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GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL!!

“O sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvelous things: His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory.” – Psalm 98:1 KJV

In 2016, we witnessed an abundance of firsts in this country, and while we may not agree with political and societal outcomes, we must realize that regardless of the situation, God is still in control. Let us remember that the same God who saw His people through in biblical times, is the same God who will continue to protect His people through the end of time. He will not leave us, nor forsake us if only we continue to trust Him and have faith in Him. For every situation, He already knows the outcome, and when we cast our cares on Him, and lay our worries at His feet, we can rest assured that He will take care of us. Let us begin anew in our faith in 2017, for in the end, God is still in control, and He WILL have the victory!

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An Exciting
Church
Excited About
Its Mission!

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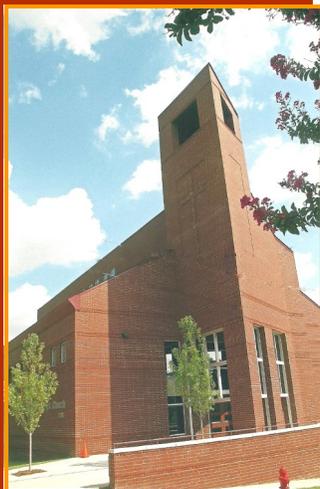
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Pastor's Desk Message



"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

- Luke 10:2 KJV



Dear First Calvary Family:

As we begin our 26th Year of serving as Pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church, I am certainly convinced that "God is Still in Control"....and that's a good thing! Our journey as a Church Family continues this year under the thematic banner of "DEVELOPING AND LEADING DISCIPLES INTO SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE". I am sure that an emphasis on Discipleship is where we need to continue for another year. If we are to make the greatest impact in our fellowship, we must prepare our people with an understanding that Spiritual Excellence is the goal of Jesus' teachings. The Spiritual Excellence that we strive to lead and develop our congregants into has the end result of being like Jesus! This year, every Fifth Sunday we will celebrate "Discipleship Sunday", and prayerfully give an even greater reminder to us all that Discipleship is key! Paul wrote, "If anyone be in Christ; he is a new creation; old things are passed away behold; all things have become new." (II Corinthians 5:17) As we continue to move forward as a congregation towards Spiritual Excellence, let us understand that this concept is not about being finished or perfect, but it is about making ourselves available to a God who can take our unfinished business and messiness and make us brand new. As we seek to be greater disciples for Him in Spiritual Excellence, remember... "God is Still in Control".

As your Pastor, my challenge this year is to make it known that the pursuit of Spiritual Excellence is, in fact, a pursuit for both young and mature adults alike. In this pursuit, I challenge...implore...encourage...beseech (for my King James folk)...and invite each member of this church to become ACTIVE in Ministry. Service, that's what it's all about! We have over 50 ministries in this church, surely YOU can find one or two in which to give of your time and talent! By the way, we are looking to reclaim and rebuild 2

important ministries within this Body, so Entrepreneurs and Young Adults....WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU! Everybody...anybody...find where you fit...and let's get busy.... 'cause "God is Still in Control"

As our abbreviated Mission Statement emphasizes the 3 "E's": Empower, Enhance, Evangelize...I would offer that we are in need of individuals that are the 3 "C's": Committed, Courageous and Collaborative...and ready and willing to put some serious effort to Kingdom Work at First Calvary. It is my prayer that we show ourselves worthy to represent the Kingdom of God and that God will reveal to us even bigger things that will cause us to move closer to BEING A DISCIPLE! As the year moves forward, pray that God will continue to guide us as we "Develop and Lead Disciples into Spiritual Excellence"! Let us also pray that God will help us continue to be that Body of Faith that keeps the Main Thing the Main Thing....and that thing is the 'cause of Christ! We close this message by saying enjoy this latest edition of the Calvary Chronicle....and thanks to the Chronicle Staff for their hard work in pulling it together. Never forget.... "God is Still in Control"...and we are still AN EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION!

Yours in that Blessed Hope,
Pastor Fredrick A. Davis



Member Spotlight

"Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds."

- Psalm 36:5



Deaconess Cherry Martin

What service do you normally attend and where do you sit? 10:45am. I sit all the way up front on the left on the second row with my mother, Minister Rosa Centry, and husband, Deacon James Martin.

