

June 11, 2023 9:30 a.m.

PRAISE & ADORATION

Praise & Worship......Praise Team

Scripture......Minister

Prayer......Deacon

Hymn....#264....."Amazing Grace"

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Graduates Recognition.....Scholarship Ministry

Church News

Offertory Prayer

Offering/Giving

Offertory Song

CARE & CONCERNS THROUGH PRAYER

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
<u>Empower spiritual lives, Enhance quality of life,</u>
& <u>Evangelize the lost</u>

CHURCH NEWS

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. Let's "Discover the Vision" together!

LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION ON THE FINAL DAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH. PASTOR LAVARIN WILL BE THE GUEST PREACHER FOR THE CLOSING SESSION AT 10AM. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON THE CAMPUS OF FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY IN FAYETTEVILLE, NC. Email lindsay@firstcalvary.org to register and ride the Church Bus to the event. Please wear white and register today as seats are VERY limited. Car driving is welcome, however, please still send an email of your attendance for reserved seating at the service.

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN! Family Fun Day is on Saturday, June 17th, 11:00am-4:00pm here at the church. Registration is going on NOW! Please Register to attend BY THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH by one of 2 ways: fill out one of the forms located behind the church pews in the Sanctuary OR register online at https://www.firstcalvary.org/ forms/view/39982. You only need to register on ONE venue, so please choose either the physical forms in the Sanctuary OR online, and not both. If you need transportation, please call the church office by 7:00pm Friday, June 16th. We hope to see you there! Food, Fun, Fellowship, Games....and you can even DUNK THE PASTOR! Come out and have some fun with your church family!

IT'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TIME AT FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH. June 14th – 16th! Children and youth from birth to 18 are invited with their families. Things start each night at 5pm 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, or work with Culinary Arts, please contact Sister Mary Gilmer at wibbie.gilmer@gmail.com or (919)358-9279.

CALLING ALL OF OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH- Save the Date! JUNE IS

YOUTH MONTH AT FIRST CALVARY! June 23rd-25th- Children and Youth Weekend Activities include: June 23rd- Sneaker Ball, 6:30pm - 9:00pm; June 24th-Children/Youth Conference and Showcase, followed by Cookout, 9am - 3pm; June 25th-Youth Sunday - Join us in worship service at 9:30am led by our children and youth. Dress down in a white shirt and denim jeans. Children and Youth, get ready for a power-packed time, celebrating YOU at Youth Weekend 2023. PLEASE REGISTER with this link: https://bit.ly/YOUTHMONTH2023

GIRL SCOUT LEADERS ARE NEEDED: You'll be the role model that they'll always remember....their cheerleader, their mentor, their guide. Watch them grow more confident, witness their transformation from little girls to leaders in their world. And, you will find that you've grown too. Our Daisy Troop are grades preK-1st grade, Brownie Troop- 2nd grade-3rd grade, Junior Troop- 4th grade-5th grade, Cadette Troop-6th, 7th, & 8th grade, Senior Troop-9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th grade. The ministry will cover your registration fees and will make sure you are trained. We meet from September-April/May. We break for the summer. We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month from 6pm-7:30pm here at the church. Please contact Deaconess Janet Squires at (919)606-4801 or scouting@firstcalvary.org.

BOY SCOUT LEADERS NEEDED: There are 12 principles a Boy Scout lives by which are considered the Scout Law: "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent." All leaders must have and live by a set of values. We are in need of leaders who like the outdoors and who love working with our young children/youth to instill in them good values. There are three steps to becoming a trained leader: Set up a My.scouting account, take youth protection training, select your boy scout position as a leader. We will take care of your registration fees. We meet from September-April/May and we meet every 1st Tuesday of the month from 6pm-7:30pm here in the fellowship hall. Please contact Scout Master Portia Sidberry at (919)812-0534 or scouting@firstcalvary.org.

THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON TODAY.

FROM THE COMMUNITY: There will be an interest meeting concerning a 2024 short-term mission trip to Uganda via Zoom on Sunday, June 25 at 5pm. If you would like to receive an invitation to attend this meeting and/or learn more about this mission trip or a future mission trip, please email to Min. Cecelia Horton at cecehorton@gmail.com.

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. Anne Adams	Brian Center	
	6000 Fayetteville Road 27713	
Sis. Blanche Burgess	Treyburn Rehab Center	
	2059 Torredge Road 27712	
Sis. Rachelle Nelums	Pruitt Health	
	Erwin Road 27707	
Bro. Michael Wilson	Tower Rehabilitation & Nursing Center	
	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. Wilhemenia Foster-Long	117 Briarhaven Drive	27703
Bro. Gus Forte	1 Rosedawn Court	27703
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



Join us for Vacation
Bible School...

