



## From the Pastor...

### ***“Light and momentary troubles...”***

There is nothing wrong with being realistic. To be realistic is to see things for what they are, the way they are, in actuality. To be realistic is to be sensible, to be practical, to understand the situation as it is.

But the corollary of realism is that sometimes, realism can lead to pessimism. Life can be hard. And there are those times when life IS hard, very hard. For any number of reasons, we can face troubles of all kinds that are serious troubles. I’m struck by the way the Apostle Paul, who had many troubles of his own, writes about the afflictions that come in life. In 2 Corinthians, he categorizes the troubles of life in general as “light and momentary.”

But sometimes, what folks go through is neither light nor momentary. I am aware, and you likely are also, of some folks in our church who are struggling with heavy (not light) burdens, with things that have lasted years (not momentary) with no end in sight. Health problems, relational problems, problems in our families, financial problems, conflicts, grief, burdens. To be realistic about it, these things are neither light nor momentary.

But Paul has a different perspective, which allows him to claim that all our troubles can be viewed as “light” and “momentary.” The perspective is an eternal one. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4 “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

Realism can lead to pessimism. But it doesn’t have to. Our perspective – that is, seeing what we are experiencing in contrast to what is to come in our eternal future – can change how we understand the troubles we experience in this life. This is the faith perspective. It requires faith because, as Paul says, we must “fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen.” This seems to be almost an oxymoron, an incompatibility: to fix our eyes on something that cannot be seen. But that is what the Lord through Paul tells us we must do in this life when troubles come.

The scripture says elsewhere “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him (a future joy of Resurrection) endured the cross, scorning its shame...” (Hebrews 12) Paul says “If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” (I Cor. 15:19).

Many years ago, my Baptist-minister granddad was nearing the end of his 3-year struggle with Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases. My mom tells of one day when she visited his room at the nursing home where he was provided the care his family could no longer provide on their own, my granddad was sitting in a rocking chair, staring forward as if his eyes were fixed elsewhere, repeating over and over again: “The resurrection, the resurrection.” I believe his eyes were fixed on what is unseen that day. His troubles were very real, very hard. But the Resurrection was more real than anything else.

Eternal glory. The Unseen. The Resurrection. Now, that’s realism in the realest sense of the word.

— Pastor Rendell

## Baptism in Worship Sunday, July 3rd

## Baptismal Service Sunday, July 3rd

We will be having a special Baptismal service on **Sunday, July 3rd**. Several new members have committed their lives to Christ and are following Jesus in Baptism. Please join us for this special service.

## Independence Day Celebration Cookout

Don't forget! On **Sunday, July 3rd**, we will have a church cookout following worship. You are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. The meal will be shared in **The Hub** and surrounding classrooms.

Mark this on your calendar!



## Christmas in July

On **Sunday, July 3rd**, we are having a church cookout following worship. Our Deacons have also recommended that we hold a **Shoebox** collection for **Samaritan's Purse** that day as well (some churches pack/prep shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on a year-round basis). We still have empty shoeboxes available in The Hub. If you cannot donate a full box, feel free to donate items or money to purchase items and cover shipping (\$10/box). An item donation box is also located in The Hub for individual items you want to donate. Cash/check donations should be put in the offering (or mailed) and marked "Shoebox" in the memo and/or envelope. Return any boxes, items or monetary donations to the church by **Sunday, July 3rd**.

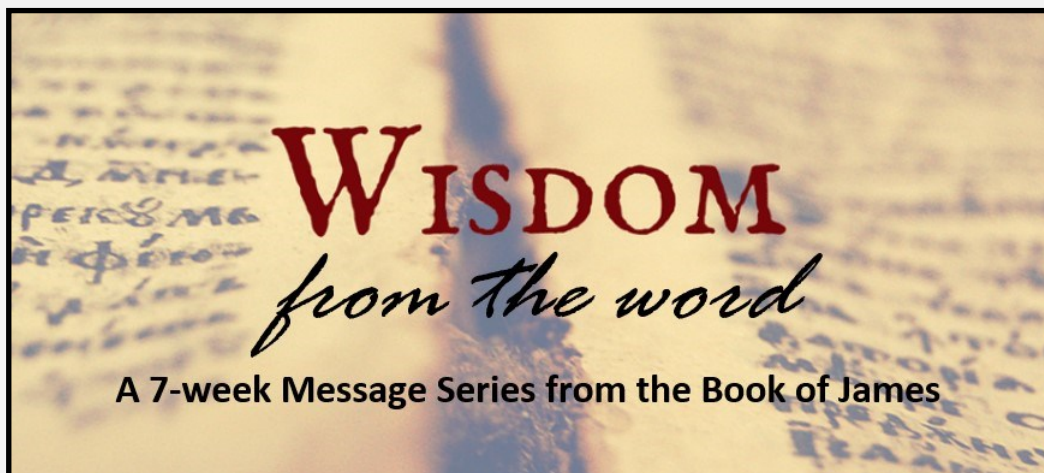
*\*No liquids, candy, toothpaste or war toys are permitted.*

This July collection does not replace our November collection, but is an addition to our annual collection.



