



June 25, 2023
9:30 a.m.

CHURCH NEWS

PRAISE & ADORATION

Praise & Worship.....Praise Team
 Scripture.....Quinn Kearney
 Prayer..... Keelan Brown, Jr.
 Hymn.....#283.....“Oh How I Love Jesus”

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Church News
 Offertory Prayer.....Madison Getward-Martin
 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.....Minister Jasmine Mitchell**
 *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 us this Wednesday before the break...and Let's "Discover the Vision" together!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JULY, THERE WILL BE NO DISCOVER THE VISION OR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSIONS. TAKE THE MONTH TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY. AFTER THIS JULY BREAK, DISCOVER THE VISION WILL RETURN ON AUGUST 2ND.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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. 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 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

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

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

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 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

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

We celebrate with our children and youth today. It has been a full, fun weekend for them. The Sneaker Ball was all that and it was so rewarding to see the young people having a good time in a safe, Godly environment. Then, there were the gifts on display....my goodness! This church is full of young people that are talented and blessed! There was singing, instruments, dancing, and it was all fantastic! On Saturday, our young people were poured into and we pray they were reminded that with Christ, they can be confident and state boldly, "I Know Who I Am"!

Today we welcome Minister Jasmine Mitchell, along with her mother, Lady Evelyn, to service today. Minister Jasmine no doubt has a mighty Word for not just the youth, but for all of us. We look forward to receiving it. Thank you to the Youth Council and Church Staff for the work that has gone into this weekend.

This Wednesday, we will have our last Discover the Vision before a July break. Please join us in person and then get ready for a summer month of family time. Please note that the Mid-Week Tune Up phone call will still take place each Wednesday morning at 7am.

Because of Calvary,
Pastor Marc



"I Know Who I Am"

THE DEACON'S MESSAGE

Have you ever encountered someone that seems to radiate with a shining face all the time? Is it difficult for you to be happy, to get that shine? If you spend more time searching externally for things to make you happy rather than tapping into the undercurrent of joy that flows from your soul it will be difficult to shine...difficult to smile. When we know God, our outlook on life is full of vitality. Even though we will encounter problems they will never overpower the knowledge we possess that tells us God is real and intimately concerned about our well-being. Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV) reads "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Read this passage to help you remember God is able to do all these things and you will tap into the wellspring of joy God has already placed within you. I am sure God hopes to see your shining faces amongst the crowd.

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

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

June 18, 2023

Discover the Vision **N/A** Sunday School **N/A** New Members **2**
In-Person Worship **317** Worship Service (Streaming) **78**

Tithes and Offering	\$15,230.36
Sacrificial Offering	\$400.00
Vacation Bible School	\$328.81
Food Pantry	\$331.00
Scholarship	\$30.00
Children's Church	\$6.00
Sunday School	\$10.00
Online Giving	\$12,180.66
Total Giving	\$28,516.83

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.**



Donate non-perishable food items to the FCBC Food Pantry ANYTIME: peanut butter, rice, jelly, pasta, cereal, canned veggies, canned fruit, pasta sauce, ramen noodles, oatmeal, etc., along with packs of hot dogs and small packs of ground beef. Thank you for your support!

YOUTH MONTH

June 2023

3	9:00 AM	NEW MEMBER CONNECT
SUN 4	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
	11:00 AM	VBS TRAINING No Sunday School
7	12:00 PM	PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS
	7:00 PM	DISCOVER THE VISION
SUN 11		GRADUATES & RECOGNITION SUNDAY
	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
	11:00 AM	Sunday School on Zoom
14	12:00 PM	PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS
14-16	5:00 PM	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
17	11:00 AM	FAMILY FUN DAY
SUN 18		FATHER'S DAY
	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
19		JUNETEENTH-CHURCH CLOSED
21	12:00 PM	PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS
	7:00 PM	DISCOVER THE VISION
23-25		YOUTH WEEKEND
23	6:30 PM	SNEAKER BALL
24	9:00 AM	YOUTH CONFERENCE
SUN 25		YOUTH SUNDAY
	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
	11:00 AM	Sunday School on Zoom
28	12:00 PM	PRAYER CALL-MATURE ADULTS
	7:00 PM	DISCOVER THE VISION

