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**FREDRICK A. DAVIS, PASTOR**

**Pastor**

**Snapshot (Jan 2021)**

**Denomination:** Baptist

**Services:** Sundays-7:45am/ 10:45am

**Affiliations:** American Baptist/ National Baptist

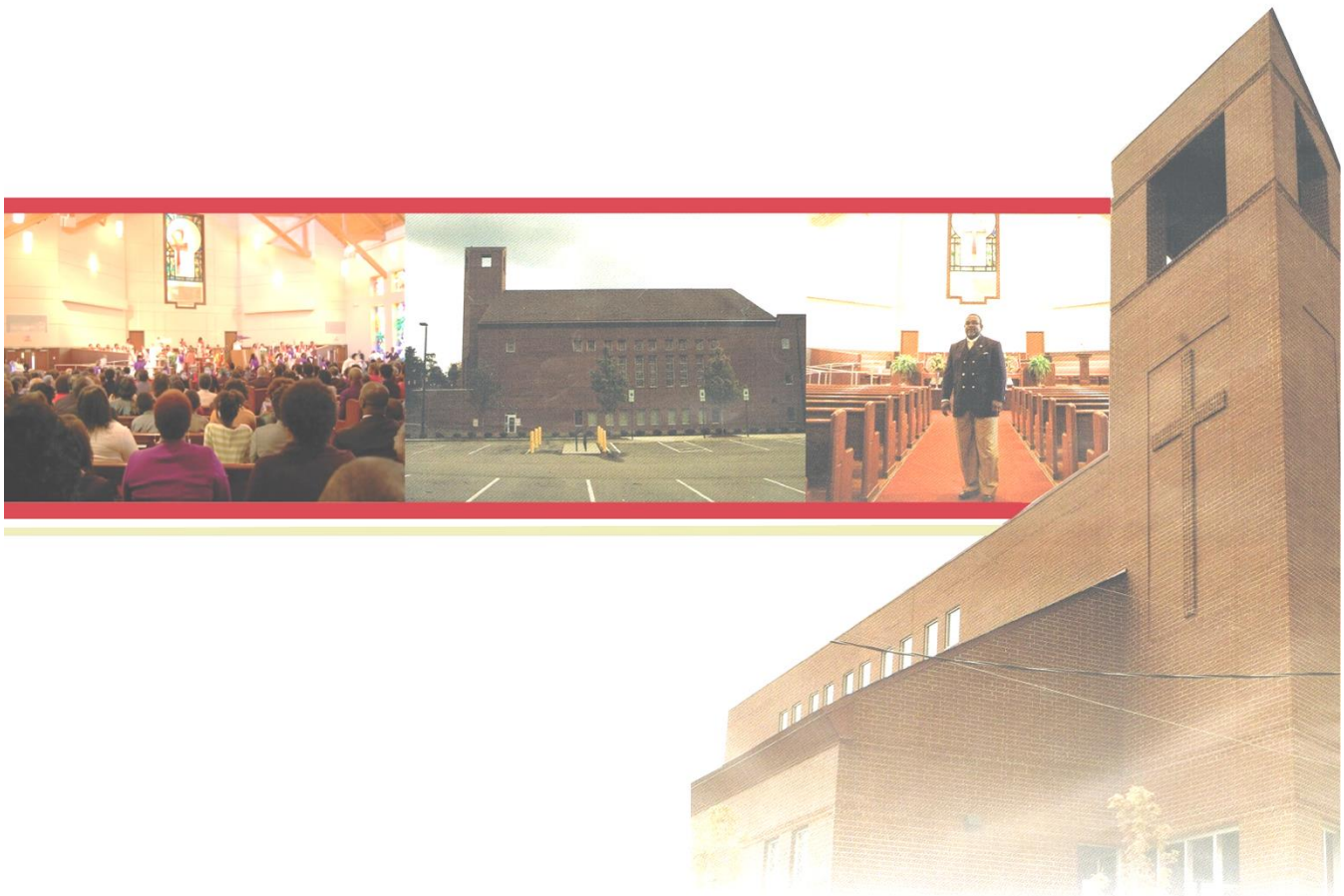
**Bible Study:** Wedensdays-7:00pm

**Weekly Attendance:** 500

**Sunday School:** 9:30am

**Location:** Durham, NC

**\*Amid the Covid-19 Pandemic, First Calvary Baptist Church has online streaming on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., also virtual.**





