



May 7, 2023  
9:30 a.m.

## CHURCH NEWS

### PRAISE & ADORATION

Praise & Worship.....Praise Team  
Scripture.....Minister  
Prayer..... Deacon  
Hymn.....#257.....“There is a Fountain”

### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Church News  
Offertory Prayer  
Offering/Giving  
Offertory Song

### CARE & CONCERNS THROUGH PRAYER

Introduction of Guest Preacher  
  
Pastoral Concerns/ Recognition of Sick/Prayer Concerns  
  
Altar Call & Prayer  
  
The Word in Song

### WORSHIP THROUGH INSTRUCTION

**\*\*The Sermon.....Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.**  
  
\*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.*

Holy Communion

\*Benediction

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



**Our Mission: E<sup>3</sup>**

***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.**

**RIDGECREST 2023—(July 17-21) REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN TO MINISTRY LEADERS.** The Family Conference encourages, equips, and inspires. Please contact the Church Office 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.**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU...AND WE NEED YOU!** Come join the **Emergency Response Team Security Unit.** If you are interested in or have a background in Security, we need you on our team. Flexible schedule rotations to work with your availability. Please contact Brother Charles Currin at (910)448-8763 or the Church Office at (919)489-4184. Come join the team!!

**THE HONORING OUR ELDERS DRIVE THROUGH EVENT** will be held in the FCBC Parking Lot on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am-1pm. Mature Adults, 65 years and over, come join us and drive through. RSVP by May 7<sup>th</sup> 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).

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** All Graduating High School Seniors will need to make an appointment to have a zoom/face-to-face meeting or a telephone conference with Pastor Marc Lavarin to receive their graduation stipend. This meeting will need to take place between May 8-May 26, 2023. You can contact Pastor Lavarin at [pastorlavarin@firstcalvary.org](mailto:pastorlavarin@firstcalvary.org) to schedule your appointment.

**ATTENTION ALL KINDERGARTEN, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE GRADUATES, AND POST GRADUATES:** The graduate information form for the upcoming 2023 graduates can be found on the Scholarship Ministry web page. Please fill out the form and submit it to [scholarship@firstcalvary.org](mailto:scholarship@firstcalvary.org) no later than May 28, 2023 at 5:00pm. Go to [www.firstcalvary.org](http://www.firstcalvary.org) click on Ministries click on Discipleship then select Scholarship and you will see the 2023 Graduate Information Form.

**ALL FCBC PARENTS/STUDENTS:** Please complete a student achievement Form and return to the Scholarship Ministry email, [scholarship@firstcalvary.org](mailto:scholarship@firstcalvary.org) by Sunday, June 4, 2023. Accomplishments will be highlighted on Youth Sunday, June 25, 2023. Academic accomplishments of ALL children, teens,

and adults are encouraged to be submitted. Thank you so much for your attention and participation. Go to [www.firstcalvary.org](http://www.firstcalvary.org) click on Ministries click on Discipleship then select Scholarship and you will see the 2023 Student Achievement Form.

**IT'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TIME AGAIN AT FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.** Children age Birth to 18 years are admitted free from June 14 - 16 starting at 5:00 for dinner. Our theme this year is Twists & Turns - Following Jesus Changes The Game" Psalm 25:4. Don't worry adults, we have a class for you too. This week of food and exciting learning opportunities is free of charge and open to everyone. Also, if you would like to serve during these three days as a teacher, teacher's assistant, work with Culinary Arts, please contact Sister Mary Gilmer at [wibbie.gilmer@gmail.com](mailto:wibbie.gilmer@gmail.com) or (919)358-9279.

**FROM THE COMMUNITY:** "Mother of the Nation: Maddie Hall Xuma and Black Women's Global Activism During Jim Crow & Apartheid" a lecture presentation by author Dr. Wanda A. Hendricks on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 3pm, at Hayti Heritage Center located at 804 Fayetteville Street. Free Open to the Public.

**Hey Parents, the Guest Room/Family Room on the balcony level is now available for baby changing and baby nursing during worship service. Also, remember, other restrooms throughout the facility have baby-changing tables available.**

