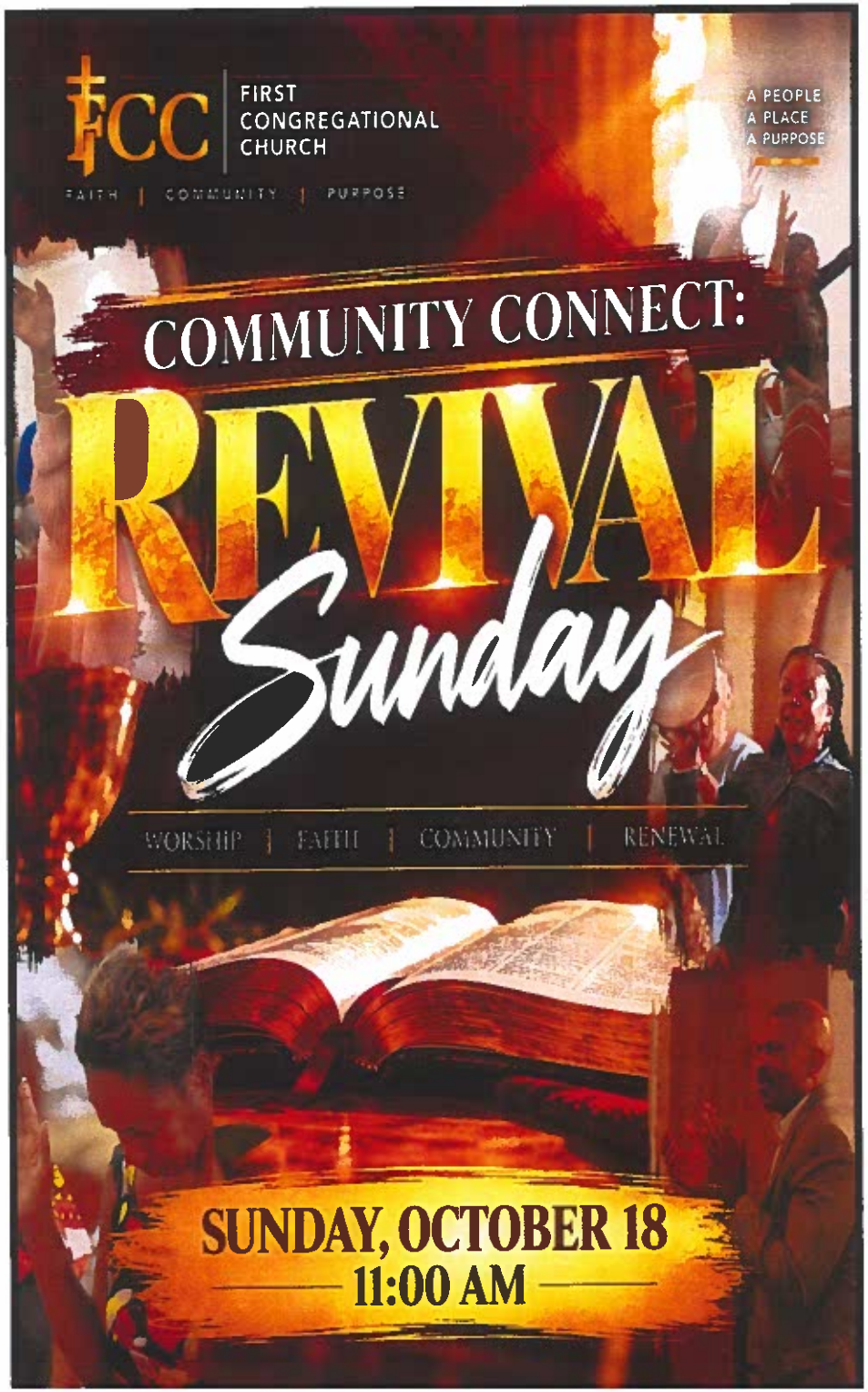
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday	**18**	**2:00 pm**	***Service at Progressive Missionary Baptist church Rev. J. A. Leaston Guest peaker***
Monday	**19**	**5:00 pm**	**Male Chorus Rehearsal**
Tuesday	**20**	**6:45 pm**	**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**
Wednesday	**21**	**6;30 pm** **7:00 pm**	**Prayer Meeting** **Bible Study**
Thursday	**22**	**5:00 pm**	**CIGC Rehearsal**
Friday	**23**	**11:30 am** ***(viewing)*** **12:00 pm** **5:00 pm**	***Homegoing Service for Lossie Davis Hackett (Service)*** **Male Chorus Rehearsal**
Saturday	**24**	**5:00 am**	**Male Fellowship**
Sunday	**25**	**9:30 am** **11:00 am**	**Sunday School** **Worship Celebration** ***Rev. Dr. J. A. Leaston***





