

Together
in Faith
for What's
Next

WORSHIP
GROW
SERVE
BELONG



FIRST
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH

FAITH COMMUNITY PURPOSE

A PEOPLE
A PLACE
A PURPOSE

WELCOME TO

Worship

PRAY • REFLECT • RENEW

"See, I am doing a new thing!"

ISAIAH 43:19 (NIV)

Faith
People
Purpose
Community

HOLY
BIBLE

A SEASON OF
RENEWAL
RESTORATION
REVIVAL

GOD IS STILL
AT WORK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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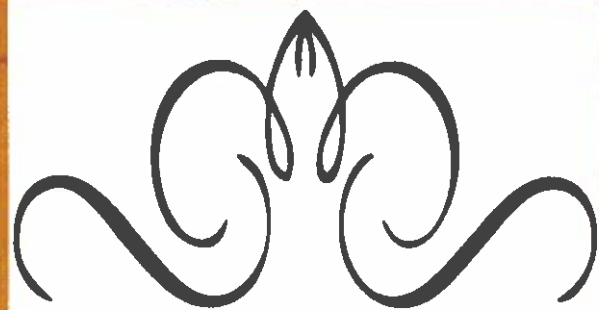
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VISION STATEMENT: The disciples of First Congregational Church vision is to obediently follow the Lord Jesus becoming more Christ-like in character and effective in ministry to others. By the power of the Holy Spirit we pray to reach, reconcile and 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."



WELCOME



**FIRST
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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 13, 2026

11:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Celebration
Worship Leader — Rev. Carolyn Ingram



*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Carolyn Ingram

*OPENING SELECTION..... " Hold To God's" #248

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

Gracious and loving God, on this day of thankfulness and remembrance, we come before You as one people, mindful of the lives lost on September 11, twenty-five years ago, the families forever changed, and the courage of those who ran toward danger to help others. Hold in Your mercy all who still carry grief, pain, and memory from that day.

We thank You for our country, for the freedoms we cherish, for those who serve, protect, heal, teach, lead, and care, and for every act of compassion that bears witness to hope. Help us to be faithful citizens and loving neighbors, seeking justice, practicing mercy, and working for peace.

Protect our nation and all nations from violence, hatred, and fear. Guide our leaders with wisdom, strengthen first responders and members of the armed forces, guard our communities, and make us instruments of Your peace. May our remembrance lead us to compassion, our gratitude lead us to service, and our prayers lead us closer to You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***Denotes to stand**

MORNING PRAYER..... ..Rev. Carolyn Ingram
CHORAL RESPONSE "I Need Thee"

RECOGNITION OF
VISITORS Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

Announcements

OFFERTORY
APPEAL & PRAYER..... .. Rev. Carolyn Ingram

PREPARATION SELECTION "Waiting On Jesus"

Pastoral Remarks
Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

HOLY SCRIPTURE READING . Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston
1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13

PRE-SERMONIC. MEDITATION SELECTION
"Your Grace and Mercy"

SERMON

Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

SONG OF
INVITATION "Jesus Saves"

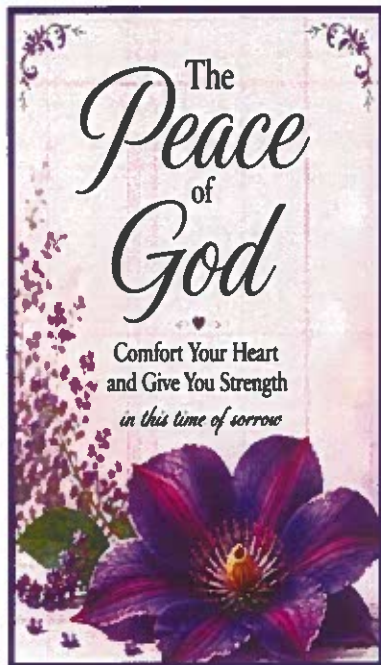
CALL TO
DISCIPLESHIP..... .. Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

* CLOSING
SONG "Let The Church Say Amen"

* THE BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. J. Alexander Leaston

Sister Vickie Debnam, Pianist & Brother Todd Freeman, Drummer

***Denotes to stand**



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lillar Barnes and family on the passing of her beloved husband, Mr. Barbara "Bobby" Barnes, on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

The Celebration of Life Service will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026, at noon, with visitation preceding the service from 11:30 a.m. until noon here at the church.

Please keep Mrs. Barnes and the entire family lifted in prayer during this time of sorrow, asking God to grant them comfort, strength, and peace in the days ahead.

A Prayer for Physical Healing

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in us. And just as God, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to our mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within us.
Romans 8:11

Glorious Father, we thank You for salvation, the greatest miracle of all. Thank You for Your eternal love and unmerited grace. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to break the power of the devil and to bring us hope, health, and healing. We give thanks because You are near. You alone are God. How great are Your signs and how powerful are Your wonders.

