



**December 8, 2019**

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

**PRAISE & ADORATION**

Call to Worship/Scripture.....Minister  
Acts 20: 32-38

Prayer.....Deacon

Praise & Worship.....FCBC Praise Team

The Word in Song

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

Church News (10:45 a.m.).....Ayanna Thomas

Greeting (10:45 a.m.).....Mary Katherine Bryant

The Time of Fellowship

Hymn.....#167  
"We Have Come Into This House"

Pastoral Concerns

Offertory Appeal

Offertory Prayer.....Minister  
Cameron Sanders (10:45 a.m.)

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

Offertory Music

**CARE & CONCERNS THROUGH PRAYER**

The Recognition of Returning Sick/Prayer Concerns

\*Hymn of Dedication.....#177  
"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Altar Call & Prayer.....Minister

The Word in Song

**WORSHIP THROUGH INSTRUCTION**

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

**"BLESSED BY GIVING"**

**Acts 20: 32-38**

\*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**

**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 (4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 7:00 a.m.).

**CHURCH NEWS**

**FROM PASTOR DAVIS:** Pastor & Mrs. Davis invite ALL VOLUNTEERS to be their special guests on December 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:LINDSAY@FIRSTCALVARY.ORG).

FOR THE SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER 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!

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 9<sup>TH</sup> BY 5:00 P.M. Once again, if you would like to assist on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, please contact the Church Office or Pastor ([info@firstcalvary.org](mailto:info@firstcalvary.org)).

**LOCK IT IN:** Youth ages 12 to 18-Register at [www.firstcalvary.org](http://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](mailto: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.

**DISNEY ON ICE:** On December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:kimforde90@gmail.com) or 919-451-1942 or contact your Deacon Family with the name and birthdate of your new bundle of joy. We need all Blessed Baby Names by January 26, 2020.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays and One Worship Service Sundays). Members arriving after this time will enter the church through the main doors.

New disciples (12 & up) are urged and invited to attend the **NEW DISCIPLES CLASS** at 9:30 a.m. The lesson on December 15<sup>th</sup> is Lesson 6, "What Baptists Believe (Part 1)".

**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	<b>Duke Regional Hospital</b>
Bro. Reynold Johnson	<b>Duke University Hospital</b>
Sis. Gussie Langley	<b>Carver Living Center</b>
	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
Sis. Linda Leake	518 Burlington Avenue, Apt. A	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. Dorothy Waller	1027 Moreland Avenue	27707

**MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

MON. & THURS- December 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 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 <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 (TBA)	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	Beauty for Ashes	LIB
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
6:45pm	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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I pray that every household received our phone message on Thursday, December 5, 2019. I pray that you received it as my being as transparent as I could be in 120 seconds. Now, you heard the facts... what will you do? Please, Brothers and Sisters, let's stretch forth our Faith in giving and participating at this Church in the final month of the year. As we have been preaching out of the Acts of the Apostles, let's remember the paradigm that they gave us to follow, "and they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42) I want us to change some of our ways going into 2020, with a new vision...it's God's Vision. The Prophet Micah shares with God's people back then and it's still relevant today..... "he has shown you what is good and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." (Micah 6:8) Now is the time that we stop fooling ourselves as a congregation and move forward towards being An Exciting Church Excited about its Mission! We are not going to make it if we don't have more people who are present every Sunday, giving as the Lord has prospered them. I am writing with a heavy, heavy heart in that we are still going on with 80% of the people doing 20% of the Kingdom work and giving of this Church. I share this heavy hearted message, and for those who will read this, it might be you and for those who will not read, it still might be for you.....so all of us....Let's Rise Up!

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. We should all consider it a blessing to help those who are in need. Our volunteers are cordially invited to be our guests at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Event on December 18<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Pastor and Mrs. Davis. Now when we celebrate you for Volunteering we typically have about 150 Volunteers present, so just remember that is all we are preparing for.

On Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate "Christkwanzaa Sunday" with only ONE Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.....so wear your African Attire! You might just be surprised at what will happen on that Sunday. Just come to Worship like you just don't care. As usual, we will celebrate the coming of 2020 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. Listen, WE NEED SOME FOOD IN OUR PANTRY! Again, if we are going to be An Exciting Church, then while you shop for you and yours, stop and pick up something for people who will be in greater need than you.

Today, our Official Leadership will meet and one thing on the docket to discuss is the overall Church Budget for 2020. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. (Matthew 7:24,25, NASB) Sometimes we forget the work that we have put in prior to encountering a spiritual storm. If you have done what you are supposed to do by laying a good foundation, the storm will not overtake you. Every day you have the opportunity to build your faith in Christ Jesus. Faith in God is a choice. Being obedient to God is a choice. Trusting God is a choice. When you are doing what God asks you to do, you are strengthening your spiritual foundation. People are more apt to think about what they should have done when a storm occurs, rather than preparing for the storm in advance. You must not forget who controls the storm.

### TODAY'S MINISTRY THROUGH SERVICE

<b>Music:</b>	<b>Praise Team</b>
	<b>Tots of Praise/Voices of Calvary</b>
<b>Director of Music Ministries:</b>	<b>Minister Michael Dotson</b>
<b>Senior 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 Kelly Foster</b>
<b>Encouragers:</b>	<b>Brother Lonnie Forte/ Sister Kendra Adams</b>
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	<b>Deacon Darryll Gadson/ Brother Robert Vance</b>
<b>Videographers:</b>	<b>Sister Crystal Bethea/ Sister Anita Hill</b>
<b>Next Sunday Van Drivers:</b>	<b>Deacon Jeff Forde/ Deacon Shedrick Poole</b>

## 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

**December 1, 2019**

Bible Study **82** Sunday School **132** New Members **N/A**  
Early Worship **167** Worship Service **173**

Tithes and Offering	\$21,092.54
Sacrificial Offering	\$875.00
Food Pantry	\$111.00
Scholarship	\$150.00
Children's Church	\$11.00
Sunday School	\$195.26
Online Giving	\$9,783.00
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$32,217.80</b>

## FAMILY MONTH

DECEMBER 2019

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

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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.!**  
**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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF Advent

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**Fredrick A. Davis, M.Div., D.D., Pastor**  
**December 8, 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"**