**Church Mission Statement:**

FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 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 SOCIO-ECONOMIC STANDARDS, ENHANCING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE BY MINISTERING TO THE WHOLE PERSON. WE ARE COMMITTED TO AN EVANGELISTIC THRUST WHICH IS CENTERED AROUND THE BIBLE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST.

**Abbreviated Church Mission Statement:**

E<sup>3</sup>: Empower spiritual lives, Enhance quality of life, & Evangelize the lost





### **The Role as Pastor:**

First Calvary Baptist Church is seeking a Pastor that will lead the congregation in all aspects of ministry including: worship, teaching, preaching, administration of staff, and stewardship. We seek an individual who extends God's grace to others and leads by example as one who is relational, authentic, transparent, and humble. A successful candidate must have a demonstrated ability to relate to and connect with a multi-generational and historically black congregation. Additionally, the candidate should have a heart for proclaiming the Gospel and a desire to extend ministry to the community surrounding the church with vision to extend beyond to the triangle community, the state and national levels. We seek a Pastor who actively participates in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and can be the spiritual leader and administrator responsible for supervising the various ministries of the church in accordance with the provisions of the church constitution and bylaws and counsel with the Diaconate and Trustees.

### **First Calvary Baptist Church (FCBC) of Durham, North Carolina**



**First Calvary Baptist Church was organized in 1884.** It was originally called Second Baptist Church and was located on Cameron Street which is now Cornell Street. A wood frame building was erected in 1926 and was responsible for acquiring the current present site of the church on Morehead and Kent Street. The church grew under progressive leadership and in 1949 the church's name was changed from Second Baptist Church to First Calvary Baptist Church. On Sunday, July 10, 1949, worship service was held for the first time in the new brick building.

Over the 136 years, First Calvary, proudly called FCBC, has called 6 Pastors prior to 1991:

Pastor WD Smith	1926-1928
Pastor HH Hart	1935-1937 & 1947-1953
Pastor CE McLester	1937-1947
Pastor AL Thompson	1954-1979
Pastor VS Thompson	1980-1986
Pastor Paul Jackson	1987-1990

In June 1991, the church body chose its 7<sup>th</sup> Pastor, Fredrick A. Davis. He has faithfully served this Body for 29 years. With the guiding hand of God, the membership has not only increased, but the giving of tithes and offerings increased by more than 95%. Pastor Davis re-instituted Prayer Service, weekly Bible Study, and implemented an early morning Sunday worship service. In an effort to serve and be served, FCBC has over fifty active ministries for people of all ages.

**First Calvary is very active in the Community.** The Church has a weekly Food Pantry, serving approximately 900 individuals each year. Additionally, the Church has the Bessie Smith House, which houses the quarterly Clothing Giveaway. The Church gives financially to various organizations and educational institutions, including Urban Ministries and the Baptist House of Duke University. First Calvary Baptist Church also envisioned a nonprofit organization to provide programs and services to the West End and Durham area residents that foster economic development and community revitalization through education, health care, job training, civic and cultural awareness and housing initiatives. In 1993, Calvary Ministries of the Westend Community Incorporated, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation was established, now called the West End Community Foundation, Inc. (WECF, Inc.). In October 2002, the Community Family Life and Recreation Center at Lyon Park was opened. First Calvary Baptist Church continues to spiritually, physically, and financially support this nonprofit organization.

The church underwent a massive expansion project in October 2008 to re-build a larger church edifice to include a sanctuary accommodating one-thousand worshippers with additional educational space. Construction was completed in January 2010.



