

30 Years of Excellence



2021

EMPOWERING DISCIPLES WITH GOD'S VISION

*"WHERE THERE IS NO PROPHETIC
VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH....."*

— PROVERBS 29:18

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**"AN EXCITING CHURCH
EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION"**

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



To My First Calvary Baptist Church Family:

This year is not how I would have liked for it to begin, but in the words of the baby rug rats, a baby gotta do what a baby gotta do, and so it is with your Pastor. 2021 is here and I am greeting you from an unusual place for me.... at home... but I'm here... Thanking God for the beginning of our 30th year in Kingdom work here at First Calvary Baptist Church. 2021 is here! We say loudly, "Bye, bye 2020!" And now, we anticipate God doing great things this year. It is so hard to believe how the past year went, but we have SO MUCH to be thankful for. We will spend the first part of this year still in Pandemic Times... still wearing masks, still gathering virtually, still maintaining safe distances from one another, still being careful of where we are and who we are around.... BUT.....GOD IS STILL GOD!! He is STILL on the throne....He is STILL watching over us.... He is STILL keeping up....and He STILL deserves all Glory, Honor, Praise and Worship! Thank you to the persons that developed this Church Calendar, your service is appreciated. May this helpful Church resource help us all to continue to connect with First Calvary. You will see that Ministry is going forth...we are STILL here....STILL serving....STILL doing Kingdom Work! Speaking of doing Kingdom Work, we are grateful for our Church Staff listed in this calendar, who have continued to do the work of Vocational Ministry and keep us up and running!

In this year's calendar we are doing some reflecting on the Greatness and Goodness of God through the Sanctuary Stain Glass panels and windows, which all say something about God! I want to give us some words to focus on as we move through this year. Each month, I would encourage us to give these words time in our devotions and thoughts...send the word to someone, just a text or call...another suggestion-are you checking in on folk? Give someone from this Church Family a call or text, or even a drive by visit. Now, back to the words: this is to encourage us and give us something to focus on as we move through the year, believing God for great things....as we continue to stay safe....and stay well!

HOPE. I would remind us that in this and at all times....we, as the children of the Most High God, always have HOPE. God is with us, and let us remember that Jesus is our Great HOPE.... let us always keep our HOPE in Him....and let's not forget that we are a HOPEful Church!

GRATITUDE. At the very basic level, GRATITUDE means to give thanks....for the big things AND the little things. I encourage each of us to have some "GRATITUDE Time". Take 10 minutes each day, and write down 5 things you are grateful for....and why you are grateful for them. We should have An Attitude of GRATITUDE...cause we serve a GREAT God... He has done so much for us! Remember, we are a GRATEFUL Church!

LOVE. LOVE is powerful and is important. It is certainly an action word... and the greatest action of LOVE came when God sent His Son to die for us and save us. We have to check our motives, our minds, and our hearts....and make sure we are truly influenced by LOVE....and the best LOVE is God's LOVE! Never forget that we are a LOVE-ing Church!

PEACE. A few Sunday's ago, I shared from Jesus' experience with the Disciples where he gave them this word, "My Peace I Leave With You...." As we continue to navigate through this year, whatever it brings, I hope and pray that as the people of God, we live each day in His PEACE. God's got 2021, just like He had all other years...and all years to come, cause it's God's time...God's got us....and it is His PEACE that will keep us safe in body, mind and Spirit. When there is chaos all around, it is this PEACE that keeps us grounded and allows us to live in the certainty of God's Presence. HE will keep us in PERFECT PEACE.....and it is the PEACE beyond all understanding. We are not supposed to understand it...we are just to live in it. Feel that PEACE, y'all.... we gon' be alright! Always remember that we are a PEACEful Church.

HOPE. GRATITUDE. LOVE. PEACE. That's mouthful...and it's a blessing I share with each of you. Let's give 2021 to God and let's live our lives for Him. Never forget that we are always, "AN EXCITING CHURCH EXCITED ABOUT ITS MISSION!"

Yours in That Blessed Hope!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fredrick A. Davis".

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CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

FCBC is a local body of Christ which seeks to empower the spiritual lives of the people of Durham and its vicinity. It serves as a community-based congregation serving people of all socioeconomic standards, enhancing their quality of life by ministering to the whole person. We are committed to an evangelistic thrust which is centered around the biblical application of the principles and teachings of Jesus Christ.”

