

DEACON NOMINATIONS FOR 2021

Deacon nominations for 2021 need to be received by October 1. Nominating forms will be available in September and can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. If you are not able to attend church in September please list nominations on a piece of paper and mail to the church office. Please make sure that all persons nominated meet the qualifications listed below and ask them if they are willing to serve in 2021 BEFORE you place their name on the nomination form.

Calvary Baptist Church Constitution and Bylaws (Article II Section 3) lists the following Qualifications of Deacons:

1. Be at least 21 years of age.
2. Be a member of this Church for at least one year at the time of election.
3. Demonstrate regular participation in worship, Christian education, prayer meetings and ministry.
4. Be a regular financial supporter of the Church.
5. Agree to participate in Deacon meetings and Deacon ministries.

If you have any questions, please see or call Pat Stillwell 828-665-3032 (home). Thank you for your prayerful support of our Deacon Ministry.

Watch Our Sunday Services On Our New Website

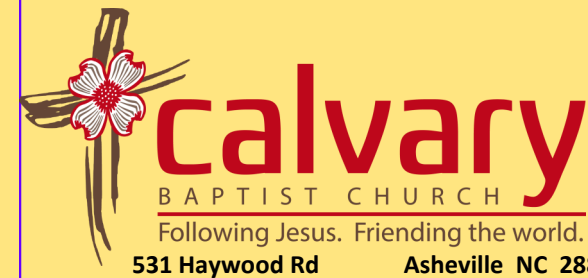
Miss a Sunday? Want to share our Sunday services with someone who could not be here? Videos of our Sunday services are available weekly on the website. Visit our site to watch: www.calvarync.org. Just click "Sunday Messages" from the media menu.

Ministry Dollars In Action

Your deacons have voted to send additional financial support to two very important ministries: ABCCM and Baptist Children's Home. Each will receive \$2000 of support from Calvary to assist in fulfilling their ministries, particularly during COVID-19. These "missions dollars in action" are provided from the Logan-Lawrence Endowment.

Living Like Jesus

Eight Week Message Series August 30–October 18
Calvary Baptist Church Asheville



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From the Pastor...

As we enter the sixth month of a global pandemic, I continue to wonder what God will do with what we experience during this season. I ponder what spiritual impact will this season have on us all. I ponder what will happen as the vaccine for this virus is administered and "life as usual" resumes in some fashion. Specifically, I ponder what will happen to the Church. By "Church," I don't just mean Calvary. I mean the "Church" universal: around our city, around our nation, around our world.

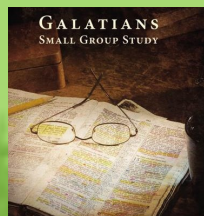
What will the Spirit of God move to do in our midst as the cloud of this pandemic lifts and as we make our way back to a routine in life, whatever that looks like?

I sense that we at Calvary need to be ready for what God could do following this pandemic to bring about spiritual renewal, life transformation, and Kingdom growth. We need to anticipate that, as the cloud lifts, a new spiritual hunger develops that moves people to seek God through His Church. We need to be ready for guests to come to worship with us. We need to be ready to share our faith in Jesus with them and anyone we meet, anywhere, anytime. We need to be ready to partner with God in the ministry of the church. We need to be ready to "speak the truth in love" with all who are seeking God, who are asking questions about life and faith, who are wanting to find out what church is about, what God is like, and what it takes to have a relationship with Him through Christ. We need to be ready.

And, we *are* getting ready. From the smaller things we are doing (like changing our church logo) to the larger things we are doing (like deciding how to utilize \$93,000 in funds that came from the insurance claim on the church's organ), we are getting ready for whatever God has in store for His world and His Church. Defining our "Core Values" is a huge step forward in this season of "getting ready." Enhancing our Sunday worship experience through music and needed technology investments (like the projector) are part of "getting ready." But there is more to be done to get ready. "Getting ready" includes what you are already doing: praying, giving, loving, serving. But there is more to be done to get ready. We need to be willing to say "Yes" to whatever God lays before our congregation. If that means giving up some things, our answer is "Yes." If that means taking on some new things, our answer is "Yes." I don't know yet what these things are. No one does. But, whenever the time comes and we are shown what it is that God is doing through this pandemic season and what He is asking Calvary to do in response, I know that our answer will be "Yes." I know your answer already because that's just who you are! In the meantime, let's keep "Following Jesus and Friending the World."

