

## A State of the Church Address from our Deacon Chair...

Pastor Rendell asked me, Pat Stillwell, as Chair of Deacons, to write an article about my thoughts on the present health and status of Calvary Baptist Church. My first thought...WE ARE THRIVING!

We are thriving because God is with us. He brought Rendell and Kelly to us in the middle of a pandemic to show us that He was not finished with us as His beacon of hope in West Asheville. When we believed that our time as a growing, thriving, alive Baptist Church was coming to an end... He sent new hope, joy and adventure in the person of a strong Godly leader – who has more energy than the Energizer Bunny. God, through Rendell, has brought us hope – renewal – and strength in the form of Bible-based sermons, Bible studies, pastoral care, administrative leadership, musical talent and much love.

We are thriving because we are a praying church. Prayer is vitally important to all that we do. Every Sunday a member of the Prayer Team remains in the Prayer Room during the worship service to pray for our pastor, worship service, our worship leaders and congregation. Prayer is a vital part of every worship service – before, during and after. Phone tree messages are often heart felt prayers for special requests from church folks.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”  
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

We are thriving because we are a welcoming church. Every Sunday we have new and returning visitors who often comment on how friendly our church people are – THANK YOU! Since the summer of 2020 (when Rendell and Kelly came to us), we have added eleven new members to our congregation. That may not sound like a lot but it is the most we have had in the eight years prior. God is at work and He is sending people who need community, love and support – He is sending them to Calvary Baptist church in West Asheville, NC. But the best part is...we are receiving them with love in the name of Jesus!

We are thriving because we have strong leaders. Our Leadership Team is made up of nine members with Bruce Morgan as the Chairperson. They work tirelessly to take care of all the organizational issues that keep a church working. The Deacon Board has eight very dedicated and hard working men and women who care for our congregation both members and non-members. Jim Burnett is our Music Minister who uses his God given gift of musical talent and brotherly love to lead our worship experience every Sunday. Kelly Hipps is our Children’s Ministry Coordinator and it is under her leadership and God’s blessing that we have children in our church once again. What a blessing indeed! For it is the children and youth who bring such joy and new life to our aging congregation.

We are thriving because we reach out to others through missions. Our Missions Giving Plan includes both local and distant mission agencies that align with our guiding ministry principles for a yearly total (budgeted and Logan Lawrence Foundation) of \$25,000.00. — Psalm 146...

We are thriving because we are willing to share our large campus with others. We realized a long time ago that we had too much space to keep to ourselves and God prompted us to reach out and find other Christian groups who needed space to teach and worship. We now have Canterbury Classical Christian School, Redeemer Anglican Church, Soma Church, AA and NA groups and others who share our beautiful campus with us.

We are thriving because God is not finished with us yet! We still have a lot of world to friend and a lot of love to share. None of us knows what the future holds but we can be assured that He holds the future and that He will walk with us, lead us, and guide us as long as we continue to pray, love others, and worship Him.

“I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.” — Philippians 4:13

— Pat Stillwell

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study begins May 9**

## Upcoming Dates

May 4, 2023 — Men's Prayer Breakfast

May 9, 2023 — Tues Eve Bible Study Begins

May 14, 2023 — Mother's Day

May 21, 2023 — New Message Series Begins

*The  
Sermon  
on the  
Mount*



**New Message Series begins  
Sunday, May 21, 2023**

## Jonah Surprised by Grace

### Tuesday Evening Bible Study

On Tuesday evenings this Spring, our pastor will be leading a study of the thrilling and sometimes confusing book of Jonah. The study will be held in the Learning Center (downstairs). It will begin on **Tuesday, May 9** (change of date), and run for five weeks through Tuesday, June 6th. Bring your own take-out supper and share fellowship around the table at 5:30pm. Study will be from 6:00-7:00pm. No registration required.

### Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited! Meet with us on **Thursday, May 4** @ 7:30a @ Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.



