

WHY JESUS?

A four week message series
by our pastor beginning in October

ADVENT SEASON BEGINS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28

We will have a church decorating event on Sunday November 21 following worship service. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Pat Stillwell or Linda Farlow to sign up so we can plan lunch and drinks for this event.



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Services are posted on our website on Sunday afternoons.
www.calvarync.org/messages

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 or 828-729-6793).



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From the Pastor...



A little over a year ago, we at Calvary came together around 10 "guiding ministry principles." These statements are not intended to articulate all our theology or beliefs. They don't include foundational beliefs like the virgin birth of Jesus or the belief in God as Trinity. Rather, they are principles that guide our ministry now and going forward. Take a moment to reflect on each of these, as they each have a significant impact on how we minister to the world around us.

JESUS IS THE ANSWER... TO EVERYTHING - Jesus is the answer to our brokenness as individuals and as a society. Jesus transforms our lives and our world one person at a time. Through Jesus, God offers what the Bible calls "eternal life", which is life with God into all of time.

THE BIBLE IS TRUSTWORTHY TO TELL US ABOUT JESUS - God speaks to us through the Bible, which reveals to us who God is and what God has done through Jesus in the New Testament. The Bible is our sole authority for living as a follower of Jesus.

GOD HAS GIVEN US FREEDOM TO CHOOSE - We all sin because we all choose wrongly. If we choose to follow Jesus, we accept that through his death and resurrection, our sin and guilt no longer have sway over us.

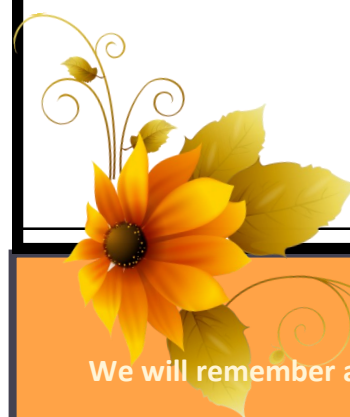
THE CHURCH IS GOD'S IDEA, AND WE NEED IT - Being part of a Christ-centered, others-focused church is essential for all who follow Jesus.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY ARE GOD'S IDEA - We believe that followers of Jesus should practice celibacy in singleness and faithfulness in marriage between a woman and a man. We embrace all persons regardless of sexual orientation while not embracing all lifestyles. We limit teaching and leadership roles to disciples of Jesus who live according to a traditional Christian marriage ethic.

CHURCH IS FOR EVERYONE, THAT'S EVERYONE! - Regardless of your background, beliefs, political persuasion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, you are welcome here to learn with us what it means to follow Jesus and worship Him.

WOMEN AND MEN ARE CALLED TO MINISTER - It is up to God whom He calls to preach, teach, and lead in his church. God has, does, and will continue to call girls and boys, women and men, to Himself and to His service in His church and in His world.

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All Saints Sunday — October 31

We will remember and celebrate those "saints" in our church family who have gone to be with the Lord.

PARKING DURING THE WEEK: 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 by the company that manages West Asheville 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. If you receive a parking ticket for parking at Calvary at any time, please submit that ticket to the church office. We will ensure the ticket is voided by the company that manages parking in West Asheville.

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 (office@calvarync.org). The phone tree features weekly messages from our pastor, important church news, and prayer requests for our church family.



Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry

We have boxes located in the basement hallway off Baker Street to collect items needed to help ABCCM reach those in need in our area. The Mission Field is world wide, including our own back yard. Items are gathered once a month and taken to ABCCM for distribution as part of their emergency needs program. As you do your grocery shopping, please consider picking up an extra item or two to help ABCCM minister to our neighbors. Items needed are: bottled water, beans, rice, pasta, canned goods, small soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths, gloves, socks, coats, blankets, flashlights and batteries, scarves and toboggans, feminine products, deodorant, razors, combs, brushes, nail clippers.

Now is the time to shop for shoebox items. Stores are getting in their school supplies and clearing out summer items like sun glasses. Bargains like 24 pencils for \$1. Scissors, crayons, wash cloths, soap, small toys, would be good items to look for; but remember no candy, toothpaste, war toys or any type of liquids are permitted.

Shoebox Collection Week is November 15-22 and processing will begin shortly thereafter and continue until all boxes are processed.

