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About Its Mission!*

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"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.'" – Matthew 9:37-38
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Are you busy doing the work of the Lord through the ministries at First Calvary? Have you identified your spiritual gifts to see where your service is needed? There are so many opportunities available, and oftentimes, too few laborers. Evaluate your interests to see where you could best serve. Talk with the Lord and ask for direction on where you should serve. He will not only direct you, but equip you with the necessary tools. Remember, God has never failed us. We only need to trust Him and do His Will. So get ready...get set...and GO! Serve Him with gladness! The time is now!!

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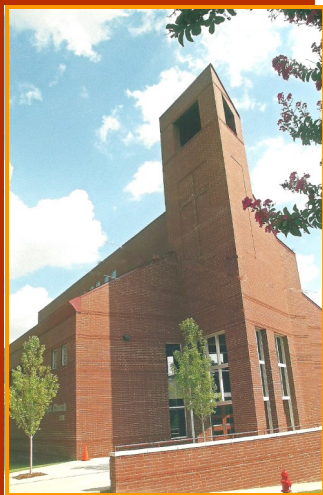
Pastor's Desk Message

Ready, Set, GO...To Serve!



"Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

- Matthew 9:37-38 KJV



Here we are, Church Family, with another edition of the Calvary Chronicle. What a great example of Ministry service within our Church. How appropriate that this edition of our Newsletter has "Ready, Set, GO...To Serve" as a theme. First Calvary is thriving to the gills with ministry after ministry....and each of our ministries has a heart to serve. I encourage and implore you...if you are not serving in ministry at this church...your church...then let's get in gear! Service...that's what it's all about!

Ready, Set, GO...To Serve!

So many things have happened in ministry since our last edition of the Chronicle. We saw our Youth "Rise Up" and the male population of our church just closed out the month emphasizing "Men Maintaining Fellowship With God". August will bring more hot days, and it will also bring Mission Month at First Calvary. We will challenge each family to give to our Food Pantry...and we hope each family will rise to the challenge. Our Congregational Nurse, Sister Betty Borden, is tirelessly planning another Bi-Annual Health Fair. We need our ENTIRE CHURCH FAMILY and your guests to come out to this event at the CFL&RC at Lyon Park on August 26th. Also in August, we will celebrate our students with our Annual Back to School Event on August 9th. We ask each family to give 1 or more QUALITY bookbags for our bookbag drive. These bookbags will be filled with supplies and distributed to the youth of our church and community. September is all about Christian Education at First Calvary. Our Singles' Ministry will have their Annual Celebration and our Christian Education Workshop and Annual Promotion Sunday will take place. We will also share in our Annual Biblical Institute with a dear mentor of your Pastor's, Dr. Moses Jarvis, all the way from Florida! But wait...there's more! Soon the fall will be here...and First

Calvary will celebrate 133 years in the Westend Community! With so much going on in Ministry, it's no wonder that we stay busy...Ready, Set, GO...To Serve!

Ready, Set, GO...To Serve!

Our Chronicle theme this time is based on familiar scripture from Matthew 9:37-38: "Then he said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.'" These are the words of Jesus to His disciples...that means us, y'all! We are called to serve...to evangelism...to love one another...to make a difference. God has something specific for each of us to do. He has a purpose and plan for all His children, young and mature. We are called to reach the lost, to point people to God. Christ's compassion for others is shown throughout His Ministry. His challenge to his disciples...then and now....is to love like Him, care like Him, show compassion like Him...SERVE LIKE HIM.

Ready, Set, GO...To Serve!

And in case you missed it....

Ready, Set, GO...To Serve!

And in case you forget....

Ready, Set, GO...To Serve!

Let's go serve!

Remember always that we are **AN EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION!**

BRAINSTORMING INTO ACTION!

The Visionary Ministry hosted its annual brainstorming session on 3 June 2017. This intentionally designed session was created to help solicit information from all members on topics critical to First Calvary's transition to a new pastor in 2022. Members and attendees offered their opinion on 4 separate topics:

1. Pastoral Leadership
2. Effective Ministries
3. Christian Education
4. Congregational Growth



The information gathered was re-formatted and presented as action items during the Quarterly Church Conference on July 12, 2017. The following are the recommendations to be presented to the congregation for approval.