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study Starts September 16

Our pastor will be leading a mid-week Bible Study at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays starting September 16—October 21. We will meet in the Candler Center Auditorium and will have ample room to observe social distancing. This will be a six-week study on the book of Galatians. Other studies at other days and times will be offered during the winter and spring. Invite others to attend. Masks will be required. This information is also in CrossConnect and at calvarync.org



Sunday Morning Prayer Time

Please join us for prayer before each worship service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary as we pray for God's powerful blessing in worship and for our church.

Upcoming Sermon Series

Beginning August 30, Pastor Rendell will be preaching an eight-week message series entitled "Living Like Jesus." Be sure to invite friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone you meet to be part of this message series as we re-discover what it means to be a people characterized by "Living Like Jesus."

Children at Calvary

Every second and fourth Sunday, we are offering a "Children's Church" experience for kids on Sunday morning during the pastor's message in room 403 behind the sanctuary. Masks are required for children and adults. Children may leave the sanctuary immediately before the message by one of our children's leaders at the piano exit.

Ministry Opportunity

Volunteer at Montmorenci UMC, Candler, to help distribute food to those in need. Sign-up at Hands On Asheville (HandsOnAsheville.org) to help with this wonderful ministry.

Worship now begins at 10:30 am every Sunday morning!!

MINISTER ON CALL

Rendell and Butch will be sharing Pastoral duties on the weekends and have set up a schedule, at least through August. Each weekend consists of Friday/Saturday/Sunday. The calendar insert indicates who your point of contact is for that weekend. What a blessing to have two great men of God to lead, shepherd and council our Calvary family.

Our new logo

maintains the symbol of the cross and dogwood flower that is so special to Calvary. This logo will be used in all our publications, on our website, on signs around the church, and in other ways as we seek to reach out to our community in the name of Christ and to spread the word about our wonderfully unique church. called Calvary.



Visit our new website: www.calvarync.org

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Pastoral Care Encouragement

When I think of the reality of getting to know Jesus, my grandmother always comes to the forefront of my mind. At 12 years old, I was one of the most undisciplined mean boys you had ever known. My father decided to leave me at my step grandmother's, 'Granny's', 75 acre farm away from where I had been living with him in Charlotte. He did not know what else to do with me at the time. I had now become a 'City-Country boy'. I felt unwanted and unloved with a tough exterior and a broken Interior. When my father left that day, Granny said, "I will take care of you and love you." I had heard that before, but it had not become true. I had had many broken promises from others. However, Granny was able to keep her promises. For three years, I watched Granny and listened to her words of biblical wisdom. Each day, she would get up before daylight to cook breakfast, and then we would all work hard on the farm. In the afternoon, she would always take time to read her Bible. Also, going to church was important to her, so 'yes' with her persistence, I went to church 3 times a week. She loved me unconditionally while teaching me about the character of Jesus. Who was this Jesus she talked about, I did not know? Eventually, I begin to learn by going to church and learning more about a Savior who loved me unconditionally. I have memories of Granny sitting in church, being moved by the Holy Spirit, then get up shouting, "Precious Jesus, thank you for loving us."

Just like the disciples, I learned to listen and put into action what I saw, read and observed. At the age of 15, I accepted Jesus as my Savior. I had a deep desire to live like Jesus. There were times I would drift the wrong way, but I knew a Savior that forgave – then and now! I thank my Granny for being God's instrument in steering me to Jesus and thank Jesus for meeting me where I was in my brokenness. Since that day of being saved, my life verse became "Come near to God and he will come near to you." (James 4:8)

With all my imperfections, I want to live like Jesus as He polishes me for the next step.