Packing Shoeboxes a Different Way

Due to the lingering threat of the COVID-19 virus we will be packing shoeboxes differently this year. To be a part of meeting our 300-box goal, you can either: **First** sign up for a shift packing shoeboxes in the Learning Center on Saturday, October 23rd. Shifts will run from 10:00am to 3:30pm; be 1 1/2 hours long and limited to 5 participants per shift. A sign-up sheet will be available in the HUB. **Second** way is to pick-up boxes available from October 3rd in the HUB, fill them at home and return to the church by November 6th, include \$9 per box for shipping. The **Third** way is to pack a box ON-LINE. Go to www.SamaritansPurse.org/BuildOnLine and for \$25 per box you can select the items you want placed in your box with a label that lets you know the country to which your box is delivered. Tell the children of the world you care about the, and God loves them.



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SERVANT LEADERSHIP IS REAL LEADERSHIP - In the way we do church and the way we engage the world, we work to model leadership the way Jesus modeled leadership: serving others.

ABSOLUTE TRUTH AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE ARE CO-EQUAL REALITIES - Absolute truth does exist and can only be known in the truth of God. God is love, and His love is without condition. Both of these things are true. As followers of Jesus, we strive to share the truth in love.

HONEST FAITH MEANS WE CAN SOMETIMES DOUBT, AND THAT IS OK - Honest faith has room for diversity of thinking, dialogue, wrestling with the Bible, being real, even doubting and questioning God. We value honesty and transparency in our faith journey.

I pray that as we reach out to our community and as we grow as disciples of Jesus, these guiding ministry principles help us represent who we are in Christ to our friends, neighbors, coworkers, and community. In doing so, I trust God will use us to touch lives for the sake of Christ as we continue in our mission of "Following Jesus. Friending the World."

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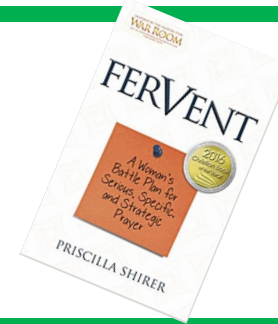
DONATIONS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Please mark any designated donations to those who have suffered loss in our recent storm with the words "WNC flood victims" in the memo line.

COVID-19 Policy: Bible Study has been temporarily cancelled during a high surge and masks are required during worship. It is up to you to practice safe social distancing. Workers with children/youth are required to wear masks when working with anyone under age 18. Masks and sanitizer are provided.

"Fervent" Women's Prayer Study

Starting in the coming weeks, Katha Tasios and Kim Poteat will be leading a women's prayer study based on the book "Fervent" by Priscilla Shirer. The weekly meeting will be in The HUB, time and date to be announced. If you are interested in this study and time of focused prayer, please see Katha or Kim.



In Deepest Sympathy...

Please pray for Jean Rice and her family as they face the loss of her nephew Steve who succumbed to lingering health issues. And for the loss of her niece Cassandra, who died from Covid, leaving 3 small children and her husband.



Margaret Morgan would like to thank each of you for the prayers, cards and phone calls expressing your concerns about her recent accident. Your kindness is much appreciated.....

Thank You

Thank you from Patsy Davis and Mountain Projects:

Thank you so much for your generous donation. Your contribution is a great encouragement to our staff and those we serve. Be assured each dollar will be used to help those with critical needs. May your blessing return to you many times.



Welcome New Member

Les Little has come to Calvary and united with this church family in his quest to be all that God is calling him to be and to recommit his life to Jesus Christ! Praise the Lord! Les comes to us on previous profession of faith in Christ and previous baptism. He joined on September 19. We welcome him to our church family as we learn to "follow Jesus and friend the world" together!



MUSIC SUITE REPAIRS ARE UNDERWAY

Much needed repairs to our music suite are underway. This area will provide additional classroom space on Sunday mornings for various ages, ample room for music ministry needs, and additional space for community ministries. These repairs are made possible by designated donations specific to this area of need. We are blessed!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Temporary Covid Hiatus

ADULTS

Young and Median Adults Class
Room H-4 (off The Hub)

Ladies Journey Class
Room LC-3 (off the Learning Center)

Cornerstone Class
Room LC-1 (off the Learning Center)

Welborn Class
Room LC-2 (off the Learning Center)

Farlow Class
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
Room H-2 (off The Hub)

Youth
6th through 12th grade
Room H-1 (off The Hub)

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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