## New Message Series

Beginning Sunday, July 17, our pastor will begin a new message series "Wisdom from the Word" from the book of James. This message series will bring practical guidance to our everyday lives.



## Canterbury Classical School

Welcome our new Kingdom Partners to the Calvary Campus! Starting this month, Canterbury Classical Christian School will be moving into the first floor of our Education Building. We are excited about the next 10 years of stewarding our beautiful campus together with this Christ-centered school.



**CANTERBURY**  
**CLASSICAL SCHOOL**

Visit them online at <https://www.canterburyclassicalschoo.com/> to learn more about who they are.

*"Parents are not just making an educational decision, but deciding who they are giving permission to shape the hearts of their children. It is our desire that Canterbury Classical School be an extension of Christian parenting and a supplement to the children's ministries of churches across our city."* - Canterbury Classical School

## Love Offering for Ukraine Churches

Thanks to generous hearts, we were able to raise a total of \$4,365 for the churches in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine and that truth and right will prevail.



## 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](mailto:butchstillwell64@gmail.com)*



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## Blood Drive

Set your calendar August 6th 10am—2:30pm  
Peggy Ramsey Memorial Blood Drive at Calvary Baptist Church.





## Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast Thursday, July 7



The first Thursday of every month, 7:30-8:30 am. Breakfast, fellowship, brief devotional, followed by time of prayer. Meet with us on Thursday, **July 7 @ McDonald's Patton Ave.** All men are invited!

## 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](mailto:office@calvarync.org)).

## 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](mailto:kids@calvarync.org) or 828-729-6793).



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



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

# July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Deacon for July:</b> James Gay 828-215-4212  <b>Ushers for June:</b> Kim Poteat Dan Bradshaw					1 Canterbury Classical School first day	2
3 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship/ Baptismal Service Church Cookout 	4 <b>Independence Day</b> 	5  Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm The HUB	6	7 Men's Prayer Break- fast 7:30 McDonald's Patton Ave	8	9
10 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	11 Leadership Team 1 pm LC	12  Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm The HUB	13	14	15	16
17 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	18	19 Deacon Meeting 2pm LC  Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm The HUB	20	21	22	23
24 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	25 <b>CrossPoints            Deadline</b>	26  Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm The HUB	27	28	29	30
31					<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH - NURSERY VOLUNTEERS</b> July 3 Kelly Hipps Linda Farlow July 10 Peggy Brown Roberta Petree July 17 Bobbie McMahan Ginny Berrier July 24 Katie Nix Janie Green July 31 Children Remain Anita Smith	

### **Our Calvary Family**

Alverta Bolick Home  
Ginny Berrier  
Calvary Prayer Team  
Betty Carter  
Deacons & Leadership Team  
Mary Ruth Duyck  
Rick Green  
Floyd & Donna Hilemon  
Sam Hocking  
Patsy Hoglen  
Wilma Lindsey Family  
Sarah McGinnis  
Edith Middleton  
Bobby Moffitt Family

Peggy Nichols  
Debbie Nix  
Lewis & Geana Rollins  
Gary & Debbie Smallan  
Fred & Donna Tennant  
Don & Kayla Wellborn

### **Other Concerns**

Richard Allen Family  
Haylee Anderson  
Thomas Dellinger  
Darryl Family Friend  
Elijah Frisby  
Cami Green  
Colson Gropp

Keith & Betty Sue Haywood  
Brian Hornsby  
Gayle Jenkins  
Linda Keeling  
Jared McCanless  
Janet Mitchell  
Rachel Parker Stanczak  
Ron & Marty Reed  
William Richardson  
Joella Rigsby  
Pam Sprinkle  
Phillip Taylor  
Dan & Karen Warren  
Perry Wyatt

### **Our Military**

David Brown  
Jeff Burnette  
Graham Tasios

### **Our Front Line**

Asheville Fire & Rescue  
Asheville & Buncombe Co. Law Enfr.  
EMT's and Ambulance Drivers  
Hospital & Health Care Workers

*Names will be on our list for 4 weeks, then the name will come off. Help us keep our list current by letting us know the status or changes. We love that Calvary is a Prayer Warrior for our church family, community and our world.*

### **Sunday Morning Prayer Team in the Prayer Room in the Learning Center (Praying During Worship)**

July 3 Glen Jervis  
July 10 Margaret Morgan  
July 17 Katha Tasios  
July 24 Bruce Farlow  
July 31 Gary Smallan

***"Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!"  
- Psalm 46:10***

### **Prayer Time on Sunday Morning before Worship**

Please join us for prayer time each Sunday morning in the Narthex in the rear of the sanctuary at 10:20. Masks optional.

## **July Birthdays**

7 Betty Carter  
12 Bobbie McMahan  
13 Amber Gay  
16 Sarah McGinnis  
19 Pam Rice  
22 Casey McMahan  
23 Diandra Farlow  
23 Maggie Nix  
24 Janet Nichols  
25 Janie Green  
28 Les Little



## **July Anniversaries**

27 Floyd & Donna Hilemon



*Happy Anniversary*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*With Sympathy for the loss of...*

Richard Allen  
Esta Lee King  
Bobby Moffitt

Gene Harp  
Wilma Lindsey  
Poteat Son-in-Law, Chris

*Our deepest sympathies...*

