



July 9, 2023  
9:30 a.m.

## CHURCH NEWS

**FROM PASTOR LAVARIN: 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 2<sup>ND</sup>.**

**It's time to vote for the MAN of the Year!** Please remember that your vote should not be for Pastor Lavarin or Pastor Emeritus Davis ☺, but a man who has the following qualifications: 1) has been a member of First Calvary for at least 1 year, 2) actively attends Bible Study and/or Sunday School, and 3) is a consistent giver. **A Ballot Box and ballots if needed are located in the Vestibule or email your vote to [wibbie.gilmer@gmail.com](mailto:wibbie.gilmer@gmail.com). You may vote only once. Vote by July 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**GIRL SCOUT LEADERS ARE NEEDED:** Our Daisy Troop are grades preK-1<sup>st</sup> grade, Brownie Troop- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Junior Troop- 4<sup>th</sup> grade-5<sup>th</sup> grade, Cadette Troop-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Senior Troop- 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:scouting@firstcalvary.org).

**BOY SCOUT LEADERS NEEDED:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.**

**JULY IS MEN'S MONTH! Calling all men of all ages....**Join us at the Men's Cookout Fellowship, Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am.-2:00pm at Piney Wood Park. Also, be at the Monthly Male Summit meeting virtually on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Plan to attend the Men's Conference with special guest facilitator Pastor Byron Benton from Charleston, SC on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am-12pm. Then, join us for Celebration of Manhood Sunday and Sacrificial Sunday on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, where Pastor Benton will be the guest preacher. Men, lead the charge of prayerfully giving \$150 above and beyond your tithes and offerings on this day.

Mid-year giving statements are scheduled to be sent via email on **Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**. If you have not already done so, please let the Church Office know if you prefer to receive this type of information by mail rather than email. You can contact the church office at (919) 489-4184, or you can email the request to Sister DeLois Cue at [cue@firstcalvary.org](mailto:cue@firstcalvary.org).

**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.**

**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	<b>Brian Center</b>	6000 Fayetteville Road 27713
Sis. Blanche Burgess	<b>Treyburn Rehab Center</b>	2059 Torredge Road 27712
Sis. Rachelle Nelums	<b>Pruitt Health</b>	Erwin Road 27707
Bro. Michael Wilson	<b>Tower Rehabilitation &amp; Nursing Center</b>	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
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	Psalms 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

### PRAISE & ADORATION

Praise & Worship.....Praise Team  
Scripture.....Minister  
Prayer.....Deacon  
Hymn.....#302....."Never Alone"

### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

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: E<sup>3</sup>**  
**Empower spiritual lives,**  
**Enhance quality of life,**  
**& Evangelize the lost**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We are in the summer months now and we are still moving forward in Ministry. Men's Month is here and we will be looking for our men of the church and community to join us on this Saturday at the cookout. We further look to see you at the Men's Conference on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, where our special guest facilitator will be Pastor Byron Benton from Charleston, SC. Men, please join the Male Chorus and sing the songs of Zion on Manhood Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. These are events to look forward to and I am hopeful that our men will be in attendance.

Church Family, we are out from our Discover the Vision sessions for the summer month of July. We encourage you to spend some extra time with your family during this brief hiatus. Discover the Vision will return in August, kicking back off with a Vision Huddle on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We celebrate today after service with Sister Dennise Lindsay, who, after 17 years of dedicated employment service to this church, this family of faith, and this office of Pastor, is moving on to her "next" in her Godly journey. Church Family, join us in the fellowship hall after service as we celebrate her, her indelible impact and contributions to this ministry and we send her into the future with our blessings and prayers. Sister Dennise, thank you for all you have done to bless this ministry and this church.

Because of Calvary,  
Pastor Marc

## THE DEACON'S MESSAGE

Knowing the truth can make the difference between life and death. Take for example standing on top of a building fifteen stories tall. Someone may tell you if you jump you will only break your leg. The acceleration due to gravity is 9.8 meters per second squared. The combination of the speed of the fall along with the height will result in much more than a broken leg... probably death. It is imperative that we know what truth is or we will be susceptible to any attacks the enemy may launch against us. 2 Peter 3:17-18 (The Message) explains it this way. *"But you, friends, are well-warned. Be on guard lest you lose your footing and get swept off your feet by these lawless and loose-talking teachers. Grow in grace and understanding of our Master and Savior, Jesus Christ. Glory to the Master, now and forever! Yes!"* Many people have the gift of persuasion and use it to their advantage. That is why we must study the Word so we can know the truth when we hear it. Pursuing the wisdom Christ offers will never lead you astray.

## STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

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

July 2, 2023

Discover the Vision **N/A** Sunday School **20** New Members **2**  
In-Person Worship **440** Worship Service (Streaming) **96**

Tithes and Offering	\$15,029.80
Sacrificial Offering	\$410.00
Food Pantry	\$190.00
Scholarship	\$4,060.00
Sunday School	\$10.00
Children's Church	\$5.00
Online Giving	\$16,971.02
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$36,700.82</b>

**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!

## MANHOD MONTH

July 2023

<b>SUN 2</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
<b>4</b>		<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY CHURCH &amp; OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>6</b>	7:00 PM	<b>QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE</b> Via Zoom or in-person
<b>SUN 9</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
<b>15</b>	10:00 AM	<b>MEN'S COOKOUT</b> Piney Wood Park
<b>SUN 16</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
<b>22</b>	9:00 AM	<b>LIFEBUILDER'S CONFERENCE MEN'S WORDSHOP</b>
<b>SUN 23</b>	9:30 AM	<b>CELEBRATION OF MANHOOD SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL SUNDAY</b> Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
<b>SUN 30</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website

### 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"*

## Manhood Month



## "Building Worshippers"

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

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

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



## 12 Things You Won't Regret Doing with Your Youth

By Sue Schlesman [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com)

What are some of the essentials? What would someone experienced say about some good parenting ideas for the Christian parent? Here are 12 things you won't regret doing, things may take time and energy but are worth every moment. They could very well be essential tips to Christian parenting without regret:

**1. Getting dirty and playing with your youth.** Sports, coloring, games, Legos, dolls, whatever. Just be a child with them. You will learn how they think and what they're processing by actually playing with them. Plus, it's fun to be young again.

