



December 4, 2016

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

CHURCH NEWS

FROM PASTOR DAVIS: The following individual has completed New Disciples Orientation Classes and will receive the Right Hand of Fellowship: Almeda Hobbs. Welcome New Member!

Members of our Music Ministry will celebrate the Season in song at a special concert with other churches this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. at Union Baptist Church.

Please plan to join us on December 14th at our "Annual Bring a Pot/Angel Tree Fellowship". Bring a dish that will feed about 6 folk and come enjoy the holiday fellowship! Additionally, Pastor & Mrs. Davis invite ALL VOLUNTEERS to be their special guests on December 21st for the Volunteer Appreciation Event. Thank you for your service to this Ministry! (Both events start at 7:00 p.m.)

THE BLACK NATIVITY will be held on December 16th-18th, 8:00 p.m. Friday / 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. on Saturday and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets can be purchased from Pastor Davis in support of WECF, Inc.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH & JANUARY 1ST, ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. ON BOTH DATES. COME CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS- WINTER CASUAL ATTIRE AND THE NURSERY WILL BE AVAILABLE. WATCH NIGHT SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 10:00 P.M.

New disciples (12 & up) are urged and invited to attend the NEW DISCIPLES CLASS at 9:30 a.m. The lesson on December 10th is Lesson 7, "What Baptists Believe (Part 2)".

ANGEL TREE: SPONSORS NEEDED: Please become an Angel Tree Sponsor. Send an email to mamatired3love@yahoo.com to get on the Sponsor List...or to lend a hand on December 14th.

THE MLK LOCK-IN REGISTRATION is available on our Church Website (www.firstcalvary.org). There are also registration forms in the back of the pews. The Lock-In is for youth ages 12 to seniors in High School. You must be 12 years old by January 15, 2017 to attend. TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER. Please contact Deaconess Janet Squires at (919)606-4801 or email youthmlklockin@firstcalvary.org with any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS meet on Monday, December 5th, 6:30 p.m.

POP: The next Pearls of Praise fellowship will be on Saturday, December 10th, 9:30 a.m. We will study "Strategy One: Your Passion" from the book Fervent: A Woman's Battle Plan for Serious, Specific, and Strategic Prayer by Priscilla Shirer. Minister Bevelina Davis will facilitate. The book is available at Christian bookstores or via online. Hope to see you there!

THE BEST WAY TO SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER, IS SINGING OUT LOUD FOR ALL TO HEAR! Children, Youth, and Adults are all invited to the Annual Christmas Caroling on Saturday December 10th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Afterward, join us at Wheels Fun Park from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., \$5.00 per person. To RSVP, sign up on the youth board or contact Minister Emily Carroll at carroll@firstcalvary.com. All money is due by December 4th.

MLK REGISTRATION TEAM: If you would like to work on the registration team for the MLK Lock-In on January 15, 2017 please email Deaconess Janet Squires at Youthmlklockin@firstcalvary.org or 919-606-4801 with your name and t-shirt size.

FROM THE COMMUNITY: LITERACY PROGRAM: IMA Leading Literacy in the Village Program seeks to increase the reading proficiency of students in grade K-3 at Lakewood Elementary. We need a minimum of ten (10) church literacy (reading) volunteers. Go to dpsnc.net and register as a Volunteer for the IMA Literacy in the Village Program training. Training class on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., CC Spaulding Elementary School. Please contact Sister Rebecca Oats (919-536-4201) to sign up and for more information. Sponsored by FCBC, DPS, IMA, and Lakewood Elementary.

FROM THE COMMUNITY: The James E. Shepard Sertoma Club (JESS) - The Club has been in existence over 34 years and has 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. Our name was chosen from a black man whose life was dedicated to "serving mankind" - Dr. James E. Shephard, Founder and Chancellor of NCCU. Our sponsorship focus and giving is around speech and hearing impairments. How can the Club help members of First Calvary? If you have a hearing impairment, the Club will provide free testing. Based on that testing and income criteria, the Club will purchase the needed hearing aids - free of charge to you. Testing and completing the application process can be done at the following Audiologist location: AUDIBEL, 1021 Broad Street, Durham, N. C. 27705, (919) 286-0759, www.hearingnc.com, Stephen Coulson, Audiologist

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.

