



FIRST
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH

A PEOPLE
A PLACE
A PURPOSE

FAITH | COMMUNITY | PURPOSE

Welcome to WORSHIP

COME • WORSHIP • GROW • SERVE

*"I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart;
I will tell of all Your wonderful works."*

PSALM 9:1 NIV



ALL ARE
WELCOME



WORSHIP
TOGETHER



GROW
IN FAITH



SERVE
OUR COMMUNITY

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 27TH

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
2410 CREECH RD, RALEIGH, NC

COME AS YOU ARE • BRING A FRIEND

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."



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Welcome

NEW SERMON SERIES

PREPARING

FOR WHAT

GOD

Wants to Do



SEEK
GOD'S DIRECTION



PREPARE
YOUR HEART



POSITION
YOURSELF



TAKE
THE NEXT STEP



EXPECT
GOD TO MOVE

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

POSITION YOUR HEART. PREPARE YOUR LIFE.

STEP INTO WHAT'S NEXT.

September 27, 2026

11:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Celebration

Worship Leader — Deacon LaMonte Jones

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Deacon LaMonte Jones*

*OPENING SELECTION..... *"All Hail The Power" #523*

*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 LaMonte Jones*

CHORAL RESPONSE *"Hold Back The Night"*

Soloist Mrs. Mavis Weldon

OFFERTORY

APPEAL & PRAYER..... *Deacon LaMonte Jones*

****Denotes to stand***

SPECIAL SELECTION..... *"I Will Sing Hallelujah"*

Soloist Mrs. Carolyn Paige

Pastoral Remarks
Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

HOLY SCRIPTURE READING . . *Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston*

Habakkuk 2:1-3, NIV

*PRE-SERMONIC MEDITATION SELECTION

"How Great Thou Art" #25

SERMON

Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

SONG OF INVITATION..... *FCC Sanctuary Choir*

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

* CLOSING SONG..... *FCC Sanctuary Choir*

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

Sister Monica Keele-Jones, Organist
Sanctuary Choir

****Denotes to stand***



DID YOU KNOW?



BLACK MEN are at a Higher Risk for prostate cancer

Black men in the United States are more likely to be diagnosed with and to die from prostate cancer vs. men of other backgrounds. They are diagnosed at a younger age and with more advanced disease.



Know Your Risk for Prostate Cancer

WHAT TO KNOW

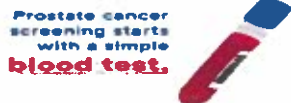
Prostate Cancer affects **1 in 8** men in his lifetime.



1 in 6 Black men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and are **2x** more likely to die of it.



Men with a family history of prostate cancer may be **2x** as likely to be diagnosed.



Prostate cancer screening starts with a simple **blood test.**

WHAT TO DO



Assist a Loved One
Share our risk factor screening quiz at pcf.org/quiz



Hold a Family Meeting
Track your family cancer history at pcf.org/familytree

Get Moving
pcf.org/wellness



Visit pcf.org to learn more and take action



Get Educated
pcf.org/guides

Every Sunday @ 9:30 am for all ages

Sunday School

WEDNESDAY

PRAYER
MEETING

LET'S LAY IT DOWN FOR GOD'S GLORY

SEPTEMBER 30TH @ 6:30 PM

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

BIBLE STUDY



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH @ 7:00 PM

ANNA INTERCESSORY PRAYER OCTOBER 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Peace and Unity in Our Country</i> Mavis Weldon	2 <i>Wisdom & Discernment in Our Daily Lives</i> Gloria Wilder	3 <i>Glorious Worship Service</i> Emma Dorsett
5 <i>Revival & Spiritual Awakening for the Church Universal</i> Worship Leader	6 <i>Proclaim The Gospel To The Unsaved</i> Grady Walston	7 <i>Pray God's Word For Intercessory Prayer List</i> Linda Allen	8 <i>God's Protection During our Daily Lives</i> K. Whitaker	9 <i>All Law Enforcement Officers</i> Donald Ingram	10 <i>Glorious Worship Service</i> Sandra Dunn
12 <i>Church Take The Gospel Outside The 4 Walls</i> Worship Leader	13 <i>Backsliders to Repent</i> Grady Perkins	14 <i>Pray God's Word For Intercessory Prayer List</i> Linda Bowden	15 <i>FCC Spiritual Maturity/Growth in the Lord</i> Mardecia Bell	16 <i>Persons in Prisons & Their Families</i> Natale Perkins	17 <i>Glorious Worship Service</i> William Walker
19 <i>Hedge of Protection Over Youth Worldwide</i> Worship Leader	20 <i>FCC Leaders to Seek the Wisdom of God</i> Arnold Bell	21 <i>Pray God's Word For Intercessory Prayer List</i> Linda Wilson	22 <i>Those Dealing With Homelessness</i> Monica Jones	23 <i>All Care Givers</i> Norma Hodge	24 <i>Glorious Worship Service</i> Patrice Hinton
26 <i>Protection & Safety of Our Elderly Nationwide</i> Worship Leader	27 <i>Prayer and Safety At Our Schools and Universities</i> Lamonte Jones	28 <i>Pray God's Word For Intercessory Prayer List</i> Amelia Judd	29 <i>Peace, Growth Wisdom Within The Life Of Our Church</i> Bessie Bukhay	30 <i>Praying For The Nations</i> Lillian McNeill	31 <i>Glorious Worship Service</i> Mavis Weldon



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the following families:

- ♦ **Mrs. Lillar Barnes and family on the passing of her nephew, Mr. Daniel Barnes in Seattle Washington. The funeral service was held in Seattle Washington on Saturday, September 26, 2026.**
- ♦ **Mr. Jesse Reynolds in the passing of his father, Mr. James Cox. No arrangements at this time.**

Gracious and loving God, we lift up all families who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Surround them with Your comfort, strength, and peace in the days ahead.