Therefore; Father, we expect You to display Your glory in the lives of those people who are in need of healing and deliverance. With You, nothing is impossible. We expect diseases to be dissolved, broken relationships to be mended, and those who are held captive in their minds and souls to be set free. As we pray for those in need of healing, we confess that Your healing power will operate through us.

Great and awesome is Your Name. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

FCC Prayer Ministry—Sister Annie Holloway

I N T E R C E S S O R Y



**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, Ms. Lisa Stewart
Deaconess Beatrice Todd, Deaconess Victoria Walker**

**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)**

P R A Y E R L I S T

**Mr. James Cox, (Father of Mr. Jesse Reynolds)
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. Daisler Watson)
Mr. Mrs. Howard & Jackle 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)
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)

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
PRESENTS

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR *Revival*

3 NIGHTS • ONE PURPOSE • ONE POWERFUL GOD



POWERFUL PREACHING
ANointed WORSHIP
KINGDOM IMPACT

COME READY.
LEAVE CHANGED.



BRING A FRIEND.
BRING YOUR FAITH.
COME EXPECTING!



SERVICE BEGINS NIGHTLY
AT **7:30 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!

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!

*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!

Family & Friend's Day + COMMUNITY CONNECT SUNDAY

DATE: September 19th & 20th



SATURDAY, SEPT 19th

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

TIME: 11AM - 3PM

Bring your family, invite a friend, and come experience welcoming community in a way that everyone belongs.

SUNDAY, SEPT 20th

COMMUNITY CONNECT SUNDAY

TIME: Worship Service 11:00 AM

Family Reunion Sunday. Community. Faith. Fellowship. Celebration.



We are inviting all, members, family, friends, and guests to join us for this special day and come out with us.

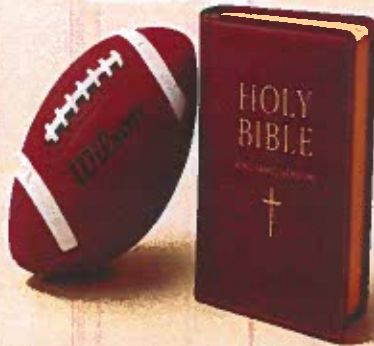
It's a special part of the celebration.

As we gather for this special day, let us all join in fellowship.

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS' DAY EVENT BIBLE BOWL

what's a cubit?



Food • Fellowship • Faith



Calling all ladies of First Congregational Church! Your wonderful baking gifts and loving support are warmly invited as we prepare for Family and Friends' Day on Saturday, September 19th.

The FCC Men's Fellowship will be preparing the fish, burgers, hot dogs, drinks, and side dishes, and we would love for our ladies to help make the day even sweeter by bringing a delicious dessert to share.

Every dessert, whether homemade or store-bought, will be a blessing to our church family and guests. Please contact Victoria Walker or Carolyn Johnson to let them know what dessert you plan to bring. All desserts should be at the church by 9:30 a.m.

Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and sweet treats as we come together in fellowship and love!

★★★★★
**Door-to-Door
 Canvassing**

Community Connect • Roots & Branches

MEET AT THE CHURCH

Thursday, September 3rd & Thursday, September 17th

5:00 PM



First Congregational Church

2410 Creech Road, Raleigh

Where Faith Grows and Families Flourish.

ONE FAMILY. ONE FAITH. ONE COMMUNITY.



ANNIVERSARY

**Mr. Mrs.
 Wades
 &
 Amelia
 Judd**

A
 LOVE
 THAT
 STILL
 INSPIRES



NAME
 PEOPLE
 NAME
 LOVE
 A STRONGER
 TOMORROW



FAITH
 FAMILY
 LOVE
 LEGACY
 FOREVER



41 YEARS
 AND
 STILL
 GOD'S PLAN



**Happy 41st
 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Mom and Dad

WADES AND AMELIA JUDD

41 years together is such a beautiful blessing, and today I thank God for every single year He has given you. Your love, commitment, and faith have been an example to me and to so many.

My Prayer for You Both

God, thank You for my Mom and Dad. Thank You for every year You have allowed them to have one another.

Please continue to keep them. Protect their health, their minds, their hearts, and their marriage. Give them peace in this season of their lives and allow them to enjoy the love and family they have built. Give them more time together—more laughter, more memories, more mornings and evenings side by side.

If it is Your will, Lord, I pray You bless them with 41 more years together. I'm not ready to imagine this life without either of them. Continue to cover them, surround them with Your love, and keep them in Your perfect care.

In Jesus' name, Amen



I LOVE YOU BOTH MORE THAN WORDS CAN EXPRESS

Love always, Your Daughter, Danee

