



# It's Time to Rebuild

A timely message series from the book of Ezra  
Rev. Rendell Hipps  
Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor Rendell is sharing from the book of Ezra in his message series "It's Time To Rebuild". Come prepared to learn more from God's word.



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## Kids At Calvary

### VBS Day-Camp Coming!

We are planning a one-day Saturday VBS day-camp experience for our children and those in our community. The tentative date is Saturday, July 31. More details will come soon!

### 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).

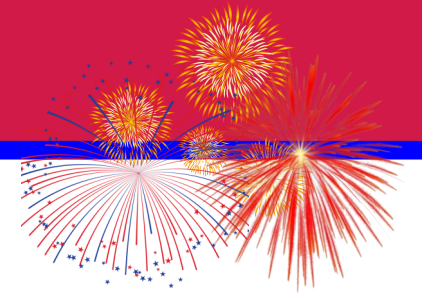
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# CrossPoints

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— July 2021 —



## From the Pastor...



As we celebrate our national day of independence, July 4, 1776, we are reminded as thankful Americans what that declaration of independence was all about: the birth of America, freedom of the colonies from British rule and the representationless tyranny of the powerful, autonomy of the colonies to determine self-government, and, as Jefferson penned in the first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, "to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another."

It is July 4, 2021, and it is time for the Church in America to draft Her Declaration of Independence. It shall be a declaration in which we, the followers of Jesus Christ, our only Lord, Sovereign, and King, unequivocally declare our independence from earthly powers that hold sway in the minds and hearts of those who would be riotous crusaders in the name of Christ; from political ideologies on either the left or the right which do not align with the truth of the Scriptures and the Spirit of Christ; from populist personalities who play with people's passions and fan the flames of false narratives; from rhetoric that is devoid of truth and truth that is devoid of Christ-like love; from pundits who unabashedly twist and distort reality to fit a narrative of their own liking; from leaders inside and outside the Church who have sold themselves out to an agenda that hardly resembles the Beatitudes and that ignores the call of God toward Christlike humility and true unbiased justice.

It shall be the Church's declaration of Her independence from being pulled apart by human government, being pulled down by incessant argument, being pulled along by the force of a popular social movement. She shall declare independence from being duped into the false hope of sword-bearing and being drawn into the darkness by the carnal fear of powerlessness. It shall declare Her independence from the loudest voices and the proudest voices, from the unnecessary exclusivity of nationalism and the empty promise of socialism, from the dead end road of extremism on either the right or the left.

It shall be the Church's declaration of Her independence from mere party politics which supplants authentic Biblical discipleship.

It is July 4, 2021. It is time.



**CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC ON SUNDAY, JULY 4th, FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT**



## ADULTS

### Young and Median Adults Class

Taught by Melody Bell

*A discussion-based Bible study that focuses on life application geared toward younger adults and those who are young at heart. Our initial study will be the parables of Jesus from an "out of the box" perspective. Study books provided.*

Room H-4 (off The Hub)

### Ladies Journey Class

Taught by Pat Stillwell and/or Ginny Berrier

*A mixture of Old and New Testament studies using the "Formations" quarterly series published by Smyth and Helwys.*

Room LC-3 (off the Learning Center)

### Cornerstone Class

Taught by Dan Bradshaw

*In-depth Bible Study that typically range 12-13 weeks utilizing Baptist Way Press study guides.*

Room LC-1 (off the Learning Center)

### Welborn Class

Taught by Dan Nix

*Various studies with a focus on taking Bible passages verse-by-verse.*

Room LC-2 (off the Learning Center)

### Farlow Class

Taught by Bruce Farlow

*Our upcoming study will be on the Holy Spirit.*

Room LC-4 (off the Learning Center)

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### Preschool "Kid Adventures" - Birth through Kindergarten

Room H-3 (off The Hub)

### "Kid Adventures" - 1st through 5th grade

Taught by Kelly Hipps and Peggy Brown

Room H-2 (off The Hub)

### Youth - 6th through 12th grade

Taught by Jim Burnett, Rendell Hipps, Kelly Hipps

Room H-1 (off The Hub)

## Sunday Morning Bible Study Has Begun

You can choose a teacher, a curriculum, a study method. Any way you choose to participate in a Bible study is a good way. Make plans to be involved in studying God's word with your Calvary family. This will be a great time for everyone to plug-in to a class! It will also be a great time to try a different class than the one you have previously been a part of. If you try a different class, rest assured that your class teachers and leaders are in full support!

