



September 17, 2023  
9:30 a.m.

**PRAISE & ADORATION**

Praise & Worship.....Praise Team

Scripture.....Minister

Prayer.....Deacon

Hymn.....#283 .....”O How I Love Jesus”

**CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

Church News

Offertory Prayer

Offering/Giving

Offertory Song

**CARE & CONCERNS THROUGH PRAYER**

Pastoral Concerns/ Recognition of Sick/Prayer Concerns

Altar Call & Prayer

The Word in Song

**WORSHIP THROUGH INSTRUCTION**

**\*\*The Sermon..... Minister Jeremiah L. Vaughn**

\*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.**



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

**CHURCH NEWS**

**FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP:** Deacons Calvin D. Squires, Kevin G. Montgomery and James Martin will be hosting a family fellowship on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at First Calvary Baptist Church. Please register by using the attached link or by contacting your deacon by Sunday, October 8, 2023. <https://bit.ly/DeaconFamilyFellowship>

**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES!!** Let’s connect, reconnect, meet and greet! **SAVE THE DATE** for our upcoming **Couples FAMILY Cookout** on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM TO 6:00 pm. Details are forthcoming but the excitement is already here!!!!

Until further notice there will be a **"Combined Women’s and Men’s Class"** There will be no men’s class until further notice. The combined class will use the Women’s Zoom information posted in the program. If you have any questions, please contact Minister Harriett Monroe.

The **Youth/Intermediate Class** will be combined with the Teen class until further notice.

**Promotion Sunday** is Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> during worship service. Teachers, please provide the names of the students who will be promoted to Minister Harriett Monroe.

**LET US PRAY: MATURE ADULTS, AGE 60 & UP**, join “Noon Day” midweek prayer & devotion, **EVERY WEDNESDAY at 12:00 p.m.** Call **712-432-1000**, enter access code **616729948#**. Others are invited to attend as well.

**TIME FOR THE “MID-WEEK TUNE UP”!** Join the Prayer Conference Call on Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m., call **712-432-1001**, enter code **"494132935#"**. **This call is led by Pastor Lavarin.** Please **ONLY** use the above listed number for this Wednesday call. **Additionally, AND THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.... PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR PHONE IS MUTED ON THE CALL AND YOU CANNOT BE HEARD.**

Come to Intercessory Prayer on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 7:00 a.m.-  
Zoom Access: Meeting ID: **874 6010 4604**,  
Passcode: **386584**.

**Angel Tree 2023:** It is that time already! Time to prepare to help others, during the Christmas Holiday. On Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting of all interested people at 6:00 pm here at the church. If you would like to volunteer to work with this ministry, plan to attend this meeting and, if you have any questions, please contact Sister Bonnie Jones at [lurdine3@yahoo.com](mailto:lurdine3@yahoo.com). More information is forthcoming.

Senior Parking decals were mailed this week. If you did not receive yours or need one, please contact Sister Mary Gilmer at [gilmer@firstcalvary.org](mailto:gilmer@firstcalvary.org) or call the church office by Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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. Anne Adams	<b>Brian Center</b> 6000 Fayetteville Road 27713
Sis. Blanche Burgess	<b>Treyburn Rehab Center</b> 2059 Torredge Road 27712
Sis. Rachelle Nelums	<b>Pruitt Health</b> Erwin Road 27707
Bro. Michael Wilson	<b>Tower Rehabilitation &amp; Nursing Center</b> 3609 Bond Street Raleigh, NC 27604