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Table with 2 columns: Day and Time. MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE.

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

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PRAISE & ADORATION

Call to Worship/Scripture.....Minister
Acts 21: 1-16

Prayer.....Deacon

Praise & Worship.....FCBC Praise Team

The Word in Song

The Time of Fellowship

Hymn.....#244

"Down at the Cross"

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

The Church News.....Brother Robert White
(10:45 a.m.)

The Greeting.....Sister Jessica Berryman
(10:45 a.m.)

Pastoral Concerns

Offertory Appeal

Offertory Prayer.....Minister

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

Offertory Music

CARE & CONCERNS THROUGH PRAYER

Recognition of Returning Sick/Prayer Concerns

\*Hymn of Dedication.....#361
"Jesus Paid It All"

Altar Call & Prayer.....Minister

The Word in Song

WORSHIP THROUGH INSTRUCTION

\*\*The Sermon.....Pastor Fredrick A. Davis

"DOING GOD'S WILL"

Acts 21: 1-16

\*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.

The Presentation of New Members

The Communion Litany

The Holy Communion

\* Benediction

\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE and remain standing

\*\*Please refrain from walking during The Sermon

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Are you excited about "Christ"-mas coming? Not because of the "stuff" but because for the Christian it symbolizes the coming of our Savior!! JESUS IS TRULY THE REASON FOR THIS SEASON! Let us make sure that HE is being celebrated in our community, in our homes, and in our hearts. This is the second Sunday in the Christian celebration of Advent. The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin term "adventus" (or "coming"). Advent includes four Sundays, beginning with the Sunday after Thanksgiving (typically) and ending at sundown on Christmas Eve. Advent reminds us to focus on anticipating and preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ. Often churches and families celebrate Advent with an Advent Wreath, lighting a candle each week for the principles of the season (3 purple candles, one pink candle, and often one white candle to represent Christ). Today is the candle of Peace. Jesus offers the Peace beyond all understanding and He is the only Source of that fulfilling Peace.

Look around, First Calvary! Thank you to the Beautification Ministry and volunteers that helped with the Christmas decorations around the church. As we see the signs of the holiday and get involved in the hustle and bustle that this time of year brings, let us not forget the less fortunate. We also recognize that this month celebrates World Aids Day. We thank our ACT Ministry for their hard work in supporting those that deal with this disease and those that care for them.

Okay, we are rounding out 2016 and that means it is time for some end of the year activity here at First Calvary. Parents & Youth....it's Caroling Time on December 10<sup>th</sup>! Plan to be there....parents, we need your support. I know the city is having their parade but let's do us first. This is always a special time for our Youth to interact with and be a blessing to our elderly members and community friends. Our Ushers/First Aide Ministry will fellowship on this day as well. We will have our "Angel Tree Event" on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and fellowship with our Angel Tree recipients. This is a time that we can dine with families and share comforting messages with them in this season of need. We will rejoice with our Music and Christian Education Ministries on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Additionally, Mrs. Davis and I will host the "Volunteer Appreciation Fellowship" on December 21<sup>st</sup> for those that give of their time and talents within this Ministry. Plan to celebrate the Birth of our Savior on Christmas Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Lastly, we will close out 2016 with our Annual Watchnight Service on Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 p.m., and New Year's Worship at 9:30 a.m. Even in the final weeks of this year and moving into next year, there is much to do in the life of this ministry! Just remember, we need YOU to Join the Movement! It is also important that First Calvary Baptist Church continues to be that EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION!

**DEACON FAMILY UNITS THIS WEEK:** Davis, Martin, & Redmond.

**PRISON OUTREACH:** The Prison Ministry collects toiletry items to be distributed to Inmates. Please donate any hotel or purchased toiletries in the small basket near the Church Office.

