

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We say a special thank you this week to our Senior Missionaries and the Daughters of Calvary for their work and efforts on Missions Sunday! Also, we send a shout out and thanks to the Christian Education Ministry, Youth Ministry, and the West Community Foundation, Inc. for their efforts during Back to School Night, and to the Daughters of Calvary for a successful Clothing Giveaway. Ministry certainly is going on at First Calvary, even as August comes to a close.

Well, it's that time of year...time for a bit of reflection. On August 25, 1991, I preached for the first time as Pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church. I still remember...there were only about 150 active members when we arrived. Bible Study only had about 10 – 15 folks in attendance, with no youth because they were coming on Fridays and Saturdays for activities. WOW...we have come a long way together, First Calvary! What a mighty God we serve. I am honored that God has allowed me to serve as Pastor of this church for TWENTY FIVE years. My question now is "God, what will You have me to do?" I am still excited about serving as the Undershepherd of this flock and I am sure with my remaining time here we can be even more excited to work towards a Spirit of Excellence!

Henry Blackaby, writer and retired Pastor, once said, "The number one job of a Pastor is to hear from God and then bring that message back to the people." I pray that God helps me keep a Pastor's heart and that I remain a Pastor who always asks, "NOW WHAT?" and then says, "LOOK AT GOD!" First Calvary, I believe that God has appointed and anointed us to do ministry together in an excellent way! One Pastoral consultant raised these questions to examine, "Are the people closer to God because of what I'm doing? Are they more Christ-like today because my life has touched them in response to God's appointing me here? Are they challenged to be one of His Disciples?" I pray that our efforts in ministry help build people who know what Discipleship, Stewardship, Fellowship, Worship and Relationship are all about. This reflection is bittersweet this year, as I said farewell to my God-Brother, my childhood elementary classmate, the Best Man in our Wedding 37 years ago..... Dr. Elton Keith Gaddy, MD, in Phenix City, Alabama... but through it all, even in 'the sting of death' and sadness I can still say "Thanks Be to God" for keeping me and for allowing me to Pastor this wonderful congregation for a quarter of a century!

We end this week by saying thank you to each of you for your Food Pantry donations. It is so important and we thank you for your continued support of this missionary effort. Let's continue this challenge through the end of the year! Yes, let's keep the dry beans, rice, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, tuna and other non-perishable items coming...all year! It's still August (at least for a few more days) and it's still Missions Month...and we are still AN EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION!

Bring your Food Pantry donations this month!

This Week: Go with the GRAIN!
 Donate Cereal & Rice (100 items for one more week!)

THE DEACON'S MESSAGE

"All you who fear the LORD, trust the LORD! He is your helper and your shield. The LORD remembers us and will bless us...." Psalm 115:11-12, NLT "His Help and His Shield..." You have sought the help of the Lord by praying to Him. Sometimes we receive an answer, or help immediately, and other times, we are required to wait faithfully till God comes. When we pray, we can be certain that God hears us the moment we call. Our communication to Him is not halted by frayed fiber optic lines. There is no busy signal requiring us to call back again. He is not out of the office for lunch, or taking a much needed siesta from His hard work. He hears us when we cry, but answers come as His will for our lives is made clear... in His own time. We must trust the integrity of the Lord. What He says He will do, He will do! During the waiting period we cannot forget we have His help and His shield. Do not worry; God is working things out for you. You can believe you have His help. Know also, that as God is in the process of helping you, the enemy will attempt to swoop in to dismantle God's plans. Alas, hold up your shield of faith to stop any attack of doubt or unbelief. Until God comes, remember you have His help and His shield.

TODAY'S MINISTRY THROUGH SERVICE

Music:	Male Chorus
Director of Music Ministries:	Minister Michael Dotson
Church Musician:	Brother David Cannady
Percussionist:	Brother Andre Sanders
Saxophonist:	Brother Lynwood Jones
First Aide Ministry:	Deaconess Yvette Barrow
Encouragers:	Sister Rochelle Jackson/ Sister Sharon Crisp
Audio Technicians:	Brother Ronald Bethea/ Brother Robert Vance
Nursery Volunteers:	Joscelyne Brazile /Demisha Grimsley/ DeMya Oakley /Courtney Thomas
Videographers:	Sister Jackie Fountain/ Sister Toni McIntosh
Van Drivers Next Sunday:	Brother Jeff Forde/ Brother Ralph Mack

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

Our **Tithes & Offerings** must be **\$32,288.46** per Sunday to meet our budget. Thank you for giving!