How long have you been a member of FCBC? I moved here from South Carolina when I was 8 and started attending around that time. I got baptized when I was about 10. We actually lived one street over from FCBC on Moreland and used to walk to church.

Do you belong to any ministries at FCBC? Yes, the Diaconate, Sunday School, and Pearls of Praise ministries. I also used to sing in the choir and participate in the Couples ministry.

Exactly what does a Deaconess do? Deaconesses provide direct support to our Deacons. In addition, we are assigned family units and are responsible for the wholeness and wellness of our family unit. We send cards to members. We check in on members, and provide support for the sick and shut-in. We are responsible for Communion preparation. We do service projects. We host events to honor our elders and celebrate births in the church. We also host activities for ourselves to keep us aligned with our calling.

Pastor Davis wants us to be a congregation that empowers, enhances and evangelizes. What does enhance mean to you and how do you demonstrate it? Evangelize means witnessing to someone about the love of God. Every time we have an opportunity to witness to somebody, we should do it. I do it by observing and listening to God. I work at Duke and often times I offer encouraging words to those that may be in need. I also witness to non-Christians as I don't mind being bold in my faith.

What is your favorite song? Great is Thy Faithfulness. That song acknowledges that God has provided for me far beyond my needs. It does not get any better than that.

You have been a member of FCBC for well over 50 years. What keeps you at FCBC? FCBC is home to me and I don't believe in church hopping. I believe once God places you somewhere, you should be still until God tells you to move. Now, I may not like everything that I hear and/or see at FCBC but I just pray on it, stay grounded, and rooted and I give it over to God knowing that He will fix it. I get all that I need at FCBC. We have an excellent Pastor that I love dearly. You could not ask to be led by a better man of God. Finally, "I don't eat at everybody's table when it comes to the word of God."

- Be careful where you eat!

"To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night..."

- Psalm 92:2

Ministry Volunteer Appeal: Video Ministry



Are you seeking an opportunity to join a Ministry that encourages your creativity, but requires no previous experience?

Are you ready to be part of a team that is embarking on a unique and exciting chapter in the life of this congregation?

Have you had a chance to stop by the video room inside the choir room in the lower level of the church?

Have you checked out the First Calvary website to watch the recorded Sunday sermons?

The Video Ministry is seeking members of all ages to join us as we strengthen the mission of "Expanding worship and fellowship, while equipping the body of Christ with multimedia outreach tools for salvation through Jesus Christ".

New video equipment will be arriving soon, so no need to feel intimidated by the lack of experience. Prayerfully, we will all be prayerfully learning & experiencing the rejuvenation together with training from the video experts.

The need is great for videographers, video editors, and support persons to record our weekly services and requested special events. Don't delay! Why not volunteer today and bring a friend along to be a part of this positive, spiritually focused atmosphere!

Join by contacting the Video Ministry via email at video@firstcalvary.org or by calling or texting co-chairs Reginald Taylor (919.730.9343) or Hilary Fearington (919.602.1072) or any other ministry member.

Thank you!



“Anointed and Sent” – 25th Anniversary Banquet

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. – Isaiah 61:1

On Friday, November 11th there was a great gathering for the appreciation and celebration banquet for Pastor Fredrick A. Davis, celebrating 25 years of ministry and service to First Calvary Baptist Church. As the attendees entered the transformed fellowship hall, a PowerPoint presentation of Pastor Davis, Lady Judith and the children throughout the years played. It was amazing to see how God has blessed them and kept them through the years. The air was festive and full of expectations as members, friends, family members, and guests mingled awaiting the main event.

As the John Brown Jazz Ensemble serenaded the attendees, the appropriately attired chefs began unveiling the dishes that were causing most to lick their lips in anticipation. After homegrown Pastor Gary Brown of Apex gave a soul stirring invocation, the stage was set to celebrate our undershepherd and family. Sister Rebecca Oats issued the occasion and Mayor Pro Tem Cora McFadden made a presentation on behalf of Mayor Bell and the entire Durham City Council. After an emotional reflection by Pastor Davis’s prayer partner and friend, Deacon Kevin G. Montgomery, dinner was served. It was a feast fit for royalty and no one left the event hungry!

