



September 3, 2023
9:30 a.m.

PRAISE & ADORATION

Praise & Worship.....Praise Team

Scripture

Prayer

Hymn.....#303”No Not One”

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Special Announcement Sister Yvonne White

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.**

CHURCH NEWS

2024 Budget Forms Due: Ministries should have received their 2024 budget forms by now. All 2024 Budget request forms must be completed and submitted no later than Friday, September 15th. Budget forms should be emailed to Treasurer Maggie Bryant at treasurer@firstcalvary.org or placed in the Treasurer mailbox at the church. Please contact Maggie Bryant at magsmags@aol.com or 919-264-3183 with any questions regarding the budget or the budget forms.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES!! Let’s connect, reconnect, meet & greet! **SAVE THE DATE** for our upcoming Couples FAMILY Cookout on September 30 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Details are forthcoming but the excitement is already here!!!

"The Sunday School Ministry will host teachers' training sessions on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please let Minister Monroe know if you would like to attend these training sessions and become part of the Sunday School Ministry.

Until further notice there will be a **"Combined Women’s and Men’s Class"** There will be no men's class until further notice. The combined class will use the Women's Zoom information posted in the program. If you have any questions, please contact Minister Harriett Monroe, Sunday School Superintendent via email: sundayfcbc@gmail.com.

The **Youth/Intermediate Class** will be combined with the Teen class starting September 3, 2023, until further notice.

Promotion Sunday is Sunday, September 24th during worship service. Teachers, please provide the names of the students who will be promoted to Superintendent, Minister Harriett Monroe.

Scouting Ministry We are so excited to kick off our new scouting 2023-2024 year! We will meet on Tuesday Sept. 5th 6:00-7:30pm. **Our leaders will be waiting on YOU! No virtual meeting this year!!**

All returning Girl Scouts must renew your membership on line by Sept. 30th to participate for the 2024 year which will start on Oct. 1st. New and returning Girl Scout parents, in order for you to participate and travel with your child you must have an adult membership and a background check. The cost is \$25.00

All Boy Scouts and parents need to see Scout Master Portia Sidberry concerning your registration. **Parents must have a current membership and background check for you to travel and participate with your son.**

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.

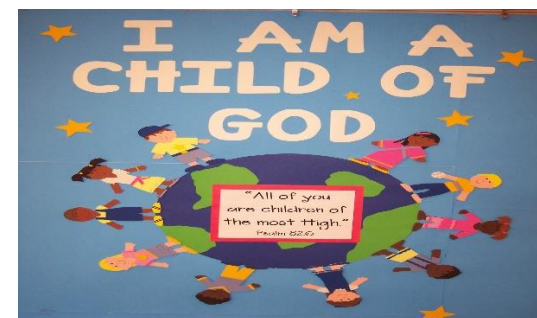
TIME FOR THE “MID-WEEK TUNE UP”! Join the Prayer Conference Call on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m., call 712-432-1001, enter code "494132935#". **This call is led by Pastor Lavarin.** Please **ONLY** use the above listed number for this Wednesday call. Additionally, **AND THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.... PLEASE MAKE 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.

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
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
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
6M: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
	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



Pastoral Affirmation of the Week:



**“Don’t just believe IN God,
Believe GOD!” –
Pastor Marc**

From Pastor Marc Lavarin:

Pastor Lavarin would like to meet and greet all First Calvary Baptist Church Young Adults (college students and persons ages 18-38), September 17th in the Fellowship Hall after church. Light refreshments will be served. If you will be attending call the church office – 919-489-4184 or email Mary Gilmer at wibbie.gilmer@gmail.com



Please complete the survey included in your bulletin. We need to hear from you to see what your likes and interest are.

Good things coming soon for all our Mature Adults!

THE DEACON’S MESSAGE

Things would go more smoothly in our lives if we made a conscious decision to let some things go. We hang on to mistakes, failures and broken promises as if holding on to them would make the outcome different. When we allow this to happen regularly it begins to cloud our view of the world and the people God places in our path. The beauty of having a relationship with Christ is that it brings us into a world of grace. Christ forgives us when we make mistakes and that same forgiveness and grace should be extended to the people we encounter. Proverbs 17:9, NLT puts it this way: *“Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.”* Sometimes it is just easier to let it go and forgive. Isn’t that what grace is all about?

