

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."*



Jesus

First Congregational Church

September 15, 2024



Blessed is he
whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Psalm 32:1

Sunday School

EVERY
SUNDAY @ 9:30
FOR ALL AGES

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Norma Hodge, Superintendent
Linwood Dunn, Asst. Superintendent

6:30 PM

PRAYER
MEETING

EVERY WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

BIBLE STUDY

September 15, 2024

11:00am

Glorious Worship Service

Worship Leader, Rev. Carolyn Ingram

- *THE PRELUDE
- CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Carolyn Ingram

Behold! We have gathered together to worship our God. "Am I a God near at hand," says the Lord, "And not a God afar off? 24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the Lord; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord." (Jeremiah 23:23-24)

Behold! Come let us worship our God.

- GLORIA PATRI Congregation in Unison
- HYMN OF PRAISE "O, I want To See Him" # 41
- INVOCATION Congregation in Unison

Jesus, you are our refuge, but many times we choose temporary hiding places – sometimes in work, relationships, or things. But these things are not stable. In times of uncertainty, help us, help me to run to You, the Rock of all ages, that we might find strength and safety. Thank you for hiding us under your wings.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY SCRIPTURE
READING..... Rev. Carolyn Ingram

Psalm 32

PRAYER..... Rev. Carolyn Ingram

CHORAL RESPONSE "I Give Myself Away"

Denotes to stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER & RECEIVING
OF TITHES/ OFFERINGS..... Ushers

* DOXOLOGY..... Congregation in Unison

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... Deaconess Victoria Walker

RECOGNITION OF
VISITORS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Deaconess Victoria Walker

PREPARATION SELECTION..... "Wherever I Go"

MEDITATION SELECTION..... "These Thorns"

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

"The Lord is My Hiding Place"

SONG OF INVITATION..... "All Day Long"

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

*CLOSING

SONG..... "Let The Church Say Amen"

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

*Mrs. Vickie Debnam, Pianist
Mr. Todd Freeman, Drummer
Combined Choirs*



Denotes to stand



Ms. Angela Saye Smith and Family in the passing of her loving uncle, Mr. Dwight Wilton Stroud, Sr. Service will be held at First Congregational Church

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Visitation: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Memorial service 12:00 pm

*Arrangements by: Haywood Funeral Home, Inc.
Raleigh, NC*



Mr. Cary Perry & Miss Jessie Perry in the passing of his beloved wife and her dear mother, Mrs. Carolyn Perry.

Service will be held at First Congregational Church

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Visitation: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Memorial service 12:00 pm

*In lieu of flowers please make donations to
First Congregational Church Scholarship Fund
2410 Creech Rd = Raleigh, NC 27610*

*Arrangements by: Trice Funeral Home, Inc.
Fuquay-Varina, NC*



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,
Mr. James McDougal, Mr. Jesse Reynolds,

Mrs. Wannetta Reynolds
Pruitt Health Care Facility
2420 Lake Wheeler Road - Raleigh, NC

Deaconess Beatrice Todd



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)

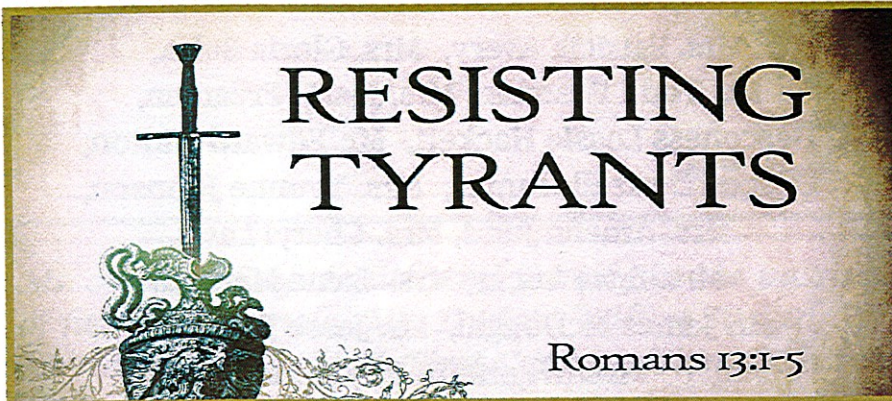
Dr. Nikki Johnson
(Friend of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)

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

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

Mr. John Poole
(Brother of Mrs. Cheryl Dendy)

Miss Peyton Todd
(Granddaughter of Deaconess Beatrice Todd)



Glorious Father,

*We thank You for Your Word which instructs and guides us.
Thank You for the opportunity to grow in Christ.*

*Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us authority to overcome
all the power of the enemy. Father, with all that we are, we
will praise You.*

Romans 13:1-5

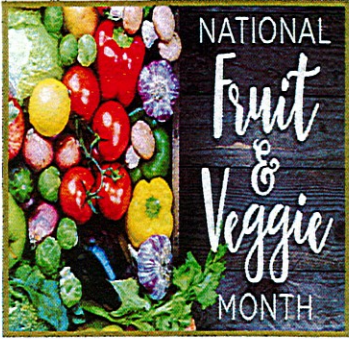
Loving **F**ather, we will study Your Word! We will use the authority given to us, as we all come to unity in our faith and knowledge of Your Son. We confess that as a community of faith we will study God's Word so that we are not ashamed, and we will correctly explain the Word of truth. By faith, we decree that we are growing daily in the knowledge of Your Word, and we are more sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leadership.

