



December 1, 2019

7:45 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

CHURCH NEWS

FROM PASTOR DAVIS: The following individual has completed New Disciples Classes and will receive the Right Hand of Fellowship: Artherine Bruce. Welcome New Member!

Before I Say I Do will meet today at 3:00 p.m.

Pastor & Mrs. Davis invite ALL VOLUNTEERS to be their special guests on December 18th for the Volunteer Appreciation Event. Thank you for your service to this Ministry! (Also starting at 7:00 p.m.) IF YOU WILL ATTEND, PLEASE RSVP TO LINDSAY@FIRSTCALVARY.ORG.

FOR THE NEXT FIVE SUNDAYS WE NEED TO HAVE EVERY HOUSEHOLD FILL OUT A 2019 FCBC HOUSEHOLD CENSUS CARD. PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS. THIS IS GOING TO BE SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY INTO OUR DATA BASE. AGAIN, IF YOU DON'T FILL OUT AN UPDATED CARD, THEN WE WILL KNOW THAT WE ARE TO USE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION OR IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED THAT FAMILIES/PERSONS ARE NO LONGER WITH US. THANK YOU!

JOIN US FOR THE LAST BIBLE STUDY SESSION OF THE YEAR ON DECEMBER 4TH, "WHAT BECOMES OF THE BROKENHEARTED?", 2 Samuel 12: 15b – 24. DEACON FAMILY BIBLE STUDY UNITS THIS WEEK: Deacons Davenport & Gadson.

On December 11th, we will have our ANNUAL ANGEL TREE FELLOWSHIP..... Bring a dish that will feed about 6 folk and come enjoy the holiday fellowship! WE WILL TAKE SPONSORS FOR OUR ANGEL TREE TODAY AND DECEMBER 8TH AFTER WORSHIP IN THE ATRIUM. WE WILL ASSIGN NAMES OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH NO SPECIAL PREFERENCE AND WE WILL SERVE FAMILIES IN THE WEST END AREA FIRST. ANGEL TREE BLESSERS WILL NEED TO HAVE YOUR ANGEL TREE GIFTS WITH APPROPRIATE NAMES AND NUMBERS BACK TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH BY 5:00 P.M. Once again, if you would like to assist on Wednesday, December 11th, please contact the Church Office or Pastor (info@firstcalvary.org).

LOCK IT IN: Youth ages 12 to 18-Register at www.firstcalvary.org for the 2020 MLK Jr. Youth Lock-In, January 19-20, 2020. You can also register in the Vestibule after service. If you are over 18 and attend High School you can also register. Contact youthmlklockin@firstcalvary.org or Minister Wright at (919)489-4184 for details.

CLOTHES: The Daughters of Calvary is asking for clothing donations again for the Smith House. Please donate CLEAN, Fall/Winter clothing and shoes for Children, Men and Women. Please do not donate SOILED/STAINED, TORN, or UNCLEAN items. **Please contact Sister Marion McClain at (919)451-9615 for donation dates and times.** DONATIONS ARE NOT GIVEN OR DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE. Thank you all for your continued support.

HOLIDAY DECORATING: The Beautification Ministry will began decorating the church and grounds for the Christmas Season. No special decorating skills needed, if you can sort decorations, string lights, hang a wreath, fluff a bow, we need you. Interested young adults, seniors, ladies and gents may contact Trustee Chair Brenda Harris White at (919)381-4374 or missbrendadean@gmail.com.

DISNEY ON ICE: On December 13th, we will take our Children/Youth to Disney's Frozen on Ice. We are only taking 40 attendees. Cost for youth is \$7. Adults will need to pay \$17. Please sign-up to attend on the sheet on the Youth Board. Payment is due by December 9, 2019. Please contact Minister Wright at wright@firstcalvary.org for more details and sign-up on the Youth Board to attend.

IT'S ALMOST CAROLING TIME: Join the Youth Council on December 14th for our annual Caroling Extravaganza! We will depart the church at 9:30 a.m. and travel to local convalescent homes to bring holiday cheer to our Sick and Shut-in. We will fellowship afterwards. Please contact Minister Wright at wright@firstcalvary.org for more details and sign-up on the Youth Board to attend.