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

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

August 27, 2023

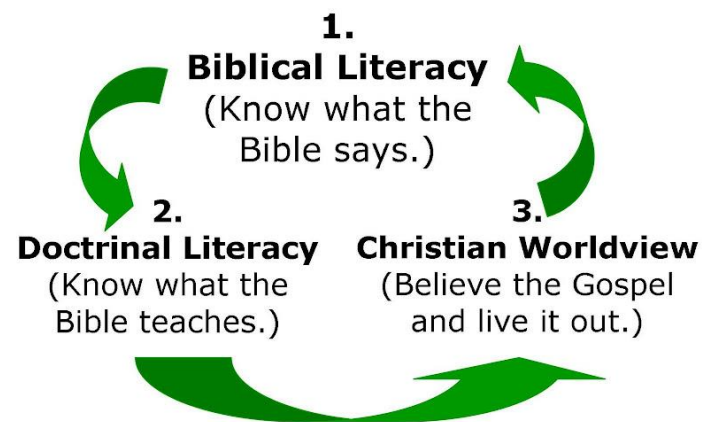
Discover the Vision Sunday School 55 New Members 2
In-Person Worship 380 Worship Service (Streaming) 984

Tithes and Offering	\$32,922.92
Sacrificial Offering	\$325.00
Food Pantry	\$155.00
Scholarship	\$15.00
Sunday School	\$107.00
Children’s Church	\$0.00
Mission	\$0.00
Online Giving	\$16,242.68
Total Giving	\$49,165.60

PLEASE REMEMBER: Wearing a Mask is optional.

**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.**

**The PURPOSE of
Christian Education**



by Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MONTH

SUN 3	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
SUN 10	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
SUN 17	9:30 AM	GRANDPARENTS DAY Stream on Facebook & Website
SUN 24	9:30 AM	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROMOTION SUNDAY

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

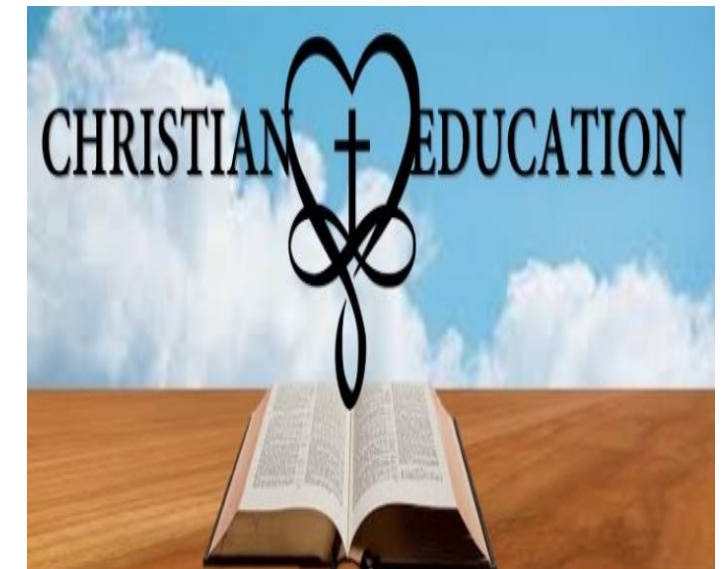
WANGS & LAUGHS COMEDY SHOW

September 21, 2023....7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
 7:30 WANGS AND THINGS.
 8:00 p.m. Show Time!
 \$20.00 Fund Raiser by WECF, Inc.

Comedians: Grave Digger, Lady Shamar, WhyteOwl and Janeen Middleton
 our very own (Dink Ghettorrauchi)
 Brother Donnell Kearney will be the HOST!
 For more information, contact Chairman Fredrick A. Davis –
 919-616-4819 or contact WECF, Inc. Office - 919-536-4201



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SUNDAY-Worship- 9:30am
Sunday School-11:15am

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



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

Sunday School Teacher's training

September 24th
Sunday School Promotion Sunday



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,

Collection boxes are located near the Church Office & in the Vestibule. You can visit the Church and drop off items contactless.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!



FCBC Sunday School: Combined Women's & Men's Class

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87051820331>

Join by Telephone

+1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 817 6384 6441

Passcode: 672115

FCBC Sunday School: Singles Class

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82186642323?pwd=TINKV EZ2UWgyclhOZVdacXpKUm1Zdz09>

Meeting ID: 821 8664 2323

Password: 353779

Dial by your location

929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 821 8664 2323

Passcode: 353779

FCBC Sunday School: Couples' Class

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3786293858?pwd=aTdzZW 94MnZZMnF1TUVWdGNWejIEZz09>

Meeting ID: 378 629 3858

Password: 878147

One tap mobile

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FCBC Sunday School: Beginner Class

Ages 3-5

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85433735526?pwd=S055Z HU3VWNCTXBBZ1ZocVk3R09QUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 3373 5526

Passcode: 635090

FCBC Sunday School: Primary Class

Ages 6-8

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86871662954?pwd=RFVz K0Z6Q1ZsMjVTQS9MSWZ4R0ZPZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 7166 2954

Passcode: 037674

FCBC Sunday School: Junior/Intermediate Class

Ages 9-12

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83428893130?pwd=QVox WUdkcFV0R2lxbDhGaUZnZGIHUT09>

Meeting ID: 2543615342

Passcode: 175175

FCBC Sunday School: Teen Class

Ages 13-17

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81023410603?pwd=RGU1a TVKTS9Ta29OL3VhQzd2ZE1Udz09>

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 password is required

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 spiritual formation. (See church website for listing of all ZOOM Sunday School Classes each Sunday at 11:00 am)





First Calvary Baptist Church's Vision Fast:

1. Join us for prayer. We will be praying 3 times a day. If you are not able to join us, please join us at least once a day. Prayer will be held at 7AM, 12N, and 7PM.