Lord, enlighten our hearts through the Word of God. Help each of us to fully obtain knowledge of the Father's will and to walk in spiritual wisdom and understanding. Once we do this, then our lives will always honor and please the Lord and we will produce every kind of good fruit. Holy Spirit, stir our hearts to hunger and thirst after righteousness, so that we are filled daily. Please show each of us where we need to mature in our Christian Walk so that in all things, and on all occasions, we will represent the Kingdom of God well.

Forgiving Father, please forgive us for all acts of sinfulness. Forgive those who have been slack about learning more about who we are, in Christ. Forgive those who choose not to submit to governing spiritual authority in our Church Family. Forgive us all for at times depending on ourselves instead of You, Your Son, and Your Holy Spirit. Forgive those of us who carry offenses, grudges, and anger. Forgive all of us for acts of pride, rebellion, disobedience, selfishness, hatred, and idolatry. Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and please help us to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. Holy Spirit, help us all not to yield to temptation but deliver us from the evil one. Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations. Who will not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? You alone are Holy. All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous deeds have been revealed.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Mrs. Annie Holloway, FCC Prayer Ministry



NATIONAL FRUITS AND VEGGIES MONTH

September is
National Fruits
and
Veggies Month (NFVM).

Everyone can benefit from eating more fruits and vegetables, and we encourage you and your family to do so.

Mrs. Geraldine Lee, Health Ministry, Chairperson

Revival Begins With You!

**WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY
FRIDAY**

OCTOBER 3-5

October 2 @ 6:30 Rev. Kelvin Lucas
Take It By Force Ministry - Rocky Mount, NC

October 3 @ 6:30 Rev. Gary L. Moore
Daisy Missionary Baptist Church, Beulaville, NC

October 4 @ 6:30 Rev. James Clanton
Wake Baptist Grove Church. Garner, NC



September is Grandparents' month. Twelve children were present for morning worship on Sunday, September 8, considered as Grandparents' Day. Nine were present for Sunday school. Seven of these young people were worshipping with their grandparents. Scripture teaches us that grandparents are important in the lives of young people and their spiritual growth.

We, as a church, are committed to this cause. We encourage you to continue to invite your grandchildren and other young people in your family to worship with you not just during Grandparent's month but also for other services.

First Congregational church is a child friendly church with activities for the youth coordinated by Youth Director, William Walker and Sunday School for all ages. If you bring them, with the help of God, we will assist you in nurturing them in the faith. Let's all disciple our young people in the faith so they will learn Christ from a young age.

Rev. Paulette Kearney



Family & Friends

You Are Invited!

COMMUNITY FISH FRY

Saturday, September 28, 2024
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Free Food, Fun and Fellowship for all ages!

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Prayer Ministry

MAY WE PRAY WITH YOU?

If you have a prayer request, please write it on the provided prayer request card and place in Prayer Box on the table as you entered the sanctuary today.



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.

The Bible encourages praying for your needs, for others, and for God's will to be done. Don't be afraid to bring anything to God, from daily concerns to bigger worries. (Philippians 4:6, Matthew 6:9-13)

Fourth Ward Celebration

A special thank you is extended to all who attended and assisted with the Fourth Ward Gospel Celebration of churches who were formerly located in Fourth Ward.

First Congregational Church was well represented in attendance and the display of Church history.

The Trustees provided transportation from the church to the event for church members, two members of FCC clergy served in the worship service, the Cunningham-Ingram Gospel Choir provided music, pictures and items were provided for the church display, smiling volunteers staffed the display table, a photographer captured pictures, and over 25 members represented the church.

Rev. Paulette Kearney

I am so grateful and happy beyond words that all I can say is

Thank You.



TO
God
BE
THE
Glory



- ♦ **September 26th**-Senior Day Out@ 12 noon. Quarterly gathering for fellowship and a delicious meal. Mrs. 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 will be Dr. John Alexander Leaston from Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC

Church Revival

- **October 2nd** - Rev. Kelvin Lucas-Take It By Force Ministries, Rocky Mount, NC;
- **October 3rd** -Pastor Gary Moore, Daisy Missionary Baptist Church, Beulaville, NC;
- **October 4th** Rev. James Earl Clanton, Jr.—Wake Baptist Grove Church, Garner, NC