**AT HOME CARE**

Sis. Mary Bailey	1505 Palmers Grove Church Rd, Hillsborough	27278
Bro. Danny Blackwell	1 Lucas Drive	27703
Sis. Iris Blackwell	1 Lucas Drive	27703
Sis. Betty Borden	718 Wortley Drive	27713
Sis. Wilhemenia Foster-Long	117 Briarhaven Drive	27703
Sis. Shirley Jackson	2420 Glenbrook Drive	27707
Sis. Deborah Jolly	904 Arnette Avenue	27701
Sis. Mary Liverman	6 Warfield Court, Greensboro	27406
Bro. Frank Lloyd	7 Gwendolyn Circle	27703
Sis. Princess Matthews	1127 Briar Rose Lane, Apt. 103	27704
Sis. Bettie Sanders	323 Crooked Creek Parkway	27713
Dea. John Smith	1405 Timber Wolf Drive	27713
Sis. Lillie Trice	1 Duck Pond Court	27703
Bro. Kevin Young	1027 Moreland Avenue	27707

**REPAIRS**

If you see a light out, cracks or anything that may need repairing around the church contact the Facility Manager at [Facilitymanager@firstcalvary.org](mailto:Facilitymanager@firstcalvary.org).

**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
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	Conf. Call
6:30pm	Youth Bible Study	Zoom
7:00pm	Bible Study	Zoom/FB

**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
6:30pm	Emergency Response Team (ERT)	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
	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

### Pastoral Affirmation of the Week:



**“God has, God is, and God will forever be on your side!”**  
**Pastor Marc**

#### From Pastor Marc Lavarin:

Pastor Lavarin would like to meet and greet all First Calvary Baptist Church Young Adults (college students and persons ages 18-38), today in the Choir Room immediately after service. Light refreshments will be served.

Congratulations Floide and Erica Shelly on the birth of their baby boy, Ellis, born September 12, 2023, weighing 6 pounds and 4 ounces. Mom and baby are doing great!

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“But as for you, Israel my servant, Jacob my chosen one, descended from Abraham my friend, I have called you back from the ends of the earth, saying, “You are my servant.” For I have chosen you and will not throw you away. Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.” Isaiah 41:9-10, NLT. That is where we find the Children of Israel. They were experiencing prolonged separation from their native land, their homes and the environment that made them feel comfortable and secure. Simply put, they were discouraged. It is hard to imagine hope’s sunrise when dusk’s disappointment is at your door. Though they duel for prominence, the night will never overthrow the day. No matter how dark it gets, sunrise is just around the corner from the impossible, the improbable and the inconceivable. Don’t lose hope. God will never abandon you.

### STEWARDSHIP STATISTICS

Our Tithes & Offerings must be \$36,810.84 per Sunday to meet our budget. Thank you for giving!

**September 10, 2023**

Discover the Vision 29 Sunday School 40 New Members 0  
 In-Person Worship 287 Worship Service (Streaming) 934

Tithes and Offering	\$17634.53
Sacrificial Offering	\$471.00
Food Pantry	\$164.00
Scholarship	\$10.00
Sunday School	\$87.00
Children’s Church	\$10.00
Mission	\$50.00
Online Giving	\$17,135.68
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$35,561.21</b>

PLEASE REMEMBER: Wearing a Mask is optional.

COME BACK TO CHURCH FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!  
 WE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM WORSHIP  
 VIA THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK AT 9:30 A.M.  
 EACH SUNDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**REMINDER:** The FCBC Food Pantry always welcomes donations of non-perishable food items! **Types of Items Needed:** rice, beans, jelly, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned veggies & fruit, tuna, pickles, soup, ramen noodles, hot dogs, small packs of hamburger,

Collection boxes are located near the Church Office & in the Vestibule.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MONTH

September 2023

<b>SUN 3</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website
<b>SUN 10</b>	9:30 AM	Worship Service Stream on Facebook & Website <b>GRANDPARENTS DAY</b>
<b>SUN 17</b>	9:30 AM	<b>COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT DAY</b> Stream on Facebook & Website
<b>SUN 24</b>	9:30 AM	<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROMOTION SUNDAY</b>

### TODAY'S MINISTRY THROUGH SERVICE

Music:	Praise Team
Director of Music Ministries:	Minister Michael Dotson
Senior Church Musician:	Brother Tony Rhodes
Bass Player:	Brother David Cannady
Percussionist:	Brother Andre Sanders
Saxophonist:	Brother Lynwood Jones
Videographers:	Sister Hilary Fearrington/ Dr. Toni McIntosh/ Sister Gail Hendricks/ Sister Barbie Bolden
Audio Team (1 per Sunday):	Brother Ivan Holloway/ Deacon Darryll Gadson/ Deacon Xavier Cason/ Brother Michael Hill/ Deacon Calvin Squires/ Brother Derrick Garrett

**FACEBOOK:** [First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, NC](#)

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.