BABIES, BABIES, BABIES!! We want to know about each baby born to FCBC! Babies are a blessing and your Church Family wants to celebrate this blessing with you. If you have had a baby during January 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019 please contact Deaconess Kim Forde via email kimforde90@gmail.com or 919-451-1942 or contact your Deacon Family with the name and birthdate of your new bundle of joy.

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. Dorothy Blakeney	Duke Regional Hospital
Sis. Gussie Langley	Carver Living Center
	303 E. Carver Street 27704

AT HOME CARE

Bro. Danny Blackwell	1 Lucas Drive	27703
Sis. Mary Bolling	2200 N. Oakridge Blvd	27707
Brother Bryan Brandon	1912 West B. Street, Butner	27509
Sis. Teresa Brown	710 Advancement Ave., Apt. L102	27703
Bro. Sherman Duffie	610 Long View Drive, Youngsville	27596
Sis. Wilhemenia Foster-Long	309 Pearson Drive	27713
Sis. Mildred Gerald	6304 Amhurst Road	27713
Sis. Janelle Ellis-Holloway	1020 Lakeview Road	27712
Sis. Shirley Jackson	2420 Glenbrook Drive	27707
Bro. Frank Lloyd	7 Gwendolyn Circle	27703
Sis. Eliza McCrimmon	1207 Gilbert Street	27701
Sis. Rachelle Nelums	723 Melanie Street	27704
Sis. Minnie Russell	810 Waring 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. Conya Thorpe	2801 Ross Road	27703
Sis. Tamaura Tutt	2804 Weldon Terrace	27703
Sis. Joyce Wall	2200 N. Oakridge Blvd	27707
Sis. Dorothy Waller	1027 Moreland Avenue	27707

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

MONDAY & Thursday- December 2nd & 5th
 Tots of Praise- 6:00pm Voices of Calvary- 6:30pm
TUESDAY- December 3rd
 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 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	Psalms 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 (TBA)	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	Beauty for Ashes	LIB
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
6:45pm	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
 Acts 19: 1-10

Prayer.....Deacon

Praise & Worship.....FCBC Praise Team

The Word in Song

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Church News (10:45 a.m.)

Greeting (10:45 a.m.).....Sister Marcella Gartrell

The Time of Fellowship

Hymn.....#216
 "Jesus, the Light of the World"

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.....#389
 "Jesus is all the World to Me"

Altar Call & Prayer.....Minister

The Word in Song

WORSHIP THROUGH INSTRUCTION

****The Sermon.....Pastor Fredrick A. Davis**

"HAVE YOU HEARD?"
Acts 19: 1-10

*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.

The Presentation of New Members

The Litany for Communion

The Holy Communion

*Benediction

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we finish off the Thanksgiving leftovers, I want to remind us that we are truly blessed... we have so many reasons to be thankful! I hope during this season this year we are moved to remembrance. Remember that our mere existence is a gift from God. Remember that His bountiful and gracious blessings should put us in a place of "Thanks-Living". I would encourage us to remember that, "The Purest Form of my Thanksgiving is clearly seen in my ThanksLiving!" (Web Quote) When we live a thankful life, God is glorified through our very being. Remember that our lives should witness to the fact that God is a Holy, Righteous, and Loving God. Remember that He is our Good, Good Father!

It is my hope that each member and "extended visitor" (you know who you are ☺) that Worships here each week would move to a place of service in this Body of Faith. There are over 40 ministries at First Calvary...are you active in at least ONE? There is something for everyone to do...even the young folk should be serving. It's through our service that we are able to show the outside what's going on inside! I would also hope that we remember that "it costs to do Ministry" and that we do not neglect our financial support of the Church during this Holiday season. Your giving of your TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURE makes a difference. REMEMBER that when we serve within our Church Body others are blessed and we are blessed.

This is the first Sunday in the Christian celebration of Advent. The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin term "adventus" (or "coming"). Advent is the first season of the Christian liturgical year. Traditionally, it includes a period covering four Sundays, beginning with the Sunday closest to November 30th and ending at sundown on Christmas Eve. Advent reminds us to focus on anticipating and preparing for the coming of Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent...we must keep our HOPE in the One that gives us purpose...the Coming Christ! Now that Thanksgiving is over, 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.