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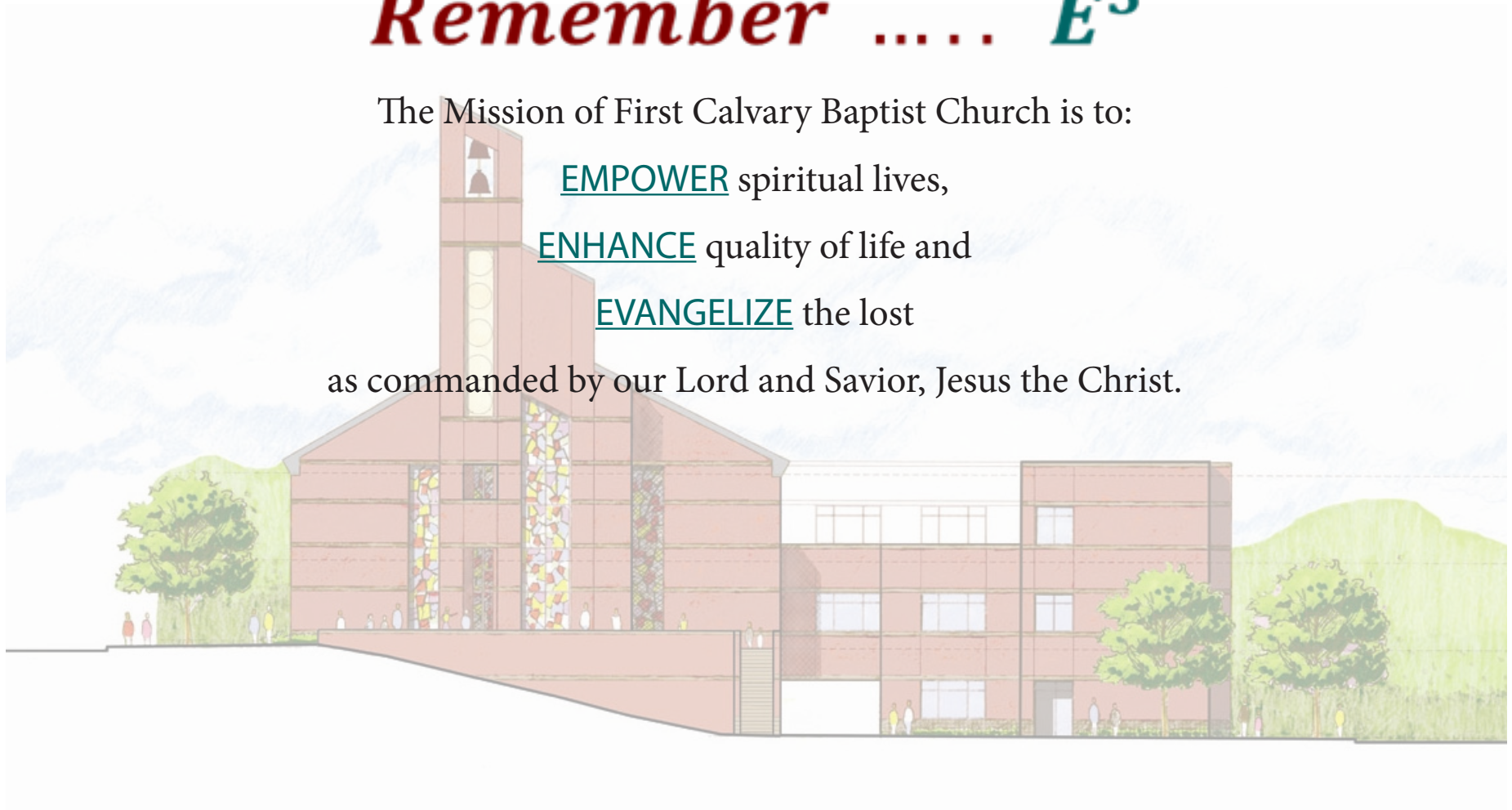
The Mission of First Calvary Baptist Church is to:

EMPOWER spiritual lives,

ENHANCE quality of life and

EVANGELIZE the lost

as commanded by our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.



