

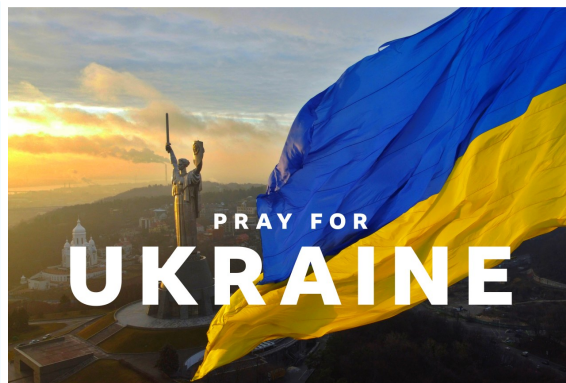
Unlikely Heroes

How God Uses Imperfect People For His Incredible Purposes

Nine-week Message Series with Pastor Rendell Hipps
Beginning May 8, 10:30 AM

CALVARY GIVE-AWAY

We have been blessed with more metal folding chairs than we need and are willing to part with about 2/3 of them. If you are interested just let the office know how many you want and we'll tell you which "hiding place" to take them from.



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...

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. – Proverbs 14:12

The writer of this proverb seems to know by experience, and probably by observation, that what seems right to us, in the end, often leads to destruction. Something may seem right to us in the moment, based on what we know, how we feel, or what we think, but as time goes on, what we thought was right is wrong. What we thought would lead to happiness led to misery.

What we thought would bring joy brought sorrow. What seemed good to us turns out to be bad for us or someone else.

That's why it is so very vital for each of us to recognize that we must constantly work to evaluate what we do, how we think, what we desire based on the life-giving ways of God. There are a few things we can do that help ensure that we are on the right path, the one that leads to life:

First, we must follow Jesus, the Jesus of the Bible. We must constantly seek to know Christ more fully through the pages of Scripture. In every situation we face in life, we need to reflect on the life and teachings of Jesus. We need to see how he loved, who he loved, why he loved. We need to follow His way rather than our way, and if we do that, we will soon find out that His way forces us out of our religious comfort zones. What often seems right to us is not right at all when we consider what Jesus would have us do based on what He said, how He lived, and who He is making us to be. The guidance provided by the Scriptures, and particularly the Scriptures which point us to Jesus, serve as the best guidance possible toward life, not death, in our decision-making.

Second, we need to be willing to change our minds. Certainly, we have some core convictions that do not change, but we need to always be testing whether our positions and reactions and decision are based on truth: the truth of the Scriptures, and particularly, the truth of God revealed to us most fully in Jesus Christ. It is so easy for us to be convinced that we are right, that our way is right, and to filter everything we see and hear through a lens that filters out truth that would challenge what we believe. This is no more true than in the area of our politics. We can align lock-step with one political party or political personality, thinking that their way is always right, not realizing that doing so always ends in the way of death. We need to be open to truth no matter where it comes from or who says it. We need to listen to one another, even those with whom we disagree, and be willing to change our minds if truth or evidence demands it. Truth was of utmost importance to Jesus, and it must be to us too.

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

Celebrate Mother's Day Sunday May 8th

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Third, we need to always be in prayer, asking for God's guidance by the power of the Holy Spirit in us. There are times when we must make a quick judgment call: a situation arises at work, a crisis hits the family, an immediate need demands immediate action, a person confronts us. In that moment, we react based on what is inside us. We may not have time to collect the data, to evaluate the situation fully, to process the best way forward. We are called on, in that moment, to do something, and in that moment, we do what seems right *in that moment*. Yet, if we have been in prayer prior to that moment, as a routine part of our spiritual life, asking God for His continual guidance, training our ears to the voice of the Holy Spirit in us, we are more likely to choose rightly in that moment when we must respond without having time to first reflect.

There is a way that seems right to us, and in the end, is dead wrong. That's why God has not left it all up to us. He has promised that through our faith in Jesus, as we study His words, as we live in the Spirit, and as we seek God daily, "he will guide us to all truth." (John 16:13) And Lord knows we need it!

~Rendell



Melody Bell Class Outing

Thank you Melody for hosting a wonderful Bible Study class outing at your beautiful home and gardens. What a great time of fellowship and marveling at God's creation!

Norman & Pam Rice would like to thank everyone who has prayed with them for the safety of their grandson, Tyree Brown, while he was attending Pacific University in Anchorage, Alaska. Tyree graduates this month with a degree in Marine Biology and will begin a new job in Alaska for the U.S. Government researching climate change. Congratulations Tyree!

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Teachers and classrooms are as they were before and classes are meeting each Sunday at 9:30am. We hope you plan to get back into the word with your Calvary family class members.



Daughter's Day Brunch

We are not all mothers, but we are all daughters. Join the ladies of Calvary for a brunch on Saturday, May 14th, starting at 10:30 am in The Hub. Bring your favorite brunch recipe to share! Don't miss this great time of food, fun and fellowship for all ladies of all ages!

Please register in advance by placing your name on the sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary at the Connection Box.

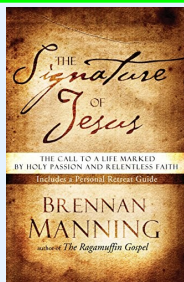


Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast Thursday, May 5th



The first Thursday of every month, 7:30-8:30 am, McDonalds or Bojangles (alternating) on Patton Avenue. Breakfast, fellowship, brief devotional, followed by time of prayer. Meeting on Thursday, May 5th at McDonalds. All men are invited!