### ***Staff/Leadership Structure of First Calvary***

- A. Official Leadership Team
  - 1. Joint Board of Pastor, Deacons, Trustees, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Church Representatives and Church Clerk
- B. Church Staff
  - 1. Full Time Staff
    - a. Senior Associate Minister/Minister of Christian Education/Visitation
    - b. Director of Music Ministries
    - c. Youth Minister
    - d. Office Manager/Executive Administrator
    - e. Custodian
  - 2. Part Time Staff
    - a. Assistant Custodian
    - b. Congregational Specialist
  - 3. Ad Hoc Staff
    - a. Church Clerk
    - b. Assistant Church Clerk
    - c. Pastoral Correspondent
  - 4. Additional Staff
    - a. Ministerial Intern

### ***Ministry Structure of First Calvary (Teaching, Music, Adult, Youth, Associate Ministers)***

- A. Teaching
  - 1. New Discipleship Orientation Classes
  - 2. Seminars / Workshops
  - 3. Sunday School
  - 4. Vacation Bible School
  - 5. Wednesday Night Bible Study
  - 6. Youth Bible Study
- B. Music Ministries
  - 1. Male Chorus
  - 2. Mass Choir
  - 3. Praise Team
  - 4. Psalm 150
  - 5. Tots of Praise
  - 6. Voices of Calvary
  - 7. Young Adult Choir
  - 8. Womanhood Choir
- C. Adult
  - 1. ACT Ministry
  - 2. Audio Ministry
  - 3. Beautification Ministry
  - 4. Calvary's Anointed (Mime & Dance)
  - 5. Calvary Chronicle
  - 6. Caregivers Ministry/ Circle of Care
  - 7. Couples Ministry
  - 8. Culinary Arts
  - 9. Daughters of Calvary
  - 10. Deaconess Board
  - 11. Drama Ministry
  - 12. Encouragers



13. Entrepreneurs Ministry
14. Evangelism Ministry
15. Financial Education Ministry
16. Health and Wellness
17. History Ministry
18. Hospitality Ministry
19. Intercessory Prayer
20. Male Summit
21. Parenting Ministry
22. Pastoral Esteem Team (Pastor's Aide Ministry)
23. Pearls of Praise
24. Prison Ministry
25. Recreation Ministry (Youth included)
26. Senior Missionary Circle
27. Singles Ministry
28. Video Ministry
29. Ushers/ First Aide Ministry
30. Van Ministry
31. Visionary Ministry
32. Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

**D. Youth**

1. Calvary's Anointed
2. Nursery Ministry
3. Project FINE Tutorial Ministry
4. Scholarship Ministry
5. Scouting Ministry
6. Youth Advisory Council/Children's Church
7. Youth Ushers

**E. Associate Ministers**



**Senior Lunch & Learn Event**



**Mass Choir**



**Usher Ministry**

## **“What Does it Mean to be a Member of First Calvary Baptist Church?”**

### **Messages from Members.**

*“Being a disciple at First Calvary means to be part of a fellowship that is committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ. We seek to meet the spiritual and physical needs of fellow disciples, as well as the broader Westend Durham community.” –Minister Montez, Adult*

*“Being a member of First Calvary provides so many connections for me. From its history - my Grandmother was a part of Second Baptist Church. I grew up on the West End with many lifelong relationships formed and still being formed at First Calvary. Being a part of First Calvary is an extension of my family, my community and my life. Most importantly, it provides an anchor to my relationship with God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ. I feel that I am covered in First Calvary.” -Elaine, Mature Adult*

