



## From the Pastor...

"Happy New Year!" I've wondered what that phrase means. Does it mean that someone is wishing a happy celebration on New Year's day? Or, does it mean that someone is wishing a year ahead filled with happiness? Does the "happy" apply to January 1? Or, is it intended to apply for January 1 through December 31?

Jesus talked about being "happy," not just January 1 or in the year 2023. He talked about a life of happiness. A "blessed" life. He said, "Happy are those who are poor in spirit." He said, "Happy are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness." He said, "Happy are those who are meek, who are merciful, who are peacemakers, who are pure in heart."

It was just as strange then as it is now, that Jesus would say that we are happiest not when we have everything the world has to offer that we think will fill us, but rather, when we have settled our spirits in the routine and mundane and difficulties of life, and when we have discovered that even in that routine and mundane and difficulty, we can live in the blessed happiness of a life that is content as one who is needy, hungry, meek, merciful, pure.

So, over the coming year, let's listen to the words of Jesus. Let's allow his teaching to sink into our souls. Let's be attuned to his pattern of living. Let's trust that he knows what true happiness consists of and how it is found. Let's be followers of Jesus, and along the way, let's friend the world. If we do that, I think it might just be a Happy New Year all year long.

— Pastor Rendell



**New Years Day Service: January 1, 2023 @ 10:30am**



## Upcoming Dates

### January 1, 2023

- New Year's Day worship ONLY @ 10:30am (no Bible Study)

### January 8, 2023

- Baptism in Worship

### January 15, 2023

- Deacon Ordination in Worship

## 8-Week Message Series beginning in January

### TURNING POINTS: THE LIFE OF ABRAHAM

We all face crucial turning points in life, and we can learn a lot by looking at Abraham, a larger-than-life figure in the Bible, who faced many crucial turning points in his life and faith. In this message series, we will see how God was active in his life and how He is active in our own lives at our most important life turning points.

## Leadership Team 2023

The following members have been elected to the Leadership Team for the year 2023: John Buckner, Bruce Morgan, Butch Stillwell, Dan Bradshaw, Rick Green, Tom Mattox (moderator), Lennie Thornton (treasurer), and Janie Green (clerk). Thanks to each who has served in the year 2022 so faithfully, and thanks to those who will serve in the coming year.

## Deacons for 2023

Welcome to the Deacon board for 2023:

Anita Smith, James Gay, Dan Bradshaw, Gary Smallan, Kim Poteat, Pat Stillwell, Linda Farlow, and Katha Tasios.

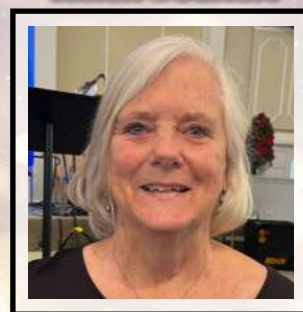
## Prayer Team

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)



## New Member!

Please welcome our newest member:  
Helen Doerler!



## 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.



## Embrace Grace

Embrace Grace will be kicking the new year off with our first semester starting on January 12th. The semester will be a 12-week program that will cover topics like salvation, identity, faith, and God's Word. "The video curriculum is a powerful yet simple study on how God's grace and love are never-ending, no matter what our past is and what we're going through. It offers hope to the hopeless and broken-hearted that have found themselves with an unplanned pregnancy." Please pray, as a congregation, for the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts to welcome each brave girl that reaches out to us for help. We pray for the Holy Spirit to provide her with the strength she needs to walk toward our church family so that we can share with her the love of a Heavenly Father that loves her dearly.

- Katha Tasios and Kim Poteat

## 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)).

## Share Calvary With A Friend

Be sure to "share" our Church's weekly worship services with your friends on Facebook. This is a great way to reach out to friends and family near and far.



## Thank You!

Dear Calvary Family:

We want to thank our church for all the prayers, cards, calls and all the love you have sent our way. Thank you for caring and for the extra prayers you prayed for me during my surgery and recovery. We love you and hopefully, we will be back soon.

All our love,  
Gary & Debbie Smallan

## With Sympathy:

Our deepest sympathies go out to Geana Rollins in the passing of her husband, Lewis, on Sunday, 12/11/22.

We also send our condolences to Melody Bell and Mark McKinney in the passing of Mary Greene (Melody's sister / Mark's aunt).



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## Inclement Weather Announcement

In the event of church closing or cancellation of worship services due to inclement weather, check our website ([calvarync.org](http://calvarync.org)) or our Facebook page. We will also make the announcement by phone via our phone tree. We will not be announcing closings on TV or radio.



# Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast

**Thursday, Jan 5**



The first Thursday of each month, 7:30am — 8:30am. Breakfast, fellowship, brief devotional, followed by time of prayer. All men are invited! Meet with us on **Thursday, Jan 5 @ 7:30a @ Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.**

## Church Luncheon at Taco Boy



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