



**December 3, 2017**

**7:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship**

**CHURCH NEWS**

**FROM PASTOR DAVIS: ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, PASTOR DAVIS, THE MASS CHOIR, USHERS AND CHURCH FAMILY WILL MINISTER AT CHRISTIAN FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, 509 HILLTOP DRIVE, RALEIGH, NC. There will be NO BIBLE STUDY at First Calvary on this day.**

**ALL MINISTRIES: Please remove outdated information from your web site pages and clear out your ministry mailboxes downstairs. ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE SEND YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2018 TO OUR CHURCH CLERK, SISTER MARY GILMER, AT WIBBIE.GILMER@GMAIL.COM BY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**Please plan to join us on December 13<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> for the Volunteer Appreciation Event. Thank you for your service to this Ministry! (Both events start at 7:00 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 10<sup>th</sup> is Lesson 6, "What Baptists Believe (Part 1)".

**PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH IS A NON-SMOKING FACILITY, THEREFORE, PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF BOTH THE CHURCH BUILDING AND THE ENTIRE CHURCH GROUNDS.**

**ANGEL TREE TIME: SERVING OPPORTUNITY:** The Annual Angel Tree Ministry project is going on now. Sponsors are needed for all clients. Come to the Vestibule or Atrium area after both services to get a child to sponsor. For more information, please contact Sister Bonnie Jones at [Lurdine3@yahoo.com](mailto:Lurdine3@yahoo.com) or Sister Rita Bryant: [bryantrita993@gmail.com](mailto:bryantrita993@gmail.com).

**SAFETY FIRST: VOLUNTEER NEED AND SERVING OPPORTUNITY:** As we seek to be a safe place for all, we invite interested members to join the Emergency Response Team. This Ministry is tasked with putting a plan in place in case of various types of emergencies or special situations at church. Come lend a hand and give your voice to the plans. Our next meeting is on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. For details and to join the team, please contact Trustee Doug Lyons at (919)358-3298.

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION:** The Christian Education Sunday School Department will present the Annual Christmas Presentation, "A Gift that is Worthy of PRAISE!" on December 17, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. All Sunday School students and participants are encouraged to join in this glorious celebration. Ask your teacher/s what you can do to help bring your class assigned role to life. The final rehearsal will be held Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Be There!!!

**LET US PRAY:** Join us Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. for midweek prayer and devotion. Call 712-432-1001, enter access code 494132935.

**COLLEGE STIPENDS:** College Students who completed the required request form-If you have not done so, please pick your College Love Offering up today from the Church Office. There are a few left.

**LOCK IN TIME:** The MLK Lock in registration is now available online ([www.firstcalvary.org](http://www.firstcalvary.org)) The lock in is for youth ages 12 & up to a senior in High School. You must be 12 years old by January 15, 2018 to attend. The deadline to register and order your T-Shirt is December 29<sup>th</sup>. Any questions... contact Deaconess Janet Squires at (919)606-4801 or [youthmlklockin@firstcalvary.org](mailto:youthmlklockin@firstcalvary.org).

**MLK REGISTRATION TEAM: SERVING OPPORTUNITY:** Come join the 2018 MLK Lock In Registration team! Please email Deaconess Janet Squires at [jntsquires@gmail.com](mailto:jntsquires@gmail.com).

**CALLING ALL TEENS: YOUTH SERVING OPPORTUNITY:** Do you enjoy music? Like to sing? Play an instrument? Well, come use YOUR God-given gifts and talents with Voices of Calvary! We are looking for YOU....come join us and share the gift of song. All teens, age 13 and up, are invited and encouraged to join this aspect of the Music Ministry. Parents, bring...or send...your teens to make music unto the Lord. No gift is too small....contact Brother David Cannady for details. NOTHING CAN STOP US....WE ON THE WAY UP!

**IT'S ALL ABOUT SERVICE: SERVING OPPORTUNITY:** The Evangelism Ministry invites ALL TEENS & ADULTS to join them at Urban Ministries (410 Liberty Street 27701) to serve and prepare meals on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Be there at 10:00 a.m. We would like to have as many hands as possible. There is a sign-up list outside of Minister Carter's door. If there are any questions please contact Minister Amorita Pickering at 984-269-0941 or [astevons@yahoo.com](mailto:astevons@yahoo.com).