July 12, 2017	Shared summary report and presented recommendations to congregation for vote (Church Conference)
Aug – Dec 2017	Designated ministries develop detailed action plans to reach goals
January 2018	Designated ministries outline the plans during Leadership Retreat 2018

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Recommended that the Official Leadership Team create a Pastoral transition plan

CONGREGATIONAL GROWTH RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended that the Hospitality & Parking Ministries and New Members Class Leader create a plan to increase the spirit of excitement, love and fellowship from the parking lot to the pews. This includes but is not limited to:

- Position greeters at all entrances & parking lots
- Add way-finding signs to rear parking lots
- Acknowledge Sunday morning visitors before fellowship time
- Assign new members to Deacon family before completion of new members' class

- Recommend that the Hospitality Ministry create an outreach packet for FCBC members

EFFECTIVE MINISTRIES RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the Visionary Ministry ensure each ministry has a mission statement, and if needed, consolidate ministries

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RECOMMENDATION

Recommend the Christian Education ministry create a daytime bible study offering for retirees/sensational seniors

BRAINSTORMING ACTION ITEMS

1. Official Leadership Team: create a Pastoral Transition Plan
2. Hospitality and Parking Ministries & New members' Class leaders work together to create a plan to increase the spirit of excitement, love, and fellowship from the parking lot to the pews
3. Hospitality Ministry: create an Outreach packet to help FCBC members evangelize
4. Visionary Ministry: ensure that each ministry have a mission statement, and if needed, consolidate members

Each of these brainstorming items will be developed into action items to be articulated and actualized at the Leadership Conference in January 2018.

All ministry members are encouraged to help make our action plans a reality.



Men Maintaining Fellowship with God

Manhood Month Celebrations

July is Manhood Month at First Calvary, and as with every year, the men of FCBC came together in song, prayer, praise, celebration, and fellowship. From the Fellowship cookout and celebrating with Pastor Davis for his birthday, to the much-anticipated Songfest and Lifebuilders' Conference, there were many



opportunities in July for spiritual male-bonding. This month of Manhood emphasis culminated with worship on Sunday, 23 July 2017 with Dr. Larry L. Anderson, Jr., Pastor of Great Commission Church in Philadelphia, PA delivering a powerful message taken from Exodus 17:8. Dr. Anderson reminded us that a “joyful Christian is an awesome enemy to Satan”. The month of manhood

celebrations ended with the men leading Sacrificial Sunday, and the announcement of the **2017 FCBC Man of the Year: Mr. Etherling Alston.**





Men's Songfest 2017



Happy 61st Birthday, Pastor Davis!

Mary
Vickers

Maticia
Sims



Toni
McIntosh

Faith
Thompson

Nia
Shields

The staff of the FCBC Calvary Chronicle pray that your birthday was wonderfully blessed, and that you will be blessed with many happy returns of the day! Thank you for being a great Pastor!

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15 KJV



REVIVE US AGAIN!

First Calvary Baptist Church held their Annual Spring Revival May 1-3, 2017, at 7:00pm nightly. Our guest Revivalist was Dr. H.B. Charles, Jr. Dr. Charles made a personal profession of faith and was baptized at the age of six. He began his public ministry at the age of eleven at the Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California under the watchful eye of his father. His father's death in 1989 left a personal and ministerial void in Dr. Charles' life. However, the Lord used this time to further his growth in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. In 1990, at the age of seventeen, he was named to succeed his father. Dr. Charles is a growing and faithful student of Bible exposition. He is a preacher, an author, and a speaker who is frequently invited to speak at revivals, conferences and other church events on the local, state and national level.



On Monday evening, May 1st, Dr. Charles' topic was "God Will Give You Strength" with text taken from Isaiah 40:27-31. He said that God will give strength to those who remember to worship him, those who acknowledge their weaknesses and those who are determined to wait on him.



On Tuesday evening, May 2nd, Dr. Charles' topic was "The Great Invitation" with scripture from Isaiah 55. In this sermon, Dr. Charles said that "Our Holy God invites sinners to get right with him." On Wednesday, May 3rd, Dr. Charles used the sermon title "A High View of God" with scripture from Isaiah 6:1-8. In this sermon, Dr.

