

*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 18, 2024*

*Faith*  
is being sure of

what we hope for and  
certain of what we  
do not see

Hebrews 11:1

THE WAY OF

*Cain*

**Genesis 4:1-13**

August 18, 2024

11:00 am

# Glorious Worship Service

*Worship Leader, Deacon BC Cooper*

\*THE PRELUDE ..... *Mrs. Vickie Debnam & Mass Choir*

• CALL TO WORSHIP ..... *Deacon BC Cooper*

*O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart. He does not slander with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor takes up a reproach against his friend; In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who honors those who fear the Lord; He swears to his own hurt and does not change; He does not put out his money at interest, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken. Psalm 15*

*Or if too long: O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart. Psalm 15:1-2*

• GLORIA PATRI ..... *Congregation in Unison*

• HYMN OF PRAISE ..... *"Glory To His Name" #191*

• INVOCATION ..... *Congregation in Unison*

*Speak now to us, Oh Lord God. Show us your ways and commandments. Tell us again of thy loving-kindness and mercy. Where sin is crouching at the door of our hearts, renew within us a clean heart and right spirit. And Lord, may we listen attentively to all you shall speak so we may walk therein. Amen.*

## HOLY SCRIPTURE

READING..... *Deacon BC Cooper*

*Genesis 4:1-8 and Hebrews 11:1-4*

PRAYER..... *Deacon BC Cooper*

CHORAL RESPONSE ..... *"From Me To You Lord"*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

& RECEIVING

OF TITHES/ OFFERINGS ..... *Ushers*

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

## RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/

ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... *Mrs. Lillian McNeill*

PREPARATION SELECTION ..... *"I Want To Say Thank You"*

MEDITATION SELECTION..... *"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"*

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

## **"What Are You Bringing To God?"**

SONG OF INVITATION ..... *"Because He Lives"*

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

\*CLOSING SONG ..... *"Let the Church Say Amen"*

\*THE BENEDICTION ..... *Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney*

*Mrs. Vickie Debnam, Pianist  
Master Joel Ross, Drummer & Mass Choir*

*Dear Heavenly Father,  
we come before You seeking Your divine  
intervention against sickness.*

*Lord, we ask that You pour out  
Your healing power upon those listed on  
the Intercessory Listing and  
restore them to full health.*

*We rebuke this sickness right now and  
do not accept it as Your will.*

*May Your Holy Spirit  
bring comfort, peace, and strength  
to their weary souls.*

*Bring clarity to  
their thoughts, peace to their troubled soul,  
and healing to any emotional wounds.*

*You are the God of peace and restoration,  
and we trust in Your ability to  
bring wholeness to their life.*

*You are the Great Physician,  
and we believe in Your power  
to heal every sickness and disease.*

*Grant them relief from  
pain, restoration of strength,  
and a complete recovery.*

*We ask these things in Jesus' name.  
Amen!*

THANK YOU  
*Lord*

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

- Mrs. Patricia Avery, Mrs. Gloria Bobo,
  - Mr. Todd Freeman

**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)**

**Miss Peyton Todd**

**(Granddaughter of Deaconess Beatrice Todd)**

***And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation,  
and in sure dwellings,  
and in quiet resting places;  
when it shall hail, coming down on the forest;  
and he city shall be low in a low place.  
Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters,  
that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass.***

***Isaiah 32:18-20 King James Version (KJV)***



***Heavenly Father,  
our souls honor You. Thank You for our family relationships. We thank You for the faith that our families have in You, for it is this faith that brings us together and sustains us. We thank You for peace umpiring our family relationships and interactions. Lord, we thank You for fulfilling Your plans and purposes in our lives and for surrounding us with favor like a shield.***

***Glorious Father, we declare that our families will live in peaceful habitations, in safe dwellings, and quiet resting places. We declare that stability, salvation, love, wisdom, and knowledge abide in each home. Lord, we rebuke the spirits of argument, slander, strife, perversion, violence, offense, lies, rebellion, disobedience, and cruelty in our families. We break all soul ties, strongholds, and generational curses in our family bloodlines, knowing that no weapon formed against our families will prosper.***

