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Rev. Calvin Runnels named interim pastor at First Calvary Baptist

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On June 3, First Calvary Baptist Church announced that its interim pastor will be the Rev. Calvin Runnels. He is an associate minister at Emanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, where Dr. John Mendez is pastor.

Runnels is a native of Chicago, Ill. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Hampton University, Hampton, Va., in 1991. He also received a master of divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., in 1995. He is an associate supervisor in clinical pastoral education and faculty member in the

department of chaplaincy and pastoral education at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

He comes from a long line of pastors and ministers in his family. His father, Rev. Willie Runnels, the pastor of New Zion City Missionary Baptist Church on the west side of Chicago, Ill., will preach at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 30, at First Calvary Baptist Church, 401 N. Woodland Ave. The elder Runnels has organized two churches. and has been a pastor over 40 years.

The First Calvary Church family invites the community to come and hear this man of God and help welcome Runnels.