Share your story of how you live for Jesus.

God Be With You, Butch



We join the Nix family in the celebration of the baptism of Daniel Nix on Sunday, August 23. Praise be to God!

Deacon for September
Melody Bell 828-699-1202
Ushers for September
Melody Bell and Pat Stillwell



Like many things this year our participation in **Operation Christmas Child** will be different. We will not have the Packing Party like we had the past several years due to the COVID-19 virus. But everyone can still be involved in one or more of the following ways:

- Take a shoebox home, fill it with gifts for a child and return it to the church
- Boxes will be available for pick-up on Sunday **September 20**
- If you are unable to shop, donate money and we will purchase shoebox items for you or use the money to help ship the boxes to children around the world.
- Pray for the shoebox ministry and the children. Our goal is to fill at least **200 boxes** this year.

Items for boxes:

Toys:
Cars and trucks,
Yo-yos,
Jump Ropes,
Balls,
Dolls,
Musical instruments,
Finger puppets,
Small etch-a-sketch,
Dinosaurs,
Games,

School Supplies:
Pens, Pencils
sharpener,
Crayons, Colored
Pencils, Markers,
Notebooks,
Paper,
Coloring books,
Rulers,
Picture books,
Solar calculators,
Scissors (2 pack),

Accessories:
T-shirts,
Socks, Hats/caps,
Sunglasses,
Hair Clips,
Jewelry,
Flashlights with
batteries, Watches

Non-liquid Hygiene Items:
Toothbrushes,
Bar soap and wash
cloths, Combs, Hair
brushes,
Band-aids,
Sewing Kits,
Small tools

NO-NO Items: anything glass, liquids, war toys, candy, toothpaste

Boxes and box labels will be distributed on September 20th following worship service (Café Area)

Filled boxes must be returned to the church by **October 18th**.

If you have questions or wish to volunteer contact Dan or Margaret Bradshaw (828) 299-8244

PRAYER CORNER

Karen Bartlett
Evelyn Boone (Sarah McGinnis)
Calvary Baptist Church
Juanita Clark
Sandra Crosslin (Neva's sister)
Sherry Durham (Janie Green friend)
Mary Ruth Duyck
Debbie Edwards
Kim Fravert (Margo Snedden)
Camden Green (Janie's granddaughter)
Rick & Janie Green
Neva Hancock
Diane Helm (Jean Rice)
Donna Hilemon
Rendell & Kelly Hipps
Robert & Fran Horton
Belinda Jenkins (Jean Rice)
Linda Keeling (Jean Rice)
Evelyn Maney (home)
Sarah McGinnis
Edith Middleton
Peggy Nichols
Tim & Janet Nichols (Tim's covid recovery)
Annette Perkins

Roberta Petree
Molena Poplin
Sharon Price benign mass found (Waldorf)
Peggy Rice
Peggy Ramsey
Kathy Rhodes
Jean Rice
Norman Rice Jr.
Pam Rice
Tracy Rice (Jean Rice)
Lewis & Geanna Rollins (home)
Guy Sayles
Sheila Sibeot (Jean Rice)
Debbie Smallan
Madison Stevens (Bill Stevens)
Phillip Taylor (Betty Carter)
Ed (son in law Donna Tennant)
Rose Walker (Robbie Walker)
Don Wellborn (Home)
Jeff & Teena Wyatt both have covid (Eddie)
Perry Wyatt (Eddie Wyatt)
Silas Wyatt premature birth (Eddie great-nephew)
Rachel Queen

Please let the office know if you have prayer concerns to add or remove. Your Calvary family would like to pray it through with you.

Tim and Janet Nichols would like to thank their Calvary family for the meals, the cards, the calls and texts, and most especially the prayers during Tim's recovery from Covid 19. Please continue praying as he continues his recovery.