

Church News

First Calvary Baptist
1311 Morehead Avenue

Upcoming Events

November 13, 2016
9:30 A.M.

Pastor Fredrick A. Davis
25th Pastoral Anniversary



“Anointed & Sent” Isaiah 61:1

A native of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Pastor Davis was appointed Pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church in August 1991. With a heart for the people, a message of hope and a positive outlook, the Westend has experienced and continues to experience gradual change for the common good as a result of the work of this community icon. On the second weekend in November 2016, this dreamer will be honored for 25 years of Pastoral work at First Calvary and 23 years of serving as Board Chairman of The Westend Community Foundation, Inc.

The Guest Minister for our One Worship Service at 9:30 A.M. is Dr. Julius Scruggs

**“A Voteless People Is A Hopeless People”
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Pastor, First Missionary Baptist Church
Huntsville, AL
(Former President, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.)

***THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND!**
For more details contact the Church Office at 489-4184.

Veterans Observance 2016

Russell Memorial CME Church, 703 S. Alston Ave., will host its Annual Veteran's Day Observance Worship Service on Nov. 13 at 10 a.m.

All veterans and the public are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dwyian Davis, Christian Living & Learning Center, pastor. The Hillside High School Color Guard and Armed Forces recruiters will participate.

For more information call 919-682-2523 or email russellmemorial@mindspring.com/.



ANNOUNCEMENT

DCO BOARD OF ELECTIONS NEW

ONE STOP EARLY VOTING LOCATION:

New Jerusalem Baptist Cathedral
3405 Danube Lane
(and Old Oxford Highway)

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ON THE SAME DAY

October 27 - November 5

IS SHOTGUN MARRIAGE DEAD?

Shotgun marriages have faded in popularity overall, but are on the rise among some groups, says new research from Duke University. And not all shotgun marriages are as rocky as one might think.

In the 1930s, half of all unmarried pregnant women in the United States married before giving birth, according to U.S. Census data. As premarital sex and out-of-wedlock childbearing became more common, rates of shotgun marriage dropped sharply. By the second half of the 2000s, only 6 percent of unmarried pregnant woman married before giving birth, according to government figures.

But against the backdrop of an overall decline, shotgun marriages have actually risen among certain groups of women, including young mothers and those with less education, according to the new research published online Nov. 1 in Demography.

“Some people still want to get married before the baby is born,” said Christina Gibson-Davis, who authored the study with Elizabeth O. Ananat and Anna Gassman-Pines. “With apologies to Mark Twain, the death of shotgun marriage has been greatly exaggerated.”

The Duke researchers looked at North Carolina birth, marriage and divorce data for 800,000 first births among white and black mothers. (The data available on Hispanic births was inadequate for inclusion.) The state's fertility, marriage and divorce levels mirror those of the U.S. as a whole.

“Not many people have a shotgun marriage, but it's more common among groups who otherwise have low marriage rates -- African-Americans, those with less education and those under 25,” said Gibson-Davis, a faculty fellow of the Duke Center for Child and Family Policy and an associate professor of public policy, sociology and psychology and neuroscience at Duke. “This matters because having married parents may be good for the children involved.”

Among children born to married parents between 1992 and 2012, shotgun marriages increased by:

20 percent for all black mothers;
17 percent for white mothers under 25;

60 percent for black mothers under 25;

41 percent for white women with a high school diploma or less;

and 61 percent for black women with a high school diploma or less.

Some might surmise shotgun marriages are more likely than other marriages to end in divorce. The researchers found that to be true for white, but not black, couples. After a decade, 30 percent of white couples who had a shotgun marriage were divorced, compared to 19 percent of white couples who married prior to a child's conception.

Among African-Americans, though, divorce rates for shotgun marriages and other marriages were nearly the same -- 23 percent and 20 percent, respectively. Notably, for black women with a high school education or less, shotgun marriages were significantly less likely to end in divorce after 10 years than were other marriages.

Overall, an abundance of research suggests children do better when they live with married parents who don't divorce, Gassman-Pines said.

“Policymakers often worry about kids in marriages that break up and about low marriage rates among black women,” said Gassman-Pines, a faculty fellow of the Duke Center for Child and Family Policy and an associate professor of public policy and psychology and neuroscience at Duke.

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