

*Sunday, September 22, 2024*

THE  
**ACTS**  
OF THE APOSTLES  
**Acts 28**

**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."*



# Sunday School

9:30 am  
Every Sunday

*Norma Hodge, Superintendent  
Linwood Dunn, Asst. Superintendent*

*growing together in Christ  
for all ages*

COME 6:30 pm  
PRAY  
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BIBLE

*Study*

7:00 pm



September 22, 2024

11:00am

# Glorious Worship Service

Worship Leader, Deacon Grady Perkins

\*INTROIT....."Praise God From Whom...."

\*CALL TO WORSHIP .....

*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 ..... "How Great thou Art" # 25
- 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 Grady Perkins  
Acts 28:1-10

PRAYER..... Deacon Grady Perkins

*Denotes to stand*

CHORAL RESPONSE . . . . "No Harm Have I Caused You ...."

SPECIAL SELECTION..... "I Go To The Rock"  
Soloist-Mrs. Carolyn Paige

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

• DOXOLOGY.....Congregation in Unison

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... .. Mrs. Linda Allen

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

\*PREPARATION SELECTION..... "Standing On The Promises"  
#279

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

## **"STRANDED BUT NOT ABANDONED"**

SONG OF INVITATION ..... Sanctuary Choir

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

\*CLOSING  
SONG ..... / "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

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

Mrs. Monica Keele-Jones, Organist  
Sanctuary Choirs



*Denotes to stand*

## Prayer For Our FCC Ministers

*Rev. Paulette Kearney, Rev. Alice Johnson, Rev. Bessie Bukhay, Rev. Carolyn Ingram*



*Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray and confess that the Spirit of the Lord – the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge – shall rest upon them. We pray that as Your Spirit rests upon them and make them of quick understanding because You, Lord, have anointed and qualified them to preach the Gospel to the meek, the poor, the wealthy, the afflicted. You have sent them to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the physical and spiritual captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound.*

*They shall be called the priest of the Lord. People will speak of them as a minister of God. She shall eat the wealth of the nations. We pray and believe that no weapon that is formed against them shall prosper and that any tongue that rises against them in judgment shall be shown to be in the wrong. We pray that You prosper them abundantly, Lord – physically, spiritually and financially. Lord, we pray and believe that each and every day freedom of utterance is given them that she will open her mouth boldly and courageously as she ought to do to get the Gospel to the people. Thank you, Lord, for the added strength, which comes superhumanly, that You have given them.*

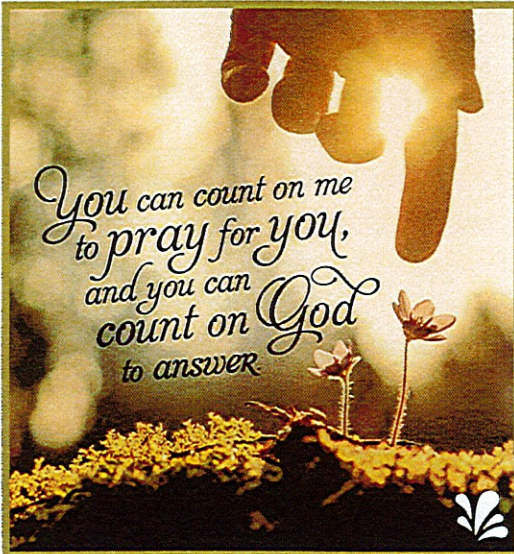
*We confess that we shall stand behind and undergird them in prayer. We will say only that good thing that will edify them. We will not allow ourselves to judge them, but will continue to intercede for them and speak and pray blessings upon them in the name of Jesus. Lord, we thank you for our Pastors and thank you that Your word will not return to You void, but will accomplish what it is sent to do. In Jesus' Name Amen.*

*FCC Prayer Ministry, Sister Annie Holloway*



**Mrs. Paulette Hicks**  
*Words cannot even begin to  
 express our sorrow...  
 Please accept my deepest  
 condolences for your  
 family's loss...*  
**Lovelace Hampton Burwell, Jr.**

**A public viewing will be held at Haywood funeral Home  
 today, September 22nd from 2:00-6:00 pm.  
 The funeral service is scheduled for  
 12:00 noon on Monday, September 23rd  
 preceded by an 11:30 am visitation at  
 Christian Faith Baptist, Raleigh, NC Church,  
 509 Hilltop Drive, Raleigh, NC.**



*You can count on me  
 to pray for you,  
 and you can  
 count on God  
 to answer.*

Heavenly Father, we seek Your  
 divine intervention against sick-  
 ness. Lord, we ask that You pour  
 out Your healing power upon  
 those on the intercessory prayer  
 listing and restore them to full  
 health.

We come before You today with a  
 heart full of gratitude for the  
 caretakers in our lives. We thank  
 You for their selfless acts of love  
 and compassion towards those  
 who are in need. Grant them  
 strength and endurance as they  
 tirelessly care for others, often  
 putting their own needs aside.

*May they find rest and rejuvenation in Your presence, knowing that You are  
 their ultimate Source of comfort and peace.*

*We ask all these things in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us  
 to love and care for one another. 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,  
 Mr. James McDougal, 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)*

**Mr. Donald Freeman, Jr.**

*(Son of Mr. Donald Freeman, Sr.)*

**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)*



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!

**STARTS WITH ME**  
**REVIVAL**

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

**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)*

Leave your request in the  
**PRAYER BOX**

prayer  
**REQUEST**



*Prayer Ministry, Sister Annie Holloway*



- ♦ **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