Charles said that "Your view of God is everything."

Our congregation was blessed to hear this man of God preach. If you missed the revival, CDs and DVDs are available at the church.

-Submitted by Sis. Mary U. Vickers



On June 17th, First Calvary Baptist Church once again welcomed family, friends, and other loved ones to a day of fun, food, and festivities at the New Hope Camp and Conference Center in Chapel Hill off Highway 86.

While not quite summer, the temperature hovered around 85 and the promise of thunder storms loomed on the horizon. Yet, even the clouds were no match for the enthusiasm and excitement of First Calvary's members, family & friends. There was popcorn and water for the early arrivals as many of our sensational seniors enjoyed a game of bingo. Sis Jill Potter provided some pretty snazzy prizes for these savvy players.



Our super excited youth had several choices to use their energy. There was a tailgate toss, jumpy house, swimming, and good old-fashioned Tag!

Several members watched in admiration as Deacon Montgomery and others twirled, hopped, and

stomped to the latest line dance class taking place under the careful attention of Sister Dennise Lindsay.



Even with all that excitement, everyone young and old, held their breath as Pastor Davis prayed for the delicious food that was about to cross their lips. There was a

little something for everyone but it appeared that many could not get enough of



the hot fried fish.



While the rains did eventually break free of the clouds, it was well after everyone had enjoyed a day of food, fun, and family! One more way that First Calvary shows that it is an excited church, excited about its mission!



-Submitted by Sis. Faith Thompson





RUNNING FOR OUR LIVES!

Vacation Bible School was held at First Calvary Baptist Church during the week of June 12-16, 2017. The theme for Vacation Bible School was "The Faith Run: On Course with God! The theme scripture was Hebrews 12:1. This scripture refers to a race so the Motto was Lace up! Classes were divided by age groups and groups studied age appropriate material from the theme topic.

In order to encourage families and those who work to attend Bible School, the Culinary Arts Ministry of the Church prepared a varied and delicious meal that was available each afternoon for a nominal fee. Bible School devotion began at 6:30pm with scripture, prayer, pledges and singing. After the devotion, students were dismissed from the sanctuary to the various classrooms to study the evening lesson.

The Adult Class Book contained an invitation for adults to pace themselves while staying on course with God. Each night, there were personal, contemporary stories to help reinforce the joy in the journey. As the adults ran each evening, they encountered activities that were designed as interactive hills that helped to reinforce the lessons taught on that leg of the journey.

Daily Run 1 was titled Ready, Set, Go! Scripture was from Genesis 12:1-9. Daily Run 2 was titled Commitment to Stay the Course with scripture from Ruth 1:3-18. Daily Run 3 was titled Staying Hydrated with scripture was from John 4:7-15. Daily run 4 was Navigating Obstacles with scripture was from Genesis 39:5-23. Daily Run 5 was titled Finishing the Race with scripture from 2 Timothy 3:10-15; 4:7.

Students were enthusiastic and eager share what they learned during the week-long course of study. Each night students were rewarded for their hard work with a cool treat to eat on their way home.

-Submitted by Sis. Mary U. Vickers



“Food Pantry Family Challenge”

Each week in August, on Sunday and/or Wednesday (or anytime you are at the church during the week), you and your family are asked to bring a specific item to help restock the FCBC Food Pantry:

- ❖ August 1st-6th: **You “Oat” to Know Better!** Bring oatmeal and bags of rice!
- ❖ August 7th-13th: **I “Bean” doing good!** Bring bags of dry beans and boxes of pasta!
- ❖ August 14th-20th: **“Cereal”-ously serving...!** Bring in boxes of cereal
- ❖ August 21st-27th: **It’s “Jelly’s Jam”!** Donate jelly!
- ❖ August 28th-September 3rd -**Be a “Soup”-er Hero!** Donate canned soup and canned veggies!

