

DEACON AND LEADERSHIP TEAM NOMINATIONS FOR 2021

Deacon nominations for 2021 need to be received by October 11th. Nominating forms are available and can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. If you are not able to attend church, 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.

Congratulations!!

Kim Hocking and Ian Moorrees were united in marriage on Saturday September 5th in a small ceremony on Ian’s mother’s farm. Their plans for a May wedding were changed due to Covid—but oh what a blessing the wait was with a beautiful setting, perfect weather, and a few friends and family to witness. We share their joy as they begin life as husband and wife.



Congratulations!!

to Logan Lampe (Molena Poplin’s son, Ruby Boone’s great-grandson) He graduated from University of North Carolina in Charlotte recently with a degree in Computer Science. Pray for this young man as he addresses the job search and finding his place in the world.

Our Deepest Sympathy.....

to the family of Jim Truitt. Jim was a faithful and loyal member of Calvary with the honor of Deacon Emeritus for all his years of service. We lift his children and wife Jan up with prayers for comfort and rejoicing in the life he lived.



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From the Pastor...

A few weeks ago, I was eating lunch alone at Jersey Mike’s on Patton Avenue. As I sat there, I overheard a conversation at an outdoor table near me. From that conversation, I gleaned that one of the two young men at that table was a pastor. I didn’t want to interrupt their conversation, but I felt a bit of a “nudge” to introduce myself. They finished their meal and conversation, then slipped off talking with each other. Again, I didn’t want to interrupt. I thought I had missed the opportunity to introduce myself to this one young man whom I suspected to be a pastor... until he rounded the corner again to find his vehicle. As he approached his vehicle, which was close to where I was sitting, I engaged him in conversation. “Yes, I’m a pastor,” he said. “Wonderful, I am too,” I replied. From there, we began a fifteen minute long conversation.

During that conversation, he asked where I pastored. “Calvary Baptist in West Asheville,” I said. His response was telling at many levels: “Is that church still active?” he asked. “Oh yes, very much so,” I replied. “Isn’t that the liberal church?” he asked. “Oh, I would not say that at all. They love Jesus, they follow his word, they love each other, they take following Jesus very seriously. They do have women deacons, but that doesn’t make them ‘liberal’; that makes them faithful to the witness of the scriptures. The first evangelists were, after all, the women who made their way to the tomb that first Easter morning and hastened from there to tell the Good News of Jesus’ resurrection.” He smiled a bit and nodded in less than full agreement. We continued our conversation. He could hear the excitement in my voice as I told of how Kelly and I were called to Calvary. “Well, I can’t believe the church is still active. I thought it had died out,” he said with a bit of growing excitement over what he was hearing. “Oh, no! Not dead at all. In fact, God is at work at Calvary. I see it every Sunday. And, we just had a Baptism a few Sundays ago. And, we have a great little group of precious children coming to our Children’s Church time on Sundays. And, people are excited and hopeful about what God is doing at Calvary.” His face lit up. “I’ve got goose bumps!” he exclaimed as his smile broadened. “That’s great news! I’m so glad to hear what’s going on at your church.” We talked a bit more. Then we each headed our separate ways after exchanging phone numbers and agreeing that we needed to meet for lunch to continue our conversation. This young man is a pastor himself, fully engaged in his church and his ministry. But the news about Calvary “made his day.” This young pastor wasn’t a prospect to attend our church. I didn’t share with him the good things going on at Calvary because I was trying to get him to attend. I shared it with him because anyone who loves Jesus and His Church will be excited when they hear that God is at work. Anyone who cares about the Kingdom of God will celebrate when another church that is committed to Jesus Christ and His Gospel is experiencing anything good. He was excited because I was excited enough to share with him what God is so good at doing... surprising us with what He can do.

So, Calvary, let’s keep telling God “Yes, Lord” and then let’s be ready to continue sharing the story of how God just keeps on doing what God is so good at doing... surprising us with what He can do. All the while, let’s keep on “Following Jesus” and “Friending the World.”

Blessings in Christ,  
Rendell

Thank you so much for the basket of “goodies” that you presented to us on Sunday, August 30. The many cards included such kind and encouraging words that remind us of the goodness of Calvary and the goodness of God in calling us here. We will so much enjoy the gift cards to area restaurants, grocery stores, and hardware stores. Each time we use one of these gift cards, we will be reminded of your love for us, your generosity, your kind hearts, and your sweet spirits. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts (and stomachs!) ~Rendell and Kelly



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### 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.

### Sermon Series

Pastor Rendell has been speaking on "Living Like Jesus" for the past several weeks. You can join any time and learn more about the lives we are meant to live. Also, the services are posted on calvarync.org and can be viewed anytime.

### 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.

### On-Line Giving

Would you like to be able to give to the Lord's work at Calvary consistently without needing to remember to write a check each week? Then on-line giving is for you. Visit [www.calvarync.org](http://www.calvarync.org) and click "GIVE," then set-up your checking account or credit card for either a one-time or recurring (weekly or monthly) gift. Your tithes and offerings are an important part of your spiritual walk with the Lord, and your church is counting on it.

