



December 10, 2017
7:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship

CHURCH NEWS

FROM PASTOR DAVIS: ALL MINISTRIES: Please remove outdated information from your web site pages and clear out your ministry mailboxes downstairs.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 10TH

Please plan to join us on THIS WEDNESDAY, December 13th, at our "Annual Bring a Pot/Angel Tree Fellowship", 7:00 p.m. Bring a dish that will feed about 6 folk and come enjoy the holiday fellowship!

Pastor & Mrs. Davis invite ALL VOLUNTEERS to be their special guests on December 20th at 7:00 p.m. for the Volunteer Appreciation Event. Thank you for your service to this Ministry! PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS EVENT TODAY....EMAIL LINDSAY@FIRSTCALVARY.ORG OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE. DON'T WAIT 'TIL THE LAST MINUTE....PLEASE!

New disciples (12 & up) are urged and invited to attend the **NEW DISCIPLES CLASS** at 9:30 a.m. The lesson on December 17th is Lesson 7, "What Baptists Believe (Part 2)".

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION: The Christian Education Sunday School Department will present the Annual Christmas Presentation, "A Gift that is Worthy of PRAISE!" on December 17th 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 15th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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 4th, 6:30 p.m. For details and to join the team, please contact Trustee Doug Lyons at (919)358-3298.

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) 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 29th. Any questions... contact Deaconess Janet Squires at (919)606-4801 or 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.

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!

PRISON OUTREACH: Those that will be attending the Prison Outreach Project to the NC Prison MUST be at the Church by 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 14th. There are no exceptions. **SERVING OPPORTUNITY:** Also, everyone can support by donating toiletry items for the residents by Tuesday, December 12th.

HOLIDAY TIME: FROM THE PASTORAL ESTEEM TEAM: All Ministries are asked to plan to bless Pastor with Holiday Gifts on the 3rd Sunday. Members may give as well. There will be a gift basket available at the front of the Sanctuary.

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 23rd, 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.

FROM THE COMMUNITY: SERVING OPPORTUNITY: Volunteers are NEEDED- Mobile Market Food distribution- Saturday, December 16th- anytime between 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Duke Memorial United Methodist Church (unload food, distribute food, process food, pack food for delivery, deliver food, set-up and clean up). **THIS HAPPENS EVERY 3RD SATURDAY...YOU CAN COME ANYTIME TO LEND A HAND.** There is ALWAYS a need...teens welcome too. Thank you.

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	Eno Assisted Living	27703
	5600 N. Roxboro Road	27712
Bro. Charles Joyner	Pruitt Health	27713
	3100 Erwin Road	27704
Sis. Gussie Langley	Carver Living Center	27704
	303 E. Carver Street	27704
Sis. Delphine Lemon	Hillcrest Rehab Center	27705
	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 Grammerly 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. Ernestine Perry	1321 Timothy Avenir	27707
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
MONDAY & THURSDAY – December 11th & 14th
 Young Adult Choir-7:00pm