Women's Mid-Week Bible Study Tuesday's 7:30 pm The HUB



Plan now to be part of our spring women's mid-week evening study which will begin in early May in *The Hub*. The book for discussion and study will be "The Signature of Jesus: The Call to a Life Marked by Holy Passion and Relentless Faith." This special time of fellowship, study, and prayer will be led by Kim Poteat and Katha Tasios. Call the church office to sign up. Books are \$10 and will be at the first Tuesday.

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



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



Thank You!

To our dear Calvary Family, We'd like to thank you for your prayers, cards and texts during my brother, Earl Queen's illness and at his passing. We were so comforted by your kind words and we felt your prayers. Thanks also to Dan & Margaret, Pat & Butch for attending his service in Marion; it was good to have you with us as we celebrated the life of my good and kind brother. May we also take this opportunity to thank you for keeping our sweet Cami close to your heart and in your prayers. We celebrated her 8th birthday in March!! How MERCIFUL is our GOD!! We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful Calvary family and we love and appreciate each of you.

Love, Rick and Janie



Congratulations!!



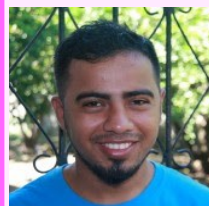
We are honored that Jack and Peggy Brown have served Calvary Baptist Church in many capacities since 1973. That's 49 years of faithful service to our Calvary family. Our Deacons have named each of them Deacon Emeritus.



VISION NICARAGUA

Many of you are aware of the passing of Mario Chang. After covid, Mario felt he needed to begin training someone for his job, to know all he knows. That is Massiel. When Mario became sick, Massiel and Carlos took over the lead of the operations. Massiel is a nursing graduate and has been involved with VN for many years helping with teams, clinics and the education program. Carlos has also been with VN since he was a young boy. His mom has been and still is the main cook. There have been zoom calls as Covid is still preventing face to face. Mario had so much to offer with his insight, always willing to give people a chance and is missed. Please continue to pray for his family.

Carlos Salazar Interpreter



Massiel Gamez Education & Ministry Coordinator



Set your calendar August 6th 9am—3:30pm
Peggy Ramsey Memorial Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Church.



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.

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

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WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH **April 9, 2022**



EASTER BREAKFAST AND SERVICE **April 17, 2022**



Journeying Through Grief

For those in our church family who experience the loss of a loved one, the four-book resource "Journeying Through Grief" is available to you through Peggy Brown. This book series helps grieving people understand their thoughts and feelings and provides them with a clear message of Christian hope. The author, pastor and clinical psychologist Dr. Kenneth Haugk combines sound psychological principles and biblical truths to provide the care that grieving people need at the time when they need it most.



VOLUNTEER HEROES

We have many behind the scenes heroes doing things to save time, money and history for our Calvary family as well as make our family more comfortable and our building more inviting. Pam Rice, Roberta Petree and Jeannie Dalton have worked multiple days each week to get all of our membership cards in order (no small task!), they help with the CrossConnect each week and the CrossPoints each month. Pat Stillwell has spearheaded the History Room project. We have those who share the responsibility of starting the coffee and bringing donuts every Sunday morning. Those who make sure the doors are unlocked each week, run our sound and projection systems, those who walk through our building each month praying for God's blessing in addition to Butch Stillwell gathering prayer warriors each Sunday to pray for our service. Thank you heroes, for loving God, Following Jesus and Friending the world.

Thank You For Your Service To Calvary

Thank you, Dianna!



I know you join me in saying "thank you" to Dianna Wyatt for the 2 1/2 years she has served as the **Office Manager** here at Calvary. Dianna has given her heart to the work of Calvary, knowing that everything that happens in the church is ministry, including all that is required to run the church office. Her joyous spirit and always-more-than-willing-to-help attitude will be missed in the office. But Dianna isn't leaving us. She will be remaining part of the Calvary worship team, supporting our Worship Team on the piano and keyboard. Dianna's last day in the church office will be Thursday, May 12. Please be sure to say a word of thanks to Dianna.

Thank you, Derek!



Thank you to Derek Robinson for his past 3 plus years of service as our **Facilities Manager**. Derek is moving on to pursue other opportunities, but thankfully he will still be around. He will continue to have an office here on the Calvary campus and will be available for consultation and special projects as the need arises and as his time allows. Be sure to thank Derek the next time you see him. Angela Nulph will take on many of the responsibilities related to facilities management in consultation with the Leadership Team. Some of Derek's routine responsibilities will be handled by volunteers. If you are "handy" and would like to help around the campus with things like changing light bulbs or HVAC filters and a few other routine maintenance things, please let us know by contacting the church office.

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.



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 afternoons.

Welcome Angela!

Please welcome Angela Nulph as our **Church Administrative Coordinator**. Angela will assume broad level of responsibility here at Calvary beginning May 2 including office management, facilities management/coordination, financial secretarial responsibilities, and assisting our pastor with administrative needs. Angela will train with Dianna in the church office for two weeks prior to Dianna's final day in the office on May 12. She will also work closely with Derek Robinson, our current facilities manager, for the month of May until Derek's last day in his position, May 31.



Angela comes to us with over 20 years' experience as an executive assistant. She has worked for several large companies including Earth Fare, HomeTrust Bank and Elliott Davis. She graduated from Bob Jones University with a Bachelor's in Interior Design and a minor in Office Administration. She also has a background in the ministry, born on the mission field in Scotland and has spent time helping in her parents' churches in both Scotland and British Columbia. She comes from a large family of 10 children, 6 brothers and 3 sisters. Two of her siblings are members of the National Guard. She also has a daughter who will be going into middle school this year. In her spare time, she likes to read, go walking and play Roblox with her daughter.

We are excited to welcome Angela to the ministry team at Calvary!