

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

2410 Creech Road—Raleigh, NC 27610

Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney

Interim Pastor

Rev. Donald R. Ingram, Sr.

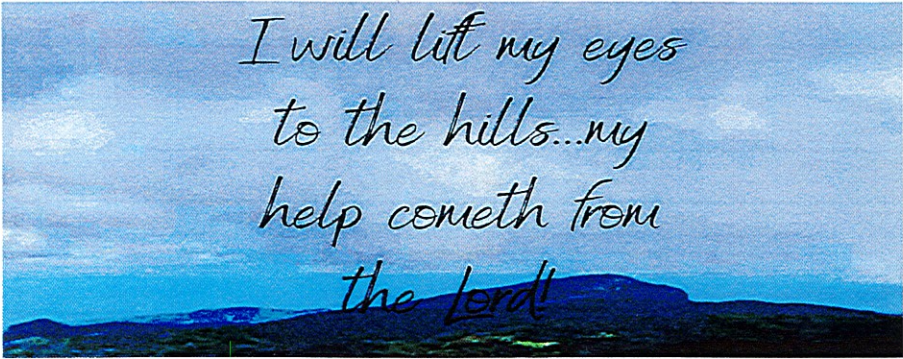
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**VISION STATEMENT:** *The disciples of First Congregational Church vision is to obediently follow the Lord Jesus becoming more Christ-like in character and effective in ministry to others. By the power of the Holy Spirit we pray to reach, reconcile 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."*



*I will lift my eyes  
to the hills...my  
help cometh from  
the Lord!*

# GOSPEL OF LUKE

THAT YOU MAY KNOW  
THE EXACT TRUTH

Luke 6:1-11 - The Lord of the Sabbath



# Glorious Worship Service

*Worship Leader, Deacon LaMonte Jones*

- \*THE PRELUDE ..... *"Glad To Be In The Service"*
- CALL TO WORSHIP ..... *Deacon LaMonte Jones*

*Behold! We have gathered together to worship You, O God, because You are our shepherd, and we shall not want. You make us to lie down in green pastures and leads us beside peaceful waters. Though we walk through dark valleys and troubling times, we will fear no evil. Your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life. Lord, we will dwell in your house forever. All praise be unto you, O God, the good Shepherd of our souls!*

- GLORIA PATRI ..... *Congregation in Unison*
- HYMN OF PRAISE ..... *"When We All get To Heaven" # 429*
- INVOCATION ..... *Congregation in Unison*

*Jesus, our Good Shepherd, the one who promised to never leave us or forsake us, we humbly request you teach us the way of righteousness that we might walk in truth. Help us to do what is right though it might contradict what is popular. Walk with us and strengthen us that we might be people of faith and not fear. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen*

\*HOLY SCRIPTURE  
 READING..... *Deacon LaMonte Jones*  
*Luke 6:1-11*

PRAYER.....*Deacon LaMonte Jones*

*Denotes to stand*

CHORAL RESPONSE ..... *"Come To Jesus"*

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

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... *Mrs. Lillian McNeill*

RECOGNITION OF  
 VISITORS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... *Mrs. Lillian McNeill*