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

### 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](http://www.calvarync.org). Just click "Sunday Messages" from the media menu.

Thank you for your faithfulness to Calvary Baptist Church and the finances needed to maintain our ministries and facility. God is honoring your attention to the work here.

*The purpose of tithing  
is to teach you always  
to put God first.*  
DEUTERONOMY 14:23 TLB



### Visit our Prayer Corner

Our Calvary family has demonstrated a true love for our community and the prayer needs of our friends and loved ones. The Prayer Corner gives us an opportunity to "friend the world" the way Jesus has shown us to. The easy thing is to choose our friends, or family, or names we know to concentrate our prayers for their benefit, but by Jesus' example we could take this opportunity to choose a name we are not familiar with. Someone who is not already on our prayer list. Someone we can get to know better and "friend" to help them as Christ would. We keep our family and friends in our hearts and our prayers as a matter of routine. Adding a "new" name, acquiring a "new" face, sharing a "new" burden to bring before God would give us an outreach, a way to love others, to demonstrate Christ to them.



**John 15: 12 My command is this, love each other as I have loved you.**

What better way to love the world than to share the health concerns, the heart concerns, the grief, praises, and events of each others lives, than to friend them through prayer. Please feel free to take more than one name. Prayer warriors are hard to come by, and your participation makes a difference to our Calvary family.

### Pastoral Care Encouragement

I remember my last fishing trip on Lake Chatuge in Hayesville, NC. When I get on that lake I look around and see God's glory, with mountains in the background, the beautiful skies, and the water as a silhouette. What a beautiful sight. I really connect with God more during those times than any other. I reflect on how blessed I am to be one of his sons. He never lets me down. It gets me away from the busyness of the world to reflect on His next footprint in my life. I'm sure you wonder if I get around to fishing and actually I do, but being out there with God and his glory all around gives me a deep sense of connection. It helps me to fill my cup back up, so I can be the instrument that God wants me to be when I get back home.

In the Scriptures, there are many instances where we find Jesus on water, near water, or mingling with fishermen who became his disciples. My point is this, do you have a special place you can go or take time to encounter the glory of God and realize the specialness of being one of his sons or daughters. We need to take time to embrace the fact that Jesus sacrificed his life on the cross for you and me. By believing in Him, no matter what comes our way he walks with us and sometimes we need Him to carry us. Let's remember the old hymn, In the Garden, it goes like this: "And he walks with me and He talks to me and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known." This hymn was inspired by C. Austin Miles as he read John 20.

Each day remember the specialness of your relationship with Jesus. If you don't have a special place like I have found, find one and allow yourself to go there allowing Jesus to fill your cup.

In His Hands, Butch

### Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Our pastor is leading a mid-week Bible Study at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays through October 21. We meet in the Candler Center Auditorium and will have ample room to observe social distancing. This is 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 are required.



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 collected on Sunday **October 18th**

\*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

**Bring filled boxes to church Sunday October 18 to the morning service**

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

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

### PRAYER CONCERNS Pam Rice

#### Calvary Members

Karen Bartlett  
Lin Berrier  
Evelyn Boone (Sarah McGinnis)  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Juanita Clark  
Mary Ruth Duyck  
Camden Green (Janie's granddaughter)  
Rick & Janie Green  
Neva Hancock  
Donna Hilemon  
Rendell & Kelly Hipps  
Robert & Fran Horton  
Evelyn Maney (home)  
Sarah McGinnis  
Edith Middleton  
Bobby Moffitt  
Ian & Kim Moorrees (Hocking)  
Peggy Nichols  
Tim & Janet Nichols (Tim's covid recovery)  
Roberta Petree  
Molena Poplin  
Rachel Queen  
Peggy Rice  
Peggy Ramsey  
Kathy Rhodes  
Jean Rice  
Norman Rice Jr.

Tracy Rice (Jean Rice)  
Lewis & Geanna Rollins (home)  
Guy Sayles  
Debbie Smallan  
Madelyn Stevens (Bill Stevens)  
Jim Truitt family  
Don Wellborn (Home)

#### Other Prayer Concerns

Sandra Crosslin (Neva's sister)  
Sherry Durham (Janie Green friend)  
Thomas Dillinger (2 y/o with brain tumor Doris Welch)  
Debbie Edwards  
Kim Fravert (Margo Snedden sister)  
Diane Helm (Jean Rice)  
Belinda Jenkins (Jean Rice)  
Linda Keeling (Jean Rice)  
Sharon Price benign mass found (Waldorf)  
Justin & Diana Rhodes (Gary & Kathy Rhodes)  
Benjamin Ridings (Dan Bradshaw great-nephew)  
Sheila Sibeot (Jean Rice)  
Phillip Taylor (Betty Carter)  
Rose Walker (Robbie Walker)  
Perry Wyatt (Eddie Wyatt)  
Silas Wyatt premature birth (Eddie great-nephew)

*Please let the office know if you have prayer concerns to add or remove. Your Calvary*

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