Pastor's Esteem Team went above and beyond the call of duty in their planning and execution. They artfully chose Sis. Bonnye Anthony and Sis. Wanda Cooper to make personal presentations to Pastor and Lady Judith Davis. And there was more! Pastor Melvin & Sis. Dennise Lindsay performed a special tribute entitled *Abraham Asad Remix: To God Be the Glory!* The sons of Pastor Fred and Lady Judith brought down the house with their comedic rendition of Pastor Davis preparing for church. Attendees laughed, cried, and praised the Lord as the three sons shared their intimate memories of Pastor and Lady Judith.

The evening ended with Pastor sharing his gratitude and additional insights into the vision for First Calvary that God had trusted him to execute. Each attendee left with a beautiful Celebration and Souvenir booklet, a personal thank you card from the Davis family, and wonderful pictures of Pastor Davis through the years. The program was further proof that First Calvary is an exciting church, excited about its' mission!

- Submitted by Faith Thompson



ANNOINTED AND SENT: The 25th Pastoral Anniversary

Pastor Frederick Amos Davis, a native of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, was appointed Pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church in August, 1991. With a heart for the people, a positive outlook and a message of hope, the church and the community have experienced gradual change for the common good as a result of the work of this community icon. Pastor Davis' 25th Pastoral Anniversary was celebrated on Sunday, November 13, 2016. Dr. Julius Scruggs, Pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Huntsville, Alabama, served as guest minister for this worship service. Preaching from the topic "A Praying Leader, An Obedient People and a Hallelujah Choir", Dr. Scruggs had preached Pastor Davis' installation service 25 years ago...a fitting return to celebrate this occasion.

In his sermon, Dr. Scruggs said if you want to see miracles take place, fully put your trust in God. When God's people fully put their trust in Him, God will act in marvelous ways on behalf of His people. 2 Chronicles 20, the scripture for this sermon, tells the story of how God led King Jehoshaphat's army to defeat the armies of Moab and Ammon. When King Jehoshaphat heard that a great multitude was coming against him, he called on the people of Judah to come together in fasting, prayer and singing. Pastor Scruggs stated that whenever danger or peril is lurking around the church, God will show up when the people of God come together to pray, fast, and seek the Lord.

In his closing remarks, Pastor Davis quoted from Luke 24:32, "And they said one to another, did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?"

Submitted by: Mary U. Vickers

Happy New Year! It's Time for a Mid-Year School Assessment

By Dr. Jennifer L. Rounds-Bryant

As we celebrate a new year, it's time to take a mid-year school assessment for our children. Let's look at what is working for our children with respect to what they need to maximize the last 4 months of the school year (and prepare for end-of-grade testing). Let's meet with teachers to examine what our children have learned so far versus what they were supposed to learn. Parents usually pay attention to the fact that their children are behind in their learning near the end of the school year – when it's too late to do something about it. Acting now gives students the best chance to succeed.

Let's determine if our children have the study skills and study environment they need to do their best academically. Are they doing their homework during the week, with at least 20 minutes per day of reading – including weekends? Are they going to bed (and to sleep) to ensure at least nine hours of sleep each night? It's time to reassess these basic educational requirements.

Have you done all you can to help your children, but they're still not learning the material? Or are you having trouble knowing where to begin with helping your children? It may be time for culturally-responsive professional tutoring. First Calvary's own Project Fine is a FREE culturally-responsive professional tutoring service, which serves students of all ages (including adults) at the Lyon Park Center each Saturday while public school is in session, 10 am – 12 pm (snacks included). These professionals can also provide advice about navigating the school system to ensure your children get what they need to succeed academically. So, let's make the mid-year school assessment a priority!