**ACT MINISTRY DONATIONS:** The ACT Ministry is seeking donations of new hats and gloves for 5 women and 14 men at the residential communities managed by the AIDS Community Residence Association. Please place donations in the ACT ministry mailbox or give to Sister Channelle Marsh by Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

## THE DEACON'S MESSAGE

You may be in a place right now where you need to be rescued or liberated. The limits of your endurance have all but dissipated. You know you need to be rescued because you have exhausted all your strength and nothing has changed. Your problem is bigger than your strength, but not bigger than God. God is able to deliver us, but we have to be willing to open the door and let him come in. When you open the door to him you remove self and place your confidence and trust in him. Psalm 34:17 (NLT) says, "The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles." If you look closely over your life you will realize God has come to your rescue before and he is never a moment late or a minute too soon. We may have moments of courage which means our courage is bound by time. God is not bound by time, thus his courage is infinite. He has heard your cry and your hero is on the way.

### TODAY'S MINISTRY THROUGH SERVICE

<b>Music:</b>	<b>Psalm 150</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	<b>Minister Michael Dotson</b>
<b>Church Musician:</b>	<b>Brother David Cannady</b>
<b>Percussionist:</b>	<b>Brother Andre Sanders</b>
<b>Saxophonist:</b>	<b>Brother Lynwood Jones</b>
<b>First Aide Ministry:</b>	<b>Sister Thelma Reed</b>
<b>Encourager:</b>	<b>Sister Lajeune Cox</b>
<b>Audio Technicians:</b>	<b>Sister Fleechia Holloway/ Brother James Holiday</b>
<b>Videographer:</b>	<b>Dr. Cedric Bright</b>
<b>Nursery Volunteers:</b>	<b>Sandra Chambers/Jekiyah Lyons/ Kiara Leathers</b>
<b>Next Sunday Van Drivers:</b>	<b>Brother Ralph Joynes/ Brother Michael Hill</b>

## STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

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

**November 27, 2016**

Bible Study **63** Sunday School **123** New Members **N/A**  
Early Worship **176** Worship Service **200**

Tithes and Offering	\$20,704.23
Sacrificial Offering	\$298.00
Children's Church	\$20.93
Food Pantry	\$100.00
Gift/Donation	\$100.00
Mortgage Bearer	\$578.00
Scholarship	\$111.00
Sunday School	\$146.91
Online Giving	\$4,585.09
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$26,644.16</b>

**FROM THE COMMUNITY:** Durham residents, 60 and up or disabled, needing help to pay for their heating expenses can apply for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program offered by Durham County Department of Social Services from now until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Call (919)560-8000 for details.

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

### The 25<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary-"Prayer Topic" December- Continued Blessings

Pray for continued blessings in ministry, health, safety, and finances for Pastor & Mrs. Davis and the entire Davis family. Additionally, pray for these for the FCBC Church Family.

## FAMILY MONTH

December 2014

<b>3</b>	5:30 PM	<b>Couples' Ministry Holiday Event</b>
<b>SUN 4</b>	7:45 AM	Early Morning Worship Service Holy Communion
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Service of Baptism
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service Holy Communion
<b>7</b>	12:00 noon	Noon Day Prayer
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise
	7:00 PM	Bible Study
<b>10</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Youth Caroling Event</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Ushers/First Aide Christmas Event</b>
<b>SUN 11</b>	7:45 AM	Early Morning Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service
<b>14</b>	12:00 noon	Noon Day Prayer
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise
	7:00 PM	<b>ANGEL TREE GIVEAWAY/ BRING A POT FELLOWSHIP</b>
<b>SUN 18</b>	7:45 AM	Early Morning Worship
	9:30 AM	<b>ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION</b>
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service
<b>21</b>	12:00 noon	Noon Day Prayer
	7:00 PM	<b>VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT CHRISTMAS EVE</b>
<b>SUN 25</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS SUNDAY</b>
	8:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer
	9:30 AM	<b>ONE WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>26</b>		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>28</b>		<b>No Noon Day Prayer/NO BIBLE STUDY</b>
<b>31</b>	10:00 PM	<b>ANNUAL WATCH NIGHT SERVICE</b>

**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.**

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

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, NC**

### The Abbreviated FC Mission Statement:

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



**"An Exciting Church Excited About Its Mission"**

# Family Month



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**December 4, 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"**