Wednesday-Friday,

<u>5:00pm</u>

10:00am

10:30am

11:00am

11:00am

11:30am

"Twists & Turns...Following Jesus Changes the Game"!

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

Intercessory Prayer Service (4th Sun)

Health & Wellness Ministry (2nd Sun)

Evangelism Ministry (2nd Sun)

SUNDAY

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CR II

CR I

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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	
6:00 pm	Tots of Praise Rehearsal (after 1st)	CRM
6:30 pm	Psalm 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 (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 (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	
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 (1st 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 (1st 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	
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

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Senior Usher & First Aid Ministry (2nd Sat)

Senior Missionary Ministry (3rd Sat)

Deaconess Ministry (1st Sat)

Culinary Arts Ministry (4th Sat)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

It's Graduates Sunday and we celebrate with our graduates from Kindergarten, High School, College and Master's and Doctorate study. We welcome their families and guests that are worshipping with us today. We give our congratulations and best wishes to each of you and we look forward to your futures. Congratulations also to those that will receive extended support in the form of the First Calvary Scholarships. Thank you, FCBC family, for how you give financial support to help this to take place each year. In my conversations with our High School graduates, I learned that they have great ambition and I believe that God will continue to bless their paths as they move forward to greater academic and life pursuits. For each of them...for each of us... God has a plan.

How excited I am to experience my first Vacation Bible School with First Calvary on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week! I look forward to a great time each night as we study and fellowship together. I further look forward Family Fun Day on next Saturday....which is always an enjoyable time of family fellowship. I look to see our church family at both of these churchwide events.

Because of Calvary, Pastor Marc

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.

THE DEACON'S MESSAGE

The path to eternal life is nothing like a walk in the park. Whereas a park is a planned destination visited repeatedly with broad gracious sidewalks used for peaceful, leisurely strolling and taking time to smell the roses – the path to eternal life is an adventure for a lifetime, leading us over the hills and through the valleys. During his Sermon on the Mount, Christ tells us about the path to eternal life in Matthew 7:13-14, NKJV. Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. The path is fraught with thistles and thorns; but it has an unrivaled rugged beauty all its own. It is a landscape worth traveling, once we accept in faith, difficulty is part of the journey. The pressures of life caused by traveling the narrow path may make us feel uneasy; but the path to eternal life was never meant to feel like a walk in the park.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

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

Discover the Vision 42 Sunday School N/A New Members N/A In-Person Worship 399 Worship Service (Streaming) 203

Tithes and Offering	\$17,920.36
Sacrificial Offering	\$381.00
Food Pantry	\$10.00
Scholarship	\$90.00
Children's Church	\$6.60
Sunday School	\$80.00
Online Giving	\$19,533.87
Total Giving	\$38,021.83

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

YOUTH MONTH

June 2023

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SUN 18		FATHER'S DAY
SUN 18	9:30 AM	Worship Service
		Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
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Music: **Praise Team Director of Music Ministries: Minister Michael Dotson Senior Church Musician: Brother Tony Rhodes Brother David Cannady** Bass Player: **Brother Andre Sanders** Percussionist: Saxophonist: **Brother Lynwood Jones** Videographers: Sister Hilary Fearrington/ Dr. Toni

McIntosh/ Sister Gail Hendricks/ Sister

Barbie Bolden

Brother Ivan Holloway/ Deacon Darryll Audio Team (1 per Sunday): 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"



Youth Month "Building Honor"

June 11, 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"

SERMON NOTES

DATE: SUBJECT:	Text:	



"DISCOVER THE VISION"

Wednesdays, 7pm In-Person

(Please wear a mask)

Also via Zoom (Meeting ID: 932 281 4455,

Passcode: 573710)

or the Church Facebook page
(First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, NC)

Reminder: WHEN YOU COME TO THE
CHURCH, EITHER DURING THE
WEEK OR ON SUNDAYS,
PLEASE WEAR A MASK.



WHEN TO CALL OR EMAIL 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 the 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.