*****An Extra Challenge***:**

“Let’s Have a Church “Meat”-ing”

Help raise 100 total hot dogs and tuna

(this is an EXTRA Challenge, along with the weekly items)



(Collection boxes are now in the Food Pantry area, near the Church Office and in the Vestibule.)

The goal is AT LEAST 100 ITEMS each week!!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR DONATIONS & SUPPORT!! This is a great family, ministry, work, group, fraternity/sorority, or summer project!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Minister William Booth and Minister Terrill Lloyd! They were both approved as Ordained Ministers through American Baptist Churches of the South.



Back to School Vision Board

As we look forward to the start of a new school year, lots of advice swirled around my head until my thoughts settled on an activity that is often completed by adults at the start of a new calendar year: the creation of vision boards. Vision boards are used to make a visual representation of a person's goals in various areas of life, such as work, relationships, purchases, travel, and income. Most people use poster boards and cutouts from magazines to represent their goals.

The vision boards are then placed in a location where they can be easily seen.

This helps the creator to concentrate on

their goals daily. There are many examples of how vision boards help people to reach both small and large goals.

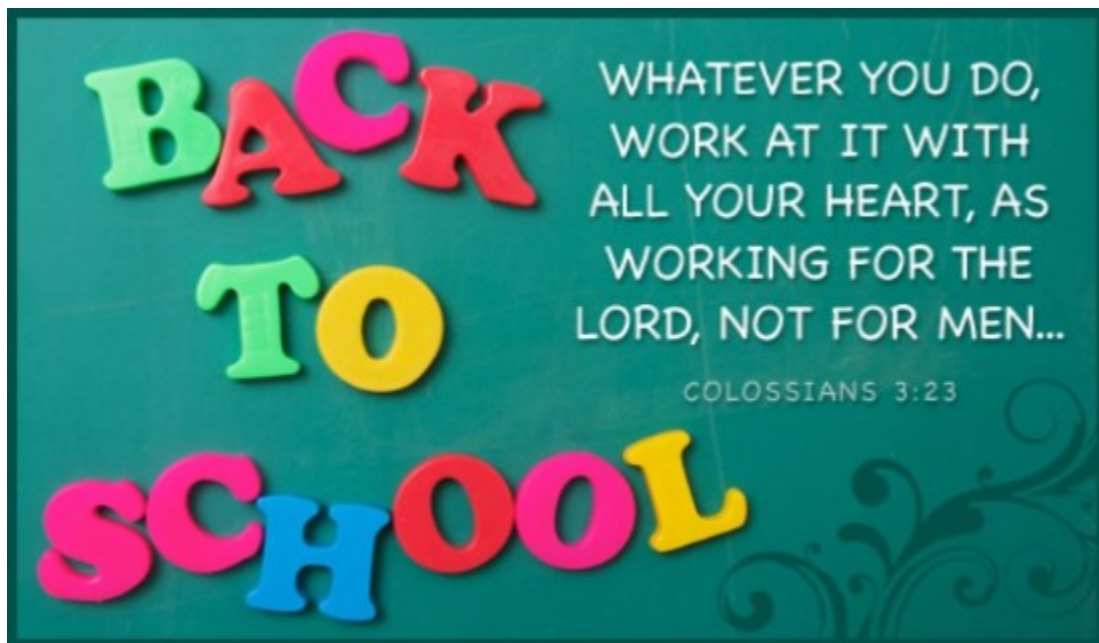


So, my back-to-school challenge to students K - 20 is to create a vision board representing your goals for the coming school year using the same strategy that adults use: poster boards and magazine cutouts to represent your goals in the areas of grades, homework, projects, reading, sports, clubs and other extracurricular activities, relationships with peers and teachers, character, behavior, and any other areas that fit. Make it a family

affair. Parents can participate with their own vision boards and assist younger students with theirs. Don't have access to magazines and poster board? Draw pictures and print words to match your goals and tape them to your refrigerator or bathroom mirrors. The idea is to keep your goals in front of your eyes so they stay in front of your mind!

We invite you to submit pictures of your vision boards to the Calvary Chronicle. We will check back in January 2018 to find out how well your boards are working! Until then, we wish you Godspeed in your return to school!

-Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Rounds-Bryant - FCBC Parenting Ministry



"Catch me after school...yeah, I do my work!"