*“Being a disciple of FCBC has allowed us to grow stronger as a Christian couple. We have learned how to have a covenant relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Being a disciple has taught us how to worship God in spirit and in truth. We enjoy having the opportunity to use our talents and treasures to honor God. We love the great fellowship and friendship with our Christian friends through the various ministries we both currently serve on. While being at FCBC, we have been ordained to serve on the Diaconate Ministry, which we enjoy and love building a strong relationship with our Diaconate family members. We are blessed to have a shepherd who teaches us about the bible through worship experience, Bible Study and Christian leadership workshops. We thank God for our Pastor who teaches us to trust God even when we can't trace Him. It means a lot to us to have a shepherd who cares about his disciples and teaches us to follow Jesus Christ through good and bad times. When one rejoices in the Lord, we all rejoice, when one suffers, we all suffer. This is what it means to us to be a disciple of FCBC.” -Deacon Calvin & Deaconess Janet, Mature Adult & Adult*

*“Being a member of First Calvary Baptist Church means being a part of a community, a community that loves and supports one another. A community that prays for each other and who uplifts each other with the love of God. Being a member of FCBC also means upholding a family legacy because of the generations of my family members who were and still are a part of the First Calvary family.” -Rachel, Young Adult*

*“My membership at FCBC is very special to my heart. FCBC is a huge part of my life. Just like my immediate family, it's where I go to give and receive love. Where I can pray for others and receive prayer. Where I can learn and share my wisdom. Where I can go if I'm sad and leave encouraged. Where I can share my failures, heartbreaks and my successes without being judged by others. Where I can gather with like-minded individuals to Worship, Praise and serve our Almighty God. I wouldn't have it any other way.” -Donna, Mature Adult*

*“It means being a part of a church family of liked minded believers who strive to serve God, our families, our community, and global neighbors. We strive to help each other grow, be accountable, and countable. We pray for, encourage, intercede, celebrate, motivate, inspire, educate, and love on each other because of our love and obedience to Jesus Christ! When a need arises - we organize, mobilize, cover, protect, nurture, and stand in the gap for our church family members in need.” -Alisha, Adult*

*“I am excited to be a member of first Calvary Baptist Church where MY Pastor knows MY name. My church family provides me with spiritual guidance, support and the accountability I need. I am grateful for every smile, every hug, and every kind word that is spoken to me and over me. I am not originally from the Durham area but at First Calvary I am “home”. I am forever grateful to God for leading me here.” -Kim, Adult*

*“Being a member of FCBC has truly been a blessing to me and my family. I think our Pastor has instilled in his flock a sense of belonging, caring and love for one another. Additionally, we are taught scripturally and are reminded that we must live accordingly. There are many ministries that our church offers its members. Although I only participate in a few, they are there for your choosing and our Pastor encourages us each Sunday to choose one or two!! I especially enjoy our order of service...our music ministry is exceptional. The ministries are faith*

*based; yet many provide an education to those who participate which enhances the many lives of our church family. I have been a member of FCBC long enough to have witnessed the growth of this church and the vision of our leaders come to fruition. I could not ask for a better church family... ♥!"* -Ursula, Mature Adult

*"In the book of Matthew chapter 28 verse 20 Jesus spoke these words, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen". (ESV) To me being a member of First Calvary Baptist Church goes beyond sitting in the pew (now virtual) each week. It means being a part of a local body called to be the beacon lights for JESUS. People know we are members of First Calvary by how we teach others "to observe all things" in the way we love, live and let our light shine!"*  
-Min. Micara, Adult

*"It's important for me to be a member of a church to include being actively engaged to give of my time, talent and treasures for my spiritual and intellectual growth. Coming from a family of Baptist ministers (Father side), being a member of First Calvary (FC) has afforded me this opportunity and journey. Having a **"teaching Pastor"**, one that's well connected in the community and one that has a strong love for his congregation, makes this ideal for being a member of FC. Joining the church back in the early 1980's, I have grown tremendously and continue to give of my time & talents to the various ministries of the church. Working as a leader in the church has also given me the opportunity to **"spread my wings"** and use the gifts God has given me. Lastly, being a member of FC gives me a sense of belonging to a family of **"like-minded"** individuals for the benefit of fostering relationships, studying the scriptures, faithfully praying and witnessing all for the sake of supporting and encouraging each other....."where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20)." -Robert, Mature Adult*

