

# PRIORITY CHECK FOR THE CHURCH

A Five-Week Message Series continuing through May 16.

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**

**Priority #3**



God's little ones leading worship!

Our Easter Sunday Bell Ringers are courtesy of our Children's Church.

WHAT A BLESSING!!

Watch our worship services on-line.  
 Services are posted on our website on Sunday afternoons.  
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# Calvary Kids

*Bible Adventures begins June 6*

9:30 am every Sunday morning for kids birth thru 5th grade in the classrooms off The Hub.

**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 or 828-729-6793).

**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

— May 2021 —





## From the Pastor...

I recently sat down with someone who was having a relational problem with a coworker. Both of them are believers. Both of them are active in church. Both of them have good hearts. Both of them just want what is best for their workplace. But sometimes, they disagree. And sometimes, someone gets a little sharp, or frustrated, or is a little on edge, which just adds to the discomfort. As this person explained the situation to me, I was not only reflecting on that specific situation in their lives, but I was also reflecting on the enormity of societal unrest and hurt and distrust and frustration and discord that is going on in our land with the trial of the officer accused of killing George Floyd. Then, add to that the tragedy of the officer who drew out her pistol rather than her taser and shot Daunte Wright. Then add to that the riots associated with these tragic incidents. Then add to that the other shootings and killings around our nation. In all these situations, and even in the way we discuss them with others, we have to make a choice: how will we talk about and think about such difficult matters?

First, we must be able to listen. We must hear the other side, even when we think we know the full story. We must actually listen. When someone is talking to us, we are often thinking of what we will say next rather than really listening to what they are saying with an intent to understand. Listen.

Second, we must seek to understand. We must hear what they have to say and then try to see from their perspective. Everyone has their own perspective that is formed from their own life experiences and personalities. To seek to understand someone else's perspective can be unsettling because it forces us to move off what we have understood in our own mind to be *the only* perspective and instead view things from an angle that might challenge some of our beliefs, values, or biases.

Third, we must seek the truth. No matter what that means to us or to those things we have invested ourselves in, we must seek the truth. No matter the source, truth is truth. This is harder than it seems, because only God has all the evidence, knows all the motives, understands all the contributing factors. But, to the best of our ability, we must seek truth beyond opinion, beyond bias, beyond ignorance, beyond pride.

Fourth, we must love. We tend to put people into "camps" of either those who are "for us" or those who are "against us." We draw up sides of our "friends" and our "foes." We often do this unconsciously. But Jesus says, even those who we would find in our "enemy" camp, we should love them. To love them means simply to care about their good. It means to wish no harm and to do no harm. It means that we, as followers of Jesus, want the restoration of lives, not the destruction of lives. It means we work toward healing, not hurting. It means we pray for everyone to have a second chance from the God of second chances. It means that we intercede on their behalf with God, praying earnestly for God's transforming power to reshape their lives and their futures toward the Kingdom.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL (BIBLE STUDY) RESUMES

## JUNE 6 — 9:30 AM FOR ALL AGES



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My lunch friend and the coworker I described above are going to be just fine, because they both seek to listen, to understand, to find the truth, and to love. They will be just fine, I am sure of it. But the land in which we live, I'm not so sure. Yet this I do know, if the Church of Jesus Christ models to the world how relationships should look by listening, understanding, seeking truth, and living in love, then there is hope. There is hope – there is *light* -- for our land, for our lives, for our children, and for the world.

Grace and Peace,  
Rendell



**BETTY BOYD HAS MOVED!!** Please make note of this address:  
223 Burton Avenue, Summerville, SC 29485. She would love to hear from her Calvary family.

*Mother's Day*



*We will honor the women of our church that have cared for, taught, loved and been an example to our children. Please join us Sunday, May 9th during the morning service.*

#### Parking at Calvary

Calvary leases parking space through McLauren Parking Services to our community. But, of course, our parking lots are available and free to all Calvary members and guests during church services and related activities. If you are parking on the Calvary campus any time other than on Sunday morning, you will need a parking tag so that you will not be charged for parking. Please come by or call the church office to acquire your parking tag to be displayed from your rear-view mirror. Other than on Sunday mornings, any vehicle not displaying the Calvary tag is subject to a parking ticket through McLaurin Parking. If you receive a parking ticket for parking at Calvary at any time, please submit that ticket to the church office. We will ensure that McLauren voids the ticket.

#### Congratulations



Skyleigh Poteat, on your baptism! This energetic 8th grader plays the violin, loves to read and enjoys the outdoors with tennis and cross country. She enjoys the love of a large family with 3 brothers and 5 sisters and proud parents, Mark and Kim Poteat. We are so glad this family is a part of our Calvary family!!

#### Thank you very much

We had a crew to help mulch around the church getting ready for Easter Sunday. We very much appreciate the efforts of Kim Poteat, Skyleigh Poteat, Jim Burnett, Kelly & Pastor Hipps, and Daisy for "putting their backs into it" with this project.



#### 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.

## Sunday School Resumes June 6

On June 6th we are beginning Sunday School (Bible Study) classes again. Class will begin at 9:30 am each Sunday and will dismiss in plenty of time for all of us to get to worship at 10:30 am.

In the coming weeks, we will provide a list of classes for children and adults of all ages. This is the opportunity for everyone to find a class! You may even want to try a different class than you previously attended. In fact, we are encouraging it!

Most of our adult classes will meet in the newly renovated classrooms in The Learning Center. Masks are required and social distancing will be practiced.

Find a  
Sunday  
School  
Class



Gods people need community, fellowship and food. Thank you to the Farlow's and friends for providing our Easter brunch. It was so good to gather in The Learning Center together!

## Thank You Calvary ....

To my dear Calvary family and fellow worshippers: I still can't quite get over ALL the AMAZING gestures of Christian love and generosity expressed in the many beautiful cards, having such kind and loving comments, and even containing generous gifts of cash, checks and gift cards!! And the wonderful comments by Rev. Pat Stillwell in the SURPRISE meeting after the morning service recently in March. And then the tree planting outside, which Pat announced was also to honor my years of service at Calvary. It was all such a surprise, even though not deserved by yours truly, but I certainly appreciate it all so very much!! I trust we as individuals will continue to grow spiritually and in numbers, continuing to worship and serve together in significant ways as we impact the greater Asheville community and beyond with the saving Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!! I TRULY LOVE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!! And I plan to continue to seek God's will for new ways to serve Him together with you! ~Sam



#### 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.



**Congratulations** to the winners of the Dollywood Tickets!! Kathy Rhodes, Peggy Ramsey, Linda Farlow, Margaret Bradshaw, Rick Green and John Buckner were the lucky recipients for tickets they can use any time during this season. Samaritans Purse appreciates everyone that participated in the 2020 Shoe Box Ministry and is looking forward to beating last years 261 box total.

**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*

#### 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.

#### MAY – Nursery and Children's Church

May 2 - Linda Farlow	Kelly Hipps
May 9 - Katha Tasios	Peggy Brown
May 16 - Kelly Hipps	Kim Poteat
May 23 - Ginny Berrier	Bobbie McMahan
May 30 - Janie Green	in Sanctuary

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