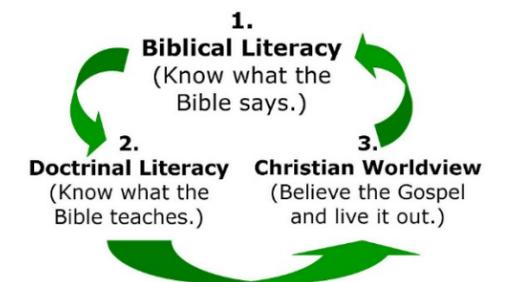
Check the Church Website each week for a copy of the Sunday bulletin. You can also see previous bulletins. Stay Connected with the Church!!



**"An Exciting Church Excited About Its Mission"**

## Christian Education Month

### The PURPOSE of Christian Education



## Young Adult And College Day

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SUNDAY-Worship- 9:30am  
 Sunday School-11:15am

WEDNESDAY-Mid-Week Tune-Up Prayer Call-7am





## LET'S GRILL & CHILL & MEET & GREET

### Couples Family Cookout

Hosted by  
**First Calvary Baptist Church  
Marriage Ministry**

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 PM

RSVP TO: 919-924-6129  
BY SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

LOCATION  
518 HOGAN FARM ROAD  
APEX, NC

BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE  
MEATS WILL BE PROVIDED

MARC A. LAVARIN, PASTOR  
FREDRICK A. DAVIS, PASTOR EMERITUS



JOIN US FOR FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH'S VISION FAST  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
UNTIL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
PRAYER TIMES ARE 7AM, 12N, AND 7PM

CONFERENCE CALL - 712-432-1001  
ACCESS CODE - 494132935#

FASTING TIMES 7AM - 7 PM



THE VISION WILL BE REVEALED  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> AT THE  
VISION HUDDLE. COME OUT AND SEE  
WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR FIRST  
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.  
DINNER WILL BE SERVED.

DISCOVER THE VISION....

#### Reminder:

The Church Office and Building are currently on limited access throughout the week. Please call the Church for any type of information or before all visits. If you need to come to the Church, please be prepared to continue to practice "Social Distancing" for all our safety.

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## WHEN TO CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE

\*When you need to schedule an appointment to see the Pastor.

\*When there is death in your family.

\*To make a prayer request.

\*When you are going to have surgery.

\*When you have a question regarding scheduling a room for a meeting

\*If you need to contact your deacon and you don't know who he is.

\*When you have a baby or to arrange a Baby Dedication.

\*To set up marriage or pre-marital counseling.

\*If you desire your wedding ceremony to be performed by Pastor.

\*When you have questions regarding your financial giving.

\*To change your address or telephone numbers when you move!

## What Can I Do?

WE STILL NEED TO BE SAFE!  
Here are some things we do with some available inside time:

- Read a chapter of the Bible every day
  - Do a devotional
- Start a new gratitude journal, writing about 3 things you are thankful for each day
- Text a different person to check in on them every day
- Watch an old favorite TV show (Binge watch it, see a few episodes every day)
- Watch a classic, black movie
- Go for a walk around your neighborhood
- Do a word find puzzle with crayons, colored pencils or different colored pens
  - Try a new recipe
- Start a Pinterest page of some favorite things
  - Read a good book
- Do a house cleaning project every day or every other day
- Call someone and have a good conversation
  - Have a Praise and Worship party- Cut on some favorite Gospel songs
- Catalog and look through some old photos, transfer them to the computer
  - Learn to do something new...visit youtube or google the activity