TODAY'S MINISTRY THROUGH SERVICE

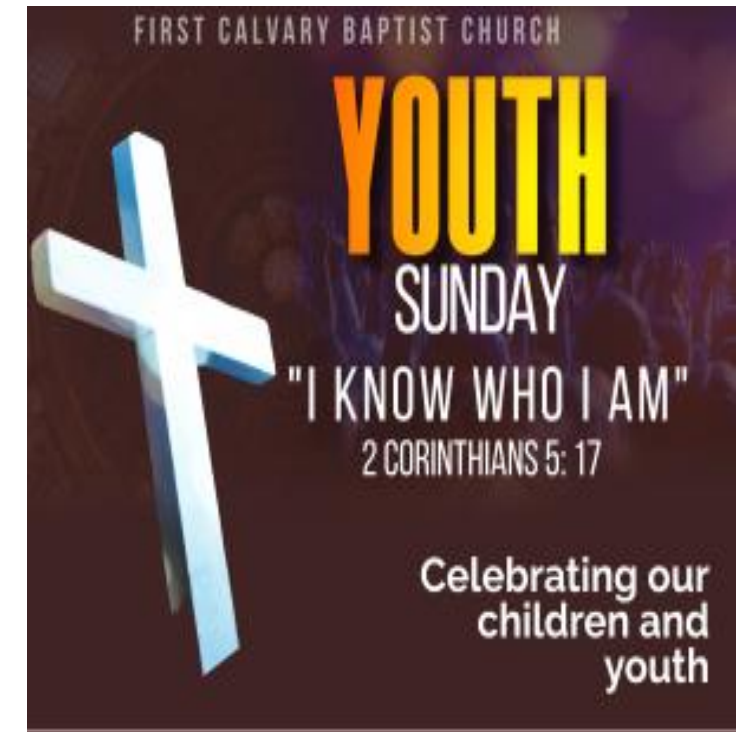
Music:	Praise Team
Director of Music Ministries:	Minister Michael Dotson
Senior Church Musician:	Brother Tony Rhodes
Bass Player:	Brother David Cannady
Percussionist:	Brother Andre Sanders
Saxophonist:	Brother Lynwood Jones
Videographers:	Sister Hilary Fearrington/ Dr. Toni McIntosh/ Sister Gail Hendricks/ Sister Barbie Bolden
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"



Youth Month "Building Honor"

June 25, 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: _____ Text: _____

SUBJECT: _____



“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.



OUR GUEST MINISTER
Minister Jasmine Mitchell

Minister Jasmine Camille Mitchell was born on July 10, 1994 to the beautiful First Lady Evelyn Mitchell and Pastor Jeffrey L. Mitchell, Sr. She has 3 siblings – an older brother Jeffrey, Jr., and two younger sisters Jessica and Jolene. At the age of nine she was baptized at Rock Creek Baptist Church under the Pastorate of Dr. Jeffrey L. Mitchell, Sr. She received her call into ministry in 2009. Being groomed in the church since birth, she took on her call with grace and humility. She was licensed to preach on October 14, 2018. In church she is an associate minister that helps develop the ministries and ultimately help wherever she is needed.

Jasmine graduated from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania in 2017 with a bachelor’s degree in Biblical Studies. She graduated with her Master of Divinity at Virginia Union University’s Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology in May 2020. She serves as a board member of The Community Ministry of Prince Georges County Organization that serves the community of Prince Georges County. She serves as the President of the Youth/Young Adult Auxiliary of the Mount Bethel Baptist Association of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

Through all of Jasmine’s efforts to live out her call, she is committed to keeping Jesus at the center of it all. Jasmine loves to interact with people where they are and help them live out what it means to be Christian when Sunday is over – outside of the four walls of the church. She has purposed her heart to preach what she practices when behind the pulpit but most importantly in everyday life. Her favorite quote by St. Francis Assisi says, “Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words”.