PREPARATION SELECTION..... *"Noah"*

MEDITATION SELECTION. .... *"My Whole Life Has Changed"*

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

## *"God's Mercy in Contrast to Legalism"*

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

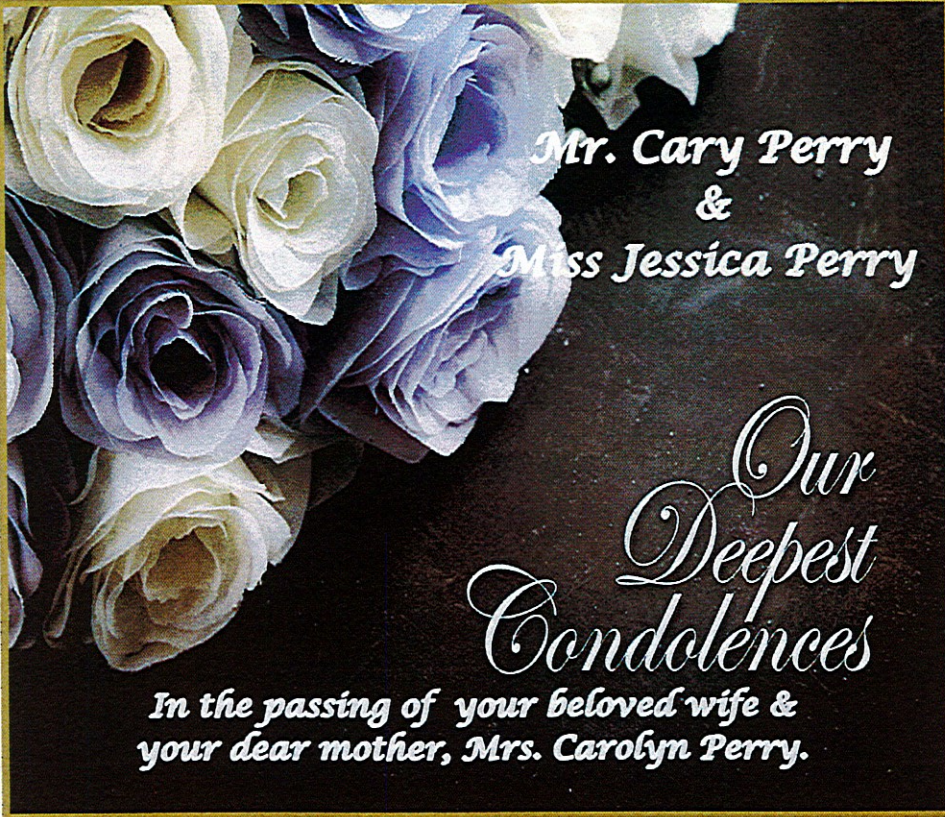
CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP..... *Rev. Dr. Paulette Kearney*

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

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

*Mrs. Vickie Debnam, Pianist*  
*Mr. Todd Freeman, Drummer*  
*Male Chorus*

*Denotes to stand*



*Mr. Cary Perry  
&  
Miss Jessica Perry*

*Our  
Deepest  
Condolences*

*In the passing of your beloved wife &  
your dear mother, Mrs. Carolyn Perry.*

*The Home Going Service will be held at FCC  
Saturday, September 21, 2024 @ 12:00 Noon  
Arrangements by:*

*Trice Funeral Home, Inc./Fuquay-Varina, NC*

Please remember to  
**PRAY FOR OUR  
SICK AND SHUT-IN**  
as well as people who are  
grieving the loss of a loved one.

Send them a card, give them a  
call. You never know how much  
it could mean to them.



## 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

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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)

**Mr. Dwight Stroud**  
(Friend of Mr. Douglas Freeman)

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



## Reflections of the Heart:

**God loves men and He wired them for success! The enemy has been disrupting God's preferred plans for our men through a strategy to steal, kill and destroy them. "Life is not fair; we only get what we are willing to fight for!" By praying for our men, boys and families we are positioned to "Fight to Win!" God used a man to redeem humankind, and He continues to empower men to work in His Kingdom!**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for our men in the Body of Christ. We thank You for equipping them to take their rightful place in You. Thank You for empowering them to walk in Your power and authority. Thank You for the men who will join the Body of Christ and glorify Your Name. Thank You, God, for restoration, reconciliation and healing in our families and communities. Thank You, for giving us all things that pertain to life and Godliness. How majestic is Your Name in all the earth. Your glory is set above the heavens. May Your glorious Name be praised; may it be exalted above all blessings and praise!

Righteous Father, by faith, we call all of our men saved, sanctified, and filled with Your Spirit. Your Word instructs that faith without works is dead, so we confess that our men work to develop and demonstrate their Christian faith daily. Our men are priestly providers and protectors of their families. They love the Lord with all of their hearts, minds and strength. They are great leaders, loving husbands and excellent fathers. We confess that as they submit to Your Word; they are transformed by the renewing of their minds. Lord, we decree that their belief systems and behavior patterns reflect Your righteousness in their personal and public lives. We declare that the light of Jesus is reflected by their actions. As they fellowship with one another; others will see their good works and glorify You, our Father in heaven. Lord, we confess that Your favor surrounds our men like a shield.

