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IN ALL THINGS, GIVE HIM GLORY!!

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God deserves all the glory and all of our praise. In good times and in bad, He who gives life and sustains us is always worthy of our praise. Not just *any* praise, but our **BEST** praise, whether we are on the mountaintop of our lives or in the valley. It is easy to praise Him when things are going our way; however, it is a test of our faith when we can trust Him enough to know that He is our deliverer, sustainer, protector, and provider when the path we are traveling becomes rocky, rough, and treacherous. It is at these times that we must rely on our faith and trust that He will always make a way for us. Trust Him; try Him; believe in Him; Honor Him; glorify Him; magnify Him! He is worthy!

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Pastor's Desk Message

Greetings, First Calvary Family!



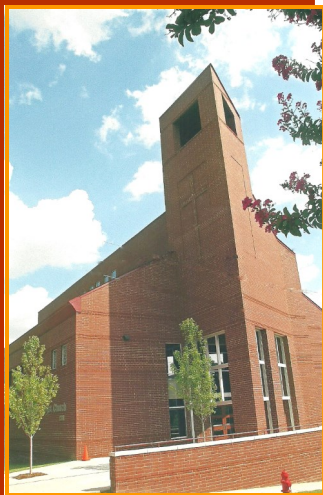
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It's time for another Calvary Chronicle! Thank you to our Chronicle Staff for their tireless efforts to make this publication a reality. We hope each family would download a copy of this issue....or pick up one of the few printed copies in various areas of the church.

It's quite fitting that the theme for this issue of the Chronicle is "In All Things, Give Him Glory". I Corinthians 10:31 states, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I would hope that we are a Body of Faith that does what we do in Ministry to glorify God. Wherever we serve in Ministry, and we should all be serving SOMEWHERE in this Ministry, we have to make sure we serve for the right reason. That reason should be to Glorify HIM.....to see Him lifted up....to bring souls to HIM!

Hopefully you have joined us....or will join us....at the recent First Calvary Baptist Church Ministry opportunities and events. We just finished Womanhood Month. I hope the Sisters were blessed throughout the month of April. We are entering May and it's Evangelism Month at First Calvary! Always held the first week of May is our Annual Spring Revival, and this year we will be blessed by Dr. H.B. Charles, Jr. of Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida. As May progresses, we will move on through our yearly Ministry pursuits...which means youth and men...get ready....June and July are fast approaching! Summertime is on it's way...so is Vacation Bible School...be there for the "Faith Run"! There is always something going on in Ministry at First Calvary. . It is my hope and prayer that each disciple of this Church will actively participate in at least ONE Ministry....or more! We need your gifts in service to



the Kingdom....we need your time, talents, and treasures to be effective in Ministry and to make a difference for the Cause of Christ!

Lastly, I would like to make an appeal to each of you. We need you present in every aspect of Ministry at First Calvary. Though your giving of your tithes is very important...we also need YOU. Your gifts, your talents, your support....it's TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURES!! Come Worship on Sundays....join us in Sunday School....attend Bible Study....take your lunch break on Wednesdays and pray with us in Noon Day Prayer. It takes all of us to make this Church grow....not one or two of us....but all of us. So let's all come together and continue to be AN EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION!

Yours in that Blessed Hope,
Pastor Fredrick A. Davis



Ministry Volunteer Appeal: Audio Ministry

Chair: Calvin D. Squires

Co Chair: Darryll Gadson

Ministry members: Fleechia Holloway, Robert Vance, Phillip Brady, Michael Hill, James Holiday, Patricia Montana, and Christian Gunn.



Are you looking for an exciting ministry to join at First Calvary Baptist Church? It requires no experience. The Audio ministry is an excellent ministry to join. We are ready to train you on operating the sound board and microphones. Please stop by anytime during the 7:45 or 10:45 service to see what the audio ministry has to offer. The audio ministry is looking for disciples of all ages to join the team. We strive to produce quality sound where God's people can hear the word through song and the preaching of God's Holy Word. Our mission is *to excel in providing quality sound transmission for the uplifting of: God's Word, praise given to God, and the service rendered to Him.* We are excited about the upgrade of the new audio equipment that is currently being installed. Please join us as we prepare for training from highly experienced technicians from AE Global Media Co. Please do not hesitate to come out and bring a friend with you to volunteer to do the work of the Lord.



Join the ministry by contacting the audio ministry via email at audio@firstcalvary.org or calling or texting Calvin D. Squires or Darryll Gadson or any other ministry members. Thank you!

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Member Spotlight

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments. As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore."

--Psalm 133:1-3



Deacon Moses Davenport

What service do you normally attend and where do you sit? While I attend both services from time to time, I normally attend the 10:45am service more often than I attend the 7:45am service. I normally sit on the front right side of the church.