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FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Ministry Meeting Schedule

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY</u></p> <p>7:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer (4th Sunday) Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Discipleship Orientation Class Library</p> <p>1:15 p.m. Evangelism Ministry (2nd Sunday) Classroom II</p> <p>1:15 p.m. Health & Wellness (2nd Sunday) Classroom I</p> <p>1:15 p.m. Daughters of Calvary (3rd Sunday) Classroom II</p> <p>1:15 p.m. Computer Ministry (2nd Sunday) Classroom III</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Associate Ministers (2nd Sunday) Classroom II</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Deacons & Trustee Ministry (2nd Sunday) Classroom III/Library</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Official Leadership Team (2nd Sunday) Fellowship Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WEDNESDAY</u></p> <p>12:00 p.m. Noon Day Prayer Library</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Payer and Praise Service Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship Hall/Classrooms</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MONDAY</u></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Tots of Praise (after 1st) Choir Room</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Psalm 150 (after 3rd & 4th Sunday) Choir Room</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Young Adult Choir (after 2nd Sunday) Choir Room</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Children's Church Committee (after 2nd Sunday) Choir Room</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers (1st Monday) Classroom I</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Calvary's Anointed/Vessels of Praise Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Entrepreneur Ministry (1st Monday) Classroom III</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Visionary Ministry (3rd Monday) Library</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Male Chorus (after 2nd & 3rd Sunday) Choir Room</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Young Adult Choir (before 3rd Sunday) Choir Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THURSDAY</u></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Nursery Ministry (1st Thursdays) Nursery</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Calvary's Anointed/Vessels of Praise Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Beautification Committee (2nd Thursday) Classroom I</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Couples' Ministry (4th Thursday) Classroom II</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Youth Council (4th Thursday) Classroom I</p> <p>6:30 p.m. ACT Ministry (3rd Thursday) Classroom I</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministry (3rd Thursday) Classroom II</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Singles in Love with Christ (4th Thursday) Library</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Sunday Service Choir Rehearsal Choir Room</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Drama Ministry Classroom III</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TUESDAY</u></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Scouting Ministry (every other Tuesday) All Areas</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Hospitality Ministry (2nd Tuesday) Classroom I</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Praise Team Choir Room</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Circle of Care (COC) (2nd Tuesday- Quarterly) Library</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Beauty for Ashes (4th Tuesday) Library</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Male Summit (after 3rd Sunday) Library</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Music Council (2nd Tuesday) Classroom II</p> <p>7:30 p.m. The Encouragers (1st Tuesday) Classroom III</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SATURDAY</u></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Pearls of Praise (2nd Saturday) Choir Room</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Scholarship Ministry (before 2nd Sunday) Classroom II</p> <p>10:00 a.m. PROJECT F.I.N.E. CFL&RC at Lyon Park</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Onesiphorus Prison Ministry (3rd Saturday) Classroom I</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Deaconess Ministry (1st Saturday) Library/Sanctuary</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Senior Ushers & First Aide (2nd Saturday) Choir Room/Sanctuary</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Senior Missionary Ministry (3rd Saturday) Library</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Culinary Arts Ministry (4th Saturday) Library</p>



JANUARY 2021

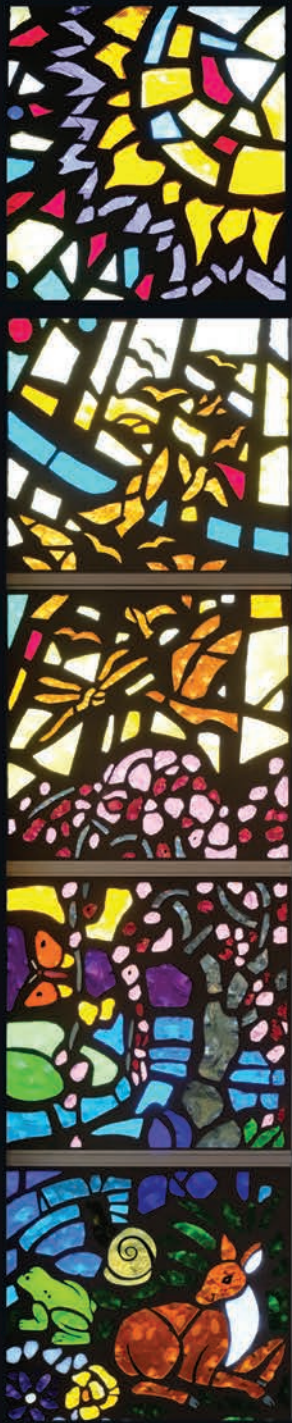
LEADERSHIP MONTH

WORSHIP 7:45 AM / 10:45 AM

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going."