## 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. Rochelle Nelums        | <b>Pruitt Health</b><br>Erwin Road 27707   |       |
| Bro. Michael Wilson         | <b>Tower Rehabilitation &amp; Nursing Center</b><br>3609 Bond Street Raleigh, NC 27604 |       |
| AT HOME CARE                |  |       |
| 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. Deborah Jolly          | 904 Arnette Avenue   | 27701 |
| 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 |
| Sis. Lillie Trice           | 1 Duck Pond Court  | 27703 |
| 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    |   |            |
|-----------|---|------------|
| 7:00 am   | Intercessory Prayer Service (4 <sup>th</sup> Sun)         | Sanct      |
| 1:15pm    | Health & Wellness Ministry (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)          | CR I       |
| 1:15 pm   | Evangelism Ministry (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)                 | CR II      |
| 1:15 pm   | Daughters of Calvary (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun)                | CR II      |
| 1:15 pm   | Computer Ministry (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)                   | CR III     |
| 4:00 pm   | Associate Ministers (each 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)            | CR II      |
| 5:00 pm   | Deacons & Trustee Ministry Mtg. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)     | CR III/LIB |
| 6:30 pm   | Official Leadership Team (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)            | FH         |
| MONDAY    |   |            |
| 6:00 pm   | Tots of Praise Rehearsal (after 1 <sup>st</sup> )         | CRM        |
| 6:30 pm   | Psalm 150 (after 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun)   | CRM        |
| 6:30 pm   | Young Adult Choir (after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)             | CRM        |
| 6:30pm    | Children's Church Committee (after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)   | LIB        |
| 6:30 pm   | Sunday School Teachers (1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Mon)                  | LIB        |
| 7:30pm    | Male Chorus (after 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun) | CRM        |
| 7:30pm    | Young Adult Choir (before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun)            | CRM        |
| TUESDAY   |   |            |
| 6:00pm    | Scouting Ministry (every other Tues)                      | ALL AREAS  |
| 6:30pm    | Hospitality Ministry (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues)               | CR I       |
| 6:30pm    | Praise Team   | CRM        |
| 6:30pm    | Circle of Care (COC) (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues-Quarterly)     | LIB        |
| 6:30pm    | Beauty for Ashes  | LIB        |
| 7:00pm    | Male Summit (Tuesday after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun)           | LIB        |
| 7:30pm    | Music Council (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues)                      | CR II      |
| 7:30pm    | The Encouragers (1 <sup>st</sup> Tues)                    | CR III     |
| WEDNESDAY |   |            |
| 12:00pm   | Noon Day Prayer   | Conf. Call |
| 6:30pm    | Youth Bible Study   | Zoom       |
| 7:00pm    | Bible Study   | Zoom/FB    |
| THURSDAY  |   |            |
| 6:00pm    | Nursery Ministry (1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs)                  | Nursery    |
| 6:30pm    | Calvary's Anointed/Vessels of Praise                      | FH/Sanct   |
| 6:30pm    | Beautification Committee (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs)          | CR I       |
| 6:30pm    | Couples' Ministry (4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs)                 | CR II      |
| 6:30pm    | Youth Council (4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs)                     | CR I       |
| 6:30pm    | ACT Ministry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs)                      | CR I       |
| 6:30pm    | Young Adult Ministry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs)              | CR II      |
| 6:30pm    | Emergency Response Team (ERT)                             | CR II      |
| 7:00pm    | Singles in Love with Christ (4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs)       | LIB        |
| 7:00pm    | Sunday Service Choir Rehearsal                            | CRM        |
| 7:30pm    | Drama Ministry  | CR III     |
| SATURDAY  |   |            |
| 9:30am    | Pearls of Praise (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat)                    | CRM        |
| 10:00am   | Scholarship Ministry (before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)     | CR II      |
| 10:00am   | PROJECT F.I.N.E.  | CFLR       |
| 10:00am   | Onesiphorous Prison Ministry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat)        | CR I       |
| 10:30am   | Deaconess Ministry (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat)                  | LIB/Sanct  |
| 11:00am   | Senior Missionary Ministry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat)          | LIB        |
| 11:00am   | Senior Usher & First Aid Ministry (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat)   | CRM/ Sanct |
| 11:30am   | Culinary Arts Ministry (4 <sup>th</sup> Sat)              | LIB        |

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We welcome Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr. to First Calvary as Guest Preacher today. We look forward to a mighty Word from the Lord. I am comforted by the fact that the Word will still go forth at First Calvary, even while I am on Paternity Leave. Thank you, Dr. Forbes, for your presence. Thank you, First Calvary, for your commitment. We are "Building Commitment" this month, and it will be on display as I look to each of you to continue with Ministry life at First Calvary as I am away.

Thank you to the Staff/Team and volunteers that made our latest New Member Connection event on yesterday run smoothly. Welcome to our newest members...it is so good to have you as a part of the FCBC family. At this monthly event, we share a little bit about what it means to be a part of First Calvary, from what we believe, to our history, to the basics of our Faith, to what it is like to be in Ministry at the Church. It is a lot of information, but it is vital and important to relay what we are all about to those that are new.