How long have you been a member of FCBC? I have been a member since 2004.

What drew you to FCBC when you first joined? I found FCBC to have a wonderful, welcoming atmosphere. I also enjoyed the fact that it had a touch of old school. I am originally from Maysville, NC and it reminded me of churches back home.

How long have you been a Deacon? Five years

What do you enjoy most about being a Deacon? The primary thing I like is helping people with their spiritual and physical needs. I like talking to and communicating with people and being able to relate to people who come from all walks of life. Also, I like developing personal relationships with members and nonmembers because we have a lot of people who attend a while before joining.

What is your favorite bible story and why? My favorite bible story is Samson and Delilah. I love this story because Samson was chosen and God blessed him from birth with a whole lot. However, Samson made a ton of mistakes but God was still with him even till the end when he overthrew his enemy. This is very much like life because you go through struggles and sometimes those struggles are self-inflicted like Samson choosing the wrong women even when his mother advised against it. This story lets me know that God will stay with you no matter how many ups and downs you go through. It also demonstrates that even with great talents such as Samson's great strength, we are all still susceptible to making mistakes.

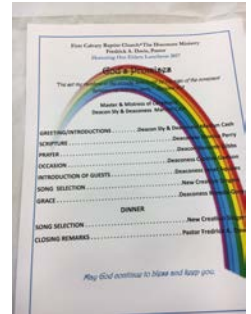
Favorite bible verse: Psalm 133:1

Pastor Davis wants us to be a congregation that empowers, enhances and evangelizes. What does evangelize mean to you and how do you demonstrate it?

Evangelize means sharing the gospel. It doesn't mean that you have to go out and preach but you carry yourself like a Christian and inspire others. I try to break the stereotype of being a bible carrying Christian that hit folks over the head trying to get them to believe. I simply carry myself in a way that I think is representative of a true Christian, my family and First Calvary while sharing the Word with others.

HONORING OUR ELDERS LUNCHEON 2017

The Annual Honoring Our Elders Luncheon was held in the Fellowship Hall of First Calvary Baptist Church on February 4, 2017. As the elders and their guests arrived, they were invited to have a picture made before they took their seats. The theme for this year's luncheon was **"God's Promises."** In keeping with this theme, the printed program was decorated with a vibrant rainbow.



Deacon George and Deaconess Monica Perry were the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies. Deaconess Antoinne Bouknight read the scripture from Genesis 9:13-17. This scripture tells of the covenant between God and Noah. After the flood, God promised that he would never again destroy the earth by a flood and the covenant was sealed by a rainbow. Deaconess Cynthia Gadson gave the occasion. She said that the rainbow is an arc of light that exhibits a wide variety of colors. We find that the rainbow is mentioned in the beginning of the Bible and also at the end of the Bible in Revelation 4:3. Deaconess Gadson told us that the colors of the rainbow are significant. The meanings are as follows:



Red represents the blood Jesus shed for us

Yellow is for God's perfect light, the sun so bright

Orange is coming from night into life through Jesus

Green reminds us the God created the earth and trees. Like the grass in Spring, it represents the new life we have in Jesus

Blue represents the color of water. God

created the oceans and seas. This reminds us of the baptism that identifies us with Jesus

Black represents our sins and God's darkest day

Purple is for Jesus' hours of sorrow so that we could gain the crown of life

Pink is for our new tomorrows

White represents God's purity and the cleansing of our sins through God's grace

Rainbows appear after mighty storms, when things look their worst. Just when the sky is darkest, a rainbow appears out of heaven. The rainbow is a sign that God will guide us through any storm. When you feel battered by life's storms and you are filled with doubt, remember God's rainbow is coming and he'll be there for you.



A delicious meal was served to each guest by a member of the Diaconate Ministry. Music was provided by the New Creation Singers of Hillsborough, NC.



-Submitted by Mary U. Vickers

Visionary Ministry Presents: Leadership Training

In January of this year, Dr. Johnny H. Flakes, III of Columbus, Georgia challenged the members of First Calvary to embrace incarnational leadership. Incarnational leadership simply means to lead the way that Christ led and not lead the way the world wants us to lead. The Visionary Ministry heard those words and after reviewing the results of previous brainstorming sessions requesting additional leadership training set out to design a leadership curriculum for all leaders, and those aspiring to leadership, at First Calvary Baptist Church.

On April 5th, the first of the new leadership development training was held in Classroom I with Minister Booth acting as facilitator. Participants were encouraged to see leadership as spiritual and not merely adhere to the rules that the world establishes for what leaders ought to practice. Each Wednesday in April, participants learned more about the leadership that God expects including practices unique to First Calvary.