**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		
Sis. Mary Lee Elliott	<b>Eno Assisted Living</b>	5600 N. Roxboro Road 27712
Bro. Charles Joyner	<b>Pruitt Health</b>	3100 Erwin Road
Sis. Gussie Langley	<b>Carver Living Center</b>	303 E. Carver Street 27704
Sis. Delphine Lemon	<b>Hillcrest Rehab Center</b>	1417 W. Pettigrew Street 27705

AT HOME CARE		
Sis. Mary Bolling	2330 Taylor Street	27703
Sis. Sherry Burwell	3617 Idlewild Villiage Dr., Raleigh	27610
Sis. Wilhemenia Foster-Long	309 Pearson Drive	27713
Sis. Naomi Grier	517 Grammery Place	27704
Sis. Shirley Jackson	2420 Glenbrook Drive	27704
Sis. Willie Little	600 Audubon Lake Drive, #2C13	27713
Bro. Frank Lloyd	7 Gwendolyn Circle	27703
Sis. Shawn McClain	500 Pickwick Trl., #310	27704
Sis. Eliza McCrimmon	901 Chalk Level Rd., Apt. B-4	27707
Sis. Rachelle Nelums	723 Melanie Street	27704
Sis. Gwen Smith	1326 Elmset Lane	27713
Dea. John Smith	1405 Timber Wolf Drive	27713
Sis. Mary Strayhorn	1205 Moreland Avenue	27707
Sis. LaConya Thorpe	2801 Ross Road	27703
Sis. Joyce Wall	2330 Taylor Street	27703

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE		
<b>MONDAY &amp; THURSDAY – December 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>TUESDAY- December 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
Tots of Praise- 6:00pm	Voices of Calvary-6:45pm	Praise Team- 6:30pm

**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

SUNDAY		
7:00 am	Intercessory Prayer Service (4 <sup>th</sup> Sun)	Sanct
9:30 pm	Discipleship Orientation Class	LIB
1:15pm	Health & Wellness Ministry (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)	CR I
1:15 pm	Evangelism Ministry (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)	CR II
1:15 pm	Daughters of Calvary (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun)	CR II
1:15 pm	Computer Ministry (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)	CR III
4:00 pm	Associate Ministers (each 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)	CR II
5:00 pm	Deacons & Trustee Ministry Mtg. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)	CR III/LIB
6:30 pm	Official Leadership Team (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)	FH

MONDAY		
6:00 pm	Tots of Praise Rehearsal (after 1 <sup>st</sup> )	CRM
6:30 pm	Psalms 150 (after 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun)	CRM
6:30 pm	Young Adult Choir (after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)	CRM
6:30pm	Children's Church Committee (after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)	LIB
6:30 pm	Sunday School Teachers (1 <sup>st</sup> Mon)	CR I
6:30 pm	Calvary's Anointed/Vessels of Praise	FH/Sanct
7:00pm	Entrepreneur Ministry (1 <sup>st</sup> Mon)	CR III
7:00pm	Visionary Ministry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon)	LIB
7:30pm	Male Chorus (after 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun)	CRM
7:30pm	Young Adult Choir (before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun)	CRM

TUESDAY		
6:00pm	Scouting Ministry (every other Tues)	ALL AREAS
6:30pm	Hospitality Ministry (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues)	CR I
6:30pm	Praise Team	CRM
6:30pm	Circle of Care (COC) (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues-Quarterly)	LIB
6:30pm	Video Ministry (4 <sup>th</sup> Tues)	Balcony
7:00pm	Male Summit (Tuesday after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun)	LIB
7:30pm	Music Council (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues)	CR II
7:30pm	The Encouragers (1 <sup>st</sup> Tues)	CR III

WEDNESDAY		
12:00pm	Noon Day Prayer	LIB
6:30pm	Prayer and Praise Service	FH
7:00pm	Bible Study	FH & CR