**2. Doing the bedtime routine.** Not a quick "get-in-bed-this-minute-because-I-don't-want-to-see-you-til-morning" routine. Read a few books or talk about their day and let them drag it out a little. When the lights are low and you're snuggled in tight under the covers, your children will open up their little hearts to you. Sitting in bed with your children can give them the freedom to talk about their faith, their relationships, and their fears. Sometimes, stay while they drift off to sleep, watching those thick lashes flutter and the heavy breathing begin. Watching them drift off to sleep can fill you with wonder and thankfulness.

**3. Traveling on road trips and vacations.** Take a trip...even a little one...or a day one. Focus on being together; lay a foundation of security, happiness, and fun. It really doesn't matter what you do or where you go, and you don't have to spend a fortune to do it.

**4. Celebrating birthdays.** Make a big deal out of birthdays because it's a day when your child is center-stage. Make birthday celebrations more about surprise, joy, family, and friends than about supplying material wants. Build happy memories with your children that they can file away in their hearts and brains. Plan parties and take pictures. These days provided golden opportunities to value your youth as individuals and layer confidence and community in their hearts.

**5. Taking field trips.** Educational experiences, like museums and battlefields, provide a rich environment for children to develop an appetite for hands-on learning. When your youth grow up equating education

with fun and family, you reap a double-benefit: children learn to enjoy whatever they're doing (i.e. you're not the entertainment committee), and they also learn a lot of important information about science, history, art, literature, and human nature. As their spiritual leader, you also get to weave God's truth into everything you experience—something they may not be getting during the school day.

**6. Attending their practices, games, programs, and concerts.** At times, your children's events seem unending, but they are worth the investment of your time, as much or more than the investment of your child's time. These activities reinforce your child's identity and security. While your child's skill may reinforce that they are good at something, your attendance tells your child that they are worth your time. Your presence says *You're valuable, whether you're successful or not.* Parents who only show up for the big game or the big performance may be sending the message that *I care how you perform more than I care how you develop as a person.*

**7. Making church a priority.** Without being legalistic, make church a high and inflexible part of your family routine. Don't skip church, because that teaches youth to crave the Sunday experience and feel a void without it. Even though there are a lot of activities that vie for a family's attention on a Sunday morning, going to church should be a regular habit—not to check the box of being a good Christian—but because regular attendance communicates to your children that the body of Christ is a priority. Christian friends, discipleship, worship, and serving are all critical components of spiritual growth that can't be fully realized outside the context of the local church.

**8. Doing mission together.** Your church and community offer endless opportunities for service that will generate in them a selflessness for others and a sense of responsibility. Reaching out into different cultures expands your child's worldview and nurtures thankfulness. It doesn't matter what you do, just show your children the joy of serving the body of Christ and the world.

**9. Requiring the children to do regular household chores.** However you decide to divide chores and teach fiscal responsibility, emphasize to your children that families pitch in for the benefit of all.

**10. Demanding obedience, honesty, and respect.** Children learn integrity by watching it lived out by their parents. If you manipulate, bribe, or trick

your youth into behaving, they will likely grow up being good only when it benefits them. (In God's vernacular, that's not holiness; it's convenience.) And here's the real test: demand obedience everywhere, even in the grocery store. The cart is full, and your three-year-old throws an unholy fit. What should you do? Here's some wisdom: *Leave your cart and leave the store. Go to the car to discipline them. Or go home, if you have to. But*



*whatever you do, do not buy your child candy...no bribes from adults. Discipline them (whatever that means in your parenting world).* If you didn't realize it, discipline is never convenient. But it's much better to endure pouting now than rebellion later.

**11. Teaching, learning, and living the Bible.** Read Bible stories...memorize Bible verses...sing gospel songs...save pennies for the offering plate. Refer the chain of command upward: *Daddy and Mommy obey Jesus, and you must obey Daddy and Mommy. (That's how you obey Jesus.)* When parents model what following Christ looks like, children learn that Christianity is a lifestyle, not a religion. That's when the Christian life sticks.

**12. Living your own life.** Strive to fulfill the calling God has placed on you. This isn't an easy task with life pulling at you. Do not live life *for* my youth. Live for God's glory. This perspective changes everything. Children and Youth learn to the value of prioritizing marriage, service, and personal health by watching you make time for maintaining these priorities in your life, even at the expense of saying *no* to them. Love your children without making your home child-centered. The result will be young adults who realize the world doesn't revolve around them, who believe they have a responsibility to make their community a better place, in and outside the church.

As a parent, you will make many mistakes, so don't make perfection your goal because you will never

achieve it. But you can love your children and raise them to be responsible, polite, God-glorifying adults. That's the real objective in parenting anyway. Parenting is about God's mission for the world.



WANTED:  
Perfect Parents  
Godly

