

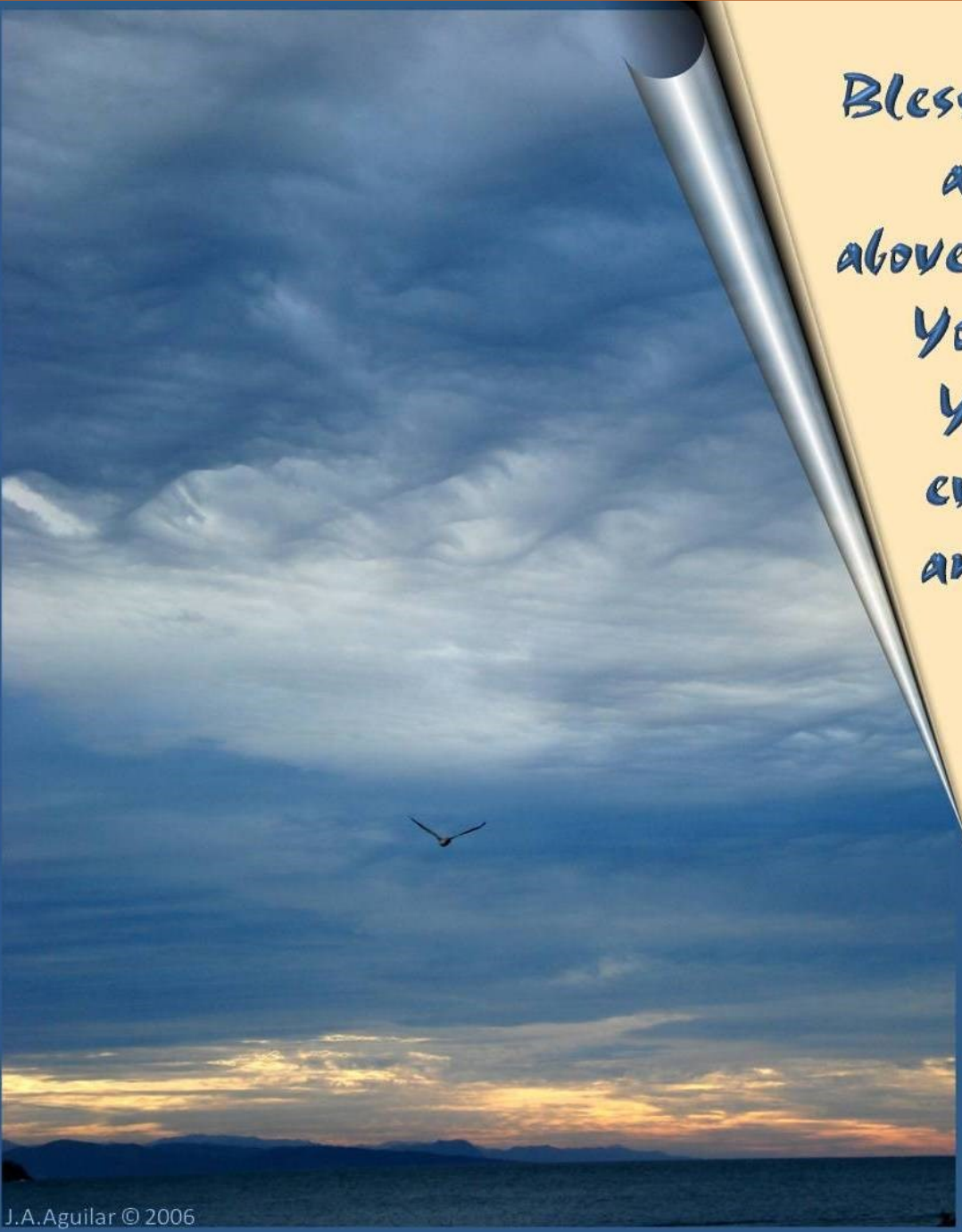
Welcome To
First Congregational Church
2410 Creech Rd.—Raleigh, NC 27610

“2024 Theme”

“Going The Distance With Christ By Faith And God’s Grace”

Sunday, August 25, 2024



A dramatic sky scene with a bird in flight and a pen nib graphic. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds against a deep blue background. A single bird is seen in flight in the lower-left quadrant. The bottom of the image shows a dark horizon line over a body of water. A large, silver, metallic pen nib graphic points from the top right towards the center of the image, framing the text on the right.

Blessed be Your glorious name,
and may it be exalted
above all blessings and praise.
You alone are the LORD.
You made the heavens,
even the highest heavens,
and all their starry host,
the earth and
all that is on it,
the seas and
all that is in them.
You give life to
everything....

Nehemiah 9:5-6

August 25, 2024

11:00 am

Glorious Worship Service

Worship Leader, Deacon BC Cooper

*THE PRELUDE *"I Was Glad"*

• CALL TO WORSHIP *Deacon BC Cooper*

"Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who lives forever and ever."

"Blessed be your wonderful name. It is more wonderful than all blessing and praise. You are the only LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, with all the stars. You made the earth and everything on it, the seas and everything in them; you give life to everything. The heavenly army worships you." (Nehemiah 9:5,6 NCV) Hallelujah. Amen

• GLORIA PATRI *Congregation in Unison*

• HYMN OF PRAISE *"Revive Us Again" #18*

• INVOCATION *Congregation in Unison*

You reign, O God, forever. You love righteousness and hate wickedness. Your staff is a staff of justice and equity. Give us what we need each day so that we might not horde your gifts meant to sustain others. Forgive our shortcomings that we might start each day anew with love in our heart for those in opposition to us and our neighbors. We pray that the church might be a place of healing. As you have been faithful to us, help us to be faithful to carry out the mission of the church to go into the world and reach others for you, to feed the hungry, visit the sick and comfort the grieving. Amen.