This is just the first series in what is designed to be a quarterly training for First Calvary leadership. If you have questions or want to suggest a particular topic to be explored, contact members of the Visionary Ministry at visionary@firstcalvary.org.

- Submitted by Faith Thompson

BRAINSTORMING 2017

Get ready! Get Ready! Brainstorming 2017 will be held June 3rd and promises to be an action-packed session. There will be further exploration of the First Calvary mission: (**E³**) **Empowering** Spiritual Lives **Enhancing** the quality of lives around us, and **Evangelizing** the lost!

Brainstorming is a group creativity technique by which efforts are made to find a conclusion for a specific problem by gathering a list of ideas spontaneously contributed by its members. We will be exploring how the church plans to transition for changes in the future. Proposed topics include:

1. Pastoral leadership – how will we as a church body transition to a new pastor in 2022?
2. Christian education: how will we teach and study the Word?
3. Congregational growth: who will this “body” serve?
4. Ministries: how will we serve the kingdom of God inside and outside the walls of 1311 Morehead Avenue?

Participants will be asked to share some concrete ideas on what they want at First Calvary and what are they willing to commit to make it happen. This is not the time to stay home and keep your opinion to yourself. The Visionary Ministry leadership will actively solicit people to participate and have conversations about these very engaging topics.

Please come prepared to help us move smoothly into the future!



- Submitted by Faith Thompson

Maximizing Summer Time

As we come to the close of the traditional school year, there is a focus on academic achievement and graduations. We focus on high academic achievement by attending school each day, working hard on our homework, and being students of high character to ensure that we learn enough for promotion from grade to grade. This promotion eventually leads to graduation from one level of school to another.

Graduations signify the completion of one thing and the beginning of something new. In fact, the term commencement means “beginning.” As students close out one school year and look forward to summer break before starting a new school year, is a good time for parents to develop a progress report for both their children and themselves. How successful has the family been with individual and group tasks, such as chores, cooperation, spending time together, and trying new things? Like individuals, it is important for families to continue to grow and evolve.

Even as we look forward to doing new things in the summer, it is important to pay attention to the “old” things. Research shows that students forget half of what they learned during the school year, so schools spend the first half of the following year reviewing the previous year. No other business in America takes a break for three months, loses four months of revenue and then spends four months of the new fiscal year trying to make up revenue from last year with the expectations of growth.

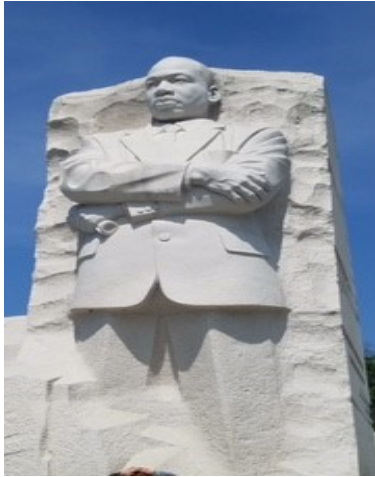
Consider your family as a business seeking continuous growth. The first step in growth is to guard against loss. Students can guard against losing their knowledge by practicing what they’ve learned all summer. Something as simple as reading a book each week on a variety of topics and doing a short book report or playing online math games for one hour per week can be enough to maintain the last year’s learning and perhaps learn some new things. Studying to show thyself approved applies to more than just the Bible.

Dr. Jennifer Rounds-Bryant, FCBC Parenting Ministry

[Connect with Dr. Jenn on FaceBook: Dr. Jenn Moved Me Forward](#)

Scouting Ministry Spring Break Trip

Seven scouts from the Scouting Ministry spent their Spring Break in Washington, DC visiting the new African American Museum, the National Postal Museum, Frederick Douglass' house, the Martin Luther King Monument, and the Wax Museum. The trip also included other fun activities such as a trip to Dave and Buster's, bowling, and Kings Dominion.



Annually, the scouting ministry coordinates a trip for the scouts that is designed to be educational and fun. Trip co-Chair Deaconess Janet Squires described this year's trip as "power-packed with many educational opportunities. The children and adults learned a lot during the trip and it allowed the scouts to spend quality time fellowshiping with one another." Deaconess Squires also noted that the children and adults will be able to reflect on their experience and what they learned since they experienced it for themselves.

Kaylee Bethea, who has been a scout since she was five years old (and is now 13), found the trip to be "very inspirational. It was great seeing Frederick Douglass' house and visiting the historical sites." Kaylee enjoyed everything she learned on the trip and enjoyed the overall experience.

Most importantly, the scouts could earn a badge by visiting the wax museum. Included in the wax museum was the Founder of the Boy Scouts, Lord Baden Powell, and the Founder of the Girls Scouts, Juliette Gordon Low.

-Submitted by Maticia Sims



He is Risen!