— Ecclesiastes 9:10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					I New Year's Day (Church Office Closed)	
3 BAPTISM 10:30 AM	4	5	6 Annual Church Conference 7:00 pm	7	8	9
10 Memorial Sunday	11	12	13 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	14	15	16
17 MLK YOUTH LOCK-IN	18 MLK Holiday Observance (Church Office Closed)	19	20 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	28	29	30 Leadership Conference 8:30 am
31 Leadership Sunday INTERCESSORY PRAYER 7:00 AM						



FEBRUARY 2021

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WORSHIP 7:45 AM / 10:45 AM

"Your ancestors took the lash the branding iron, humiliations, and oppression because one day they believed you would come along to flesh out the dream."

— Maya Angelou

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	4	5	6 Honoring Our Elders Luncheon 2pm-4pm
7 BAPTISM 10:30 AM	8	9	10 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	11	12	13
14 Scholarship Sunday Valentines Day	15 Presidents Day	16	17 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	18	19	20
21 Young Adult Sunday	22	23	24 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	25	26	27
28 INTERCESSORY PRAYER 7:00 AM						

COUPLES' EVENT/SIMULCAST

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE



MARCH 2021

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

WORSHIP 7:45 AM / 10:45 AM

"Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

— Galatians 6:9

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	4	5	6
7 Prove Me/All Tithers' Sunday BAPTISM 10:30 AM	8	9	10 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	11	12	13
14 Scouting Sunday Time Changes	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	18	19	20 George Smith/ WECF, Inc. Annual Golf Tournament 8:30 am
21	22	23	24 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	25	26	27 Passover
28 Palm Sunday Sacrificial Sunday 9:30 am INTERCESSORY PRAYER 7:00 AM	29	30	31 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm			



APRIL 2021

WOMANHOOD MONTH

WORSHIP 7:45 AM / 10:45 AM

*“A warrior is that woman who gets up, despite the enemy trying to destroy her,
a woman who declares victory before seeing it, a woman who believes she will
receive her miracle because she know the Lord she serves is alive and by her side.”*

— Unknown

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 April Fool's Day Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm	2 Good Friday (Church Office Closed)	3 Spring Festival 9:00 am
4 BAPTISM 10:30 AM Ressurrection Sunday	5	6	7 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	15 Tax Day	16	17
18	19	20	21 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	22	23 Hour of Power 12:00 noon	24 Womanhood Wordshop 8:30 am
25 Celebration of Womanhood Sunday INTERCESSORY PRAYER 7:00 AM	26	27	28 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	29	30	



MAY 2021

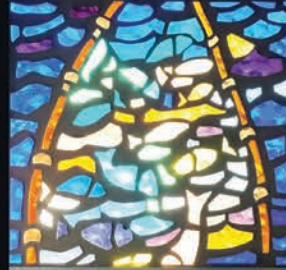
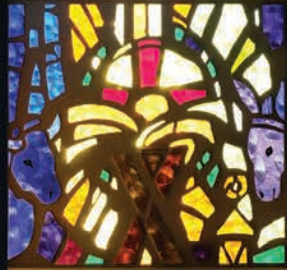
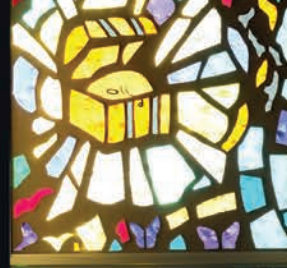
REVIVAL & EVANGELISM MONTH

WORSHIP 7:45 AM / 10:45 AM

“Revival is a divinely initiated work in which God’s people pray, repent of their sin, and return to a holy, Spirit-filled obedient, love-relationship with God.”