The Prayer Information:

Conference Call – (712) 432 1001
Access Code – 494132935#

All Fast will take place during the 12-hour window of 7AM – 7PM. In addition to joining us for prayer, we are asking participants to choose from the following options.

Option 1 – Fasting from Social Media/Television/Radio

- For this option, we are asking people to fast from leisure time on social media, television, or radio. **If you need to be on social media, television or radio for work, you are free to utilize these mediums during work time.** This fast is intended for participants who would like to clear their mind from distractions that can be found in social media.

Option 2 – Fruit, Vegetables, and Water ONLY (Please drink plenty of water)

- For this option, we are asking people to ONLY EAT Fruit, Vegetables and WATER ONLY! This option is intended for participants who would like to fast from food, but may not be ready or able to fast from food for 12 hours a day. **Please make sure that you speak with your primary care physician before making any changes to your diet. Please also continue to take all necessary medications that you have**

been prescribed. Your fast should not interfere with your health.

Option 3 – Food and ONLY WATER

- For this option, participants are asked to fast from food and beverages except for water. Participants in this option are encouraged to drink plenty of water as this option is very difficult. **Please make sure that you speak with your primary care physician before making any changes to your diet. Please also continue to take all necessary medicines that you have been prescribed. Your fast should not interfere with your health.**

**** Please see fasting information on the back of this sheet.****

What is Fasting?

You may be shocked to find out that scripture does not require Christians to fast. You might ask yourself, if scripture doesn't require us to fast then why should we? While scripture does not require Christians to fast, scripture does reveal the importance of fasting. In the Old Testament, fasts were frequently called forth by leaders of a congregation during critical and despairing times (Jeremiah 26:9, Joel 1:14, Daniel 1:8). In the New Testament, Jesus' earthly ministry is preceded by 40 days of prayer and fasting (Matthew 4). Likewise, in the early church, Christians would couple prayer and fasting as a means to hear from God, especially before making important decisions (Acts 13:2; 14:23). Fasting is an opportunity for Christians to practice the fruit of self-discipline, by abstaining from personal pleasure and fixing their entire attention on God. Although many people will choose to abstain from food during their fast, food is not the only means of fasting. Believers can choose to abstain from anything that can potentially serve as a distraction in their pursuit of seeking God.

How to Fast?

Before embarking on a fast, participants should prepare themselves mentally, physically, and spiritually. Keep in mind, that fasting is not a form of dieting, and all participants should consult their primary care physicians before making any changes to their diet. We also suggest preparing your meals in advance, in order to maximize and focus your time and energy. Remember, the objective of fasting is not only to eliminate things from your daily

routine, but also to replace them with prayer. If you usually eat breakfast at a certain time during the day, replace that time by spending time in prayer. If you normally watch TV when you get home from work, consider replacing that time with reading the word of God. As you fast, it is important to be consistent. However, if you break your fast by accident or even miss a few days, don't beat yourself up or give up. Rather, get right back to your fasting objectives. Remember, the objective isn't to be perfect, the objective is to be transformed.

What Fasting is Not:

Necessary for salvation – it is a work and therefore incapable of saving
A way of maneuvering or manipulating the will of God
A spiritual gift or badge of anointing/boasting (Mt. 6:16)
A diet

Biblical Reasons to Fast

During critical and despairing times (Jeremiah 26:9, Joel 1:14, Daniel 1:8)
Preparation for assignments (Matthew 4)
Important decisions (Acts 13:2; 14:23)
Spiritual Strengthen (Mark 9:29)

Biblical Outcomes of Fasting

Subdue the Flesh
Strengthen the Spirit
Discern the Will of God
Solidarity with Believers



**First Calvary Baptist Church
Mature Adults Survey
Please return to the church
office by September 17th.**

1. What is your age demographic?

- a. 65 – 70
- b. 70-75
- c. 75 and over

2. What are some activities or resources that you would like to see offered at FCBC?

3. What are some of your greatest challenges or issues that are facing the aging?

4. What group activities would you like to see here at your church?

5. Would you be interested in attending a monthly lunch & learn that is geared towards your well-being?

- a. Yes
- b. No

6. Would you able to drive to church once a month to attend activities designed just for you?

- a. Yes
- b. No

7. In this season of life, what are your physical needs? Social needs? Emotional needs?

8. What resources do you need assistance with?

9. What kind of music ministers to your spirit?

10.Can you share your core values with us? What gives you a sense of inner peace?

11.Do you exercise through the week, if so what kind?

12.Do you have children or grandchildren? If so, how many?

13.If we were to have two worship services on Sunday morning, would you attend (in-person) the early service or the later service? For example (8AM and 10:30AM)

- a. Early Service (8AM)
- b. Later Service (10:30AM)

Please explain why?