August 21, 2016	
Bible Study 56	Sunday School 132
Early Worship 250	Worship Service 255
Tithes and Offering	\$16,016.67
Sacrificial Offering	\$1,071.00
Food Pantry	\$161.00
Children's Church	\$12.00
Gift/Donation	\$100.00
Mortgage Bearer Campaign	\$442.00
Scholarship	\$32.00
Sunday School	\$160.02
Online Giving	\$2,854.45
Total Giving	\$20,849.14

"ANOINTED & SENT" (Isaiah 61:1)
The 25th Pastoral Anniversary-Prayer Topic"
August- HEALING FOR THE LAND
 Pray for physical healing where there is need for Pastor & Mrs. Davis and the entire Davis family. Additionally, pray for physical healing for the entire FCBC Family.

MISSION MONTH

August 2016

3	12:00 noon	Noon Day Prayer	<i>Bring dry beans & soup this week!</i>
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise	
	7:00 PM	Bible Study	
SUN 7	7:45 AM	Early Morning Worship Service	<i>Bring pasta and pasta sauce this week!</i>
		Holy Communion	
	9:30 AM	Sunday School	
	10:30 AM	Service of Baptism	
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service	
		Holy Communion	
10	12:00 noon	Noon Day Prayer	
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise	
	7:00 PM	Bible Study	
SUN 14	7:45 AM	Early Morning Worship	<i>Bring hot dogs & tuna!</i>
	9:30 AM	Sunday School	
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service	
17	12:00 noon	Noon Day Prayer	
20	5:30 PM	BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT	
	8:00 AM	CLOTHING GIVEAWAY-Smith House	
SUN 21			<i>Bring canned vegetables this week!</i>
	7:45 AM	Early Morning Worship	MISSIONARY SUNDAY
	9:30 AM	Sunday School	
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service	
24	12:00 noon	Noon Day Prayer	
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise	
	7:00 PM	Bible Study	
SUN 28			<i>Bring cereal & rice this week!</i>
	7:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer	
	7:45 AM	Early Morning Worship	
	9:30 AM	Sunday School	
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service	
	4:00 PM	JOHNSON C. SMITH ALUMNI CONCERT	
31	12:00 noon	Noon Day Prayer	
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise	
	7:00PM	Bible Study	

NO FOOD, DRINK OR GUM IN THE SANCTUARY.
HELP KEEP THE BUILDING CLEAN BY DISPOSING OF TRASH.
 *Please remain standing
****Please refrain from walking during The Sermon**
Use the rear exit unless there is an emergency
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

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.

The Abbreviated FC Mission Statement:
E³: Empower spiritual lives, Enhance quality of life, & Evangelize the lost



"An Exciting Church Excited About Its Mission"

MISSION MONTH



First Calvary Baptist Church is a local Body of Christ which seeks to empower the spiritual lives of the people of Durham and its vicinity. It serves as a community-based congregation serving people of all socioeconomic standards, enhancing their quality of life by ministering to the whole person. We are committed to an evangelistic thrust which is centered around the biblical application of the principles and teachings of Jesus Christ.

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August 28, 2016

SUNDAY

Worship- 7:45am & 10:45am
 Sunday School-9:30am
 Children's Church-10:45am

WEDNESDAY

Noon Day Prayer- 12:00pm
 Prayer & Praise- 6:30pm
 Bible Study-7:00pm

"DEVELOPING AND LEADING DISCIPLES INTO SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE"



August 28, 2016

7:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship

CHURCH NEWS

PRAISE & ADORATION

Call to Worship/Scripture.....Minister
Prayer.....Deacon
Praise & Worship.....FCBC Praise Team
The Word in Song
The Time of Fellowship
Hymn.....#142

"How Great Thou Art"

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Health Tip (10:45 a.m.).....Dr. Keisha Gibson
Church News (10:45 a.m.)
Greeting (10:45 a.m.).....Sister Amy Trice
Special Presentation (10:45 a.m.).....Camp Calvary
Pastoral Concerns
Offertory Appeal.....Dea. Reginald Lipscomb (7:45 a.m.)
Offertory Prayer.....Minister

*Offertory Response....."All Things Come of Thee"

CARE & CONCERNS THROUGH PRAYER

Recognition of Returning Sick/Prayer Concerns
*Hymn of Dedication.....#391
Altar Call & Prayer.....Minister

WORSHIP THROUGH INSTRUCTION

**The Sermon.....Pastor Fredrick A. Davis
"A VISION GIVEN!"
Acts 10

*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

"Anointed & Sent" (Isaiah 61: 1)
Celebrating 25 Years of
Pastoral Ministry for
Pastor Fredrick A. Davis

FROM PASTOR DAVIS: JOIN US IN BIBLE STUDY...DEACON FAMILY UNITS THIS WEEK: Montgomery & Squires.