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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=MUVUOGdPRHY5VXBFSGhaVm5rN3lvZz09>

Meeting ID: **829 7194 0163**

***No passcode needed**

FCBC Sunday School: Singles Class

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84710388051?pwd=OTMwVlpaazhoZ3dwODBkdHNhMkZldz09>

Meeting ID: **847 1038 8051**

Passcode: 589151

FCBC Sunday School: Couples' Class

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3786293858?pwd=aTdZZW94MnZZMnF1TUUVWdGNWjEjZz09>

Meeting ID: **378 629 3858**

Password: 878147

FCBC Sunday School: Beginner Class

Ages 3-5

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85433735526?pwd=S055ZHU3VWNCTXBBZ1ZocVt3R09QUT09>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83428893130?pwd=QVoxWUdkcFV0R2IxbDhGaUZnZGhUT09>

Meeting ID: **2543615342**

Passcode: 175175

FCBC Sunday School: Teen Class

Ages 13-17

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81023410603?pwd=RGU1aTVKTS9Ta29OL3VhQzdz2ZE1Udz09>

Meeting ID: **810 2341 0603**

Passcode: 515700

FCBC Sunday School: Young Adult Class

Ages 18-25

Join Zoom Meeting

<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).



What Is Bullying

Bullying is unwanted aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance.

The Behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems.

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

- An Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power-such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity-to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

Types of Bullying:

There are three types of bullying:

1. **Verbal bullying** is saying or writing mean things. Verbal bullying includes:
 - Teasing
 - Name-calling
 - Inappropriate sexual comments
 - Taunting
 - Threatening to cause harm
2. **Social Bullying**, sometimes referred to as relational bullying, involves hurting someone's reputation or relationships. Social bullying includes:
 - Leaving someone out on purpose
 - Telling other children not to be friends with someone
 - Spreading rumors about someone
 - Embarrassing someone in public
3. **Physical Bullying** involves hurting a person's body or possessions. Physical

bullying includes: -hitting/kicking/pinching -spitting -Tripping/pushing -Taking or breaking someone's things, -making mean or rude hand gestures.

Bullying occurs during or after school hours. While most reported bullying happens in the school building, a significant percentage also Happens in places like on the playground or the bus. It can also happen travelling to or from school, in the youth's neighborhood or on the internet.

The 2019 School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey indicates that, nationwide, about 22% of students age 12-18 experienced bullying.

The 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) indicates that, nationwide, 19.5% of students in grades 9-12 report being bullied on school property in the 12-months preceding the survey.

--Source: United States Government -



Celebrating Achievement!

Tyler Adair is the son of Nyeshia Robinson. For spring semester, Tyler had a 3.5 GPA and 100 in each of his classes. Tyler completed his requirements to graduate in December 2022, but decided to wait until June 2023. Tyler played football for Heritage High School and participated in 7 v 7 tournament teams at Duke, UNC, & NC State. Tyler did not participate in any spring sports this year to recover from ACL surgery at the end of the football season. He works at Auto Bell Carwash. Tyler will be attending East Carolina University (ECU) in the fall, majoring in Pre-Med Biology, and he also plans to play football.

Zyasiya (Zya) Adalia Davenport is the daughter for Moses and Monica Davenport. She completed 10th grade at City of Medicine Academy (CMA). At CMA, Zya remained on A & A/B Honor Roll throughout the academic year. Zya's other achievements include: Member of City of Medicine Duke AHEC Program; Hillside High School Theta Phi Delta Sorority - Step Master; Hillside High School Dance Company Sting Company Co- Captain; DPS Evening to Shine-Certificate of Achievement; Outstanding Choreographer 2022-2023 Sting Hillside High School; Best Dancer in the Musical Matilda-Hillside High School; Walltown Children's Theater- 2023 Inferno Dance Competition- Title & Icon Winner Regional Dance Competition; Inferno Dance Competition -Overall Solo Titanium Winner and 2023 Showbiz Dance Competition Scholarship Winner to attend a Showbiz Next Step Event.

