



“FERVENT” PRAYER STUDY
Calvary women are studying God’s word each Tuesday night as they dive deep into the Fervent prayer Bible Study. As the smiles on their faces show, these ladies look forward to their weekly time together in study and prayer.



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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 or 828-729-6793).



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From the Pastor...



When is Jesus coming back? What will it be like? Will we, the church, go through “the great tribulation” or not? Will we be “raptured”, and if so, when? How does America fit into the calendar of end-time events? How about Israel? Who is the anti-Christ? What about the mark of the beast – isn’t it some type of microchip? When Jesus returns, aren’t we supposed to be soldiers in an army that, alongside the Victorious Sword-bearing Warrior Jesus, fights the enemies of God?

Churches that observe the Advent season which leads us toward Christmas often consider the second-coming of Jesus during the first week of Advent. Why? Because the word “advent” literally means “coming.” And while at Christmas we primarily celebrate Jesus’ first coming as a babe in a manger, the early season of Advent has been a time when the Church is reminded to ponder His “coming,” His “advent,”

the second time, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

As I have studied and examined the scriptures for many years regarding Jesus’ second coming, there is one thing that has become abundantly clear to me: there is a lot we do not know, a whole lot. In fact, we quite often think we know much more about it than we actually do. There are so many interpretations of the book of Revelation and Daniel which, when piecemealed together with a few other texts, have been espoused as a roadmap of the end-times. Millions of books have been sold which go well beyond what the scriptures teach. Charts and timelines have been created to lay out in clear detail how it all happens. However, what I have discovered in my study of these scriptures is that God did not choose to give us a roadmap of Jesus’ second coming – not even close. Rather, God chose to give us a picture of who Jesus is, in all His glory. As G. B. Caird has said so well in his extraordinary commentary on Revelation, “The end is not an event, but a person, the First and the Last.” Just as the first Advent, Christmas, is about Jesus and only about Jesus, so too, the second Advent, when properly understood, is about Jesus and only about Jesus.

Possibly in the coming year, we will look together as a church family at what the Bible says about such matters: end-times, Jesus’ return, the tribulation, the rapture, the battle of Armageddon, and the like. (If that interests you, please let me know.) And if we do pursue this in the coming year, I am certain that we all will be pleasantly surprised by what we discover, because Jesus’ second coming, while different in so many ways from His first coming as a humble babe in a manger, will yet be the coming of the same God-in-the-flesh who chose death on the cross over the use of the sword. We will discover together that the Jesus of the Bible is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and that Jesus – God with skin on – is coming as the apostle Peter wrote in 2 Peter 3 nearly 2000 years ago to a church who eagerly anticipated Jesus’ immanent coming:

“But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God.” 2 Peter 3:8-12a



He has come, and He is coming. And that’s Good News this Christmas!

- Rendell

Watch our worship services on-line.
Services are posted on our website on Sunday afternoons.
www.calvarync.org/messages

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE — 5:00 PM

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 for Calvary.

Congratulations Les Little



on your re-baptism and renewed commitment to God. We will continue to lift you up, praying with you and for you. To encourage and mentor. To hold you in our family of faith.

Thank you.....

Thanks to everyone that said a prayer, sent a card to me, and kept in touch. I love you all. God Bless, Betty Carter



Christmas Angel Tree



THANK YOU for all who gave gifts for our ABCCM angel tree. Your generosity touched the lives of seven children in four families who are in crisis this holiday season. A special thank you to Doris Welch who, on behalf of a late dear Asheville friend, Kay Metcalf, and along with Kay's husband, Richard, purchased Ingles gift cards for these ABCCM families in Kay's memory and honor.



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.



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

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.

Congratulations!! We were able to take 300 boxes to Samaritan's Purse Packing Center on November 17th. Thank you all so much for your participation. You have such a heart for this ministry and while our efforts may seem small, they have life changing effects all over the world.



Special Thank You to Pat Stillwell, Pam Rice, Roberta Petree and Linda Farlow for their diligent work going through boxes and cleaning up the area where we now house the church's history, pictures and memorabilia. They are working every Tuesday morning to organize the items that had to be moved quickly from the flooding in the storage room. It's important to maintain records and significant parts of Calvary's history and these ladies are history hero's!!



GOOD FOOD... GOOD FUN... GOOD FELLOWSHIP...

34 people spent Sunday afternoon enjoying the lunch and decorating party at Calvary. Pat Stillwell said it was the fastest they've ever gotten the church decorated for Christmas!! Many hands make light the work. The sanctuary is transformed as we all eagerly anticipate celebrating the Christmas season together.



CALVARY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY STATION

Beginning Sunday November 21 there will be alphabetical collection boxes in **The HUB** for your Calvary Family Christmas Cards. Use the first letter of persons last name. Place in correct box. Check for cards with your name and take home. Cards for shut-ins should be placed in their special Christmas bags for delivery to their homes. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



Inclement Weather Announcements:

In the event of church closing or cancellation of worship services due to inclement weather, check our website (calvarync.org) or our Facebook page. We will also make the announcement by phone via our phone tree. We will not be announcing closing on TV or radio.



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In Sympathy for the loss of.....

Margaret Knight Hawkins passed away 10-30-21

Wynelle Dean Hornsby passed away 11-3-21 in Travelers Rest.

Kim Poteat lost her father Freddy Pitts on November 2nd.

.....Please pray for these families and loved ones as they grieve.



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