604 |

AT HOME CARE

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| Sis. Mary Bailey | 1505 Palmers Grove Church Rd, Hillsborough | 27278 |
| Bro. Danny Blackwell | 1 Lucas Drive | 27703 |
| Sis. Iris Blackwell | 1 Lucas Drive | 27703 |
| Sis. Betty Borden | 718 Wortley Drive | 27713 |
| Sis. Blanche Burgess | 3901 Hulon Drive | 27705 |
| Sis. Brenda Carter | 5 Rush Court | 27713 |
| Dea. Larry Carver | 602 Crestview Drive | 27712 |
| Sis. Wilhemenia Foster-Long | 117 Briarhaven Drive | 27703 |
| Deacns. Cynthia Gadson | 708 Ainsley Court | 27713 |
| Sis. Anita Hill | 19 Juliette Drive | 27713 |
| Sis. Shirley Jackson | 2420 Glenbrook Drive | 27707 |
| Sis. Mary Liverman | 6 Warfield Court, Greensboro | 27406 |
| Bro. Frank Lloyd | 7 Gwendolyn Circle | 27703 |
| Sis. Princess Matthews | 1127 Briar Rose Lane, Apt. 103 | 27704 |
| Sis. Bettie Sanders | 323 Crooked Creek Parkway | 27713 |
| Dea. John Smith | 1405 Timber Wolf Drive | 27713 |
| Sister Zandra Turner | 816 Tumeric Lane | 27713 |
| Bro. Kevin Young | 1027 Moreland Avenue | 27707 |

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

| | | |
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| 7:00 am | Intercessory Prayer Service (4 th Sun) | Sanct |
| 1:15pm | Health & Wellness Ministry (2 nd Sun) | CR I |
| 1:15 pm | Evangelism Ministry (2 nd Sun) | CR II |
| 1:15 pm | Daughters of Calvary (3 rd Sun) | CR II |
| 1:15 pm | Computer Ministry (2 nd Sun) | CR III |
| 4:00 pm | Associate Ministers (each 2 nd Sun) | CR II |
| 5:00 pm | Deacons & Trustee Ministry Mtg. (2 nd Sun) | CR III/LIB |
| 6:30 pm | Official Leadership Team (2 nd Sun) | FH |

MONDAY

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| 6:00 pm | Tots of Praise Rehearsal (after 1 st) | CRM |
| 6:30 pm | Psalms 150 (after 3 rd & 4 th Sun) | CRM |
| 6:30 pm | Young Adult Choir (after 2 nd Sun) | CRM |
| 6:30pm | Children’s Church Committee (after 2 nd Sun) | LIB |
| 6:30 pm | Sunday School Teachers (1 st 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 (3 rd Mon) | LIB |
| 7:30pm | Male Chorus (after 2 nd & 3 rd Sun) | CRM |
| 7:30pm | Young Adult Choir (before 3 rd Sun) | CRM |

TUESDAY

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| 6:00pm | Scouting Ministry (every other Tues) | ALL AREAS |
| 6:30pm | Hospitality Ministry (2 nd Tues) | CR I |
| 6:30pm | Praise Team | CRM |
| 6:30pm | Circle of Care (COC) (2 nd Tues-Quarterly) | LIB |
| 6:30pm | Beauty for Ashes | LIB |
| 7:00pm | Male Summit (Tuesday after 3 rd Sun) | LIB |
| 7:30pm | Music Council (2 nd Tues) | CR II |
| 7:30pm | The Encouragers (1 st Tues) | CR III |

WEDNESDAY

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| 12:00pm | Noon Day Prayer | Conf. Call |
| 6:30pm | Youth Bible Study | Zoom |
| 7:00pm | Bible Study | Zoom/FB |

THURSDAY

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| 6:00pm | Nursery Ministry (1 st Thurs) | Nursery |
| 6:30pm | Calvary’s Anointed/Vessels of Praise | FH/Sanct |
| 6:30pm | Beautification Committee (2 nd Thurs) | CR I |
| 6:30pm | Couples’ Ministry (4 th Thurs) | CR II |
| 6:30pm | Youth Council (4 th Thurs) | CR I |
| 6:30pm | ACT Ministry (3 rd Thurs) | CR I |
| 6:30pm | Young Adult Ministry (3 rd Thurs) | CR II |
| 6:30pm | Emergency Response Team (ERT) | CR II |
| 7:00pm | Singles in Love with Christ (4 th Thurs) | LIB |
| 7:00pm | Sunday Service Choir Rehearsal | CRM |
| 7:30pm | Drama Ministry | CR III |

