

Welcome To
First Congregational Church
2410 Creech Rd.—Raleigh, NC 27610

“2024 Theme”

“Going The Distance

With

Christ

By Faith

And

God’s Grace”

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Moses said
Now show
me your
GLORY.

AND THE *Lord* SAID

I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you,
and I will proclaim my name, the *Lord*
in your presence.

I will have *mercy*
on whom I will have mercy,
and I will have
compassion
on whom I will have compassion.

Glorious Worship Service

Worship Leader, Rev. Bessie Bukhay

PRELUDE..... *Mrs. Vickie Debnam & Male Chorus*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Rev. Bessie Bukhay*

The LORD says, "All you who are thirsty, come and drink. Those of you who do not have money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend your money on something that is not real food? Why work for something that doesn't really satisfy you? Listen closely to me, and you will eat what is good; your soul will enjoy the rich food that satisfies. Come to me and listen; listen to me so you may live. I will make an agreement with you that will last forever. I will give you the blessings I promised to David. (Isaiah 55:1-5 NCV)

- GLORIA PATRI *Congregation in Unison*
- HYMN OF PRAISE *"Hold To God's Unchanging Hand" #248*
- INVOCATION *Congregation in Unison*

Heavenly Father, God over all, thank you for the invitation to come to you. We respond and bring to you our hurts, the pain, the disappointments, the failures and the joys. We bring to you those on our hearts who are too frail, too shattered, too frustrated to bring themselves. We bring world conditions, leaders, injustices, those down-trodden by life that your kingdom would come and your will be done in a mighty way. We respond in anticipation of all that you shall do. In Jesus name. Amen.

HOLY SCRIPTURE

READING..... *Rev. Bessie Bukhay*

Exodus 33:18-24 and 35:4-8

PRAYER..... *Rev. Bessie Bukhay*

CHORAL RESPONSE *Male Chorus*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

& RECEIVING

OF TITHES/ OFFERINGS *Ushers*

* DOXOLOGY..... *Congregation in Unison*

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Mrs. Monique Liriano*

PREPARATION

SELECTION *Male Chorus*

MEDITATION

SELECTION..... *Male Chorus*

MESSAGE..... *Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney*

"THE GLORY OF GOD"

SONG

OF INVITATION *Male Chorus*

CALL

TO DISCIPLESHIP..... *Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney*

*CLOSING


SONG.....

*THE BENEDICTION *Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney*

Mrs. Vickie Debnam, Pianist

Mr. Todd Freeman, Drummer & Male Chorus

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen. 

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

**Mrs. Patricia Avery, Mrs. Gloria Bobo,
Mrs. Jessie Freeman, Deaconess Lossie Hackett,
Mr. Edward Hinton, Deacon Donzell Hunter,
Mrs. Yvonne Johnson, Mrs. Amelia Judd,
Mrs. Cheryl Laws, Mrs. Erica Lucas,
Mrs. Irene Marks, Mrs. Edith McDougal,
Mr. James McDougal,
Mrs. Carolyn Perry, Mr. Jesse Reynolds,
Mrs. Wannetta Reynolds, Deaconess Beatrice Todd.**

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***Mr. James Cox***  
***(Father of Mr. Jesse Reynolds)***

***Mrs. Shirley Foxworth***  
***(Sister of Mrs. Linda Allen)***

***Ms. Jackie Haywood***  
***(Coworker of Mrs. Doris McKoy)***

***Mrs. Mary Johnson***  
***(Sister of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)***

***Dr. Nikki Johnson***  
***(Friend of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)***

***Ms. Annette Malone***  
***(Sister of Mrs. Paulette Hicks)***

***Mr. Christopher Perkins***  
***(Son of Deacon & Deaconess Grady & Natalie Perkins)***

***Little Miss Daenerys Phifer***  
***(Granddaughter of Reverends Donald & Carolyn Ingram)***

***Miss Peyton Todd***  
***(Granddaughter of Deaconess Beatrice Todd)***



*Mighty Father, thank You for Your love and compassion. Thank You for keeping Your covenant throughout the ages and for making us Your people. Thank You for allowing imperfect humans to worship You, the perfect King. We bless Your Holy Name.*