*"We are so blessed to have a church home that provides opportunities for us to learn and to fellowship with other believers who are striving to be led by God and to make disciples! To have a place where we feel good about fostering our spiritual growth and contributing to the upbuilding of God's kingdom." -Deacon Darryll & Deaconess Cynthia, Mature Adults*

#### Children and Youth Thoughts:

*"I LOVE my Church!"*

*"First Calvary is the BEST!"*

*"I like that the Pastor knows who I am!"*

*"I love being able to do something in the Church that is for me."*

*"I have grown up in this church. My family is here, and this church is my family."*





## **Live in Durham-Work, and Play in the Bull City**

One of the best parts of Durham is how rich the history is. The city does a great job keeping its history alive with the culture. Durham is a city founded on the back of the tobacco industry. As Durham was established as a city, the fast-growing tobacco industry turned into the "Bull Durham Tobacco Factory" and Durham received its nickname, 'The Bull City' from the tobacco factory. The Tobacco company quickly became a hit and the Federal Government had to step in to break up a monopoly the city of Durham had created on the smoking and tobacco industry. Durham is a historical haven, a sanctuary for the spectacular, and a rough-cut gem waiting to be unearthed. Durham's been a destination on the move for more than 150 years. Durham has something intangible, inspiring and absolutely alluring.

Durham is known as a great city to live, work, and play, and a destination that offers celebrated arts, dining, sports, and more. World class facilities like the Durham Performing Arts Center, Durham Bulls Athletic Park, and Duke University's Nasher Museum of Art blend with nearly 100 City-owned parks and recreation facilities to make Durham a great place to explore and play more! Durham has a strong arts culture that can be seen through vibrant public art, arts venues, and organizations.

### Points and Events of Interest:

- American Tobacco Trail
- American Dance Festival
- Art of Cool Festival
- Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival
- Carolina Theater
- CenterFest Arts Festival
- Click! Photography Festival
- Durham Ballet Theatre
- Durham Central Park PLAYlist Concert Series
- Festival for the Eno/Eno River Park
- Full Frame Documentary Film Festival
- Hayti Heritage Film Festival
- Hillside Park
- Carolina Theatre
- DPAC (Durham Performing Arts Center)
- Duke Performances
- Durham Arts Council
- Durham Bulls Athletic Park/ Durham Bulls Baseball Team
- Hayti Heritage Center
- Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University
- North Carolina Central University Art Museum

**Carolina Theatre**



**Durham Bulls Athletic Park**



**Hillside Park**



**DPAC (Durham Performing Arts Center)**



Durham is one of the most educated cities in the South.

From world-class academic programs at Duke University and North Carolina Central University (NCCU), to the specialized offerings found at schools like Durham Technical Community College, the Bull City offers a wealth of educational options, all with their own unique perspectives.



**Other Nearby Colleges & Universities:**

Shaw University  
St. Augustine University  
UNC Chapel Hill  
Wake Technical Community College  
Bennett College  
NC State University  
North Carolina A&T  
Meredith College

**Thoughtfully made. Unforgettable discoveries.**

Durham is home to several shopping districts spread throughout the community, each with its own distinct feel and unique shopping opportunities.

In Durham, Streets at Southpoint is a super-regional mall named by USA Today as one of the nation's "10 great places to spend it all in one place," encompassing stores and eateries. Other distinct shopping areas include the Ninth Street District, a college enclave complete with unique shops and restaurants along a quaint street, as well as the Rockwood District, lined with antique stores and acclaimed restaurants. Nearby in Raleigh are Brier Creek, North Hills Mall, and Crabtree Valley Mall, along with Cary Towne Center, and the Tanger Outlets in Mebane, NC. Durham has several locally owned boutiques and vintage stores offering fashions to keep you ahead of the curve. From consignment clothing stores to a Victorian home full of treasures to a farmer's market with a bit of everything, it is easy to spend a day scouting for distinctive finds. Durham abounds with unique shopping opportunities.

*Additional Sources:*  
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