SATURDAY

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| 9:30am | Pearls of Praise (2 nd Sat) | CRM |
| 10:00am | Scholarship Ministry (before the 2 nd Sun) | CR II |
| 10:00am | PROJECT F.I.N.E. | CFLR |
| 10:00am | Onesiphorous Prison Ministry (3 rd Sat) | CR I |
| 10:30am | Deaconess Ministry (1 st Sat) | LIB/Sanct |
| 11:00am | Senior Missionary Ministry (3 rd Sat) | LIB |
| 11:00am | Senior Usher & First Aid Ministry (2 nd Sat) | CRM/ Sanct |
| 11:30am | Culinary Arts Ministry (4 th Sat) | LIB |

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Resurrection Weekend has come and gone and we are moving towards our Womanhood Weekend. Ladies of all ages, please plan to be there at the Hour of Power on Friday and the Women's Conference on Saturday. There will be great preaching and teaching and we pray that you will be in attendance. Please register after service today. "Building Hope" is our monthly emphasis and the theme for Womanhood Month. We remember that our "HOPE is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness"! Ladies, come celebrate the blessing and the gift of Hope.

Beloved, Barbara and I say thank you....THANK YOU for the love shown as we celebrated the arrival of our baby on yesterday, with family, friends, and First Calvary. We are so appreciative of the kindness that this church has shown. We have to say a great big THANKS to "J & D", Deaconess Janet Squires and Mrs. Dennise Lindsay, for the hard work that went into pulling the event together. There were so many volunteers that spent their Saturday with us, serving our family, though this was not an official First Calvary function. We appreciate the behind the scenes moments from the PET, Culinary Arts, PSC, Custodians, the Thursday volunteer crew, and the Trustee Ministry. Deaconess Stephanie Gibbs, the décor was amazing! It was a good day, Family. Barbara and I are truly grateful. We are excited....and in the countdown weeks....and we can "Bearly Wait"!

Because of Calvary,
Pastor Marc

THE DEACON'S MESSAGE

God, is it true? I find it hard to believe at times, but tell me again, that there is nothing that can come between you and me. Sometimes my surroundings and circumstances threaten to dislodge me from your grasp. Time after time your love holds me firmly in place. When I think about it, the only way I could fall is to loosen my grip or turn my face from you. God, I may not say it often, though you know it to be true, I need you. I find great comfort when you tell me again through your word that absolutely nothing will separate you from me. On bent knees and with clasped hands, I cry out to you, and you hear me. In your word I find solace as I hear you speak to me. I too then am convinced like Paul was in Romans 8:38, NLT. *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today or tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.* Yes God, I find it to be true. Thank you for reminding me that nothing can come between you and me.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

Our **Tithes & Offerings** must be **\$36,810.84** per Sunday to meet our budget. Thank you for giving!

April 2, 2023

Discover the Vision **88** Sunday School **N/A** New Members **2**
In-Person Worship **565** Worship Service (Streaming) **132**

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| Tithes and Offering | \$21,262.66 |
| Sacrificial Offering | \$530.00 |
| Scholarship | \$100.00 |
| Children's Church | \$110.00 |
| Sunday School | \$22.19 |
| Online Giving | \$18,950.12 |
| Total Giving | \$40,974.97 |

LET US PRAY: MATURE ADULTS, AGE 60 & UP, join "Noon Day" midweek prayer & devotion, **EVERY WEDNESDAY at 12:00 p.m.** Call 712-432-1000, enter access code 616729948#. Others are invited to attend as well.

TIME FOR THE "MID-WEEK TUNE UP"! Join the Prayer Conference Call on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m., 712-432-1001, code "494132935#". This call is led by Pastor Lavarin. Please **ONLY** use the above listed number for this Wednesday call. Additionally... **AND THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT....PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR PHONE IS MUTED ON THE CALL AND YOU CANNOT BE HEARD.**

Come to Intercessory Prayer on the 4th Sundays, 7:00 a.m.-
Zoom Access: Meeting ID: 874 6010 4604, Passcode: 386584.