## COVID-19 Policy Update

Our deacons have updated our policy regarding masks and social distancing. Mask wearing is voluntary. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. We respect your decision to wear or not wear a mask. For your own wellbeing, we encourage those who have not yet been vaccinated to wear a mask. Children's workers will wear masks while working with children, but we leave it up to parents to decide whether their children will wear masks. We will continue to provide masks at church. Also, the front pews of the church will not be marked off for social distancing. We encourage our church members to sit closer to the front of the sanctuary, leaving room for guests and social distancing nearer to the rear of the sanctuary. The pews near the rear of the sanctuary will be marked for social distancing.

## 24-hour Prayer Vigil and Outdoor Musical Outreach

The weekend of **July 16-17**, we will have a **24-hour prayer vigil** in our sanctuary. The prayer vigil will focus our attention on praying for our community and discerning our role in doing God's work in our neighborhood and city. On that Friday night and Saturday afternoon, our worship team will be on the front steps of Calvary singing and playing as our neighbors pass by. Our desire is for our neighbors to hear and see that we are a beacon of light for the sake of the Gospel in our community. We will begin sign-ups for one-hour prayer slots in the next few weeks. During the day and early evening, we ask you to come to the church sanctuary to pray. During the late evening and over-night hours, you may pray at home. Join us as we pray and reach out.



## VBS Day Camp

Calvary will offer "Amazing Adventures with Jesus," a one-day VBS Day Camp on Saturday, July 31 for kids entering 1st thru 5th grade. The camp is from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Registration will be available soon on-line at [calvarync.org](http://calvarync.org). **Volunteers are needed** to help with Bible story time, crafts, activities, music, and lunch. Please let Kelly Hipps know that you are willing to help (828-729-6793 [kids@calvarync.org](mailto:kids@calvarync.org)).

Friending our community children.....



## 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.



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

The latest version of the church directory is available now. They are available at the church, or if you need one mailed, please contact Dianna at the church office.

There is a sheet with corrections and additions in the Sanctuary at the organ entrance. Please let the office know if someone was not included that should be, or incorrect information was on file.

## In Deepest Sympathy.....

*Our hearts go out to the Hipps family with the loss of Rendell's Aunt Inez Ownby. She passed away June 12th.*

*Dianna Wyatt's brother in law, Rich Mitchell passed away May 19th. We pray for her sister Janet during this time.*

*We pray for the family of Carol Sue Watts. Carol was part of the Calvary family many years ago, and we offer condolences to Mark and Daniel.*

Ooops I accidentally put Brenda Farlow instead of Linda Farlow in the Thank You's last month.



**VBS Day Camp**  
**Amazing Adventures**  
 with Jesus

Saturday, July 31 — 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

For kids entering 1st thru 5th grade

Register on-line at [calvarync.org](http://calvarync.org)

**Church PICNIC**  
 You're Invited

**SUNDAY, JULY 4**

**Come out for a picnic following worship on Sunday, July 4th at Calvary.**  
**Church members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks are provided.**

## 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 email 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.

We've had several prayer requests where the name of the requestor isn't given. We try to keep our prayer list current so if you see a name on the list you have submitted in the past, please let us know of updates, changes and answers so we can continue praying for those in need and praise for those answered

## 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.

## 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 Stillwell at 828-768-8313 or [butchstillwell64@gmail.com](mailto:butchstillwell64@gmail.com)*

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**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**