FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Monday	26	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Tuesday	27	6:45 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	28	6;30 pm	Corporate Prayer Meeting
Thursday	29	5:00 pm	CIGC Rehearsal
Friday	30	10:00 am	Deaconess Meeting
		5:00 pm	Male Chorus Rehearsal
Saturday	31	9:30 am	Deacon Ministry Meeting
		10:00 am	CIGC Rehearsal
		1:00 pm	Movie, Meal, Message
Sunday	01	9:30 am	Sunday School
		11:00 am	Holy Communion
			Worship Celebration
			Rev. Dr. J. A. Leaston

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October 25, 2026 11:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Celebration
Worship Leader — Deacon BC Cooper

*CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . *Deacon BC Cooper*

*OPENING
SELECTION. . . . . *"For The Beauty of The Earth" 20*

*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 BC Cooper*

CHORAL RESPONSE . . . . . *"Sovereign"*

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

Announcements

* *Denotes To Stand*

OFFERTORY
APPEAL & PRAYER . . . . . *Deacon BC Cooper*

SPECIAL
SELECTION . . . . . *"Hallelujah! I'm Going There"*

REMARKS
Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

HOLY SCRIPTURE
READING . . . . . *Rev. J. Alexander Leaston*
Romans 12:9–13

PRE-SERMONIC. MEDITATION
SELECTION
"He Knows Just How Much You Can Bear"

SERMON
Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

*SONG OF INVITATION . . . . . Sanctuary Choir

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

*CLOSING
SELECTION. . . . . *Sanctuary Choir*

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

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Weekly Prayer Prayer for the United States Economy

When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him"
Isaiah 59:19

Gracious Father, we thank You for being faithful to the United States of America throughout our history. Thank You for blessing us to prosper and to grow from generation to generation. Thank You for keeping our nation through our economic hardships and financial conflicts. You have been merciful, Lord. This whole earth, everything in it, and the people who inhabit it belong to You, O God.

It is You who supplies us with abundance. It is You who sustains us in times of lack. Your instructions are perfect, they revive our souls. Your commandments are clear and right. They give us insight for living. We are grateful that You are willing to bear the heavy burdens of our nation so that we are free to worship You and receive rest.

Father, we command the economic infrastructure of the United States to submit to Your will. We confess that the hope of our nation's citizens will no longer be deferred.

Heavenly Father, we pray that Your generous outpouring of wisdom, discernment, and divine understanding will be gladly received by our economic and government leaders. Holy Spirit, we ask You to strategically assign men and women who are fully equipped to reveal creative ideas and effective methods to the presidential economic team.

Show them how to decrease our national deficit while continuing to provide the necessary standards, services, and benefits to the American people it is You who performs countless miracles. We praise You, All glory to You forever.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.
FCC Prayer Ministry-Sister Annie Holloway

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)

MOVIE, MESSAGE, & MEAL



The FCC Youth Ministry
is sponsoring
an event for
the youth (their parents/guardian).
Join us or the
Halloween Alternative activity.

October 31 2026 from1:00-4:00 pm.
Youth Director
Mr. William Walker



Community Garden Invitation

Anyone interested in working in the Community Garden , please contact Wades Judd or William Walker.

Great opportunity to learn what goes on in the development of the garden. An opportunity to fellowship while you labor. If you want to be happy for a lifetime, come work in the garden.

Gardening grows the spirit and food for the table. All ages are welcomed (youths, young adults, seniors). Come get your hands dirty in Nature's Classroom.

This is a year-around project (weekends/weekdays) so you select your day and we will meet you at the Garden.

Wades Judd and William Walker

FOOD DRIVE

Fall 2026 Food Drive
October 11- November 1, 2026

The Fall Food Drive is on the way, concludes 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 Shroud Multipurpose 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, chick peas, 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.