



October 22, 2023
9:30 a.m.

CHURCH NEWS

2023 Fall Love Offering: Attention all College Students: Please complete the Fall Love Offering form listed on the Scholarship ministry page (scholarship@firstcalvary.org) by 1pm on October 22,2023 if you wish to receive the Fall Love Offering. Please do not place the form in the Ministry mailbox as we will only accept online requests. Please contact Brenda Carter (brenda_6470404@yahoo.com) or Traci Boone (traci_boone2000@yahoo.com) if you have any questions

FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP: Deacons Jeffrey Forde, Jerry Guerrier and George Perry will be hosting a family fellowship on October 28th from 10:00-12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at First Calvary Baptist Church. Please register by contacting your deacon by Friday, October 20, 2023.

FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP: Deacons Moses Davenport, Allen Davis, and Anthony Privette will be hosting a family fellowship on October 29th from 12:15-2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at First Calvary Baptist Church. Please register by using the attached link or by contacting your deacon by Friday, October 20, 2023.
<https://bit.ly/FCBC-DFF1029>

FUN, FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP: Deacons Wesley Alston, Larry Carver, Gregory Hatcher, and Reginald J. Lipscomb will be hosting a family fellowship on November 4, 2023, from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at First Calvary Baptist Church. Please register by contacting your Deacon by Saturday, October 21st. Deacon Wesley Alston (919) 698 5790; Deacon Larry Carver (919) 308-6294; Deacon Gregory Hatcher (919) 943-0844; Deacon Reginald Lipscomb (919) 740-0702

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL HOURS: The hours for Sunday School is 11:15 am to 12:15 pm

Until further notice there will be a "**Combined Women's and Men's Class**" The combined class will use the Women's Zoom information posted in the program. The Combined Women's and Men's Sunday School class will relocate to Classroom #3 (Primary) and The Primary Class will relocate to the Church Conference room. Primary class teachers, parents and students please enter and exit through the hallway door and not through the church office door.

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

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	Crosdaile Village Pavilion	2600 Crosdaile Farms Parkway 27705
Sis. Rachelle Nelums	Pruitt Health	Erwin Road 27707
Bro. Michael Wilson	Durham Senior & Reha Center	411 S. Lasalle Street 27705

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



It is time to select officers for your ministry. Please submit your 2024 officers to Sister Mary Gilmer, church clerk, by November 26th. Information should be sent to Gilmer@firstcalvary.org.

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	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 (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

PRAISE & ADORATION

Praise & Worship.....Praise Team

Scripture

Prayer

Hymn.....#414....."We've Come This Far by Faith"

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: E³
Empower spiritual lives,
Enhance quality of life,
& Evangelize the lost

From Pastor Marc Lavarin:

“God has, God is, and God will forever be on your side!”



We have come this far by faith. For over 139 years, First Calvary has stood as a beacon of light for the city of Durham. We have not arrived at this place and time on our own. As a matter of fact, we stand on the shoulders of those who prayed, labored, and believed that God would be faithful.

As a new pastor, I frequently think about my predecessors and the many ways in which they each were faithful to the vision and assignment that God placed in their hearts. Truth be told, it was not just the pastors of First Calvary, it was the members. The men and women who believed that God’s promises would be fulfilled through their prayers, giving, and service.

While we can look to them in great appreciation and gratitude, the question we must ask ourselves is what will they say about us? 61 years from now, when the members of First Calvary prepare to celebrate their bicentennial of their existence, what will they say of the beliefs of 2023? I am inspired to leave a legacy of generosity, service, and worship!

Today we see all of God’s promises fulfilled in our church. It is a reminder that God does not slack concerning his promises! God is faithful! He will not leave us nor forsake us! First Calvary, enjoy 139 years of our existence.

Happy Birthday, First Calvary!

Best,
Marc

THE DEACON’S MESSAGE

African American hymn writer Albert Goodson reflected on the past and remembered the faithfulness of the Lord when he wrote, “Oh, oh, oh, can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith!” Happy 139th Anniversary, First Calvary! As we reflect on our God-inspired journey, we remember His faithfulness. It was God who brought us this far, and God will take us forward toward the next powerful chapters of the First Calvary story. It is a story of faith, it is a story of hope, it is a story of service, and it is a story of community. What a blessing to share this time together, with hands lifted up with praise, hearts full of joy, and feet that cannot, and will not turn around!