The last month of the year will be upon us on Saturday...let's finish 2019 strong! Don't forget...we are looking for those who serve...join us on December 18th, we will celebrate those that serve in Ministry at First Calvary...RSVP today. We will not have Noon Day Prayer or Bible on Christmas, December 25th. On December 29th we will have one, joint Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. It will also be "Christkwanzaa Sunday", so wear your African Attire to Worship that morning. December 31st is New Year's Eve, at 10:00 p.m., we will come together and usher in 2020 at Watch Night Service (2020 is coming...a year of "Vision"-get it, 20/20?). We are closing out a year...in true First Calvary fashion. REMEMBER that we are AN EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION!

THE DEACON'S MESSAGE

What if eternity were something you could grasp or hold in the palm of your hand? What would you do with it? Believers in Christ know eternity is a realm to be discovered because through Christ we have eternal life. A preview of eternity would be nice wouldn't it? What if I were to tell you that you have the opportunity to touch a piece of eternity everyday? Would you believe it? If you read Isaiah 40:8 (NASB) you might find a clue. "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever." Each day we are given an opportunity to have an encounter with eternity. The words of God have been written and we have the great fortune to have free access to the heart and spirit of God. He wants us to know him so He has given us his words. They speak of yesterday, today and tomorrow. The Bible is full of pages from eternity because God's word stands forever. Have you touched a piece of eternity today?

TODAY'S MINISTRY THROUGH SERVICE

Music:	Psalm 150
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/ Brother Robert Vance
Videographers:	Sister Crystal Bethea/ Sister Anita Hill
Next Sunday Van Drivers:	Deacon Jeff Forde/ Deacon Shedrick Poole

STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

Our **Tithes & Offerings** must be \$30,621.16 per Sunday to meet our budget. Thank you for giving!
Our attendance goals: Bible Study-100, Sunday School-200

November 24, 2019

Bible Study N/A Sunday School 138 New Members 4
Early Worship 178 Worship Service 181

Tithes and Offering	\$18,422.25
Sacrificial Offering	\$620.00
Food Pantry	\$411.00
Scholarship	\$130.00
Children's Church	\$10.00
Sunday School	\$193.46
Online Giving	\$5,109.00
Total Giving	\$24,967.71

COUPLES CLASS: Join the Couples Sunday School class for the Tony Evans Kingdom Marriage study series. Christian couples will discuss how to tap into the power of God as they seek God's purpose for their marriage. See you in the fellowship hall at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday!

SAFETY FIRST: The doors on the bottom level facing the parking lot (Fellowship Hall and office area) will be locked at **11:30 a.m.** each Sunday (10:15 a.m. on 5th Sundays and One Worship Service Sundays). Members arriving after this time will enter the church through the main doors.

LET US PRAY: Join in the Prayer Conference Call, Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. (712)432-1001, code "494132935#", Noon Day Prayer (Wednesdays), and Intercessory Prayer (4th Sundays, 7:00 a.m.).

New disciples (12 & up) are urged and invited to attend the **NEW DISCIPLES CLASS** at 9:30 a.m. The lesson on December 8th is Lesson 5, "The Structure of the Church".

FAMILY MONTH

DECEMBER 2019

SUN 1	7:45 AM	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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
4	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise
	7:00 PM	Bible Study
6-7		DIACONATE MINISTRY RETREAT
SUN 8	7:45 AM	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Early Morning Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service/CC
11	12:00 noon	Noon Day Prayer
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise
	7:00 PM	ANGEL TREE GIVEAWAY/ BRING A POT FELLOWSHIP
SUN 15	7:45 AM	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Early Morning Worship
	9:30 AM	ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service/CC
18	12:00 noon	Noon Day Prayer
	7:00 PM	VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT
SUN 22	7:45 AM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Early Morning Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship Service/CC
24		CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTMAS
25		Church Office Closed No Noon Day Prayer/NO BIBLE STUDY Church Office Closed
26		
SUN 29	9:30 AM	CHRISTKWANZAA SUNDAY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
		(Wear Your African Attire to Worship)
31	10:00 PM	ANNUAL WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

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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



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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December 1, 2019

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Noon Day Prayer- 12:00pm
Prayer & Praise- 6:30pm ♦ Bible Study-7:00pm

**"EMPOWERING DISCIPLES
THROUGH PRAYER & PRAISE"**