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### PRIORITY CHECK FOR THE CHURCH

#### A New Five-Week Message Series beginning April 18

Join us in-person or on-line for this important message series as we explore the opening chapters of the book of Acts to learn about the top priorities for the church and for our individual lives.

Priority #1

Priority #2

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Watch our worship services on-line.

Services are posted on our website on Sunday afternoons.

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## Kids At Calvary

### Volunteer News

Thank you to all who serve our kids and their families by volunteering in our nursery and during Children's Church. Nursery volunteers should be sure to be in place by 10:15 am. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please contact someone else on the schedule and arrange to swap dates with them, and please let Kelly know of your change ([kids@calvarync.org](mailto:kids@calvarync.org) or 828-729-6793).

### Kids Ringing In Worship

Our kids are preparing to "ring" their musical bells during worship on Easter Sunday, April 4. Rehearsals will take place during Children's Church.

### Coming Soon!

Other kids activities this spring and summer will be announced as we can again safely gather. Watch for details.

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# CrossPoints

The Monthly Newsletter of Calvary Baptist Church

— April 2021 —



## From the Pastor...



I believe in resurrection. About 2000 years ago, the dead body of Jesus that was laid in a borrowed tomb left the grave clothes behind and stepped out into the morning dawn. Jesus appeared bodily. Jesus cooked breakfast for his disciples. Jesus stood before them as the Risen Savior. And from that moment on, everything in the world changed.

I believe in resurrection. Somehow, in the mystery and magnificence of God, we who are followers of Jesus will be raised to new life like him. Death will not have the final say in our mortal bodies. The grave will not contain us because the same power that

was at work to raise the dead body of our Lord will enliven us, the living and the dead, and we will receive, mystery of mysteries, a new body, a heavenly body, ourselves.

I believe in resurrection. Lives that are utterly ruined by bad choices, by addictions, by tragedies that cannot be imagined, such lives can be restored. Relationships that have been utterly shattered can be repaired. Hearts that have been broken by grief, loss, or hopelessness can be healed. Marriages that have been stagnated by pain, lack of trust, lack of love, they can be reignited.

I believe in resurrection. Churches that have dwindled, have lost direction, have lost hope, have lost membership, have lost impact in their communities, and have lost their ability to envision anything other than what they have experienced in the past, these churches can be reborn.

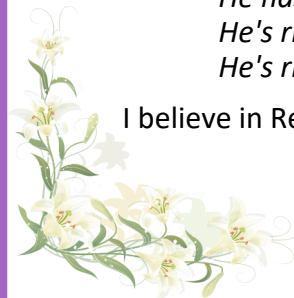
I believe in resurrection. It is not just something that happened 2000 years ago at Easter. It happens all the time. It happens because our God is the God of resurrection.

*Hear the bells ringing, they're singing  
That You can be born again  
Here the bells ringing, they're singing  
Christ is risen from the dead*

*The angel up on the tombstone  
Said, He has risen, just as He said  
Quickly now, go tell His disciples  
That Jesus Christ is no longer dead*

*Joy to the world  
He has risen, Hallelujah  
He's risen, Hallelujah  
He's risen, Hallelujah, Hallelujah (Easter Song, words by Keith Greene)*

I believe in Resurrection. It is indeed a "Happy Easter!" — Rendell



"I PETER — A LIVING HOPE" WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Postponed — Look for future dates



## Easter Breakfast.....



Our Leadership Team would like to invite you to fellowship on Easter Sunday morning at 9:30 while we share coffee, juice, biscuits, etc., in the newly renovated area called THE LEARNING CENTER (formerly, the chapel). There will be plenty of room for social distancing while you can see the transformation of the Prayer Room and Sunday School classrooms. God has blessed Calvary with the opportunity to repair and update this space as we continue to prepare for the future: Following Jesus and Friending the world. Plan to be there at 9:30 to fill your bodies, lift your spirits and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.



### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The new church directory is available now. They are available at the church, or if you need one mailed, please contact Dianna at the church office. Huge Thank You to Pat Stillwell, Melody Bell and our Deacons for gathering and processing the information.

Also, due to the unpredictable mail delivery, we are adjusting our **CROSSPOINTS SCHEDULE**. The deadline is now the 10th of each month to ensure we get it in your hands before the first of the next month. Please let us know if you are not getting your CrossPoints either mailed or emailed.



## “FUND THE HUB” CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$15,000

The renovation of the old café space, now called *The Hub*, is well underway. This beautiful and functional space will serve as the hub of activity on Sunday mornings here at Calvary. Funds are needed in order to complete the project by purchasing things like: lighting fixtures, countertops, drawer pulls, sink, tables, chairs, carpet, and furnishings.