October 18, 2026 11:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Celebration
Worship Leader — Deacon Arnold Bell

•CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . *Deacon Arnold Bell*

*OPENING
SELECTION. . . . . *"I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me"*

*INVOCATION. . . . . *Congregation in Unison*

Gracious and loving God,
we thank You for bringing us together.
We have come to worship You,
to hear Your Word,
and to be renewed by Your Spirit.
May everything, we say and do
bring glory and honor to Your name.
Have Your way in this place,
and have Your way in us.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER . . . . . *Deacon Arnold Bell*

CHORAL RESPONSE . . . . . *"I Love You Jesus"*

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

Announcements

OFFERTORY
APPEAL & PRAYER . . . . . *Deacon Arnold Bell*

** Denotes To Stand*

PREPARATION
SELECTION . . . . . *"Look To The Hills"*

REMARKS
Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

HOLY SCRIPTURE
READING . . . . . *Deacon Arnold Bell*
Genesis 32:22–31

PRE-SERMONIC. MEDITATION
SELECTION
"Someday"

SERMON
Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

*SONG OF INVITATION . . . . . *Combined Choir*

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

*CLOSING
SELECTION. . . . . *"Jesus In Me Loves the Jesus In You"*

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

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** Denotes To Stand*



The Celebration of Life Service
for
Deaconess Lossie Hackett
will be held on
Friday, October 23, 2026, at 12:00 PM.
Visitation will precede the service
from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lea Funeral Home
is entrusted with the arrangements.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LISTING

Mrs. Patricia Avery, Mrs. Lillar Barnes,
Miss Carnetta Blakely, Mrs. Jessie Freeman,
Ms. Sharon Guess, Deacon Donzell Hunter,
Mrs. Yvonne Johnson, Mrs. Amelia Judd,
Deaconess Geraldine Lee, Deaconess Beatrice Todd,
Deaconess Victoria Walker

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.
3 John 1:2 (NIV)

Ms. Mary Allen, (Sister of Deacon Crinnie Allen)

Mrs. Constance Becoat, (Dearest Friend of Carolyn Johnson)

Mr. David Bradley, (Brother of Deaconess Victoria Walker)

Ms. Pauline Burton (Family Friend of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)

Mr. Dameon Everett , (Nephew of Mrs. Patsy Rowland)

Mr. Charle Farnham (Family Friend of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)

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

Mr. Randolph Frazier (Friend of Ms. Daisier Watson)

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. Stephanie Knowlin, (Ms. Carnetta Blakely's Caregiver)

Mr. Paul Lee (Husband of Deaconess Geraldine Lee)

Harold & Kenneth Lilly
(Friends of Deacon Grady Perkins)

Mr. Raymond Perkins (Brother of Deacon Grady Perkins)

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

Mrs. Carolyn Hicks Perryman (Sister of Mr. Freddie Hicks)

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith (Cousin Mr. Jarvis Richardson)

Prayer For The Elections

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions… be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority."
1 Timothy 2:1–2

Scripture urges us to pray for leaders and all in authority so that communities may live in peace and godliness. Elections are a fitting time to intercede for the whole process and every participant.

"Father, we lift our nation and all in authority to You. Guide candidates, voters, and officials. Grant peace, wisdom, and integrity throughout this election. May justice and truth prevail, and may Your will be done for the blessing of all.