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

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

October 15th, 2023

Discover the Vision Sunday School 54 New Members 0
In-Person Worship 241 Worship Service (Streaming) 749

Tithes and Offering	\$8,909.78
Sacrificial Offering	\$850.00
Food Pantry	\$45.00
Scholarship	\$10.00
Sunday School	\$15.00
Children’s Church	\$11.00
Mission	\$0.00
Gift/Donation	\$1,000.00
Online Giving	\$19,011.96
Total Giving	\$29,852.74

TODAY’S MINISTRY THROUGH SERVICE

Music:	Praise Team
Director of Music Ministries:	Minister Michael Dotson
Senior Church Musician:	Brother Tony Rhodes
Bass Player:	Brother David Cannady
Percussionist:	Brother Andre Sanders
Saxophonist:	Brother Lynwood Jones
Videographers:	Sister Hilary Fearington/ Dr. Toni McIntosh/ Sister Gail Hendricks/ Sister Barbie Bolden
Audio Team	Brother Ivan Holloway/ Deacon Darryll Gadson/ Deacon Xavier Cason/ Brother Michael Hill/ Deacon Calvin Squires/ Brother Derrick Garrett



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY MONTH

SUN 1	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
SUN 8	9:30 AM	Breast Cancer Awareness Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
SUN 15	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
SUN 22	9:30 AM	139TH Church Anniversary Stream on Facebook & Website
SUN 29	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website

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“A Historical Nugget”

Pastors Of First Calvary Baptist Church

- W. D. Smith: 1926 - 1928*
- H. H. Hart: 1935 - 1937 & 1947 - 1953*
- C. E. McLester: 1937 -1947*
- A. L. Thompson: 1954 - 1979*
- V. S. Thompson: 1980 -1986*
- Paul Jackson: 1987 -1989*
- Fredrick A. Davis: 1991 - 2021*
- Marc A. Lavarin 2022 - Present*



“An Exciting Church Excited About Its Mission”



Church Anniversary And Sacrificial Giving Sunday

Celebrating 139 Years Of Faith and Legacy

October 22, 2023

Theme for the Year
“Building on God’s Foundation”

Theme for the Month
“Building Vision”

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

PROJECT FINE (A Tutorial Ministry) is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to serve. If you are interested in volunteering as a Tutor with any skills each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Please contact WECF, Inc at 919-536-4201 or Chairman Fredrick Davis at 919-616-4819. We will need students to sign up each week starting October 7, 2023, so Parents/Guardians check your students report cards coming out soon and bring them to this long-standing work of the West End Community!

FACILITY USE FORMS: If you are in need of scheduling a meeting, please complete a Facility Use form three weeks prior to the event to the church office. All meeting spaces must be approved by the church office.



JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY....
Wednesdays, 7pm
Via Zoom (Meeting ID: 932 281 4455, [Password: 573710](#))
or the Church Facebook page
You can meet us in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday. Plan now to come out and learn more about the Vision.



SPONSORS NEEDED

**It is that time again where we can help someone else. On November 5th you will be able to select a child with a Christmas wish. Mark your calendars now. We are looking to serve at least 200 families. Remember GENEROSITY is part of our Vision!
Giving is our privilege.**



It is time to select officers for your ministry. Please submit your 2024 officers to Sister Mary Gilmer, church clerk, by November 26th. Information should be sent to Gilmer@firstcalvary.org.

Attention Sunday School Teachers Only! Come join us, we are having a ministry fellowship potluck on Saturday, November 4th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at 305 Chestnut Oak Place, Durham, NC. Please plan on attending this opportunity for fun, fellowship, and get to know your fellow co-laborers in Christ! If you are planning on attending, contact Minister Harriett Monroe for further details at harriettpratt@gmail.com.

There will be no Sunday School on November 5th. There will be a meet and greet for the parents/youth to get to know the new Director of Next Generation Ministries, Minister Jasmine Mitchell during this time.



ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL: FCBC Youth Council invites you to join us for an evening of fun, food, games, and entertainment on Tues. October 31, 2023, from 5:30pm-8:30pm at the Annual Harvest Festival "Trunk or Treat" at FCBC.

Please **REGISTER** by Oct. 22 at <https://bit.ly/HFEST2023>, if you plan to attend this event.