THURSDAY		
6:00pm	Nursery Ministry (1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs)	Nursery
6:30pm	Calvary's Anointed/Vessels of Praise	FH/Sanct
6:30pm	Beautification Committee (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs)	CR I
6:30pm	Couples' Ministry (4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs)	CR II
6:30pm	Youth Council (4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs)	CR I
6:30pm	ACT Ministry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs)	CR I
6:30pm	Young Adult Ministry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs)	CR II
7:00pm	Singles in Love with Christ (4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs)	LIB
7:00pm	Sunday Service Choir Rehearsal	CRM
7:30pm	Drama Ministry	CR III

SATURDAY		
9:30am	Pearls of Praise (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat)	CRM
10:00am	Scholarship Ministry (before the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun)	CR II
10:00am	PROJECT F.I.N.E.	CFLR
10:00am	Onesiphorous Prison Ministry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat)	CR I
10:30am	Deaconess Ministry (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat)	LIB/Sanct
11:00am	Senior Missionary Ministry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat)	LIB
11:00am	Senior Usher & First Aid Ministry (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat)	CRM/ Sanct
11:30am	Culinary Arts Ministry (4 <sup>th</sup> Sat)	LIB

**PRAISE & ADORATION**

Call to Worship/Scripture.....Minister  
John1: 1-14

Prayer.....Deacon

Praise & Worship.....FCBC Praise Team

The Word in Song

The Time of Fellowship

Hymn..... #322  
"Come Thou Almighty King"

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

Church News (10:45 a.m.).....Sister Katherine Rogers

Greeting (10:45 a.m.).....Sister Patrilla Carson

Pastoral Concerns

Offertory Appeal

Offertory Prayer.....Minister

\*Offertory Response.....#638  
"Doxology"

Offertory Music

**CARE & CONCERNS THROUGH PRAYER**

The Recognition of Returning Sick/Prayer Concerns

\*Hymn of Dedication.....#285  
"His Name is Wonderful"

Altar Call & Prayer.....Minister

The Word in Song

**WORSHIP THROUGH INSTRUCTION**

**\*\* The Sermon.....Pastor Fredrick A. Davis  
"DO YOU HAVE A LIGHT?"**

**Matthew 5: 14-16; Romans 13: 11-14; Ephesians 5: 7-13**

\*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.*

Presentation of New Members

Communion Litany

Holy Communion

\*Benediction

**\*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE and remain standing  
\*\*Please refrain from walking during The Sermon**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We are rounding out 2017 and that means it is time for some end of the year activity here at First Calvary. Before I begin to write about some upcoming things in the life of this church, allow me to share this: "Membership may come with some privileges but Discipleship comes with Sacrifice!" First Calvary, in the coming weeks, we really need to examine whether or not we are Disciples of Jesus Christ and if we are, how are we living that out in the life of this congregation. We need your participation for First Calvary to survive... not just financially... but we also need each other for Spiritual development. Let's enter into the New Year with a renewed commitment to THIS Ministry. Please update your contact information in our church records, ASAP!

Parents & Youth...it's Caroling Time also on December 9<sup>th</sup>! Plan to be there....parents, we need your support. This is always a special time for our Youth to interact with and be a blessing to our elderly members and community friends. We will have our "Angel Tree Event" on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and fellowship with our Angel Tree recipients. Come fellowship and share with the community. Additionally, we will celebrate the season "FCBC Style" with our Drama, Music, and Christian Education Ministries on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School Hour at 9:30 a.m. We will hold our "Volunteer Appreciation Fellowship" on December 20<sup>th</sup>. On December 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have one Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. and celebrate "Christkwanzaa Sunday" with some African Attire. Lastly, we will close out 2017 with our Annual Watchnight Service at 10:00 p.m. Even in the final weeks of this year, there is still much to do in the life of this ministry! Join the Movement!