BEFORE I SAY I DO: We are registering for the next Before I Say I Do Class, October 2016 through June 2017...First Sunday of every month, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. This class is highly recommended for those that are engaged, contemplating marriage, or seriously dating, whether or not Pastor Davis will perform your marriage ceremony. Email info@firstcalvary.org to register.

Join the Prayer Conference Call on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. (712-432-1001, code "494132935#"), Noon Day Prayer (Wednesdays), and Intercessory Prayer (4th Sundays, 7:00 a.m.)

The Durham Area Chapter of JCSU Alumni will have their Annual Gospel Expo TODAY at 4:00 p.m. here at First Calvary. The First Calvary Mass Choir will minister during this Worship Event. Come out and lend your support...and hear some good Praise and Worship!

Until further notice, please send all Cares and Concerns and Prayer Requests, along with all Membership inquires and issues, to Sister Dennise Lindsay (919-489-4184 or lindsay@firstcalvary.org).

New disciples (12 & up) are urged and invited to attend the NEW DISCIPLES CLASS at 9:30 a.m. The lesson on September 4th is Lesson 3, "The Church Covenant".

BUDGET FORMS: 2017 Ministry Budget Forms are now available. All current ministry chairs have been emailed a form. Copies can also be obtained from the FCBC website and the Treasurer's mailbox. If you have any questions or need help completing your budget form please contact Treasurer David Deberry at treasurer@firstcalvary.org or (919) 697-3821.

SCOUTS: Calling all youth 5-18... COME JOIN THE SCOUTING MINISTRY! Scout Registration is on August 30th (Fellowship Hall), 6:00 p.m. ALSO... Adults are needed to be Scout Leaders. You can make a difference in the life of a young person. Contact Deaconess Janet Squires at (919)606-4801 for details and to join the team.

MISSION MONTH ITEMS: The ACT Ministry is collecting toiletries and cleaning supplies for the AIDS Community Residence Association. Please place donations in the plastic bin located in the Atrium area. Contact Sister Channelle Marsh at (919)248-0834 for more information.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY: Mark your calendars and join the Church Celebrations Committee as we begin planning First Calvary's 132nd Church Anniversary and Celebration. Planning will take place on the following dates: 9/8, 9/22, 10/6, 10/20. All meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS will meet on Monday, September 12th, at 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: All teachers, ministers, and those interested in Christian Education are invited to attend the Christian Education Workshop on Saturday, September 24th, 8:30 a.m. Mark your calendars and plan to be there.

FROM THE COMMUNITY: Girls Who Code Club @ WECF: Girls Who Code Club @ WECF is now taking applications for the 2016-'17 session. Girls Who Code Club @ WECF is currently the only public Girls Who Code Club in the Triangle. Girls Who Code is a national non-profit organization working to close the gender gap in technology. More information and the application can be found at https://sites.google.com/site/girlswhocodeclubwecf/. Applications are due by September 2nd. Please contact Dr. Alisha D. Malloy at girlswhocode.wecf@gmail.com for details.

ANOINTED & SENT: Celebrate 25 years of Pastoral Ministry for Pastor Davis with him and his family! Plan to attend the 25th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, November 11th, 6:30 p.m.-Meet and Greet, 7:00 p.m.-Celebration Banquet. Tickets are \$45 per person and \$80 per couple and are available after services in the Vestibule and Atrium.

YOUTH SERVICE-"COME ON TO THE HOUSE!": Teens age 12-18, come join us as we serve at the Durham Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, September 10th. We will make dinner and have fun activities with children with critical illnesses and their families. Meet at FCBC at 4:30 p.m. and serve at the House from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Sign up on the Youth Board downstairs, or email youthministry@firstcalvary.org.

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

Table with 2 columns: Name and Address. Includes Bro. Charles Hogan, Sis. Gussie Langley, Bro. Reynold Johnson, and Sis. Sylvia Torain.

AT HOME CARE

Table with 3 columns: Name, Address, and Phone Number. Lists various members and their contact information.

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

MON. & THURS.-August 29th & Sept. 1st
TUES.- August 30th
Psalms 150- 7:00pm
Praise Team- 6:30pm

MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

Table with 3 columns: Time, Activity, and Location. Lists various ministry meetings such as Intercessory Prayer Service, Discipleship Orientation Class, and various choir and committee meetings.

You are invited to join us for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.!