Jamiya D. Borden is the daughter of Floyd Borden and Vontonya Borden. Jamiya graduated from The School of Creative Studies. She received numerous honors including: District Finalist for

North Carolina's Governor School; A-B Honor Roll, National African American Scholar and an invitation to the National Society of High School Scholars. Jamiya was a member of National Honor Society (President), Yearbook Club Prom Committee and California Ocean Alliance Online Program. Jamiya is also a 4-Year Varsity Letter at Hillside High School.

Nona Borden is the daughter of Floyd Borden and Vontonya Borden. Nona graduated Summa Cum Laude from UNC Pembroke with a 3.85 GPA. Her academic honors include four-time UNCP Chancellor's List Recipient, Conference Carolinas Academic All-District Team (2022), Conference Carolinas Academic All-Conference and Presidential Honor Roll (2021), PBC Team of Academic Distinction (2019). Nona was also a member of the varsity women's soccer team, who won the conference championship in 2021 and 2022.

Taylor Borden, daughter of Floyd Borden and Vontonya Borden, graduated from The School of Creative Studies as Valedictorian. Her other academic honors are A Honor Roll, National African American Recognition Award, and National Honor Society. As an athlete, Taylor played as defender for Ultimate Lacrosse travel team. She has committed to play lacrosse and be part of the inaugural women's lacrosse team at Virginia State University (HBCU).

Sydney Brown, daughter of Keelan and Devin Brown, is a Kindergarten Graduate of Pearsontown Elementary School. Sydney's other activities include: Triangle United Soccer, Empower Dance Pre-Ballet, 1st Year Petite Piano Lessons and Girl Scouts.

Keelan Brown, Jr. is the son of Keelan and Devin Brown. Keelan is the proud 5th Grade Graduate. At Pearsontown Elementary, he participated in the Battle of Books Team and 22-23 Fall Choir Performance. His extracurricular activities included: Youth Hoops Elite Basketball Team, 3rd Year Guitar Lessons, Boy Scouts, SoDu Little League Baseball, and UNC Men's Basketball Ball Boy Participant. He was recognized as the Spanish Student Representative on news highlights.

Nicholaus Brye is the son of Zeb & Shana Brye. He completed 10th grade at Jordan High School. Linc received the honor of being on the AB Honor Roll for the 2nd semester. Linc is a member of the JV football team. He also starred in “Mean Girls” production (which was the highest grossing production in the school’s history).

Ava Brye is the daughter of Zeb & Shana Brye. She was promoted from the 5th grade at Forest View Elementary School, where she has been on the Honor Roll. Ava participates in the Rec Track Club. She has also participated in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority’s Youth Leadership Institute and Kings and Queens programs.

Kayla Crumpler, daughter of Jay and Kaciea Crumpler, is a graduate of Cardinal Gibbons High School. Her academic honors include: 2022-2023 A/B Honor Roll, 2022–2023 National Honors Society. Kayla’s athletic accomplishments were: Varsity Volleyball (received Coaches’ Award), Indoor Track & Field (qualified for 2023 New Balance Indoor Nationals in Boston, MA/ Medaled in High Jump). She also qualified for 2023 Nike Indoor Nationals in New York, NY and Outdoor Track & Field. Kayla is a member of Girl Scout and Habitat for Humanity’s Team.

Farrah Na’Chole Dortch is the daughter of Eboni Stallings and the grandson of Deborah Adams. Farrah is graduating from the 8th grade at Maureen Joy, and she will be going to high school. Farrah was active in many sports, cheerleading, volleyball, and track. Farrah received two awards for “MVP” for volleyball and track. She also won queen at the formal. Farrah is an active assistant in the FCBC nursery.