Any questions, please contact Sister Demisha Grimsley at (919) 724-1307 or email youthministry@firstcalvary.org

[QR Code for Flyer – Registration Form for General Admission](#)



HARVEST FEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need **VOLUNTEERS** to help with the Annual Harvest Festival "Trunk or Treat". event. There is something for everyone to do! Areas to serve includes game stations, food, field activities, stuffing candy bags, registration, arts & crafts, décor, runners, traffic control, entertainment, etc.

If you are interested in serving as a **VOLUNTEER** please **REGISTER** by Oct. 22 at <https://bit.ly/HFESTVOL2023>

[QR CODE for Registration of HFEST Volunteers & "Trunk or Treat" Participants](#)



VEHICLES NEEDED for TRUNK OR TREAT: Decorate your vehicle... Have your ride at the HFest! Fantastic opportunity to showcase your creativity and win some prizes! If you are interested in decorating your vehicle during the Trunk or Treat showcase, please **REGISTER** by Oct. 22 at <https://bit.ly/HFESTVOL2023>

Attention all classic cars, hot wheels, and hot rod enthusiasts! We invite you to join us in displaying your cherished cars and motorcycles at the Annual Harvest Festival, taking place on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at FCBC. To secure your spot, please reach out to Michael and Minè Hill at 919-475-1630

It's Harvesting Time! The Youth Council is seeking **Candy and Healthy Snacks Donations** for the Annual HFest/Trunk or Treat event held Tues. October 31, 2023, from 5:30pm - 8:30pm at FCBC. All **DONATIONS** are welcome and will be **accepted from 10/08 - 10/29**. Please place all donations in the designated HFest collection bins located near the church office mailboxes and outside of fellowship hall.

Community Service Opportunity: YOUTH AGES 12-18 in high school....Come join the Youth Council as we serve our community at the Mobile Market on October 14, 2023 (Sat.) from 9:00am - 12:00pm at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church, 504 West Chapel Hill St. Durham NC, 27701.

Please **REGISTER** at <https://bit.ly/YCMOBILEMARKET> by Oct. 12, 2023 so we can plan accordingly.

Community service hours will be provided for all registered participants, if needed. Any questions, please contact youthministry@firstcalvary.org or Demisha Grimsley at 919-724-1307.

Community Service Opportunity: CHILDREN AGES 5-11....Come join the Youth Council for a day of community service at the Durham Food Bank "KidsDay" event located at 2700 Angier Avenue, Suite A, Durham, NC 27703.
Service Dates: Saturday, Nov. 04 (1:00pm -3:00pm) or Nov. 11 (10:00am – 12:00pm).

Please **REGISTER** at <https://bit.ly/YC-KIDSDAY> by Oct. 29, 2023, if you plan to attend. Limited slots available, so sign up TODAY! Any questions, please contact youthministry@firstcalvary.org or Demisha Grimsley at 919-724-1307.



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 EZ2UWgyclhOZVdacXpKUmlZdz09>

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 94MnZzMnFITUVWdGNWUjZz09>

Meeting ID: **378 629 3858**
Password: **878147**
One tap mobile
+13126266799,,3786293858#,,0#,,878147#

FCBC Sunday School: Beginner Class

Ages 3-5
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85433735526?pwd=S055Z HU3VWNCTXBZ1ZocVk3R09QUT09>

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 KOZ6Q1ZsMjVTQS9MSWZ4R0ZPZz09>

Meeting ID: **818 7955 6365**
Passcode: **892947**

FCBC Sunday School: Junior/Intermediate Class

Ages 9-12
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83428893130?pwd=QVox WUdkcFV0R2IxbDhGaUZnZGIHUT09>
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 the 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)



GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN OCTOBER!

**October 8th
Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday**

**October 22nd
139th Church Anniversary
Sacrificial Sunday**

**October 31st
Annual Harvest Festival**



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!!

SERMON NOTES

Listen prayerfully and attentively to the message. Allow God to saturate you with every spiritual thought. Pray with the Pastor that God will speak through him to His people.

Date: _____

Scripture: _____

Today's Sermon: _____

The general thought of the Sermon: _____

Special Points of the Sermon:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



READ AND STUDY YOUR BIBLE DAILY!

**Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,
A heart that forgives the worse,
A mind that forgets the bad,
And a soul that never loses faith in God!**