*We proclaim Your unfailing love in the morning and Your faithfulness in the evening. Lord, Let everyone stand in awe of You. What a joy it is to be one of Your children. Father, You are good and Your faithful love endures forever.*

*Father, we reverence and honor You. You are our God and we submit our loyalty and adoration to You. You are the First and the Last. You are the Living One. You died, but now You are alive, forever and ever. You hold the keys of death and the grave. You existed before time and created everything that exists. We acknowledge that You are the only living God. There are no other gods. Father, all of Your works will thank You, Lord, and we, Your faithful followers, bless You. You are so awesome! We confess that we will keep Your commandments, walk in Your ways and fear You. Father, we confess that Your instructions are perfect, reviving our souls.*

*Loving Father, please let Your ears be attentive to our prayer. Holy Spirit, teach us how to reverence and adore our Father in true holiness. Please touch the hearts of those around the world who do not honor Him. Help them to love the Father with all their hearts, souls and strength. Holy Spirit, place in us a hunger and thirst for Your righteousness so that we will be filled.*

*Gracious Father, forgive us for all acts of sinfulness including pride, arrogance, rebellion, disobedience, selfishness, perversion, hatred, idolatry and lack of faith. Lord, forgive us for half-hearted worship, for disrespecting Your Name and treating You irreverently.*

*Triumphant Lord, You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. You are the God who is, and who always was, and who is still to come – the Almighty One. All honor and glory belongs to You, God, forever and ever! You are the eternal King, the unseen One who will never die; You alone are God. Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

***FCC Prayer Ministry***

# Cradle to Career



## School Supplies:

### Southeast Raleigh Elementary School

Our continued partnership with Southeast Raleigh Elementary School is especially important. The school has multiple needs for their students. Listed below are items suggested for the coming school year. The Youth Ministry is asking the church members to donate the following items to ensure a successful year for the students at Southeast Raleigh Elementary School.



- Relatively “healthy “ non-perishable snacks (Cheez-it, Goldfish, Apple Sauce, Nutri-Grain Bars, Welch's Fruit Gummies, etc.)
- School Uniforms (All sizes) Any khaki bottoms, white polo type shirts
- Girls and Boys underwear \* Pens (Black, Red, Blue)
- Three Ring Binders \*Color Markers
- Notebook Paper (wide rule) \* Color Pencils
- Composition Books (wide rule) \* Folders
- # 2 pencils

**ALL SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED BY SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024**

***Thank you for your support.***

***Youth Ministry-William walker, Director***



**EVERY SUNDAY @ 9:30 AM**

**FOR ALL AGES**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



**EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 6:30 PM**

# Prayer MEETING



**EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 7:00 PM**

# Bible Study



# Weekly Church Calendar of Events

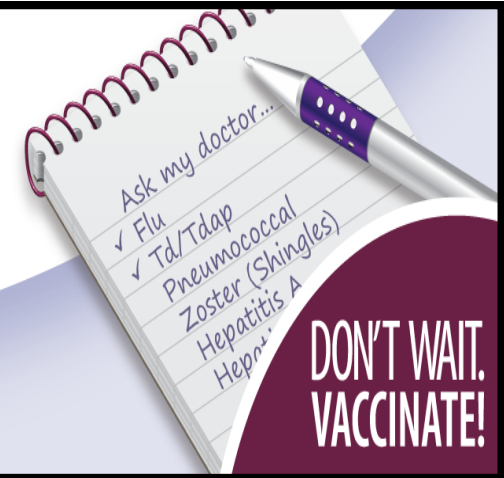
August 12-18, 2024

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|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>12</b> | <b>OPEN</b>     |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>13</b> | <b>5:00 pm</b>  | <b>Mass Choir Rehearsal</b>                                                                                                                                                 |
|                  |           | <b>6:45 pm</b>  | <b>Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</b>                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | <b>Prayer Meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
|                  |           | <b>7:00 pm</b>  | <b>Deeper Life Bible Study</b>                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>4:30 pm</b>  | <b>Pastor Search Committee</b>                                                                                                                                              |
|                  |           | <b>5:00 pm</b>  | <b>Mass Choir Rehearsal</b>                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Friday</b>    |           | <b>OPEN</b>     |                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>17</b> | <b>9:00 am</b>  | <b>Men's Fellowship Mtg.</b>                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>18</b> | <b>9:30 am</b>  | <b>Sunday School</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
|                  |           | <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Glorious Worship Service</b><br><b>Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney</b><br><b>Interim Pastor</b><br><b>In Person , FCC Website, &amp;</b><br><b>Teleconference 701-801-6123</b> |

## HEALTH MINISTRY

**Mrs. Geraldine Lee, Chairperson**

What **Vaccines**  
do **You** need?