Summary of 2016 13th Annual SILC Conference

(this submission was inadvertently omitted from the October 2016 edition)

The **13th Annual SILC Conference** was held September 16-18, 2016. The events were held at the Community Family Life & Recreation Center at Lyon Park. The theme was ***Righteous Rodeo – Singles Round-Up, “A More Excellent Way of Being Who We Are as Christian Singles”***. Our chosen scripture was *Matt. 5:6* - “*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled.*” (NIV)

Friday night’s “***Evening Under the Stars***” was held outside with an atmosphere set amid a western corral. The Devotion took us back to the days of sitting and listening to Grandma sing her favorite song. Our Bible Trivia game revealed the knowledge of some and enhanced the knowledge of others, while all enjoyed the rewards and spiritual interaction. The presence of the Lord was truly felt among us and we will treasure the time spent together enjoying God’s magnificent handiwork and one another.

Saturday’s Wordshops were held inside the Café where we continued our country western theme décor. They were inspiring, informative, and very enlightening. Min. Gregory Hatcher presented “**Water from the Well – Is It Living or Is It Stale?**” He challenged us to look at what kind of water we are allowing to flow in and out of us as we encounter others in life. He made us think about how people may be drawing from our well and we should be more aware of whether our water is living: positive and enhancing or stale; negative and destructive. He told us we can speak to the storms in our lives by knowing the source and drawing from the Well of Living Water: Jesus Christ. Sister Carolyn Brown challenged us to examine how we are “**Putting Up Fences – What Are You Keeping Inside?**” She asked us to reflect on the following: *Why do we build fences/walls in our lives? How can we help ourselves and others break down some of the harmful barriers we have put in place?* We looked at some of the emotional and psychological walls we have erected that affect our happiness, identity, well-being, and outlook on life. She shared with us 20 Mental Barriers we should let go of and multiple

biblical references to fences and walls being put up and torn down in the Bible. She encouraged us that if we continue to stand on the Word of God, He will be a Fence around us. Sister Brown shared one technique we can use to stop straddling the fence: Cry a river of tears, build a bridge, and Get Over It (you had to be present to fully understand). Min. Bevelena Davis took us on an awakening journey in “**A Message in My Mess – Getting Right with God**”. She instructed us on how to discern what we go through as Christian Singles is for our good and God’s Glory. Our trials and tribulations only come to make us more aware of God’s presence in our lives. Jesus gave His life for the sins of the world, therefore; we need to confess our mess so we can pray and ask for forgiveness and move on to a better place. There is no need to continue to get all *dressed up* when you know you are *messed up*. We need to stop tripping and start trusting God to do what only He can do in our lives. We must consider our ways to know when enough is enough and to know when we are church-ed but not changed. God *formed* us; Sin *deformed* us; but Glory Be to God, Christ came to *Transform* us from the messes we find ourselves in.

Our own Pastor Fredrick A. Davis was the Speaker for **Singles Sunday Worship Services**. He continued his message on “**Prayer Still Works!**” Acts 12:5-19 He informed us that Prayer transcends from Earth to Glory and the Sovereign Will of God will outlast any act of evil or wickedness. The power of prayer can make marvelous and great things happen, chains are broken and destroyed, people lives are changed, and God’s power is released through a praying church. Our sincere prayer is for those who participated this year to continue to engage in and support our anointed efforts, and for those who did not, we pray that your eyes will be opened and your hearts changed that you may join in with us as we continue this spiritual journey to becoming better Christian Singles in Love with Christ (SILC).

Submitted by: Gloria Y. Lindsay
Co-Chair SILC Ministry

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Even though we cannot see Him, God as the Holy Spirit lives inside every person who has been born again and made new on the inside.

The words below remind us of the Holy Spirit.

Can you find the right place for them in the crossword?