— Henry Blackaby

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 BAPTISM 10:30 AM	3	4	5	6	7	8
	SPRING REVIVAL 7:00 PM					
9 Mother’s Day	10	11	12 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	20	21	22
23 INTERCESSORY PRAYER 7:00 AM	24	25	26 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)					



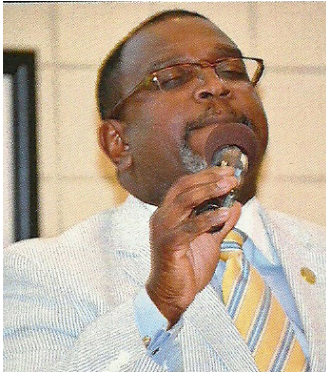
JUNE 2021

YOUTH MONTH

WORSHIP 7:45 AM / 10:45 AM

*"I have written to you, young men (and women!), because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one."*
— 1 John 2:14

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	3	4	5 Brainstorming Event
6 BAPTISM 10:30 AM	7	8	9 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	10	11	12
13 Graduation & Recognition Sunday	14	15	16	17	18	19 Family Fun Day
	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL					
20 Father's Day	21	22	23 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	24	25	26
				YOUTH WEEKEND		
27 Youth Sunday Youth Songfest 4:00 pm INTERCESSORY PRAYER 7:00 AM	28	29	30 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm			



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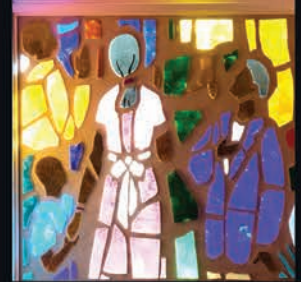
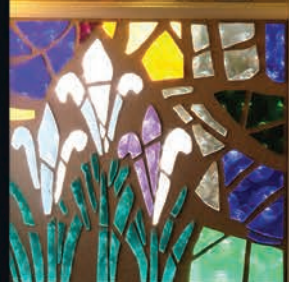
MANHOOD MONTH

WORSHIP 7:45 AM / 10:45 AM

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid,
nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

— *Joshua 1:9*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 BAPTISM 10:30 AM Independence Day	5	6	7 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	8 Quarterly Church Conference 7:00 pm	9	10
11	12	13	14 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	15	16	17
18 Men's Songfest	19	20	21 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	22	23	24 Lifebuilders' Conference
25 Sacrificial/ Celebration of Manhood Sunday INTERCESSORY PRAYER 7:00 AM	26	27	28 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	29	30	31



AUGUST 2021

MISSION MONTH

WORSHIP 7:45 AM / 10:45 AM

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

— *Isaiah 40:31*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 BAPTISM 10:30 AM	2	3	4 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	12	13	14
15 Missions Sunday	16	17	18 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	19	20	21
22 JCSU Alumni Concert 4:00pm INTERCESSORY PRAYER 7:00 AM	23	24	25 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	26	27	28
29	30	31				



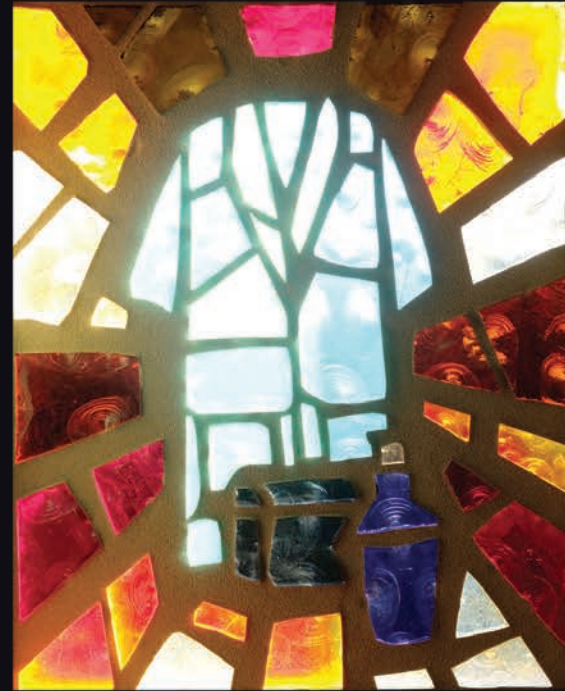
SEPTEMBER 2021

EDUCATION MONTH

WORSHIP 7:45 AM / 10:45 AM

*"I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord.
They will be my people, and I will be their God,
for they will return to me with all their heart."
— Jeremiah 24:7*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	2	3	4
5 BAPTISM 10:30 AM	6 Labor Day (Church Office Closed)	7	8 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Grandparents Day	13	14	15 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	23	24	25 Christian Education Workshop
26 Christian Education Promotion Sunday INTERCESSORY PRAYER 7:00 AM	27	28	29 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	30		