We pray especially for Mrs. Barnes, who laid her husband to rest on Monday, September 21, and now prepares for her nephew's funeral on Saturday, September 26. Hold her and her family close during this season of profound sorrow.

We also pray for Mr. Reynolds and his family in the passing of his father. May each bereaved family feel Your sustaining presence, find comfort in cherished memories, and receive the love and support of their community. Grant them courage for each day and the assurance that they do not walk through grief alone. Amen.

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**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, Mrs. Lillian McNeill, Ms. Lisa Stewart
Deaconess Beatrice Todd, Deaconess Victoria Walker**

Ms. Mary Allen, (Sister of Deacon Crinnle 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. Charlie Farnham (Family Friend of Mrs. Lillian McNeill)

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

Mr. Randolph Frazier (Friend of Ms. Daisler 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 Knowlton, (Ms. Carnetta Blakely's Caregiver)

Mr. Paul Lee (Husband of Deaconess Geraldine Lee)

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)

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REX MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS
for SCREENING MAMMOGRAMS



**Breast
Cancer**

**Awareness
Month**



First Congregational Church

ANNUAL PINK TEA

Saturday

OCTOBER 10, 2026

1:00 pm

*October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.
The annual Pink Tea will be held on October 10.
Current medical information regarding
the subject will be provided and
survivors of breast cancer
will be recognized.*

*We are also happy to announce that
First Congregational Church
will again be partnering with
UNC Rex Mammography Mobile Program
to offer screenings here at the church.*

*Registration forms for those interested can be found
on the table at the back of the church today .
If you have any questions, please contact
Dr. Hope Saulter
Health Ministry Coordinator*

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
PRESENTS

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR *Revival*

3 NIGHTS • ONE PURPOSE • ONE POWERFUL GOD



WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 7
Rev. Dr.
**BANKOLE
AKINBINU**
BAPTIST GROVE
CHOIR



THURSDAY
OCTOBER 8
Rev. Dr.
**HARRY L.
WHITE**
WATTS CHAPEL
CHOIR



FRIDAY
OCTOBER 9
Rev. Dr.
**DARIAN
BOUIE**
FIRST BAPTIST
CHOIR

POWERFUL PREACHING
ANointed WORSHIP
KINGDOM IMPACT

COME READY.
LEAVE CHANGED.

BRING A FRIEND
BRING YOUR FAITH
COME EXPECTING

SERVICE BEGINS NIGHTLY
AT 7:00 PM

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Church family, get ready because Revival 2026 is almost here, and we are expecting a powerful, spirit-filled time in the Lord!

Beginning **Wednesday, October 7**, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Bankole Akinbinu, Senior Pastor of Baptist Grove Church, along with the Baptist Grove Choir.

Then on **Thursday, October 8**, we will be blessed by Rev. Dr. Harry L. White, Jr., Senior Pastor of Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, along with the Watts Chapel Choir.

And we will close out on Friday, **October 9**, with Rev. Dr. Darian C. Bouie, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Raleigh, along with the First Baptist Choir.

Three nights, three powerful preachers, and three dynamic choirs!

Each night promises to be an exciting time of worship, preaching, praise, and renewal in the presence of the Lord. So, invite your family, invite your friends, and make plans now to join us because it is going to be an incredible three nights as we come together expecting God to move in a powerful way!

Prayer For Our Revival Ministers

*And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written,
How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things!
Romans 10:15 (NKJV)*

Mighty God, we come before You lifting up all revival ministers. Pour out Your Holy Spirit afresh upon them. Grant them deep personal conviction, spiritual cleansing, and a renewed fire for Your Word.

Father, we seek and call upon You for revival. We ask You to bring about a supernatural work in our church, community, and region. We pray You'll make people hungry for God once again, beginning with us. And all for the sake of Your Kingdom.

We pray for our Revival Ministers; protect them from weariness, discouragement, and the pressures of this world. Give them uncommon boldness to preach the Gospel without compromise. Let a true spirit of repentance and revival begin in us as they preach the Word of God to Your people. Let it reach outward into our homes and communities.

Draw us, beckon us, and speak to us. Call us by name and convince us of Your love. Bring down spiritual powers that distract, tempt, numb, confuse, and deceive. Open our hearts and minds to Your Truth, Word and Way. Convict us of our sin and our need for our Savior.

Eclipse every other longing, desire, and pursuit. Bring back the wanderer, wayward and rebellious. Reach those who've never heard. Enlighten those who don't understand. Save the lost. Heal the broken. Rescue those far away.

Please use our church and our lives as catalysts for renewal, restoration and revival. We've heard of Your great works; please do them again in our day. And all for the glory, honor and praise of Jesus Christ, our crucified, resurrected, and returning Lord and King. In Jesus' name, Amen.

FCC Prayer Ministry—Sister Annie Holloway