("Honor Roll" by The NSJ Crew)

Rules for starting school:

1. **SCHOOL SWAGG** time! Create new outfits from old outfits, collect school supplies, & remember your study schedule...
2. **ALWAYS** be open to meeting new people, but know the difference between FRIENDS and ACQUAINTANCES...
3. **Read** a fun book or practice old math. High school students: research SAT/ACT tips & scholarship/college requirements...
4. **Always** get to know your teachers because you will need them in the school year...
5. **Have** the best support system there is just in case you have a bad day or need someone to talk to...
6. **BREATHE**...your school year will be extraordinary!

-Submitted by Sis. Nia Shields





A cartoon illustration of a brown backpack filled with school supplies. The supplies include a purple notebook, a white notepad, a red apple, a yellow ruler, a pair of orange scissors, a glue stick, and several colored pencils. Each item has a simple face with eyes and a smile.





What is a HEALTHY LIFESTYLE?

A way of living that HELPS YOUR WHOLE FAMILY. When you adopt a healthy lifestyle you provide a more positive role model for others in your family, particularly children. You will also create a better environment for them to grow up in. Health is not just about avoiding a disease or illness. It is about spiritual, physical, mental and social well-being too. A large proportion of deaths, particular those from coronary heart and lung

cancer can be avoided. Scientific studies identified certain types of behavior (such as smoking) that contribute to serious illnesses and early deaths.

TOBACCO: Smoking is the greatest single self-imposed risk to health of all

RISK TO YOU: Respiratory Illness, coronary heart disease, and cancer

RISKS TO YOUR FAMILY: Respiratory illness, chest, nose, ear and throat infections. Your family's risks are increased two to three times if you smoke.

Babies who are exposed to tobacco smoke at home are at increased risk of sudden infant death. Young children who have one or more parents who smoke are twice as likely to suffer with chest problems in their first year of life (more than children whose parents do not smoke). They are also more likely to take up smoking themselves in later life

IF YOU ARE PREGNANT you can damage your baby's chance of being healthy by smoking even before the baby is born.

FACT: Tobacco-related diseases not only lead to many premature deaths but also to years of disease and disability. One half of all people who smoke regular will be killed by cigarettes. If you stop smoking before middle age you will avoid almost all the increased risk that would have otherwise occurred. Even stopping smoking in middle age can lower your risk.

If you don't use Tobacco DON'T START. If you do use Tobacco you can lower your risk by stopping NOW. The health benefits will start IMMEDIATELY.

WHAT YOU WILL ACHIEVE: Be LESS at risk from major illnesses, MORE MONEY to fulfill spiritual obligations, and to spend on better foods. You will FEEL MORE HEALTHY, and you will influence you Family's HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.