OCTOBER 2021

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY MONTH

WORSHIP 7:45 AM / 10:45 AM

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation,
a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;"

— 1 Peter 2:9

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 BAPTISM 10:30 AM	4	5	6 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Whole Family Conference 6:30 pm	7 Quarterly Church Conference 7:00 pm	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Whole Family Conference 6:30 pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Whole Family Conference 6:30 pm	21	22	23
24 137 th Church Anniversary/ Sacrificial Sunday INTERCESSORY PRAYER 7:00 AM	25	26	27 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Whole Family Conference 6:30 pm	28	29	30
31 Harvest Festival 5:00 pm						



NOVEMBER 2021

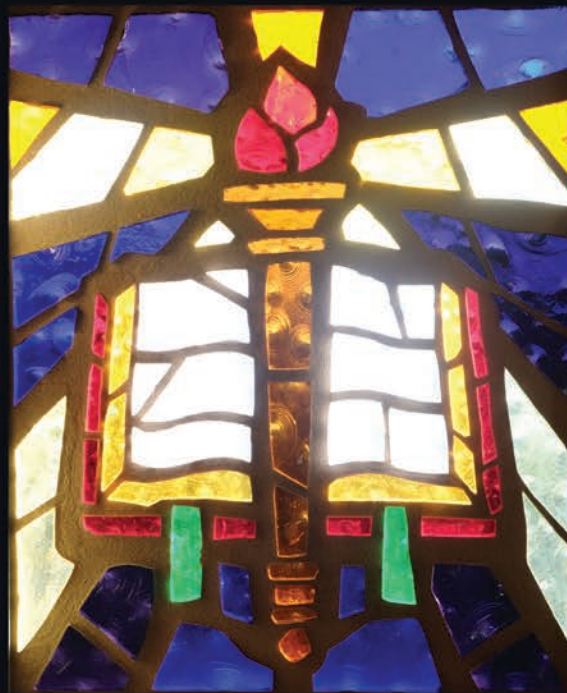
PASTOR'S APPRECIATION MONTH

WORSHIP 7:45 AM / 10:45 AM

"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?
And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"

— Romans 10:14

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Election Day	3 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	4	5	6
7 BAPTISM 10:30 AM Time Changes	8	9	10 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14 30 th Pastoral Anniversary	15	16	17 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 No Bible Study or Noon Day Prayer	25 Thanksgiving (Church Office Closed)	26 (Church Office Closed)	27
28 INTERCESSORY PRAYER 7:00 AM	29	30				



DECEMBER 2021

FAMILY MONTH

WORSHIP 7:45 AM / 10:45 AM

*“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,”
— Ephesians 3:14-15*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:45 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	2	3	4
5 BAPTISM 10:30 AM	6	7	8 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Annual “Bring a Pot” Fellowship 7:00 pm	9	10	11 Youth Caroling Event
12	13	14	15 Noon Day Prayer 12:00 pm Volunteer Recognition Event	16	17	18
19 Christmas Presentation	20	21	22 No Bible Study or Noon Day Prayer	23	24 Christmas Eve (Church Office Closed)	25 Christmas Day
26 ChristKwanzaa Sunday INTERCESSORY PRAYER 7:00 AM	27 (Church Office Closed)	28	29 No Bible Study or Noon Day Prayer	30	31 New Year’s Eve Watchnight Service 10:00 pm	

THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS INTERPRETATIONS

In an effort to provide you with a brief description of the content and symbolism in the stained glass designs we offer the following descriptions:

FEBRUARY

OLD TESTAMENT

Window #1

The creation burst forth in windows #1 & #2 displaying light, darkness, waters, dry land, grass, trees, the sun and the moon, stars, planets, birds, sea creatures, the land animals and creeping things. Adam and Eve are implied through symbolism as is the family of mankind in the rest of the windows.

Window #2

In this window are two (2) trees that represent man's choices in life and death, obedience and disobedience, the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil, showing the consequences of sin being cast out of The Garden of Eden.