Lord, we acknowledge Your rule over nations and leaders. Order this election under Your authority. Guard hearts from fear, pride, and strife. Establish what honors You and safeguards the common good. Teach us to trust Your governance in all things

Remove what harms and plant what heals. Grant those elected wisdom, courage, and integrity to govern well. Let Your purposes stand and Your people walk in peace. Raise up leaders whose integrity blesses the people. Let righteousness, compassion, and wisdom mark those elected. Turn hearts away from selfish ambition and toward service. May Your joy be felt across our neighborhoods

Generous God, grant wisdom to voters, clarity to candidates, and discernment to officials. Remove confusion and grant understanding. Help us see with honesty, choose with care, and act with love for neighbor and nation.

Lord, turn the hearts of candidates and officials toward truth and compassion. Shape their choices to reflect Your righteousness. Guide negotiations, policies, and promises. Let humility and integrity govern every decision throughout this election season.

Father we thank you for all these blessings for the Upcoming elections. In Jesus Name. Amen

FCC Prayer Ministry—Sister Annie Holloway



39th Homecoming Celebration!

Progressive Missionary Baptist Church warmly invites everyone to the lunch, fellowship, and worship celebration this afternoon, October 18, 2026.

Lunch and fellowship will begin today at 12:45 p.m., followed by the Homecoming service at 2:00 p.m.

Our own pastor, the Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston, will serve as guest speaker, and the Cunningham-Ingram Gospel Choir will provide music for this joyous occasion.

Please join us as we celebrate 39 years of God's faithfulness. We look forward to

Upcoming Financial Workshop Sponsored by the Finance Ministry

Financial Literacy

Teaching Fundamental Financial Concepts To Empower FCC And Its Members To Make Informed Church and Personal Financial Decisions

Details

- Saturday, October 24, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Location: Charlotte Green Fellowship Hall
- Exclusive for FCC Members
- Led by Jaye Graham, founder of Anchored Success Accounting & Management Services

Key Topics



Stopping the Leaks: Eliminating wasteful spending



Goals vs. Activities: Better ministry planning



Debt-Free Living: Personal finance models



Operating Reserves: Emergency funds

To attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by Wednesday, Oct 22, 2026.

First Congregational Church's Fall 2026 Food Drive
October 11, 2026 – November 1, 2026



First Congregational Church will begin the Fall Food Drive on October 11, 2026 and conclude it on November 1, 2026. We are partnering with the Food Bank of North Carolina in their efforts to relieve hunger. Begin now to pray about how you will support this endeavor to help those who need food. Please bring your items to the church Tuesday through Friday during church office hours, Wednesday nights during the Prayer Ministry and Bible Study Hour and Sunday mornings. Place your items on the tables in the James Stroud room. Thank you in in advance for your generous giving!

FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA FOOD DRIVE MOST NEEDED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Canned Meats (chicken, salmon, tuna, pork, etc.)
- Canned Beans and Dried Beans (pinto, black, kidney, chickpeas, baked beans, etc.)
- Canned Soup (tomato, beef stew, chicken noodle, etc.)
- Canned Dairy (evaporated milk, sweetened condensed milk, coconut milk, etc.)
- Cereal, Oatmeal and Pastas (all kinds of cereal, spaghetti, mac and cheese, bowtie, etc.)
- Rice (brown, white, wild, instant, etc.)
- Lentils (green, red, brown, etc.)
- Nut butters (peanut, almond, hazelnut spread, etc.) Nuts, seeds, trail mix, and granola bars
- Baking (flour, maseca, cocoa, sugar, etc.) and Oils (olive, canola, vegetable, corn, etc.)
- Herbs & Seasonings (pepper, garlic, onion, paprika, Italian, oregano, salt, cinnamon, etc)
- Dried Fruit (raisins, apricots, craisins, prunes, etc.)
- Beverages (instant tea, coffee, drink mixes, juice, water, shelf-stable milk, etc.)

Per The Food Bank: Due to food safety regulations, we ask that you do not donate food items that are unsealed, loose items without ingredients listed, glass containers, expired items, or loose glass or plastic jars of baby food. These items must be discarded.