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COMFORT

REMINDE

POWER

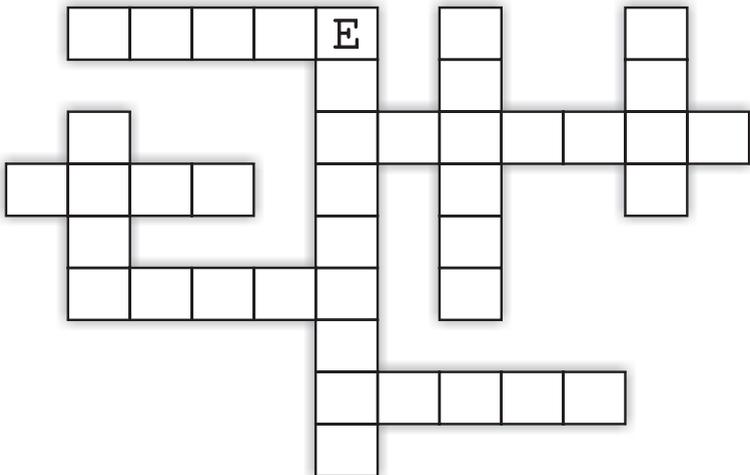
GUIDE

WARN

REAL

HELP

GIFTS



Ephesians 1:13-14, Acts 2:3-4, Romans 8:9



BibLe REaDiNG TipS

1. Read a part of the Bible each day. You could start with; Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. Each of these books tell about Jesus.
2. Have a marker in the Bible to keep your place.
3. Write some notes about what you have read.
4. Ask God to help you understand the part you have read and ask Him to speak to you through the words.

The word 'Bible' appears 15 times in the square below. Circle them as you find them. The word may be written in any direction.



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Stop Germs! Stay Healthy! Wash Your Hands

WHEN?

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage

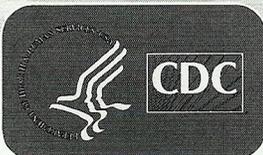
HOW?

- **Wet** your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
- **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
- **Rinse** hands well under clean, running water.
- **Dry** hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of germs and stay healthy.



For more details on handwashing, visit CDC's Handwashing Website at www.cdc.gov/handwashing



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS: FEBRUARY - APRIL 2017

Each Wednesday:

- Noon Day Prayer, 12:00 p.m.
- Prayer & Praise, 6:45 p.m.
- Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

Each Sunday:

- Early Worship, 7:45 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m./ Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.
- Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
- Baptism, 10:30 a.m. (1st Sundays)

4th Sundays:

- Intercessory Prayer, 7:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY - AFRICAN-AMERICAN MONTH

- February 4th: Honoring our Elders Luncheon - 2-4pm
- February 10-11th: Couples' Event/Simulcast
- February 12th: Scholarship Sunday
- February 15-18th: Young Adult Conference
- February 18th: Young Adult Wordshop
- February 19th: Young Adult Sunday
 - Service of Ordination: Minister Terrill Lloyd - 4pm

MARCH - STEWARDSHIP MONTH

- March 5th: Prove Me/All Tithers' Sunday
- March 12th: Scouting Sunday
- March 18th: West End Community Foundation Inc. Annual Golf Tournament - 8am
- March 26th: Sacrificial Sunday

APRIL - WOMANHOOD MONTH

- April 13th: Maundy Thursday Service - 7pm
- April 14th: Good Friday - Church Office Closed
- April 15th: Spring Festival - 9am
- April 16th: Resurrection Sunday
- April 21st: Hour of Power - 12pm
- April 22nd: Women's Wordshop - 8:30am
- April 23rd: Celebration of Womanhood Sunday
- April 30th: Discipleship Sunday
 - New Disciples Fellowship - 1:15pm



The FCBC Food Pantry is ALWAYS TAKING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS. Things like peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, rice, canned veggies (ALWAYS NEEDED), and ramen noodles.

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- *Are you a writer? Do you aspire to the likes of Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, James Baldwin, or Nikki Giovanni?
- *Are you a regular “shutterbug” who enjoys taking pictures?
Are you an up-and-coming Gordon Parks, Lorna Simpson, Carrie Mae Weems, or John H. White?
*Do you have a talent for editing?
- *Do you have an eye for proofreading?



- *Are you a wiz at graphic design, or possess a talent for visual presentations?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, the Calvary Chronicle is in need of your talents! Please contact the Calvary Chronicle via email at calvarynews@firstcalvary.org if interested in joining the staff!



Welcome New Disciples!

The following individuals completed New Disciples' Class and received the Right Hand of Fellowship (since 06 November 2016):

**Saraya Ashley
Almeda Hobbs
Aaron Jeffries
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Majesty Simms**

The mission of the Calvary Chronicle ministry is to promote communication among the members, disciples, and friends of FCBC in the spirit of Christian Love.

If you are interested in joining the Calvary Chronicle staff, please contact Sister Toni McIntosh at calvarynews@firstcalvary.org or (919)341-4645. Thank you!