### Updated Church Directories

Updated Church Directories for 2023 are available on the connection table coming in from the Hub. Please feel free to pick up a copy.



### 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)





## Easter Breakfast



## ABCCM

### (Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries)

Collection boxes are located in the hallway off Baker Street. Items are taken to ABCCM once a month as part of their emergency needs program. 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.



# ABCCM



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## Share Calvary

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.



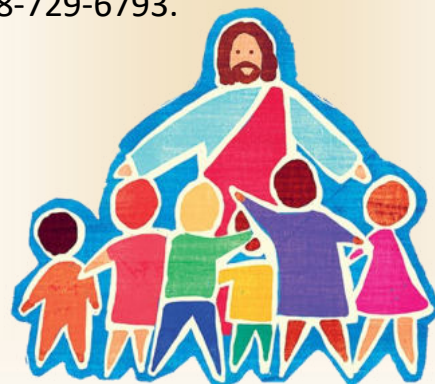


## Sign Up for our Phone Tree

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

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 10:15am. 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



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



# May 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am <b>Chick-Fil-A</b> Smokey Park Hwy		
	1	2	6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal 3	4	5	6
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 7	Leadership Team 1 pm LC 8	Tuesday Evening Bible Study 5:30-7pm LC 9	6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal 10	11	12	13
<b>Mother's Day</b>		Deacon Meeting 2pm LC				
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9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 28	29	Tuesday Evening Bible Study 5:30-7pm LC 30	<b>Memorial Day</b>		<b>Deacon for May:</b> Anita Smith 828-808-0533  <b>Ushers for May:</b> Linda Farlow   Pat Stillwell	
			6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal 31			



### Calvary Prayer List

Alverta Bolick Home  
Deacons & Leadership Team  
Evelyn Boone  
Betty Carter  
Mary Ruth Duyck  
Cami Green  
Janie Green's Family  
Hipps Family  
Sam Hocking  
Patsy Hoglen  
Sarah McGinnis  
Lucas Messer  
Edith Middleton  
Mona Moore

Mustafa Family  
Peggy Nichols  
Debbie Nix  
Harry Ponder  
Jean Rice  
Pam & Norman Rice  
Barbara Roberts  
Geana Rollins  
Gary Smallan  
Terry Smith  
Margo Snedden  
Pat Stillwell  
Fred & Donna Tennant  
Don & Kayla Welborn  
Wyatt Family

### Other Concerns

Canterbury Classical School  
Haylee Anderson  
Pat & Barbara Bailey  
Joan Cook  
Mac Cromartie  
Rick & Debbie Durham  
Sandy Debruhl  
Maria Fire  
Elijah Frisby  
Gaye Garner  
Colson Gropp  
Keith & Betty Sue Haywood  
Gayle Jenkins  
Linda Keeling

Jared McCanless  
Pat Millard  
Janet Mitchell  
Joe Morrison  
Myra & Alexis  
Takayla Pafford  
David Ray  
William Richardson  
Joella Rigsby  
Bill Rice  
Dan Robinson  
Donald & Kevin Robinson  
Lowell Schultz  
Phillip Taylor  
Karen Warren

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

May 07 Butch Stillwell  
May 14 Katha Tasios  
May 21 Bruce Farlow  
May 28 Glenn Jervis

*N*ow know I that the LORD saveth His  
anointed; He will hear him from His holy  
heaven with the saving strength of His right  
hand. — Psalm 20:6

### 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.

### May Birthdays

01 Mona Moore  
02 Kyleigh Shell  
05 Jan Hicks  
05 Fred Snedden  
13 Eric McKinney  
15 Rick Wynne  
16 Margaret Mattox  
17 Pauline Powell  
18 Dianna Wyatt  
21 John Buckner  
23 Judith Prather  
26 Lou Corbin  
27 Karla Gay  
28 Adam Nix



### May Anniversaries

10 Terry & Anita Smith  
11 Dan & Margaret Bradshaw  
27 Jason & Kelli Nix

*Happy Mother's Day!*