Holy Spirit, we ask that You touch the hearts of our church congregations to continue praying for our men. Please empower us all to stand against society's systems and structures that result in ten percent of all pre-school boys being suspended. Father, studies show that ninety percent of all "behavioral problems" in public schools are linked to boys. Please touch the hearts of fathers (*and mothers*) to teach their children Your Godly principles. Give us plans and strategies that will destroy these statistics and encourage our boys to succeed academically, socially and psychologically. Give teachers and educators creative ways to reach our boys so that the dropout rate among African American and Latino boys will begin to decrease. Holy Spirit, turn the hearts of our fathers back towards their children and their children's hearts back towards them. Show all our parents how to increase their son's logical skills, linguistic skills, intra-personal skills, interpersonal skills, spatial skills, kinesthetic skills, and musical skills.

Forgive our men for rebellion, selfishness and for accepting the negative labels placed on them by the world. Lord, please help our men to forgive family members, friends and loved ones who have hurt or offended them. Father, heal emotional wounds caused by these hurts. Father, forgive me for any sins that I have committed. Holy Spirit, remind our men of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. Holy Spirit, help our men not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one. Lord, we praise Your Name. Your Name alone is exalted. You are worthy, Lord, to receive glory, honor and power. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

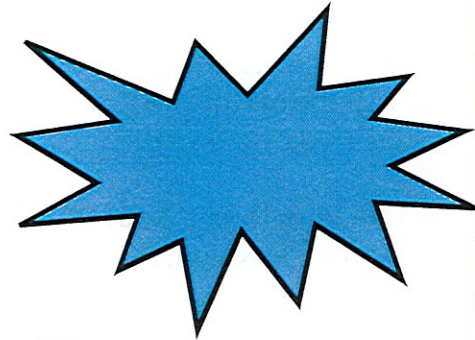
***Prayer Ministry-Sister Annie Holloway***

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# Family & Friends Day

- Picnic Food
- Drinks
- Desserts
- Bouncy House
- Game House
- Games
- Out/Indoor & Games
- Music
- Basketball & Health Care Screening

**Free!**



**Coming Soon!!**

*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!

## Revival Begins With You!

**WEDNESDAY,  
THURSDAY  
FRIDAY**  
**OCTOBER 3-5**

Revival is personal. I think one of the best definitions of it comes from Charles Finney, who said that revival "is the renewal of the first love of Christians, resulting in the awakening and conversion of sinners to God."

In the book of Revelation we find that Jesus commended the church of Ephesus for all the things it was doing right. This was an admirable church. It was a hardworking, discerning, faithful church. But despite their impressive track record, there was a problem with these believers, which Jesus pointed out:

*"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works" (Revelation 2:4-5 NKJV).*

"You have left your first love," Jesus said. You don't love Me as you did at first. "When I lose something, I always retrace my steps. Where did I have it last? We can do the same with our first love. We need to go back to where we were before.

Notice that Jesus said, *"You have left your first love"* (emphasis mine). He didn't say, *"You have lost your first love."*

The good news is that it still can be found. God promises that if we pray and turn from our wicked ways and humble ourselves, he will heal us. That applies to a broken family. That applies to a church. And that applies to a nation.

*By Greg Laurie*

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## *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)*



- **September 9th** Leadership Call Meeting @ 7:00 pm online. Call in number is 701 801 6123. Deacon Jones
- ♦ **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 11th.
- ♦ **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; and **October 4th** Rev. James Earl Clanton, Jr.—Wake Baptist Grove Church, Garner, NC

SUNDAY  
SCHOOL

9:30 am for all ages  
Online & In person  
701 801 6123

Online & In person  
Wednesday, 6:30 pm

701 801 6123  
CORPORATE  
PRAYER

Bible 7:00

Search the Scriptures to know the Truth  
In person & online  
Study

