

## Kids At Calvary

### Volunteer News

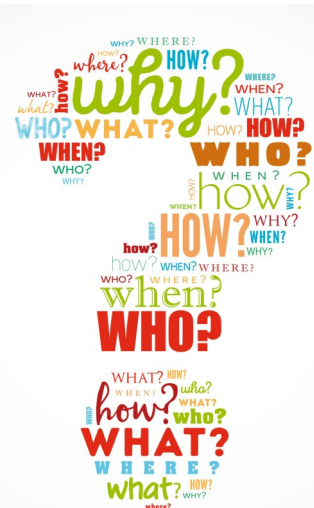
Thank you to all who serve our kids and their families by volunteering in our nursery and during Children's Church. Nursery volunteers should be sure to be in place by 10:15 am. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please contact someone else on the schedule and arrange to swap dates with 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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## BASIC ANSWERS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

Current Message Series  
from our pastor

### Worship Services "LIVE" on Facebook



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



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FIND US AT  
[calvarync.org](http://calvarync.org)

Watch our worship services on-line.

Services are posted on our website on Sunday afternoons.

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# CrossPoints

— February 2022 —

The Monthly Newsletter of Calvary Baptist Church

### From the Pastor...



It is often with a hint of celebration that I remind myself that February only has 28 (or possibly 29) days. It is the last full month of the winter season, and although I enjoy winter, I am always ready for Spring by the end of February.

February is a "quiet" month. By that, I mean that the business of the holidays and the New Year are long since a memory. Easter is yet a good ways in the future. There is no grass to mow, no garden to work. When a big snow comes, it is even quieter, and calmer, and slower.

It is ok to be "quiet." In fact, it is needed. We need quiet, calm. We need to slow down. We need to not always rush around doing. February provides an opportunity to be quiet.

And then, right in the middle of this quiet month, comes Valentine's Day. Now, I'm not big on the commercialization of love. As a friend of mine once told me, "I don't need Hallmark to tell me it's time to give my wife flowers!" But, I do believe there is something to be noted about the timing of Valentine's Day, which, for those of us in this longitude and latitude on the globe, comes during the cold, windy, snowy, short, quiet, slowed-down month of February. Valentines' Day -- complete with roses -- often used to attempt to communicate and express the intensity and beauty of love. A rose is a beautiful thing, isn't it.

I'm reminded of "The Winter Rose", a lovely cantata by composer Joseph M. Martin, and the opening piece which bears the same name. It begins this way: "While the world lies frozen beneath the chilling breath of winter, a spotless rose blooms. Against the harsh surroundings, its beauty unfolds one pedal at a time." Martin's cantata contrasts the gift of God's love given to us in Jesus Christ with the cold, harsh, white-ness of winter. Can you visualize it? A single red rose that stands out against the white backdrop of a quiet, cold February snow-filled day?

I love the imagery of that single red rose, blooming against the stark whiteness of winter, this symbol of life and love breaking through the cold and snowy ground. In the stillness, in the quiet. One rose. A gift of love. A Valentine to the world from God.

*In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. — I John 4:9-11*

We need to be quiet, and still. We need to listen and watch. We need to pay attention, for love has appeared, and has given, and continues to give. "For God so loved the world that he gave..." a Rose. Happy Valentine's Day, world.

Rendell

**FILL THE TUB IN THE HUB**

**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 Hiatus

During the current COVID surge and because of the close quarters of our Sunday Morning Bible Study, we will hold off meeting for classes. Your Deacons and Leadership Team are constantly looking at the most recent information and will open Sunday Morning Bible Study as soon as it's safe to do so. A tentative resume date is March 9th. Continue praying for our teachers and fellow class members during this time. Reach out and keep in touch when ever possible.

### 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 toboggins, feminine products, deodorant, razors, combs, brushes, nail clippers.



### WINTER COAT DRIVE (and blankets)

Calvary is partnering with ABCCM to help provide warm coats to anyone that needs a coat. You can bring new or gently used coats, ALL SIZES, to the TUB in the HUB and they will be taken for distribution. ABCCM will make sure that anyone who comes to them in need, will leave wearing a warm coat for the winter. Thank you Calvary, for Friending the World.



### Dianna needs your help!!

Several of our faithful giving members have set an automatic pay through their bank—AND THAT'S GREAT!! - but our bank does not have a record of WHO the tithe was from, just the bank it was from. If you and your family are tithing through autopay from your bank account directly to our church bank account, please let the office know asap, so we can properly credit you for your tax purposes and properly record our tithes and undesignated contributions.

**2021 Contribution Statements** were mailed this past week and should arrive at your door before the end of the month. Please look these over to make sure we have entered the information correctly and our records are accurate.

### 2022 Deacon's, Leadership Team and Elected Officials

On December 5, 2021 Calvary Baptist Church held general elections that determined the following:

#### Deacons

Dan Bradshaw  
Bruce Farlow  
Linda Farlow  
James Gay  
Kim Poteat  
Gary Smallan  
Anita Smith  
Pat Stillwell

#### Leadership Team

Linda Farlow  
Rick Green  
Bruce Morgan  
John Buckner  
Roberta Petree

#### General Officers

Tom Mattox—Moderator  
Janie Green—Church Clerk  
Lennie Thornton—Treasurer

The budget for 2022 was approved.

### 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.



**Thank you:** Don & Kayla Welborn would like to thank their Calvary Family for the many prayers, cards, treats and neat things you have remembered them with this past year. Don is gradually improving in health. There has been a lot of improvement over this past year. The Lord has been so good. Please continue your prayers. They work!!

### Congratulations!!

Gary and Debbie Smallan have a new Great-Grandson born January 9th. Welcome Elijah Nicholas Frisbee at 7lb 7oz. Mother and son are doing well and Great-Grandparents Gary and Debbie are beaming!



### 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.**

### Dianna's Retirement Letter:

Dear Calvary:

This letter is to serve as an official notice that I will leave my position as Office Manager for Calvary Baptist Church with my last day on site being May 19, 2022. I have enjoyed my time as Office Manager and truly love the job, but it is time for me to retire and I'm looking forward to that as well.

Please know how blessed I am to have had this opportunity. It has been wonderful to work where every aspect of the job is part of my ministry, where the people I work with are God sent and where God's praise and glorification is the ultimate goal.

I pray that moving forward, Calvary will find the perfect fit for the office. It has been a privilege to be a part of the Calvary team.

In His Love,  
Dianna Wyatt  
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Calvary Baptist Church

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### With Sympathy for the loss of.....

Herman Rector, a former member of Calvary, passed away Sunday, January 16th. His wife Shirley passed away November 28, 2021. Their daughter, Regina Brown, passed away from Covid-19 on Tuesday January 18th. Please pray for their family during this time of grief.



**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*