We are in the beginning of the Advent Season. As we celebrate over these coming weeks, let us make sure that the real reason for this season is truly our focus. Are you excited about "Christ"-mas coming? Not because of the "stuff" but because for the Christian it symbolizes the coming of our Savior!! Let us make sure that the real reason for this season is being celebrated in our community, in our homes, and in our hearts. Look around, First Calvary, and see the wonderful decorations that are helping us get into the holiday spirit and remember to celebrate His coming. We appreciate the efforts and the spirit of volunteerism that went into getting the church "Christmas Ready". Thanks to our Beautification Ministry, the Male Summit, and all others that lent a helping hand. As we look upon the beautiful decorations and get involved in the hustle and bustle that this time of year brings, let us not lose focus. It is important that believers make it known that IS THE TRUE REASON FOR THIS SEASON! First Calvary Baptist Church, let's continue to be AN EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION!

## 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

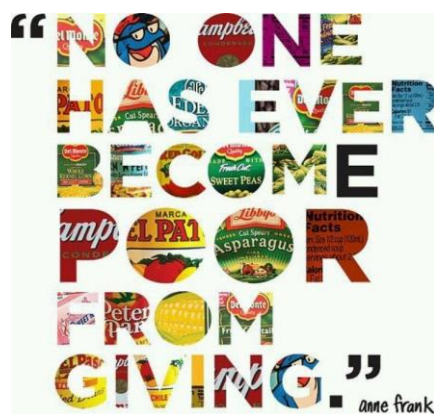
<b>Music:</b>	<b>Psalms 150</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	<b>Minister Michael Dotson</b>
<b>Church Musician:</b>	<b>Brother David Cannady</b>
<b>Percussionist:</b>	<b>Brother Andre Sanders</b>
<b>Saxophonist:</b>	<b>Brother Lynwood Jones</b>
<b>First Aide Ministry:</b>	<b>Sister Thelma Reed</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>Brother Felton Wiggins/ Dr. Cedric Bright</b>
<b>Nursery Volunteers:</b>	<b>Robbin Guy/Kiara Leathers/ Jekiyah Lyons</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 26, 2017**

Bible Study <b>84</b>	Sunday School <b>132</b>	New Members <b>N/A</b>
Early Worship <b>176</b>	Worship Service <b>196</b>	
Tithes and Offering	\$18,296.70	
Sacrificial Offering	\$830.00	
Food Pantry	\$85.00	
Scholarship	\$130.00	
Sunday School	\$152.75	
Children's Church	\$7.17	
Special Project	\$25.00	
Online Giving	\$3,824.00	
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$23,350.62</b>	



**THE FCBC FOOD PANTRY IS ALWAYS ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, to include:**  
**jelly, peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit and veggies, ramen noodles, cereal, rice, dry beans, oatmeal, and tuna. A great way to end the year!**  
**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS MINISTRY!**

## PASTORAL APPRECIATION MONTH

DECEMBER 2017

<b>2</b>	9:00 AM	<b>DIACONATE MINISTRY RETREAT</b>
<b>SUN 3</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/CC Holy Communion
<b>6</b>	7:00 PM	<b>FC AT CHRISTIAN FAITH BAPT. CHURCH Raleigh, NC (No Bible Study)</b>
<b>9</b>	10:00 AM	<b>Youth Caroling Event</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Ushers/First Aide Christmas Event</b>
<b>SUN 10</b>	7:45 AM	Early Morning Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service/CC
<b>13</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 17</b>	7:45 AM	Early Morning Worship
	9:30 AM	<b>ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION</b>
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service/CC
<b>20</b>	12:00 noon	Noon Day Prayer
	7:00 PM	<b>VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT</b>
<b>SUN 24</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>
	7:45 AM	Early Morning Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service/CC
<b>25</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS</b>
<b>26</b>		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>27</b>		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
		<b>No Noon Day Prayer/NO BIBLE STUDY</b>
<b>SUN 31</b>		<b>CHRISTKWANZAA SUNDAY</b>
	9:30 AM	<b>ONE WORSHIP SERVICE/CC (Wear Your African Attire to Worship)</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



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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**Fredrick A. Davis, M.Div., D.D., Pastor**  
**December 3, 2017**

**SUNDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

Noon Day Prayer- 12:00pm  
 Prayer & Praise- 6:45pm  
 Bible Study-7:00pm

**"DEVELOPING AND LEADING DISCIPLES  
 INTO SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE"**