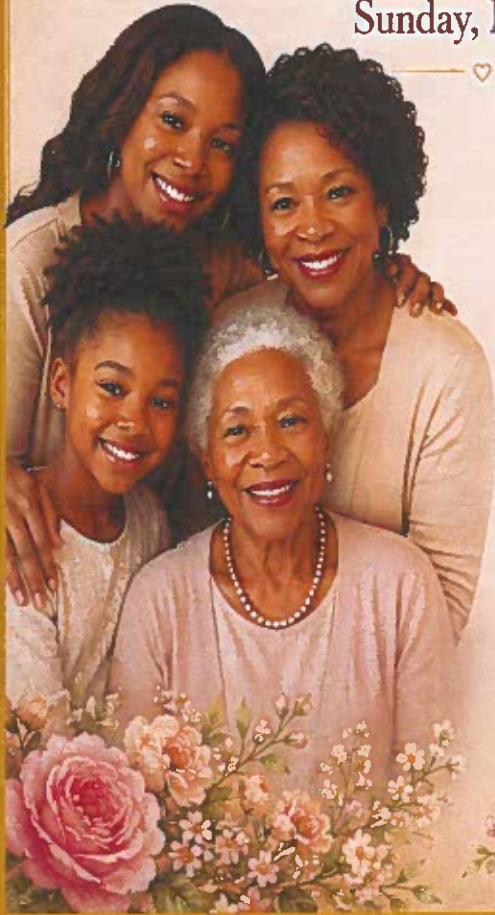




First Congregational Church of Raleigh

Mother's Day 2026

Sunday, May 10



Proverbs 31:25-26, 28 :
*"She is clothed with strength
and dignity; she can laugh at
the days to come. She speaks
with wisdom, and faithful
instruction is on her tongue...
Her children arise and call
her blessed; her husband also,
and he praises her".*

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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."*

Mother's Day Celebration 2026

Honoring All Mothers

Willing Workers Fellowship

President. Sandra Dunn

*Members: Patricia Avery, Bessie Bukhay,
Wanda Freeman, Shirley Hunter,
Carolyn Paige, Mavis Weldon, Felecia Watson*

On this special day, we gather to remember and honor all mothers—spiritual, biological, adoptive, and supportive.

A heartfelt "Thanks" to Felecia Watson for generously providing flowers for everyone in memory of:

Clara Hough, Lillie Mae Hough, Irmadean Watson, Wannetta Reynolds, Glenda Torrence, and the ladies of First Congregational Church for their hard work and dedication.

This thoughtful gesture commemorates Mother's Day and serves as a beautiful tribute to all the mothers we honor today.

May this Mother's Day be a meaningful and memorable occasion as we celebrate the remarkable women who have shaped our lives.



HAPPY

Mother's Day

WITH LOVE

May 10, 2026

11:00 am



Mother' Day
Sunday Worship Celebration
Worship Leader—Deacon Arnold Bell

- CALL TO WORSHIP *Deacon Arnold Bell*



- OPENING SELECTION *"Blessed Quietness" #122*
- INVOCATION *Congregation in Unison*

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate Mother's Day, may Your presence fill this place with peace and joy. Bless all mothers with strength and encouragement, and let Your love shine through them as an example for us all. We remember the mothers of the past, who have nurtured, sacrificed, and paved the way for generations. We honor the mothers of the present, whose love and strength shine in everyday moments and whose faith guides their families. We pray for the mothers of the future, that You would bless and empower them to carry Your grace forward. And, Father, we thank You for women, who did not birth a child, but who have poured their love and care into the lives of many. Bless their generous hearts and grant them peace, knowing that their nurturing spirit reflects Your boundless love. May Your presence comfort, inspire, and sustain all mothers—past, present, future, and those who have stepped in the gap giving selflessly—as they walk in Your light. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

**Denotes to stand*

MORNING PRAYER *Deacon Arnold Bell*
CHORAL RESPONSE *"We Need To Pray"*

OFFERTORY APPEAL & PRAYER *Deacon Arnold Bell*

RECOGNITION
OF VISITORS *Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION
SELECTION. *Male Chorus*

HOLY SCRIPTURE. *Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston*
2 Timothy 1:1-6

***PRE-SEMONIC. MEDITATION SELECTION**
Male Chorus

MESSAGE *Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston*

"A Mother's Faith Endures"

- SONG OF
INVITATION *"I Trust In God"*

CALL TO
DISCIPLESHIP. *Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston*

CLOSING
SONG *"Let The Church Say Amen"*

- THE BENEDICTION *Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston*

Sister Vickie Debnam, Pianist
Brother Todd Freeman, Drummer
Male Corus

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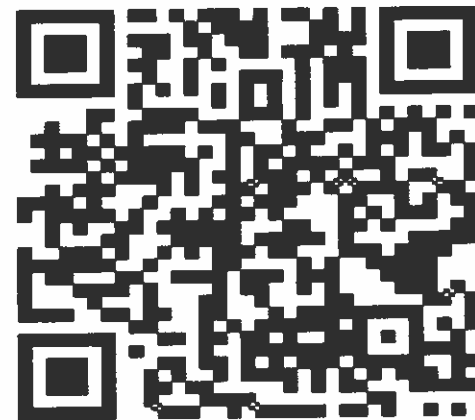


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If this is your first time, please fill out our visitor's form.