***We trust that everything the devil means for evil will be turned around by our God for the good of our families. We call for spiritual renewal and restoration in our families, knowing that You have the power to heal and restore. Father, we will hold fast to the confession of our faith without wavering. We confess that the love of God will reign supreme in our homes, and the peace of God is an umpire in our family relationships. We decree that because our families seek Your Kingdom above all else and live righteously, we will have everything that we need.***

***Wonderful Father, we ask that You give our family members one heart and put a new spirit within all of us. Where there are strained relationships in our families, please turn our hearts back to one another. Holy Spirit, please begin to heal the wounds that family secrets have inflicted on the souls and minds of some of our members. Lead them to competent Christian counseling to help them process their pain. Give us Your wisdom. Let discretion preserve us and understanding keep us from the way of evil. Please unite our families closer together, reminding us that we are all part of a larger, loving community.***

***Father, open the lines of communication in our homes so that there is a good rapport in our families. Please keep our children and youth as the apples of Your eye. Let Your peace, love, and understanding reside in our families. Lord, some of our families are in dire need of help. Please rescue them and give them wisdom on how to repair and rebuild those damaged relationships.***

***Merciful Father, forgive our families for sin. Forgive us for allowing our jobs to be a greater priority than our families. Forgive us for taking our loved ones for granted. Forgive us for not praying for our family members consistently. Forgive us for strife, anger, envy, jealousy, adultery, and verbal or physical abuse within our homes. As for me, the Holy Spirit brings to my remembrance those I need to forgive and help me to forgive.***

***Sovereign Lord, You are King! You are robbed in majesty and armed with strength. Your throne has stood from time immemorial. You are from the everlasting past. In Jesus' Name, Amen.***

# 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



## PRAYER MINISTRY

*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

*We are all burdened with something in our lives, and it is through prayer that we can help carry each other's burdens. When we pray for others, we are fulfilling the law of Christ by showing them love and care.*



## MAY WE PRAY WITH YOU?

*If you have a prayer request, please write it on the provided prayer request card and place in the Prayer Box. Your prayer need will be interceded for during the Wednesday night prayer time and or other times. When God answers your prayer request, please inform us so we can give praise and thanks to God.*

**EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM**

# Prayer MEETING


**ONLINE @ 701-801-6123 & IN PERSON**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 7:00 PM**

# Bible Study

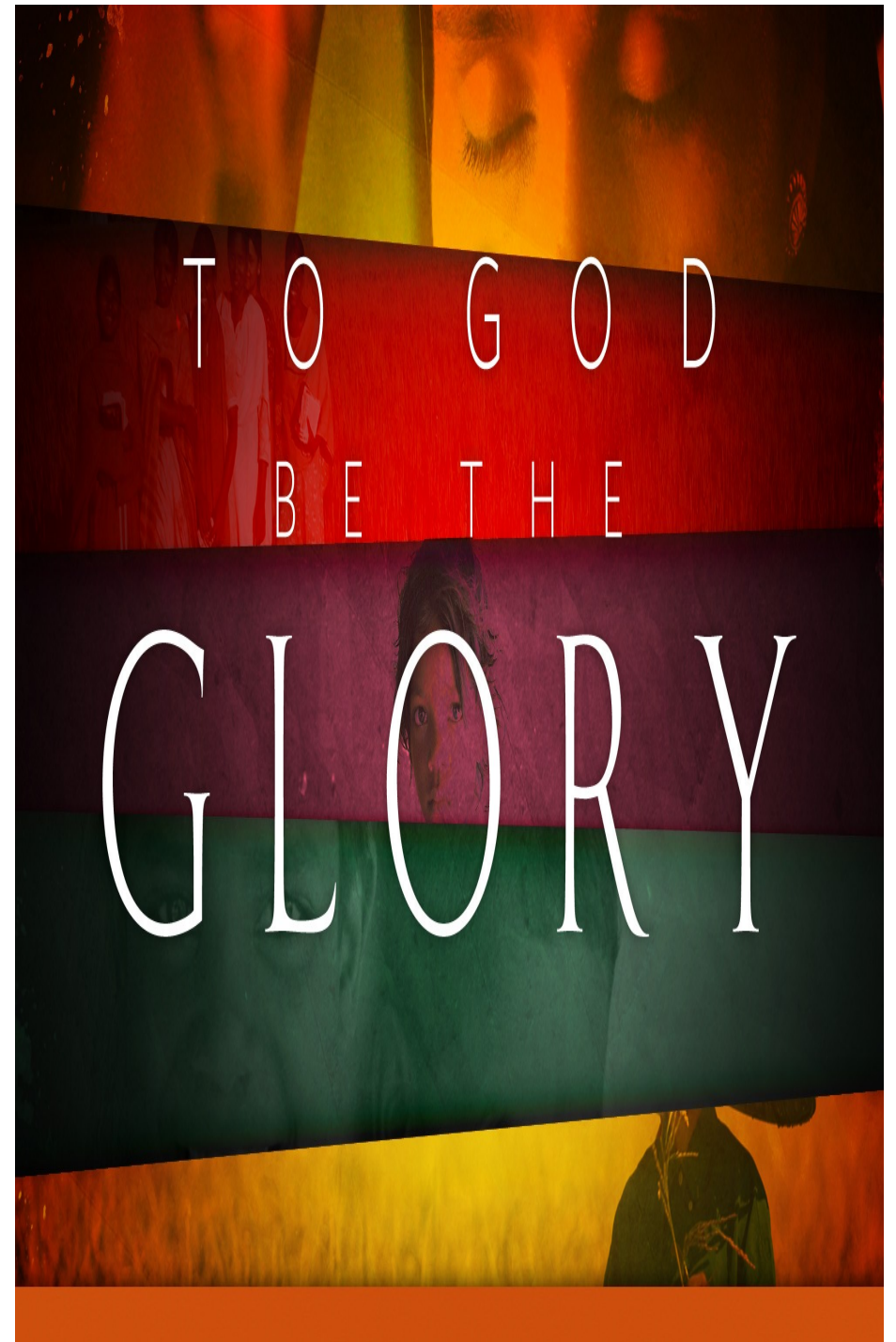
# Weekly Church Calendar of Events

**August 19=25, 2024**



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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>19</b> | <b>OPEN</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>20</b> | <b>6:45 pm</b>                    | <b>Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</b>                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>6:30 pm</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b>  | <b>Prayer Meeting</b><br><b>Deeper Life Bible Study</b>                                                                                                  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>22</b> | <b>4:30 pm</b>                    | <b>CIGC Rehearsal</b>                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>23</b> | <b>OPEN</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>24</b> | <b>OPEN</b>                       |                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>25</b> | <b>9:30 am</b><br><b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Sunday School</b><br><b>Glorious Worship Service</b><br><i>Rev. William Bryant</i><br><i>(Guest Speaker)</i><br><b>In Person , FCC Website, &amp;</b> |

**BE KIND**  
be thoughtful  
be genuine  
but most of all  
**BE THANKFUL**





# 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 [fccral@bellsouth.net](mailto:fccral@bellsouth.net) on or before September 5th. Direct all question and concerns to Deacon LaMonte Jones, Deacon Ministry Chairperson
- ◆ **September 1st** Fourth Ward Musical Celebration—**Activity Update** -Available on the table as you enter the sanctuary is a letter listing all the activities (August 26th—September 1st) Ms. Rainey has planned in recognition of the Fourth Ward Celebration.
- ◆ 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 question and concerns to rev. Paulette Kearney, Interim Pastor
- ◆ **September 14th** –Quarterly Church Meeting. Please forward all reports to Mrs. Linda Allen, Church Clerk @ [fccclerk@att.net](mailto:fccclerk@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**. The guest speaker for GAP Sunday, September 29th will be Dr. John Alexander Leaston who 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.

# **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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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."*