<u>First Calvary Baptist Church</u> Marc A. Lavarin, Pastor Fredrick A. Davis, Pastor Emeritus



♦FCBC Sunday School: **Women's Class**

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: **812 1447 4860** *No Passcode Needed

†FCBC Sunday School: Men's Class

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82971940163?pwd=M UVUOGdPRHY5VXBFSGhaVmsrN3lvZz09

Meeting ID: 829 7194 0163 *No passcode needed

†FCBC Sunday School: **Singles Class Join Zoom Meeting**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84710388051?pwd=OT MwVlpaazhoZ3dwODBkdHNhMkZldz09

Meeting ID: 847 1038 8051

Passcode: 589151

♦FCBC Sunday School: **Couples' Class**

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: **378 629 3858** Password: **878147**

NO COUPLES CLASS TODAY (6/11)

†FCBC Sunday School: **Beginner Class Ages 3-5**

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85433735526?pwd=S055ZHU3VWNCTXBBZ1ZocVk3R09OUT09

Meeting ID: 854 3373 5526

Passcode: **635090**

†FCBC Sunday School: **Primary Class**

Ages 6-8

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 818 7955 6365

Passcode: **892947**

†FCBC Sunday School: **Junior/Intermediate Class**

Ages 9-12

 $\frac{https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83428893130?pwd=Q}{VoxWUdkcFV0R2IxbDhGaUZNZGlHUT09}$

Meeting ID: 2543615342 Passcode: 175175

†FCBC Sunday School: **Teen Class**

Ages 13-17

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81023410603?pwd=RG U1aTVKTS9Ta29OL3VhOzd2ZE1Udz09

Meeting ID: 810 2341 0603

Passcode: **515700**

***FCBC Sunday School: Young Adult Class**

Ages 18-25

Join Zoom Meeting

 $\underline{https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9862394139}$

Meeting ID: 986 239 4139 *No passcode needed

ALL PARENTS: The Sunday School Ministry invites 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 is an opportunity to share with your child knowledge of Jesus. 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).

First Calvary Baptist Church
Marc A. Lavarin, Pastor Fredrick A. Davis, Pastor Emeritus

Congratulations,

Fraduates!

Congratulations to all of the First Calvary 2023 Graduates! Your Church Family is so proud of your accomplishments! MAY GOD CONTINUE TO KEEP EACH OF YOU IN HIS CARE.

Kindergarten Graduates

Charlie Allen
Quality Education Institute
Sydney Brown
Pearsontown Elementary
Christian Carter-Neville
Meadowlane Elementary School
Myla Jeffries
Immaculata Catholic School
Kayson Sampson
Eno Valley Elementary
Malachi Taborn
Sandy Ridge Elementary

High School Graduates

Tyler Adair
Heritage High School
Jamiya Borden
The School for Creative Studies
Taylor Borden
The School for Creative Studies
Noah Dorch
Warren County High School
Destiny Quick
Josephine Dobbs Clement
Early College High School
Justin Sims
Hillside High School

College Graduates

Nona Borden

UNC Pembroke

Bachelor of Science in Exercise

and Sports Science

Minor in Business Administration

Emmanuel Bryant

East Carolina University

Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Rian Sanders
Winston Salem State University
Bachelor of Science
in Health Care Management

Post Graduates

Rachel Griffin Liberty University Master of Education in School Counseling

Demisha Grimsley
Walden University
Master of Clinical Mental
Health Counseling

Angelica Richardson
North Carolina Central University
School of Law
Juris Doctor

Tamira White
The University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill
Doctor of Philosophy
in Special Education

The Parenting Tip

The Power of Teachable Moments

The teachable-moment method of faith building enlightens your children about God in a way that captures their attention and changes their lives.

Your children will learn biblical principles that they'll never forget. A "teachable moment" is like creating an on-the-spot commercial for biblical principles using simple, everyday language and familiar objects. If you see a beautiful tree growing near a lake, for example, you can point it out and say to your child, "Isn't that tree magnificent? God says that people of faith are like that tree. Trees stay strong because they grow near the water. People stay strong when they grow closer to God." A teachable moment gives you the resources to make the Bible relevant to your children today, right now, this very moment. Teachable moments can be incorporated into any family routine, no matter how busy. Teachable moments require no preparation. In fact, they often work best when you're driving in the car or just having plain old fun with your children.

Plain Old Fun. Before you begin trying to teach your children about God by using teachable moments, it's a good idea to build up your parent-child relationship by having some fun. If your children know you can relax and just play, they will see you in a whole new light and be more receptive to adopting your values. Be sure there are times in your family life when you do things JUST FOR FUN. Once you begin to have fun together, your children will be relaxed and open — primed for a teachable moment.

Three Ingredients to Teaching Without Preaching

Parents can deliberately and intentionally teach their children biblical truths using teachable moments — and the children can enjoy it. A teachable moment requires three simple ingredients. The first is an open relationship between the parent and child. Second, you need a catalyst — an event or object that illustrates the spiritual point. A catalyst is the conversation starter, the reason the teachable moment is occurring at that specific time and place. Often the catalyst is an everyday object like a bridge or a cell phone. Or it can be some big milestone in your child's life, like baptism. Third, a teachable moment requires a biblical truth. The truth can be a Bible fact, a truth about God's character, or insights into living a life of faith. You can gather a lot of truths through personal Bible study.

-Marianne K. Hering

