



From the Pastor...

"Friends inviting friends". That's the answer I give whenever I'm asked what I think is the best church growth plan or program I've ever read about, researched, used, or seen at work. "Friends inviting friends."

I know the heart of the family of faith called Calvary. I know that we all want to reach our community for Christ. We want to impact lives for the sake of Jesus. We want to see people come to Christ and experience His life-transforming power and grace. We want our church's influence, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow in our community. We want to be a beacon of the Gospel of Christ, to be used by God to reach the lost and to grow as a congregation in number as a reflection of the lives God allows us to impact as we make disciples for Jesus. The good news is that God does too. God wants to use us for those things.

But the question is "How do we do that?" That is, how do we reach people? Is there an outreach program that will work for us, that will help bring more people into our church? Is there a plan that we can implement, a book or study that will guide us? Shouldn't we come up with some big plans for events or activities that will draw others to our church?

I'm not saying that there is no room for outreach programs. Sometimes, we need the benefit of some creativity and ingenuity that others have to offer. But, I have come to understand that church outreach is about three things. First, it's about being faithful to Christ in Biblical and Spirit-guided worship and preaching. If these things are not in place, then there's little reason to do outreach. I pray that under my shepherding of this congregation, we have both of these each week, and I ask for your prayers.

Second, it's about the church being willing. And I mean truly willing. I mean willing to do whatever it takes, whatever changes are needed, whatever sacrifices we are called to make, whatever new ministries we need to begin or whatever old ministries we need to end. I mean being willing to put our pride aside, our history aside, our traditions aside, our preferences aside, and instead, be willing to say "Yes" to whatever God leads us to do before we even know what we are saying "Yes" to. Over the past two years, I have come to see that you are that kind of Church. You have said "Yes, Yes, Yes" so many times since I've come to be your pastor, and that spirit of "Yes" is exactly what is needed in order for us to reach our community for Christ.

Third, outreach is about "friends inviting friends." That's the strategy. That's the plan. And I see that going on each week as a new face or two often come to worship with us. That's the best way to do outreach: invite someone. And I don't just mean invite them to church. Invite them to Jesus. Share your faith with them. And in the process, if they are not part of a family of faith like Calvary, invite them to church. Meet them at the door. Drive them if needed. Call, text, or e-mail them a reminder invitation. Follow-up after they come. Friend the world, and invite those friends, old and new, into the fellowship so that they can come to know Christ more fully and experience the joy and strength that comes from being part of Christ's church.

So, it's a pretty simple outreach program that we will be using in the weeks and months and years ahead. It's us being ready, and it's us, you and me, inviting friends.

If we do that, God will do all the rest, and whatever He does will be enough.

— Pastor Rendell



New Babies!!!

We are so happy to announce the arrivals of several new babies into our church family!

- ♥ Pam & Norman Rice welcomed their first great grandchild, Za’Kai Dior Reid 5/29.
- ♥ Sam Hocking welcomed a new granddaughter, Olivia, born 7/16.
- ♥ Jan & John Hicks welcomed their first granddaughter, Summer Olive.

Congratulations!!! ♥♥♥



Peggy Ramsey Memorial Blood Drive

Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood. Blood is needed for many different kinds of patients. It could be a young child with a rare blood disorder, a family member fighting cancer, or a friend involved in a car accident. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this special blood drive. You will feel good knowing you have helped change the lives of patients in need. Saturday, Aug 6, 2022, 10am-2:30pm here at Calvary. Please call McKenzie Elkin at 828-712-1756 or email mckenzie.miller89@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.



Blood Drive Calvary Baptist Church

American Red Cross Bus
531 Haywood Road
Asheville, NC 28806

**Saturday, August 6, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Please call McKenzie Elkin at 712-1756 to schedule appointment or email mckenzie.miller89@gmail.com

Note: Memorial Blood Drive for Peggy Ramsey

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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2022 Shoebox Project

Thank you to everyone who participated in our **Christmas in July Operation Christmas Child** project. We received shoeboxes filled with gifts, funds to cover shipping, and items to place in shoeboxes this Fall. As you know, the price on everything has increased significantly over the past few months. Items that previously sold for \$1.00 now cost \$1.25 or more. The cost of shipping boxes has increased from \$9 per box to \$10 per box. Recognizing that many of our members are on limited incomes, the deacons have recommended we lower our goal from 300 boxes to 250 this year. Schools will be starting in a few weeks and merchants are putting their school supplies up for sale now. Some items may be in short supply this year, so you are encouraged to shop early. The Logan Lawrence Foundation has helped with the cost of shipping and the purchase of shoebox items in the past. However, the investment market is down so we are asking you, if possible, to help with some or all of the shipping cost for your boxes. Thank you!!!



Canterbury Classical School

This month marks a new beginning for our Education Building next door and for our new partners, Canterbury Classical School. We worked hard to clean and beautify the building prior to their arrival and we are excited about this new partnership. Wishing them the best and hopes for a bright new school year.

www.canterburyclassicalschool.com



Church Cookout

Good food and fellowship had by all!!! Here are some snapshots of our church cookout from July 3rd.



Baptismal

Celebrating the baptism of David Shaw, our new member. David was baptized on July 3rd. We are excited to see another soul testify of their faith outwardly.

Congratulations!!!



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Thank you

"Thank you for all the prayers and cards during the loss of my Mother. Your many acts of kindness and care mean a lot to us." - Lin and Ginny Berrier

Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast Thursday, Aug 4



The first Thursday of every month, 7:30-8:30 am. Breakfast, fellowship, brief devotional, followed by time of prayer. All men are invited! Meet with us on **Thursday, Aug 4 @ 7:30a @ Bojangles 270 Smokey Park Hwy (near 84-Lumber).**

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).

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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