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 th Sun)	Sanct
9:30 pm	Discipleship Orientation Class	LIB
1:15pm	Health & Wellness Ministry (2 nd Sun)	CR I
1:15 pm	Evangelism Ministry (2 nd Sun)	CR II
1:15 pm	Daughters of Calvary (3 rd Sun)	CR II
1:15 pm	Computer Ministry (2 nd Sun)	CR III
4:00 pm	Associate Ministers (each 2 nd Sun)	CR II
5:00 pm	Deacons & Trustee Ministry Mtg. (2 nd Sun)	CR III/LIB
6:30 pm	Official Leadership Team (2 nd Sun)	FH
MONDAY		
6:00 pm	Tots of Praise Rehearsal (after 1 st)	CRM
6:30 pm	Psalm 150 (after 3 rd & 4 th Sun)	CRM
6:30 pm	Young Adult Choir (after 2 nd Sun)	CRM
6:30pm	Children's Church Committee (after 2 nd Sun)	LIB
6:30 pm	Sunday School Teachers (1 st Mon)	CR I
6:30 pm	Calvary's Anointed/Vessels of Praise	FH/Sanct
7:00pm	Entrepreneur Ministry (1 st Mon)	CR III
7:00pm	Visionary Ministry (3 rd Mon)	LIB
7:30pm	Male Chorus (after 2 nd & 3 rd Sun)	CRM
7:30pm	Young Adult Choir (before 3 rd Sun)	CRM
TUESDAY		
6:00pm	Scouting Ministry (every other Tues)	ALL AREAS
6:30pm	Hospitality Ministry (2 nd Tues)	CR I
6:30pm	Praise Team	CRM
6:30pm	Circle of Care (COC) (2 nd Tues-Quarterly)	LIB
6:30pm	Video Ministry (4 th Tues)	Balcony
7:00pm	Male Summit (Tuesday after 3 rd Sun)	LIB
7:30pm	Music Council (2 nd Tues)	CR II
7:30pm	The Encouragers (1 st 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 st Thurs)	Nursery
6:30pm	Calvary's Anointed/Vessels of Praise	FH/Sanct
6:30pm	Beautification Committee (2 nd Thurs)	CR I
6:30pm	Couples' Ministry (4 th Thurs)	CR II
6:30pm	Youth Council (4 th Thurs)	CR I
6:30pm	ACT Ministry (3 rd Thurs)	CR I
6:30pm	Young Adult Ministry (3 rd Thurs)	CR II
7:00pm	Singles in Love with Christ (4 th Thurs)	LIB
7:00pm	Sunday Service Choir Rehearsal	CRM
7:30pm	Drama Ministry	CR III
SATURDAY		
9:30am	Pearls of Praise (2 nd Sat)	CRM
10:00am	Scholarship Ministry (before the 2 nd Sun)	CR II
10:00am	PROJECT F.I.N.E.	CFLR
10:00am	Onesiphorous Prison Ministry (3 rd Sat)	CR I
10:30am	Deaconess Ministry (1 st Sat)	LIB/Sanct
11:00am	Senior Missionary Ministry (3 rd Sat)	LIB
11:00am	Senior Usher & First Aid Ministry (2 nd Sat)	CRM/ Sanct
11:30am	Culinary Arts Ministry (4 th Sat)	LIB

PRAISE & ADORATION

Call to Worship/Scripture.....Minister
 Luke 1: 26-38

Prayer.....Deacon

Praise & Worship.....FCBC Praise Team

Baby Dedication (7:45 a.m.)

The Word in Song

The Time of Fellowship

Hymn..... #208
 "Joy to the World"

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Church News (10:45 a.m.)

Greeting (10:45 a.m.).....Destiny Quick

Pastoral Concerns

Offertory Appeal

Offertory Prayer.....Minister
 Kaitlyn Hopkins (10:45 a.m.)

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

Offertory Music

CARE & CONCERNS THROUGH PRAYER

The Recognition of Returning Sick/Prayer Concerns

*Hymn of Dedication.....#298
 "There's Just Something About That Name"

Altar Call & Prayer.....Minister

The Word in Song

WORSHIP THROUGH INSTRUCTION

** The Sermon.....Pastor Fredrick A. Davis
 "HOW TO FACE YOUR FEARS!"
 Luke 1: 26-38

*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.

*Benediction

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Keep in mind the events over the coming weeks in the life of First Calvary. This Wednesday night during our regular Bible Study time, join us for our Annual "Bring a Pot" Fellowship. When you "bring your pot", try to have it here by 6:15 p.m. Also during this time we will share in prayer and praise with our Angel Tree families. I am really amazed at the support many of you have given to this ministry work each year. I also sincerely thank those that work tirelessly to coordinate this large, sometimes challenging effort. We should all consider it a blessing to help those who are in need. Our additional events that will take place this month are also important to the life of this ministry. Our Annual Christmas Presentation will take place on December 17th, during the Sunday School Hour. Our volunteers are cordially invited to be our guests at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Event on December 20th, hosted by Pastor and Mrs. Davis. Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year...and we will have business as usual for our Worship. On Sunday, December 31st, we will celebrate Christkwanzaa Sunday with only ONE Worship Service at 9:30 a.m....so wear your African Attire! As usual, we will celebrate the coming of 2018 with our Annual Watch Night Service on the last day of the year at 10:00 p.m. ...we hope to see YOU there! You see, First Calvary, there is still much work to do, even as the year comes to a close. Speaking of which, it is never too late to make a donation to our food pantry. What a great way to serve our community during this season.