From World Health Organization

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand Anagram



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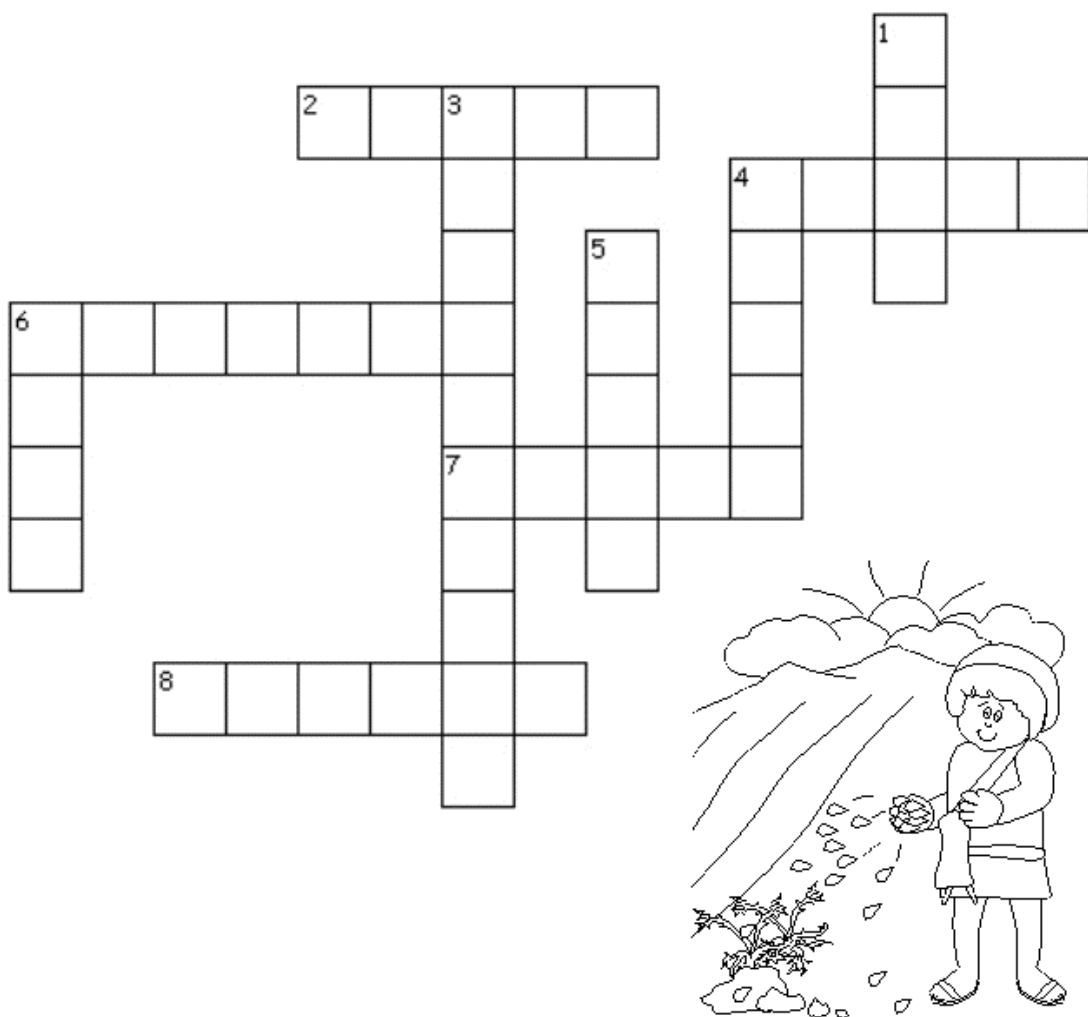
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Sower and the Seed Crossword



Across

2. If we learn and grow we, like the seed will bear ____.
4. It's important to plant seeds in good soil so these can grow deep into the ground.
6. This is a type of story Jesus told to teach a lesson.
7. These are what Jesus compares to the Word that we learn about God.
8. These choke out the seeds and prevent the plant from growing.

Down

1. We can do this if we learn and ask lots of questions about God.
3. The person that plants the seed in good ground are the same that hear and ____ the word.
4. The seed that fell among these couldn't grow roots and died.
5. This is the name of the person that plants the seeds.
6. Do this instead of worrying.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS: AUGUST - OCTOBER 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.

AUGUST - MISSIONS MONTH

- August 19th: Clothing Giveaway - 8:00am - 1:00pm
- August 20th: Missions Sunday
- August 26th: Clothing Giveaway - 8:00am - 1:00pm
- August 26th: Bi-annual Health Fair - 10:00am - 1:00pm

SEPTEMBER - EDUCATION MONTH

- September 13-17th: Singles' Conference
- September 16th: Singles' WordShop
- September 17th: Singles' Sunday
- September 23rd: Christian Education Workshop - 9:00am
- September 24th: Christian Education Promotion Sunday
 - Intercessory Prayer - 7:00am
- Biblical Institute: 7:00pm

OCTOBER - CHURCH ANNIVERSARY MONTH

- October 4th: Whole Family Life Conference
- October 5th: Quarterly Church Conference
- October 11th: Whole Family Life Conference
- October 15th: New Disciples Fair
- October 18th: Whole Family Life Conference
- October 22nd: 133rd Church Anniversary
 - Sacrificial Sunday
 - Intercessory Prayer: 7:00am
- October 25th: Whole Family Life Conference
- October 31st: Harvest Festival



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 April 2017):

Amir Diaz Byrd

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!