*National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages.*

*Together, we can help raise awareness about the importance of vaccination and encourage people to talk to a healthcare provider they trust about staying up to date on their vaccinations.*

*Vaccines are recommended for adults based on age, health conditions, job, and other factors. No personal information will be retained by CDC.*



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

- ◆ **August 17th** - Men's Fellowship Meeting-Finalizing plans for Family & Friends Day. Direct all questions and concerns to Deacon BC Cooper, Men's Fellowship Chairperson
- ◆ **August 26th** - Leadership Meeting-Preparation for Quarterly Church Meeting in September. Send all agenda items to [fcral@bellsouth.net](mailto:fcral@bellsouth.net) on or before September 5th. Direct all questions and concerns to Deacon LaMonte Jones, Deacon Ministry Chairperson
- ◆ **September 1st** Fourth Ward Musical Celebration—**Activity Update**-Martin Banks and the Trustees have had the bus inspected and serviced. They are considering providing transportation from the church to the Fourth Ward activity on Sunday September 1 for members who would like to park at the church and ride the bus to the activity. If you are interested in this service, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or call the office and leave your name. Please quickly respond to this request so they can determine if this service is needed and for how many.
- ◆ If you have pictures from activities at the church's location on Manley Street, please provide them to the church office. Your pictures will be scanned and returned to you. If you can volunteer to man the table for the Fourth Ward activity, please inform the office. The Fourth Ward meeting for this week (August 8) was cancelled because of the hurricane. There are no updates for the activity planned on September 1, 2024. New information will be shared with the church when it is provided by the Community Director of this event. Direct all questions and concerns to rev. Paulette Kearney, Interim Pastor
- ◆ **September 14th** –Quarterly Church Meeting. Please forward all reports to Mrs. Linda Allen, Church Clerk @ [fcclerk@att.net](mailto:fcclerk@att.net) on or before September 5th. Direct questions to Deacon LaMonte Jones, Leadership Chairperson.
- ◆ **August 24th**-Youth Ministry, **"Back To School Bash"** school supplies are due. Mr. William Walker, Director. Thank you!
- ◆ **September 26th**-Senior Day Out@ 12 noon. Quarterly gathering for seniors to fellowship and enjoy a delicious meal. Direct all questions and concerns to Mrs. Lillar Barnes.
- ◆ **September 28th**-Family and Friends Day-Annual Fish Fry. You are encouraged to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this fellowship of fun, family, friends, and delicious food.
- ◆ **September 29th**-God's Active People (GAP) Sunday. Again, You are encouraged to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to fellowship with the First Congregational Church ((FCC) Family during the 11:00 am Glorious Worship Service. Encourage family, friends, and neighbors to this fellowship of **SPIRITUAL FOOD**. Jesus tells us in Matthew 4:4, [New International Version](#) **"It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"** The guest speaker for GAP Sunday, September 29th will be Dr. John Alexander Leaston. Dr. Leaston serves on the ministerial staff at Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC under the spiritual guidance of the Rev. Dr. Harry L. White, Jr.

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**VISION STATEMENT:** *The disciples of First Congregational Church vision is to obediently follow the Lord Jesus becoming more Christ-like in character and effective in ministry to others. By the power of the Holy Spirit we pray to reach, reconcile and restore lives to Jesus Christ by proclaiming the glorious Gospel of the Kingdom. Our vision will be realized when we have reached Christ-like maturity, the Gospel has been proclaimed in all the world, and the Kingdom of God has been fully established in the new age.*

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *The mission of First Congregational Church is to obey Christ's command to seek and save the lost; to preach and teach the Word of God; to make and empower disciples through increasing and promoting our love for God and His word; to help meet the needs of human kind by "loving God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, so that it will mold and fashion our lives, and to love our neighbor as ourselves."*