Today, our Official Leadership will meet and one thing on the docket to discuss is the overall Church Budget for 2018. I hope that you will be reminded of the importance of your financial gifts and giving to the life of this church. I don't want to sound like a broken record, but it costs to do Ministry. I fully believe that God will provide for the Vision of this Body, but your support is vital to that Vision going forth...in TIME, TALENT AND TREASURES. Continue to pray for this Ministry, this Faith Family, that we may continue to be able to do a good work for the Cause of Christ!

Finally, let us remember on this 2nd Sunday of Advent, that the real reason for this season is to celebrate the coming of the Savior. Last week, the candle of Hope was lit, and this week, the 2nd candle lighted on the Advent Wreath represents LOVE. The Second Candle represents the love of God that He has shared with us in the person of his Son, and which Jesus Christ showed us through His sacrifice and death. This love, the pure love of Christ, we are called to share with each other. This candle also represents God's covenant with Abraham, promising him an eternal glory and the father of many as numerous as the sands of the sea. The Lord further promised Abraham that in his seed all the nations of the earth would be blessed, a promise that received its ultimate fulfillment in the coming of Jesus Christ through Abraham's line. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:16-17) I encourage each of us to not forget the ultimate Reason for the Season. I know it's cliché but it's very important that we remember what we shouldn't forget....it's all about Christ! It is also important that First Calvary Baptist Church continue to be "AN EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION"!

THE DEACON'S MESSAGE

Some of us live our lives as if praising God is an option. I don't think it is, but let me explain why. Psalm 150:6 (NIV) says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord." So it seems to me that praise is not an option. Your relationship with God often determines how you feel most comfortable praising him. To praise him is to simply show your gratitude, admiration and approval. Praising God should not take place just within the walls of the church. Praise should be a garment we wear in honor of the Lord for his faithfulness. Our wardrobe should be varied enough that people see us wearing the praise of God no matter the situations we encounter. I would say it is impossible not to praise God when He has done so much for us. If you ask me, praise is not an option. It is a mandate from a heart that has been touched by God.

TODAY'S MINISTRY THROUGH SERVICE

Music:	Tots of Praise/Voices of Calvary
Director of Music Ministries:	Minister Michael Dotson
Senior Church Musician:	Brother David Cannady
Percussionist:	Brother Andre Sanders
Saxophonist:	Brother Lynwood Jones
First Aide Ministry:	Sister Kelly Foster
Encouragers:	Brother Lonnie Forte/ Sister Kendra Adams
Audio Technician:	Deacon Darryll Gadson
Videographers:	Sister Crystal Bethea/ Sister Anita Hill
Next Sunday Van Drivers:	Deacon Jeff Forde/ Deacon Shedrick Poole

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 N/A	Sunday School 149	New Members N/A
Early Worship 193	Worship Service 302	
Tithes and Offering	\$26,096.51	
Sacrificial Offering	\$1,083.00	
Food Pantry	\$197.00	
Scholarship	\$60.00	
Sunday School	\$215.15	
Children's Church	\$10.43	
Special Project	\$55.00	
Online Giving	\$6,292.00	
Total Giving	\$34,009.09	

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

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

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.!
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The Abbreviated FC Mission Statement:
E³: Empower spiritual lives, Enhance quality of life, & Evangelize the lost



"An Exciting Church Excited About Its Mission"

Family Month



SECOND SUNDAY OF Advent

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December 10, 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"