HOLY SCRIPTURE

READING.....*Deacon BC Cooper*

Psalm 23

PRAYER.....*Deacon BC Cooper*

CHORAL RESPONSE..... *"Sweet Hour Of Prayer"*

SPECIAL SELECTION..... *"Great Is the Lord"*

Soprano soloist, Ms. Alma Williams

OFFERTORY PRAYER

& RECEIVING

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

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....*Deaconess Victoria Walker*

*MEDITATION SELECTION..... *"My Hope Is Built" #223*

MESSAGE..... *Rev. William Bryant*

A WORD FROM THE LORD

SONG OF INVITATION..... *Sanctuary Choir*

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP.....*Rev. William Bryant*

*CLOSING SONG..... *"The Lord Bless You"*


*THE BENEDICTION.....*Rev. William Bryant*

"Sevenfold Amen"

Mrs. Monica Keele-Jones, Organist

&

Sanctuary Choir



PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON

Father God, Your Word says the prayer of faith shall heal the sick. We come to You today in faith asking that you heal us from every sickness, disease, and illness. We receive our healing by faith. In Jesus name amen.

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)



***Father, we thank You for peace and protection for our children as they start this new school year. We thank You, Lord, for being a hedge of protection around our schools and our children.***

***Thank You for blessing us with Your perfect peace as we keep our thoughts fixed on You.***

***Thank You for being our strength in times of weakness. We are grateful that when we, Your people, call to You for help, You hear and rescue us out of our troubles.***

***Thank you Father that You are a hedge of protection around our schools our children, administrators, teachers, school buildings, buses and all areas of school activities. Lord, we believe that You will continue to put a wall of protection around our students this year and we confess that when they walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive them and stretch forth Your hand and save them. So we do not fear, for You are with them, we are not be dismayed for You are their God. You will strengthen them and help them; You will uphold them with Your righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10.***

***Father we thank you that according to Psalm 34:7 You encamp your angels around our children kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school, college, that they are kept safe from all hurt, harm and dangers. We cry out today Lord for Your protection that only you can give.***

***Lord, You have given us authority through Jesus Christ and we cancel the spirits of fear and anxiety. We take authority over every spirit of fear and anxiety that attempts to attack the minds of our children, our teachers, and all school officials in whatever capacity they preside. You have left Your gift of peace of mind with them, so their hearts will not be afraid. And Father, for the parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and all other family members that may be anxious about the days ahead, we lay it all at your feet and believe Your word that says You will never leave us or forsake us.***

***Thank you Father for hearing our prayer. In Jesus' Name. Amen***

***FCC Prayer Ministry***

**EVERY SUNDAY @ 9:30 AM**

**FOR ALL AGES**


# SUNDAY SCHOOL



**WEDNESDAY, 6:30 pm Online & In person**

**701 801 6123**

# CORPORATE PRAYER



## 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*



**Church Picnic 2024**  
FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES!  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th  
12:00PM - 2:00PM



## T-SHIRT Order Form



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# Weekly Church Calendar of Events

September 26-Sept. 1, 2024

|                  |           |                 |                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>26</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b>  | <b>Leadership Meeting</b>                                                                                                        |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>27</b> | <b>6:45 pm</b>  | <b>Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</b>                                                                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | <b>Corporate Prayer</b>                                                                                                          |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>29</b> | <b>4:30 pm</b>  | <b>CIGC Rehearsal</b>                                                                                                            |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>30</b> | <b>OPEN</b>     |                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>31</b> | <b>1:00 pm</b>  | <b>4th Ward Picnic @ Roberts<br/>Park on Martin Street</b>                                                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>01</b> | <b>9:30 am</b>  | <b>Sunday School</b>                                                                                                             |
|                  |           | <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Glorious Worship Service<br/>Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney<br/>In Person , FCC Website, &amp;<br/>Teleconference 701-801-6123</b> |
|                  |           | <b>4:00 pm</b>  | <b>4th Ward Musical<br/>Celebration<br/>Fletcher Hall@East South St.</b>                                                         |



*MedicAlert Awareness Month is observed in August every year. Medical alert IDs have been around for decades. These IDs are essentially important for people living alone and for those who have potentially dangerous diseases so that they can alert people in case of an emergency, helps medical personnel recognize medical conditions, , etc., and helps to avoid medical errors.*

[This innovative solution](#) redefines emergency preparedness by providing faster access to your comprehensive medical history – giving first responders more of the vital information they need to deliver fast, safe, effective care. Unlike traditional medical IDs that rely solely on engraved information, our QR Code medical ID uses technology to store and display comprehensive health details from your health profile.

When a MedicAlert QR code ID is scanned it immediately connects to your health profile, where first responders can see your critical information in an easy-to-read format. This includes medical history, medications, allergies, implanted devices, advanced directives, and emergency contact information.

Currently, QR code technology is offered on [a variety of medical IDs](#). The QR Code medical ID represents another milestone in our ongoing mission to save lives.

## **Get a MedicAlert bracelet**

*If not for yourself, you should get a Medic Alert bracelet for your elderly relatives. It will provide them with ease of mind and they can carry on their daily tasks easily. With a MedicAlert bracelet, you can rest assured that your health will be taken care of in emergency situations.*

*Mrs. Geraldine Lee, Health Ministry Chairperson*

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

- ◆ **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**-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. Transportation is available to those who are interested in parking at the church and riding the bus. please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or call the office and leave your name if interested in this service. **Direct all question and concerns to Rev. 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 all questions and concerns about your reports to Mrs. Linda Allen.
- ◆ **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 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 .

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.’”***



# **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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*Interim Pastor*

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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."*