To our Mature Adults, please RSVP for the Honoring Our Elders Drive Through coming on May 20<sup>th</sup>, hosted by our Diaconate Ministry. We hope you will come "drive through" and get some goodies. Register today!

Because of Calvary,  
Pastor Marc

## THE DEACON'S MESSAGE

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all. John 14:27, NASB /2 Thessalonians 3:16, NASB Can you imagine what the disciples were thinking? Jesus, are you kidding me? We have been traveling to and fro with you for a couple of years, and now you are leaving us? Why? Oh, and as a parting gift, you are going to give us your peace? Why not give us some super power to help us vanquish evil, or explain to us how to walk on water, or at the very least, teach us how to turn water into wine. Today, God's gift of peace is the best gift we can unwrap. When we have peace from God, we can be free from the noise of the world that shouts at us, telling us to worry, when things do not go as planned. What surely seemed like a strange statement to the disciples by Jesus was a brilliant display of love. It makes perfect sense. Jesus knew the disciples would need His peace to be able to do everything He was asking them to do. He knew they needed His peace to withstand the trials and tribulations of life. It is peace from God that allows us to survive the wars that rage around us from day to day. Let the peace of God be with you today.

## STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

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

April 30, 2023

Discover the Vision **34** Sunday School **68** New Members **7**  
In-Person Worship **244** Worship Service (Streaming) **103**

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Tithes and Offering  | \$14,063.23        |
| Sacrificial Offering | \$425.00           |
| Food Pantry          | \$140.00           |
| Scholarship          | \$130.00           |
| Sunday School        | \$105.00           |
| Online Giving        | \$17,704.48        |
| <b>Total Giving</b>  | <b>\$32,567.71</b> |

**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., call 712-432-1001, enter 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!  
WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM WORSHIP  
VIA THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK AT 9:30 A.M.  
EACH SUNDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

## REVIVAL & EVANGELISM MONTH

May 2023

|               |          |   |
|---------------|----------|---|
| <b>3</b>      | 12:00 PM | <b>PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS</b>                |
|               | 7:00 PM  | <b>DISCOVER THE VISION</b>                      |
| <b>6</b>      | 9:00 AM  | <b>NEW MEMBER CONNECT</b>                       |
| <b>SUN 7</b>  | 9:30 AM  | Worship Service<br>Stream on Facebook & Website |
|               | 11:00 AM | Sunday School on Zoom                           |
| <b>10</b>     | 12:00 PM | <b>PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS</b>                |
|               | 7:00 PM  | <b>DISCOVER THE VISION</b>                      |
| <b>SUN 14</b> |          | <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>                             |
|               | 9:30 AM  | Worship Service<br>Stream on Facebook & Website |
|               | 11:00 AM | Sunday School on Zoom                           |
| <b>17</b>     | 12:00 PM | <b>PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS</b>                |
|               | 7:00 PM  | <b>DISCOVER THE VISION</b>                      |
| <b>20</b>     | 11:30 AM | <b>Honoring Our Elders Drive Through Event</b>  |
| <b>SUN 21</b> | 9:30 AM  | Worship Service<br>Stream on Facebook & Website |
|               | 12:00 PM | <b>PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS</b>                |
| <b>24</b>     | 7:00 PM  | <b>DISCOVER THE VISION</b>                      |
| <b>SUN 29</b> | 9:30 AM  | Worship Service<br>Stream on Facebook & Website |
|               | 11:00 AM | Sunday School on Zoom                           |
| <b>30</b>     |          | <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>                             |
|               |          | <b>Church Closed</b>                            |
| <b>31</b>     | 12:00 PM | <b>PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS</b>                |
|               | 7:00 PM  | <b>DISCOVER THE VISION</b>                      |

### TODAY'S MINISTRY THROUGH SERVICE

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 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 Fearington/ 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"

## Revival & Evangelism Month



## "Building Commitment"

May 7, 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"**



# MAY 2023

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO OUR SENIORS 70+

|                          |    |        |
|--------------------------|----|--------|
| Sister Ruby Turner       | 73 | May 2  |
| Brother James Thornton   | 72 | May 3  |
| Sister Ethelyn Phillips  | 77 | May 11 |
| Sister Janet Harris      | 70 | May 12 |
| Sister Janice Perryman   | 83 | May 15 |
| Sister Victoria Phillips | 79 | May 16 |
| Sister Johnnie Belk      | 92 | May 22 |
| Brother Michael Cherry   | 71 | May 25 |
| Sister Linda Green       | 77 | May 27 |
| Deaconess Dorothy Grier  | 70 | May 26 |
| Sister Gizette Webb      | 74 | May 28 |