On Sunday, April 16, 2017, the Sunday School Department classes performed skits on Jesus and His resurrection for Easter Sunday. The Primary class explained God's purpose, how He is the real Savior, how to find God and what Jesus is to them through



poetry. The Singles and Men's classes, along with the Intermediates, created a skit on what happened before and after the crucifixion of Jesus. They joined together to illustrate Jesus speaking to the little children and the afflicted.

The powerful ending of Jesus' resurrection and speaking from on-high was astonishing. The Teen class had an amazing art piece describing the Fourfold Gospel. After sharing four scriptures to explain the purpose of Jesus being hung on the cross, the experience of Mary Magdalene was presented through dance with a moving resemblance of Jesus on the cross. Last, the Women's class presented a skit of four ladies going to see Jesus after He was taken off the cross. When they arrived at the tomb, they noticed someone had moved the stone. It was at this moment they learned Jesus had risen. Their performance concluded with the reading of an acrostic poem for EASTER.



- Submitted by Nia Shields





Fri **1** Sat **2** Sun **3**

Mary and the others were confused but very glad. They ran back to tell the disciples that Jesus was alive.

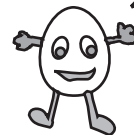
Later, Jesus joined some travelers who were walking back from Jerusalem to their village. They did not recognise him until that evening when they were having a meal together. Suddenly, they realised that it was Jesus. Then Jesus disappeared and the amazed couple rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples that Jesus was alive.

How many saw Jesus alive?



... saw Jesus
... spoke to Jesus
... ate with Jesus
... touched Jesus

Add up how many people saw Jesus; spoke to him; ate with him and even touched him.



	... saw Jesus	... spoke to Jesus	... ate with Jesus	... touched Jesus
The women	2			2
The travelers				
The disciples				
More than...				
The total →				

← Matthew 28:9

← Luke 24:13-32

← Luke 24:33-43

← 1 Corinthians 15:6

John 20:1-18, Luke 24:13-45, Revelation 1:18

WHOLISTIC HEALTH



Wholistic health refers to a **process of wholeness** that exists when there is a **balance among the different dimensions** (physical, emotional, spiritual, social, vocational, and environmental) of our life. This wholeness is **only possible** when we focus on our relationship with Christ. The spiritual dimension is our essence.

Dimensions of Wholistic Health:

Physical (see I Cor. 6: 19)

This refers to how we care for our body. It can include such things as, (1) exercise, (2) stress management, (3) nutrition, and (4) use of the health care system.

Emotional (see II Cor. 4: 8, 9)

This refers to an understanding and acceptance of our feelings. It includes our (1) self-concept (2) ability to cope with life struggles, and (3) ability to manage our feelings and behaviors.

Spiritual (see I Ti. 4: 8)

This refers to finding meaning and purpose in our lives. It is based on a personal relationship with God.

Social (see Mt. 18: 20)

This refers to the nurturing of our relationship with others. It reflects interdependence with family and friends.

Vocational (see Col. 3:23)

This refers to our work efforts as they are directed towards personal satisfaction and service to others.

Environmental (see Ps. 8: 4a, 6)

This refers to our relationship with and care for our neighborhood, town, state, country, planet, and universe.

**We can make many changes in our lifestyles which really can improve the quality and quantity of our lives.
May the Lord help us to value the Gift of life He has blessed us with.**

Resource: Health Ministries I.C.A.R.E., Inc.





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MAY - JULY 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.

MAY - REVIVAL AND EVANGELISM MONTH

- May 1-3: Spring Revival - 7pm nightly
- May 2nd: Pastor & Ministers Luncheon w/Dr. HB Charles - 12pm
- May 14th: Mother's Day
- May 29th: Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

JUNE - YOUTH MONTH

- June 3rd: Brainstorming Event - 8:30am
- June 4th: Pentecost Sunday
- June 10th: "6.0" Birthday Event: Celebrating with Mrs. Davis!
- June 11th: Graduation and Recognition Sunday
- June 12-16: Vacation Bible School - 5:30pm
- June 17th: Family Fun Day - 10am
- June 18th: Father's Day
- June 23-24th: Youth Weekend
- June 25th: Youth Sunday
 - Youth Songfest: 4pm

JULY - MANHOOD MONTH

- July 4th: Independence Day - Church Office Closed
- July 6th: Quarterly Church Conference
- July 16th: Men's Songfest - 4pm
- July 22nd: Lifebuilders' Conference
- July 23rd: Celebration of Manhood Sunday
 - Sacrificial Sunday
- July 27th: Men's Health Session - 7pm
- July 30th: Discipleship Sunday



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 01 January 2017):

**Natasha Jeffries
Aaron Jeffries
Saraya Ashley
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Johnricus Moore
Shayla Moore**

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!