**In mid-March, we began a campaign called “Fund The Hub” in order to allow you to be part of this important project through your gifts. The goal set by the Operations sub-team of the Leadership Team is \$15,000, which will provide the needed funds to finish this project.**

Why are we upfitting “The Hub”? We want to provide you with a warm, welcoming place to invite guests as we reach out to invite others to Calvary. We want to make a great first impression on those who visit Calvary and on parents who drop off their children in our kids’ Sunday School classes. We want to be prepared to welcome guests and help them connect with our church family in a comfortable, inviting space. We want to practice hospitality by providing a place for all ages to gather for food and fellowship. It’s all about being prepared -- being ready for those whom God will bring our way through each of us reaching out and inviting others.

Please remember that gifts to this project should be “over and above” your normal tithe to the budget. Special envelopes will be provided. Please mark your check memo line with “Fund The Hub.” Thank you!

***“Always be eager to practice hospitality.” – Romans 12:13***

### For our church family still wanting the Covid Vaccine:

You can go online to <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines/find-your-spot-take-your-shot> or call Buncombe County Health Services at 828-419-0095. If you need a ride to get to your appointment, call the church office and we will try to connect you with transportation.

### Sign-up for our Phone Tree

Get in the loop! If you have not previously registered your phone number with us to be placed on our Phone Tree, please call the church office at 828-253-7301 or e-mail the office at [office@calvarync.org](mailto:office@calvarync.org). The phone tree features weekly messages from our ministers, important church news, and prayer requests for our church family.

## “A Year of Giving...” Pastoral Care Encouragement

I talked to a fellow Christian about how our church made 2021 the ‘*year of giving*’. I asked him about who had taught him how to give and he shared with me how his parents had told him to never meet a stranger. His parents then explained to him what that meant, “When you see someone who needs help, do not judge. See what their need is and give as Jesus would give.” His parents gave an example of what happened to them. They had been travelling and stopped at Kentucky Fried Chicken to get lunch. When they pulled in, there was a young lady sitting on the sidewalk with a sign that said, ‘hungry’. Both of his parents talked to the lady and found out that she had not eaten in days. They took her inside and bought her lunch. They ordered the food and sat down with her and ate as she shared her story. Her boyfriend had beaten her and kicked her out of their apartment. She went on to share more about her situation. She also shared that she had once been a believer in Christ, but because of her situation, she had lost faith in her fellow man and in Jesus. That opened the door for them to share about Christ and His love and forgiveness. As they talked and prayed with her, she told them that she was willing to talk to a pastor and perhaps visit the local church. Because they took time to listen and buy her lunch, two great gifts were given to her: she was not judged and she was given courage to reach out to fellow Christians again. In our giving to others, we need to love unconditionally and show them the grace and love of Jesus that is for all people – no matter what is going on in their lives. As we walk through life, we all carry a history of hurt and pain from situations in our lives but let’s reach beyond ourselves and give to others the gift of hope that Jesus has given to us.

Blessings,  
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### Thank You Calvary

*Norman and Pam Rice want to thank you for the prayers and cards for their daughter Kimberly Hanna. She’s doing much better and on the way to recovery. Please continue to pray as she eases back into work and everyday life.*

*Mona Moore: Dear Calvary Family, thank you so much for the love offering you gave me. The gift, prayers and cards mean so much to me. I miss my church family, but I know that I am where God wants me to be! My family here is so loving and supportive! Take good care of Rendell and Kelly, God brought them to Calvary for a reason and I know great things are ahead for Calvary! My new address 3770 Batesville Blvd, Batesville, AR 72501 and phone number is 870-612-7754! Love you, Mona Moore*

**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.**

***“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7***

Thank You, Sam Hocking, for your many years of service at Calvary as our Church Host. We all appreciate your service and the spirit with which you have served. Thank you!

### JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TEAM

*Thank you to those who miss our Sunday worship service to pray for our Pastor and staff, our congregation, our service and those on our Prayer List. If you would like to join the prayer team to pray during our worship service, please contact Butch at 828-768-8313 or [care@calvarync.org](mailto:care@calvarync.org).*

### Watch Our Services On-Line

Miss a Sunday? Want to share our Sunday services with someone who could not be here? Videos of our services are available at [calvarync.org](http://calvarync.org). Just click on “Sunday Messages” from the media menu.

### Nursery and Children’s Church–April

4- Kathy Rhodes	Kelly Hipps
11- Pat Stillwell	Peggy Brown
18- Katha Tasios	Katie Nix
25- Anita Smith	Children with adults

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