Noah Armane Dortch, son of Eboni Stallings and the grandson of Deborah Adams, graduated from Warren County High School on June 10th. Noah was a running back, wide receiver, defensive end, and defensive tackle on the Varsity Football Team. Noah had 3 Division I offers to Old Dominion, NCCU, Wake Forest and 2 Division II offers to Wingate, NC Wesleyan. He also won the “Iron Eagle” award for his last football season. Noah won “All Conference” award for football season. Noah plans to join the military and will be all he can be in the U.S. Army.

Shane Joshua Dortch is the son of Eboni Stallings and the grandson of Deborah Adams. Shane is getting promoted to the 7th grade at Maureen Joy Charter School. Shane was active in two sports while in school. He played basketball and ran track. Shane received an award for “Most Improved Player” for basketball. Shane is also an active assistant in Children’s Church. Shane has even helped out with the Youth Council at the diaper bank and Food Bank.

Jayla Hunter is the daughter of Ronnie & Ruth Hunter. She completed 11th grade at Southern High School. Jayla’s accomplishments this year include National Honor Society and Principal List (all A’s). Jayla has a 4.2 GPA. Jayla is certified in Drafting Programs (AutoCAD & Revit) and a member of the Student Government Association (SGA).

Tyler Mance is the son of Marcy Taylor. He completed the 11th grade at Durham School of Technology. Tyler did a fantastic job during his junior year in high school. He completed his first full year in the National Technical Honor Society. He is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and competed in the regional and state competitions. He earned the A/B Honor Roll during the second semester. He was selected to be a 2023 Junior Marshal at this year’s graduation, an honor bestowed to the top academic students in his junior class. He is a member of the usher board at First Calvary and participates in the youth ministry volunteering at the mobile food market and diaper bank. Well done Tyler! So proud of you.

Trenton Poole is the son of Shedrick Poole, Jr. Trenton will be promoted to 2nd grade at Southwest Elementary School! Trenton did a wonderful job persevering, considering he started school early, and he had to work hard to get a good foundation. We are so proud of his accomplishments and know he will excel in the 2023-24 school year! Go Trenton!

Angelica Richardson, daughter of Jackie & Wayne Richardson, is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of the North Carolina Central University’s School of Law. Angelica’s recognitions include Dean’s List Fall 2022 and Spring 2023. She also served as the Law School’s

Admissions Ambassador and Torts Law Tutor (Fall 2022-Spring 2023). Additionally, Angelica received an Alternative Dispute Resolution certificate.

Sean Joshua (“SJ”) Sessoms is the son of Sean and Micara Sessoms. Sean achieved the award for being a high achieving reader. He read 46 books this year. He also earned the “Heart of Gold Award”. The was given to the student who was most dedicated, committed, and consistent. He is being promoted to the K5 class at Quality Education Institute (QEI).

Elijah Suggs, nephew of Zandra Turner, successfully finished 4th grade at Gorman Christian Academy. Elijah received the Spelling Award and Outstanding Achievement in Spelling Memorization. Elijah also received the “Personal Success Award - Joyfulness in Singing”.

Eddie White, IV, son of Eddie & Avera White, continued his academic progress at JD Clement Early College High School and has successfully completed his sophomore year. He is also a member of Hillside High School’s marching and symphonic bands. Eddie has been selected as one of the 2023-24 drum majors for the Hillside High School Marching Band. Eddie volunteers as a First Calvary youth usher, and he participates in several community service projects.

Marlyss Williams is the daughter of Toneka Oliver. Marlyss completed 2nd grade at Gorman Christian Academy and received the Principal’s Award for all A’s in 2nd grade. Other recognitions include “High Honor Roll”, handwriting, and the “Library” award for reading. Other activities and awards include Scorpion School of Martial Arts: Taekwondo student (awarded Yellow Belt); Empower Dance Studio: Dancer (awarded 1st place Competition Team, Outstanding recital performance, completion of dance educational classes) and Gorman Baptist Church Upward Sports program (cheerleader).

Justice Wright is the son of Brentley & Kelli Wright. This year, Justice was in the 2nd grade at Bethesda Christian Academy. He was on the A/B Honor Roll. Justice was recognized as the “Highest Reader” for the entire 2nd grade class, reading 37 hours and 24 minutes!