Window #3

In this window we find that mankind had become increasingly wicked, so much that it grieved GOD that HE made mankind, but HE found a righteous man named Noah to prepare an ark, because HE was going to destroy the earth with water, except for Noah and his family and the animals that Noah had taken into the ark. When the flood was over, the ark settles and life on earth begins again and the evidence of that world-wide catastrophic event is preserved in the fossils all over the earth. GOD gave a promise that HE would never again destroy the earth with water, which is evidenced by an ever mindful rainbow.

Window #4

Unfortunately, man became very wicked again and began to build a great tower to unify themselves on the earth, but GOD was displeased with this prideful effort and so confused their languages, which caused them to scatter all over the earth. Window #4 shows The Tower of Babel they had to cease working on. As they went on, GOD chose Abram (Abraham) to father a nation for GOD's own possession, a people that would serve HIM and be a peculiar people among the idol worshipping nations of the world. GOD tests Abraham in a way that foreshadows what GOD would eventually do in making HIS own Savior an

offering and a sacrifice. GOD provided a substitute for Isaac as HE provided a substitute, (The Lamb of GOD) for Christians today. The promises GOD made to Abraham are symbolized by the rainbow that arches behind the altar, the Angel above shows GOD's providence and intervention to bring about HIS purpose.

APRIL

Window #5

Abraham begat Isaac and Isaac begat Jacob and Jacob begat twelve (12) sons, among whom was Joseph, who had a dream that his sheaf of wheat stood upright and his brethren's sheaves bowed down to him. This dream came true after Joseph had been sold into slavery and through GOD's providence, became ruler over all of Egypt, second only to Pharaoh himself. Through many interesting events, all of the children of Israel, (Joseph) came to dwell in Goshen, in the land of Egypt and in the course of time a Pharaoh arose that did not know Joseph and that Pharaoh enslaved the children of Israel and their generations for 400 years, until GOD raised a deliverer named Moses (drawn from the river). Moses was found among the bulrushes and eventually shows GOD's authority over all the gods of the Egyptians, through plagues. GOD calls Moses to his task through a burning bush seen at the top of the window and his sandals removed and laying on the ground.

Window #6

The last of the ten (10) plagues was the death of the firstborn. GOD told the children of Israel to kill an unblemished lamb and to put its blood on the doorpost and lintel and GOD would Passover their house. In the morning, the Israelites went free from the Egyptians and when later pursued, GOD delivered them with a mighty hand as they passed through the Red Sea on dry land, their bonds broken, as GOD leads with a cloud by day and fire by night. At the top of this window, we find GOD's provisions of manna and quail and water from the rock.

Window #7

This window continues at the top at The Mountain of Sinai, where GOD gives Moses The Ten Commandments (Law),

while the children of Israel had already returned to an idol of Egypt. Their continued rebellion and unbelief, resulted in the wandering in the wilderness for forty (40) years, represented in the window by a wasteful, indirect path that finally comes to the Jordan River, which separated them from the promised land. When the priest carrying The Ark of The Covenant touched their feet to the water, the water parted and the Israelites entered into the promised land. A man from each tribe took a stone from the river bed for a memorial to GOD for HIS goodness.

Window #8

As the Israelites came upon the City of Jericho, under the direction of GOD, through Joshua, the men marched around the City once for six (6) days and on the seventh (7th) day they marched around Jericho seven (7) times and the priest blew seven (7) trumpets and the walls came tumbling down. As they settled the land, there was the period of the Judges and then the glory day of the kingdom under David and Solomon. At the top of the window is the symbol of Isaiah representing the Prophets during the time of captivity and promises of a final deliverer.

JUNE

NEW TESTAMENT

Window #9

The prophecy of Isaiah 9:6-7 connects the Old Testament with the New Testament windows designs... "For unto us a CHILD is born, unto us a SON is given; and government shall be upon HIS shoulders; and HIS name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty GOD, The Everlasting FATHER, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of HIS government and peace, there shall be no end upon the throne of David, and upon HIS kingdom to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from henceforth, even forever and The zeal of THE LORD of hosts will perform this". So over the silence of 400 years without revelation from GOD is broken when the control figure of all human history is born in a stable and laid in a feeding trough; THE LAMB of GOD that takes away the sin of the world.

