

## 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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## 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** 

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

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The Monthly Newsletter of Calvary Baptist Church



### From the Pastor...



Have you joined the "Wordle" craze? I have. In case you are unfamiliar with "Wordle," it is an on-line game in which you have to guess the five-letter word for the day. You get six attempts. To begin the game, you have to pick a five-letter word at random, and from there, if there are letters in that word which are in the "word of the day," they show up in either purple (if the letter is in the word but not that position) or green (if the letter is in the word in that position). There is some strategy involved, of course, which makes it all the more fun. I love "wordle."

A lot can be said in just five letters. And two five-letter words come to my mind that say more than the universe can contain: Alpha and Omega, the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. These letters represent all that can be said; every word (in Greek) is composed of letters between and including Alpha and Omega. All the combinations of words - all that can be spoken or written - lies somewhere between these two letters, Alpha and Omega. They are just five letters long, but these two five-letter words are particularly descriptive, because Jesus is called "the Alpha and Omega." He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. He is the firstborn of the Living and the firstborn of the Dead. He was there at Creation and will be there in Consummation. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Words are powerful; words help us understand meaning and message. Words say something that can bring clarification and put an end to confusion. Words communicate ideas that, at times, are beyond words. Such it is with these two five-letter words about Jesus: Alpha and Omega. These are words unique to Jesus, for no other person can ever claim them to be their own as Jesus can. And when, in the book of Revelation, Jesus is described as being "the Alpha and Omega," we get the sense that John was at a loss for words in his attempt to describe all the fullness of who Jesus is.

Alpha. Omega. Try these words in your next "wordle." They might not be the "word of the day," but I can assure you, they are words for all of eternity, words about the One "who was, and is, and is to come."

-- Rendell

**BIBLE STUDY RESUMES MARCH 6**



**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

We temporarily suspended Sunday Morning Bible Study during the recent surge in Covid 19 cases, and we are preparing to begin meeting again as the numbers are coming down. Teachers and classrooms are as they were before and classes are to begin again on Sunday March 6th at 9:30am. We hope you are planning to get back into the word with your Calvary family class members.



## 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 and BLANKET DRIVE

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.



## 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—Secretary  
James Gay  
Kim Poteat  
Gary Smallan—Vice-Chair  
Anita Smith  
Pat Stillwell—Chair

### Leadership Team

Linda Farlow  
Rick Green  
Bruce Morgan - Chair  
John Buckner  
Roberta Petree

### General Officers

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

The budget for 2022 was approved.

## Calvary In-House Missions

There are several Mission projects you can participate in on a daily/weekly/monthly/yearly basis and never step on foreign soil.

- ABCCM food pantry for immediate need. In the basement hallway outside the Learning Center there are a series of boxes we need to fill often with supplies for food and hygiene. See the list above for ideas.
- Supplies for Foster Families. Unfortunately children in the "system" are often moved or displaced without basic school supplies, backpacks, suitcases (a grocery bag is not personal), personal hygiene items. We can help by bringing these items to be taken to the Foster Care Program for fostering families to have for the children.
- ABCCM winter coats and blankets. Bring new or gently used items to the Tub in the Hub for distribution.
- Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box ministry can be shopped for all year long. Many of the items on the list are beginning to show up on "clearance" shelves or are back in stock after the Christmas rush. Great time to start buying items for our church to pack.

Be a Missionary on our own field and participate in the Calvary In-House Missions every chance you have.

## 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.



## Lent March 2—April 14

Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry, during which he endured temptation by Satan.

*Join us for Ash Wednesday Service  
March 2 at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary*

*Ash Wednesday*



*Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

## 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 announce closings on TV or radio.**



**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.

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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*