### May 1

Kenneisha Brown  
Aliya McNeill

### May 2

Brianna Caldwell  
Ashley Neville  
Pat Sturdivant

### May 3

Olivia Davis  
Gail Hendricks  
Stori Maye

### May 4

Arielle Guerrier  
Immanuel Osagie  
Erica Shelly

### May 5

Justin Sims  
Monica Zigler

### May 6

Pastor Gregory D. Hatcher

### May 7

Ursula Reddrick-Cocherham  
Kimberly Fletcher  
Leah Wyatt

### May 8

Tekeisha Ford Mitchell

### May 9

Courtney Bobbitt  
Sean King

### May 10

Joy Curry  
Linda Evans  
Darneise Massey

### May 11

Min. Angela Hopkins  
David Porter

### May 12

Loretta Lipsey  
Grant Wilson

### May 13

Kallie Grace Brazile  
Morgan Riley

### May 14

Min. Helen Jimmerson-Johnson

### May 15

Keelan Brown  
D'Andre Martin

### May 16

MJ Ashley  
Aaron Crouse  
Shyrl Wood

### May 17

Eric Pristell

### May 18

Zandra Turner

### May 19

Fredrick A. Davis II  
James Houston

### May 20

Chris Hall  
Jacqueline S. Jones  
Stephanie Jones

### May 21

LaQuenta Pickett

### May 22

Barbara Chalmers  
Christian Romo  
Kathryn Thomton

### May 23

Sinclair Biles  
Shaunnise Brimage  
Deacon Jaymes Carter  
Virginia Lindsey

### May 24

Alicia Crutchfield  
Delecia Hatcher  
Carlos McCall  
Destini Pimental  
May 25  
Dolli Bradford

### May 26

Duane Griffin  
Kim Jackson  
Xavier McLean  
Delvon Weaver

### May 28

Antonio Gill  
Timothy Stevons, Jr.  
Kevin Young

### May 29

Korey Bryant

### May 30

Anthonia Dublin  
Katheldra Alexander

### May 31

Farah Bijou  
Marion McClain

# Happy Birthday!

### OUR GUEST PREACHER: Reverend Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.

Reverend Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr. was born on September 6, 1935 in Burgaw, North Carolina to James A. Forbes, Sr. and Mabel Clemons Forbes. Forbes was raised as one of eight children in Raleigh, North Carolina. He received his B.S. degree in chemistry from Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1957. At Union Theological Seminary in the New York City, Forbes wrote his master's thesis on Pentecostalism and the Renewal of the Church, and obtained his M.Div. degree in 1962. Forbes earned his clinical pastoral education certificate from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond in 1968. Forbes earned his D.Min. degree from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in 1975.

Following his graduate studies at Union Theological Seminary, Forbes returned to Raleigh, North Carolina, where he worked briefly in his father's church, Providence United Holy Church. In 1962, Forbes became a student intern at Olin Binkly Memorial Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and went on to pastor Holy Trinity Church in Wilmington, North Carolina; St. Paul's Holy Church in Roxboro, North Carolina; and St. John's United Holy Church of America in Richmond, Virginia. After earning his Clinical Pastoral Education Certificate from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Forbes worked as campus minister for Virginia Union University in Richmond. In 1973, Forbes became a director of education for Interfaith Metropolitan Theological Education Inc. in Washington, D.C. In 1976, Forbes joined the faculty at Union Theological Seminary as its Brown and Sockman Associate Professor of Preaching. Forbes became the Union Theological Seminary's first Joe R. Engle Professor of Preaching in 1985. In 1986, Forbes gave the Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale University, informing his 1989 publication, *The Holy Spirit & Preaching*. Union Theological Seminary named Forbes the first Harry Emerson Fosdick Adjunct Professor of Preaching in 1989, the same year he was installed as fifth senior minister of Riverside Church in New York City. His installment rendered him the first African American senior minister of one of the largest multicultural and interdenominational congregations in the United States.

Following his address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, Forbes led an interfaith rally and demonstration at Riverside Church as part of the Church's Mobilization 2004 campaign. In 2007, he formed the Healing of the Nations Foundation, a non-partisan, non-profit, national ministry of healing and spiritual revitalization. That same year, Forbes retired as senior minister emeritus of Riverside Church. He authored *Whose Gospel?: A Concise Guide to Progressive Protestantism* in 2009.

Forbes was the recipient of fourteen honorary degrees, including D.D. degrees from Princeton University, Trinity College, Colgate University, and University of Richmond. In 1996, *Newsweek* recognized Forbes as one of the twelve "most effective preachers" in the English-speaking world.

Forbes and his wife, Bettye Forbes, have one son, James A. Forbes III.