Window #10

This window is taken from the context of Luke 5 in the lower portion.. “when after JESUS had taught the people, HE and the disciples launched a boat out into the deep water for a catch, but Simon said; they had toiled all the night and caught nothing, never-the-less at THY word I will let down the net. Then they caught a great multitude of fish that filled two boats so that they began to sink. JESUS said to them “fear not from henceforth you shall catch men”. So when Christians follow The LORD’s commands, there is a great harvest. The symbol above the boat is one that we developed from John 4. The story of the woman at the well is one of the best examples to us of personal evangelism. JESUS gives the living water, springing up into everlasting life. When the woman at the well knew that she had found The MESSIAH, she immediately began telling the people of the city and brought them to JESUS. In the background we see the mountain where the Samaritans worshipped and JESUS told the woman that the true worshippers would worship The FATHER in Spirit and in Truth.

Window # 11

This window symbolizes some of the key thoughts from The Sermon on The Mount. The Grace and Truth that comes through JESUS is symbolized by the Greek Chi. At the top of the mountain is an early monogram of CHRIST. In the lower portion of the window you will find symbols for; “you are the light of the world” and the admonition not to put your light under a bushel basket, knock and it shall be opened unto you, lay not up yourselves treasures on the earth, but rather in Heaven where moths do not corrupt. “Behold the fowl of the air and the flower of the field”. GOD takes care of them and HE will take care of us when we seek first HIS Kingdom and His Righteousness, a fish and serpent on plates shows that when our children ask for a fish, we don’t give them a serpent. So GOD will give us greater things when we ask HIM. Below these symbols are the illustrations of the wise man who built his house upon the rock and the foolish man who built his on the sand.

Window #12

This window is based on the parable of the sower, with the seed being The Word of GOD, which falls upon different types of soil but only the ones with an honest and good heart bring forth fruit. Further down the window the seeds become like

CHRIST, multiplied with the two fish showing how CHRIST blessed little that the lad had and gave it to The Apostles and they distributed it to the people, much like the pater of Revelation of The Scriptures.

AUGUST

Window #13

At the top of this window is the symbol for transfiguration, wherein CHRIST was transfigured and appeared with Moses and Elijah and a voice came from Heaven saying; “This is my beloved SON, hear HIM”, showing superiority over the law and prophets. In the lower portion is the parable of the lost sheep, when the shepherd left the ninety-nine (99) and went to look for and found the one that was lost; showing CHRIST’s love for every single person, a similar lesson is taught in the lost coin shown in the house with the broom.

Window # 14

The humiliation and suffering of CHRIST’s final day is symbolized by the crown of thorns surrounded by crimson color of blood, which was shed on The Cross for the sins of the world. CHRIST fulfilled the prophecies of Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22 and many others as the final sacrifice of the sinless SON of GOD dies on The Cross and empties HIMSELF to HIS last breath.

Window #15

Death had claimed The Body of JESUS, but death was not strong enough to hold it down. Early on Sunday morning, something wonderful happened; HE is risen! With a gloriously renewed resurrection body which validates every word and deed that JESUS taught and did. The lilies are traditional symbols of The Resurrection and the butterfly represents the amazing transformation of CHRIST and the hope of every Christian upon CHRIST’s return. Above The Resurrection is a symbol for CHRIST’s Ascension. When HE ascended back into Heaven and sat down at the right hand of GOD THE FATHER and fulfills HIS promise to send THE HOLY SPIRIT above to guide The Apostles into all truth and to guide Christians into the all truth by these words and by HIS help.

Window #16

The last window in this series focuses on the role of The Church being the light in the community, which reflects the light of CHRIST and the work of The HOLY SPIRIT, who has led the

inspired writers into “all truth”. (John 16:13) When Christians read the inspired Word of GOD, they are touching the deep things of GOD, (I Corinthians 2:10) and received the revelation of HIS will and knowledge of CHRIST. That knowledge of The Gospel message and trust therein is the power of GOD unto salvation to everyone that believes. (Romans 1:16-17)

It also represents how in 1884, the people of God gathered as, the Second Baptist Church, later to be renamed the First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Avenue Durham, North Carolina.

OCTOBER

Additional stain glass windows that can be found in the balcony of the church.

DECEMBER

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