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**A Prayer for Employment in the United States
And my God shall supply all your need according to
His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19**

Awesome Father, we thank You for providing employment for us, Your children. Thank You for sustaining those who are in need of a financial breakthrough. Thank You for helping them daily. Thank You, for being our source and our supply. Holy and righteous is Your Name. You are a great God, and a great King above all other gods. You are our God; and we are the people of our pasture, and the flock under Your care. Lord, You are the Creator of the heavens and the earth. You are our strength and shield, and we trust in You. You help us and our hearts are filled with joy. We burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

Holy Father, it is Your will that Your children live healthy, productive, happy, and balanced lives. We confess that as those people who are seeking employment place their trust in You and do good; they will live safely in the land and prosper. They will never let loyalty and kindness leave them. They will tie them around their necks as a reminder; and write them deep within their hearts. Then they will find favor with both You and men, and they will earn a good reputation. They will respect authority, walk in integrity and complete a full day's work for a full day's pay.

Remind them that because they trust in You, they will not lack any good thing. Holy Spirit, please help them to not grow discouraged or frustrated, but help them to continue to remain hopeful and expect their breakthrough to come forth. Father, some need a miracle right now. Please help them. Holy Spirit, help stretch their income until employment is found.

Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations. Who can be compared to You? Lord, You are high above all nations. Your glory is above the heavens. Yours is the Kingdom, power, and glory forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen

FCC Prayer Ministry- Sister Annie Holloway

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**Deaconess Linda Allen, Mrs. Patricia Avery,
Miss Carnetta Blakely, Mrs. Jessie Freeman,
Deaconess Lossie Hackett, Deacon Donzell Hunter,
Mrs. Yvonne Johnson, Mrs. Amelia Judd,
Deaconess Geraldine Lee, Mrs. Irene Marks,
Deaconess Natalie Perkins, Mr. Jarvis Richardson,
Mrs. Tlara Richardson, Deaconess Beatrice Todd,
Deaconess Victoria Walker, Mrs. Delores White**

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Mr. David Bradley, (Brother of Deaconess Victoria Walker)
Mr. James Cox, (Father of Mr. Jesse Reynolds)
Mr. Dameon Everett, (Nephew of Mrs. Patsy Rowland)
Mr. Randolph Frazier (Cousin Jarvis Richardson)
Mr. Donald Freeman, Jr. (Son of Mr. Donald Freeman, Sr.)**

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**Mr. Mrs. Howard & Jackie Haywood,
(Coworker of Mrs. Doris McKoy)
Mrs. Mary Johnson, (Sister of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)
Dr. Nikki Johnson, (Friend of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)
Ms. Ann Jones (Friend of Mrs. Annie Holloway)
Mr. Marvin King (Brother-in-law Mrs. Annie Holloway)
Mr. Ken Laws (Son of late Cheryl Laws)
Mr. Paul Lee (Husband of Deaconess Geraldine Lee)
Ms. Annette Malone, (Sister of Mrs. Paulette Hicks)
Mr. Raymond Perkins (Brother of Deacon Grady Perkins)
Mr. Greg Pettiford (Nephew of Mrs. Patsy Rowland)
Mr. John Poole, (Brother of Mrs. Cheryl Dendy)
Ms. Amanda Stancil (Young friend o Sister Lillian McNeill)
Miss Peyton Todd (Granddaughter of Deaconess Beatrice Todd)
Ms. Dorothy Winbush (Friend of Mrs. Annie Holloway)
Mr. Mitchell Yelverton (God-son Sister Lillian McNeill)**



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Health SEMINAR

May 30, 2026 | 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Heart HEALTH

DIABETES



Nutritious Food



Fellowship



Vital Information

Your Heart. Your Health. Your Life.
 SMALL CHOICES TODAY. BIG DIFFERENCE TOMORROW.

The American Heart Association identifies diabetes as one of the main controllable risk factors for cardiovascular disease (CVD). High blood pressure is a major contributor to heart disease and stroke, making it essential to monitor and manage these conditions to reduce the risk of CVD.

If you are interested in learning facts about diabetes and heart disease, and how to avoid or eliminate these health challenges, consider joining the FCC Health Ministry outreach on the date and time listed above. The seminar will provide valuable information and practical strategies to help manage and prevent these serious health concerns.



Come Join Us!



Good Food, Fellowship, and Vital Information



Presented by:
 FCC Health Ministry

Coordinator:
 Hope Saulter, PhD



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:

A Book and a Bear Project

It is time to kick off "The FCC Book and a Bear Project" for 2026".



We are not putting a number on the total of bears and books.

Please feel free to donate as many as you wish.

BOOK and BEAR

The books will be given to youths (Wake County Youth), the sick and shut-in members of the church and organizations that serve the community (involving youths) in various capacities.

We want them to know they are loved, and God has a special place in His heart for them. We are asking that you donate books for grades K-12. Books on all subject matters would be great.

Books celebrating our community would be wonderful! A stuff animal other than a bear may also be donated.

The project will end on June 28, 2026.

Thanking you in advance.

Please contact William Walker, Youth Director if you have questions.

WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Sunday School for all ages every Sunday @ 9:30 am

weekly

PRAYER MEETING

WEDNESDAY—MAY 13, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday Night

Bible Study

7:00 PM



We are excited to announce that graduation season has arrived, and it is time to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2026!

All graduates are encouraged to participate in this special occasion. If you are graduating in 2026, please make sure to sign the sheet located on the bulletin board. This will help us keep track of everyone involved in the celebration.



Giving Instructions
FCC Online
How to Give Online



Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. - Luke 6:38

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Vacation Bible School: Exploring God's Creation

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VBS planning is already underway, and the excitement is building, but it's not too late to get involved.

This year's theme is Exploring God's Creation Through STEAM, as we teach our children about the power of the gospel while introducing them to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math.

We are building a team to help bring this vision to life. If you would like to serve and make an impact on the next generation, please contact the church office. Come be a part of something meaningful.

DATE: Monday-Wednesday, June 22-24, 2026

TIME: 5:45– 8:00 PM