REMINDER: The FCBC Food Pantry always welcomes donations of non-perishable food items! **Types of Items Needed:** rice, beans, jelly, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned veggies & fruit, tuna, pickles, soup, ramen noodles, hot dogs, small packs of hamburger, etc.

PLEASE REMEMBER: YOU WILL NEED TO STILL WEAR A MASK WHENEVER YOU COME TO THE CHURCH.

COME BACK TO CHURCH FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS! AGAIN-PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO CHURCH.

WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM WORSHIP VIA THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK AT 9:30 A.M. EACH SUNDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

WOMANHOOD MONTH

April 2023

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| 1 | 9:00 AM | NEW MEMBER CONNECTION |
| SUN 2 | 9:30 AM | Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website |
| | 11:00 AM | Sunday School on Zoom |
| 5 | 12:00 PM | PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS NO DISCOVER THE VISION |
| 6 | 7:00 PM | MAUNDY THURSDAY |
| 7 | | GOOD FRIDAY |
| | | CHURCH CLOSED |
| 8 | 10:30 AM | SPRING FESTIVAL |
| SUN 9 | | RESURRECTION SUNDAY |
| | 9:30 AM | Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website |
| | 11:00 AM | Sunday School Resurrection Presentation |
| 12 | 12:00 PM | PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS DISCOVER THE VISION |
| | 7:00 PM | Zoom & Facebook |
| SUN 16 | 9:30 AM | Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website |
| 19 | 12:00 PM | PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS DISCOVER THE VISION |
| | 7:00 PM | Zoom & Facebook |
| 21 | 12:00 PM | WOMEN'S HOUR OF POWER |
| 22 | 9:00 AM | WOMEN'S CONFERENCE |
| | | In-Person & Via Zoom |
| SUN 23 | | WOMANHOOD SUNDAY |
| | 9:30 AM | Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website |
| | 11:00 AM | Sunday School on Zoom |
| 26 | 12:00 PM | PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS DISCOVER THE VISION |
| | 7:00 PM | Zoom & Facebook |

TODAY'S MINISTRY THROUGH SERVICE

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| Music: | Praise Team |
| Director of Music Ministries: | Minister Michael Dotson |
| Senior Church Musician: | Brother Tony Rhodes |
| Bass Player: | Brother David Cannady |
| Percussionist: | Brother Andre Sanders |
| Saxophonist: | Brother Lynwood Jones |
| Videographers: | Sister Hilary Fearrington/ Dr. Toni McIntosh/ Sister Gail Hendricks |
| Audio Team (1 per Sunday): | Brother Ivan Holloway/ Deacon Darryll Gadson/ Deacon Xavier Cason/ Brother Michael Hill/ Deacon Calvin Squires/ Brother Derrick Garrett |

FACEBOOK: *First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, NC*

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.



"An Exciting Church Excited About Its Mission"

Womanhood Month



"Building Hope"

April 16, 2023

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SUNDAY-Worship- 9:30am ♦ Sunday School-11am

WEDNESDAY-Mid-Week Tune-Up Prayer Call-7am

Discover the Vision-7pm

**"BUILDING ON
GOD'S FOUNDATION"**

FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

WOMANHOOD WEEKEND

HOUR OF POWER

FRIDAY
APRIL 21
12:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER
MIN. CYNTHIA JACKO-WISE

1311 Morehead Ave., Durham NC 27707
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SATURDAY WORKSHOP

SATURDAY
APRIL 22

GUEST SPEAKER
MIN. CYNTHIA JACKO-WISE

8:30AM // REGISTRATION
9:00AM // START

SUNDAY
APRIL 23

SUNDAY WORSHIP

GUEST SPEAKER
REV. SHAVON ARLINE-BRADLEY
PRESIDENT AND CEO, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN

9:30AM



Calling All Ladies...Be Our Guest!

Womanhood Weekend 2023, April 21st-23rd

Register online at www.firstcalvary.org or in the Vestibule today!

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