



## BASIC ANSWERS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

A 12-week message series from Colossians  
beginning January 16

### Worship Services Going "LIVE" on Facebook



Starting in January, we plan to live-stream our worship services on Facebook LIVE. Those unable to attend worship will be able to watch our service live each Sunday at 10:30. Our services will also continue to be posted to our webpage 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 or 828-729-6793).



"Let the little children come to me..."  
Matthew 19:14, NIV

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# CrossPoints

The Monthly Newsletter of Calvary Baptist Church

— January 2022 —



## From the Pastor...



Happy New Year! As we embark on a new year and the hope that comes with the turning of our calendar from 2021 to 2022, we ponder what his New Year will bring. Of course, we hear folks speak of a "new normal" as we continue to live our lives dealing with COVID-19. Some have said that we will continue to deal with COVID for a long time, potentially the rest of our lives. Maybe, they say, it will be something for which we receive an annual vaccine much like the flu shot. Or, maybe COVID-19 will develop other variants, even some more serious than what we have seen so far. Most believe that life will need to shift and adapt to a "new normal." In protest to this notion of a "new normal," someone told me recently that they don't want a "new normal," they want "the old normal." They want things to go back to the way they were before mid-March 2020, before COVID-19. "That's what I want, too!" I replied.

Isn't that what we all want? We want to go back to the way life was before COVID. We want to forever rid our faces of masks (maybe even have a mask burning party!) We want to be able to spend time with family and friends and our church family without having to give a second thought to vaccines and viruses and social distancing.

Unfortunately, part of the "new normal," if we call it that, when it comes to church is that for many, church has morphed into something that looks quite different than it did just two years ago. Church is on-line for many more of us. Or, church attendance is no longer part of our routine, so we are more likely to miss church, or stop attending all together. Of course, at Calvary, we want to reach those who cannot attend church, which is why we post a video of our worship service each Sunday afternoon on our website. And, in order to reach even more people, we will soon be posting our service LIVE on Facebook. Beginning mid-January, each Sunday morning, folks can tune in at 10:30 for our live worship service.

But I hope that our "new normal" does not exclude the gathering together of believers in corporate worship. Church is not man's invention. The gathering together of believers in Jesus is not something that we came up with as a good idea for ourselves and for the world. The church is God's idea, and we need it. This is one of our Core Ministry Principles at Calvary, which states:

The Church is God's idea, and we need it. After Jesus' death and resurrection, he appeared to his followers before bodily leaving this world. As his followers gathered together in worship, prayer, and community, the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of God and of Jesus) came to be present with them to empower them to share the Good News of Jesus with the world. This was the start of the Church. To follow Jesus means to be part of a local church that is part of the bigger universal Church. We can't follow Jesus alone; we need others to encourage us, challenge us, love us, and be real with us. Being part of a Christ-centered, others-focused church is essential for all who follow Jesus.

In the New Year, how about our "new normal" be a renewed commitment to the work of Christ in the world through His Church. Of course, that was and always has been the Church's "old normal." Our "new normal" for church should be our "old normal": gathering together for worship, studying the scriptures, going into our community and world in the name of Christ, sharing the Gospel with others, and being the hands and feet of Jesus individually and together as the body of Christ. So, we do have something great to look forward to in 2020, don't we!

-- Rendell

Watch our worship services on-line.  
Services are posted on our website on Sunday afternoons.  
[www.calvarync.org/messages](http://www.calvarync.org/messages)





### Thank You.....

Neva Hancock sent a Thank You to her Calvary family "Everything will be enjoyed and every card was delightful. What a church family!"

#### 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).

### Bible Study Resumes January 9

We plan to resume Bible Study classes on January 9. This plan will be revisited if necessary. Adult classes will choose whether to meet and what COVID protocols each class will use. The current plan is for masks to be optional in worship beginning January 9. Please continue to be respectful of those who choose to wear a mask and who opt for social distancing.



### 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.



### Shoebox Distribution Center 11-30-21 How Fun!!



To our Church family,

Thank you for the send off letter we received. Tears of heart felt love fell from my cheeks as I read the letter, then a gasp and more tears when I realized a check had fallen out and was lying on the floor. That was a generous unexpected gift that we greatly appreciate. We will always be grateful for your prayers, kindness, friendship and love. Our move has been a hard emotional one. Foremost reason we didn't want to move away from our church. God has lead us to Morganton to live close to our daughter, Alana, as our health continues to decline. May the grace of the Lord continue to be with you until we meet again.

With Love and Thanks, Floyd & Donna Hilemon, Alan Candler

### 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



### COVID-19 Policy:

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.



**Calvary Missions Giving Plan:** The Leadership Team has developed a proposal for our Missions Giving Plan which you will receive for your input on January 9 in worship or by mail. Please read this information, pray about it, and be prepared to offer your input to this important change in the way we support missions locally, regionally, and globally through the new MGP. This plan will replace the CBFNC giving plan.

### Deacon Ordination

As part of our worship on Sunday, January 2, we will ordain James Gay into the deacon ministry of Calvary. We know each of you will want to be present to support and pray for James as he answers Christ's call to serve His church.

### 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.

### Welcome New Members

John and Jan Hicks come to us from First Baptist Church, Meridian MS. They have followed our services online while they were looking for looking for God's direction after their move to Asheville and started attending several months ago. We are blessed God has sent them to Calvary.



### In Sympathy for the loss of....

Bert Ingle passed away December 10th. Please pray for Linda and their family. You May send condolences to PO Box 1596 Weaverville NC 28787



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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