



From the Pastor...

Our world is changing.

Take artificial intelligence, or “AI”. It’s making the headlines as many of the developers and leaders of the technology industry come out warning of the potential dangers to the world as we know it that can arise if AI technology gets into the “wrong hands.” Artificial intelligence technology is growing exponentially, much faster than our ability to keep up with the advances and the implications. It’s the kind of stuff of movies like Terminator and The Matrix. But now that the technology has been invented that can emulate human intelligence, can learn on it’s own, and begin to “think” on it’s own, we know we are in a different world than we have been before.

Take Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon, or “UAPs”. The US Congress has held hearings with high-ranking officials of the US government who are attempting to address the growing interest in and need for awareness of unidentified objects that have been documented in the skies. Some say these are matters of grave national security, unknown technology from other nations. Others suggest something more “otherworldly” is behind these sightings. Without commenting on the validity of any such claims, it is increasingly clear that we are in a different world than we have been before.

Take the matter of human sexual identity. Just a few years ago, there were two genders (male and female) and two sexual orientations (straight or gay/lesbian). Now, the commonly used acronym LGBTQ has been replaced with LGBTQIP2SAA, which stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, intersex, pansexual, two-spirit (2S), androgynous and asexual. It is increasingly clear that we are in a different world than we have been before.

Take the matter of climate change. Whether natural or influenced by man, the world’s climate is changing and will continue to change. Whether there is anything we can do or should do to slow down this change, the evidence is clear that we are in a different world than we have been before.

The scripture says in a world of change, our Lord is constant. “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8) But what does that mean? It means that no matter what may be going on in our world, Jesus doesn’t change. His message doesn’t change. His essence doesn’t change. His Lordship doesn’t change. His fidelity to the human race and understanding of the human condition doesn’t change.

I believe our faith in Jesus’ Lordship will be challenged in the coming days in ways we cannot yet conceive. As our world changes rapidly around us, we will be more prone to worry, to fear, to distrust, to doubt, to respond with increasing uncertainty. But, I take heart that in every age and with every change we the Church of Jesus Christ have faced over the past 2000 years, Jesus has been there to guide his Church through the new terrain, to open doors for faith to spring up, to bring to our awareness a more full picture of the brokenness of our human condition and the need for the Savior of the Cosmos. The key will be to stay grounded in the Christ of the scriptures and lean upon the truth of our faith. It is, after all, increasingly clear that we are in a different world than we have been before, but it is God’s world, and always will be, and that will never change.

— Rendell

Church Workday June 3, 2023

Upcoming Dates

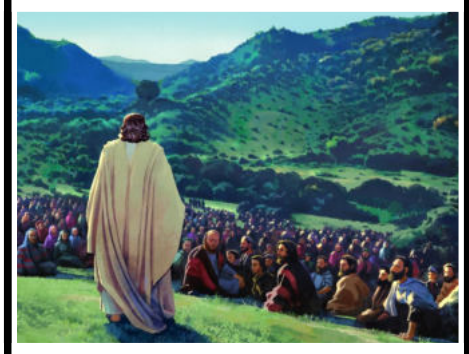
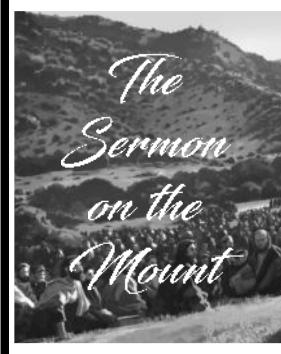
June 1, 2023 — Men's Prayer Breakfast

June 3, 2023 — Church Workday

June 6, 2023 — Final Tues Eve Bible Study

June 18, 2023 — Father's Day

July 2, 2023 — Church Cookout



New Message Series continues

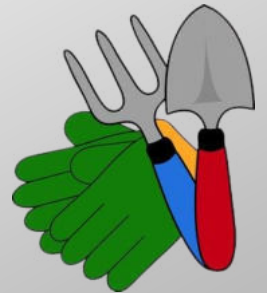
Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited! Meet with us on **Thursday, Jun 1** @ 7:30a @ Chick-fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.



Church Workday and Lunch

Come ready for a day of work and fellowship on **Saturday, June 3rd, 9:00am - 1:00pm**. Your help is needed in mulching and working around our facility and campus. Sign-up to help with weeding and mulching around our facility, along with some light work inside. If you are assisting outside and have these items, please bring a wheelbarrow, garden rake, mulch fork, and gloves. Lunch in The Hub will be provided! Sign-up in your Bible Study class to help and for lunch. Many hands make light work, so let's all pitch in!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jim & Barbara Burnett on the birth of grand baby twins, Jace and Avery, born 4/18 to their son and daughter-in-law, Zack and Caitlin.

Also to Jonathan & McKenzie Elkin in the birth of their new baby boy, Grant, born on 5/15.

Congratulations!

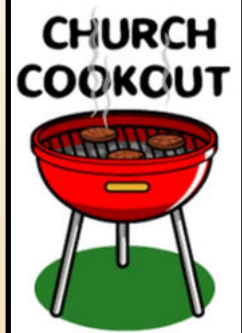
Congratulations to Amber Gay upon her graduation from NC State with a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Engineering with Environmental Concentration.



Independence Day Celebration Cookout

On **Sunday, July 2nd**, 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 Learning Center**.

Mark this on your calendar!



Connect with a Sunday Morning Bible Study Group

9:30—10:15am Each Sunday Morning

ADULTS

Young and Median Adults Class

Taught by Melody Bell and/or John & Jan Hicks

A discussion-based Bible study that focuses on life application geared toward younger adults and those who are young at heart. Our current study is the Gospel of John.

Room H-4 (off The Hub)

Ladies Journey Class

Taught by Pat Stillwell and/or Ginny Berrier

A mixture of Old and New Testament studies using the "Formations" quarterly series published by Smyth & Helwys. Ladies class.

Room LC-3 (off the Learning Center, downstairs)

Cornerstone Class

Taught by Dan Bradshaw

In-depth Bible Study that typically range 12-13 weeks utilizing Baptist Way Press study guides. Current study is Philippians.

Room LC-1 (off the Learning Center, downstairs)

Welborn Class

Taught by Dan Nix

Various studies with a focus on taking Bible passages verse-by-verse.

Room LC-2 (off the Learning Center, downstairs)

Farlow Class

Taught by Bruce Farlow

An in-depth Bible Study class with a combination of lecture and discussion. The current study is on the book of James.

Room LC-4 (off the Learning Center, downstairs)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Preschool "Kid Adventures" - Birth through Kindergarten

Room H-3 (off The Hub)

"Kid Adventures" - 1st through 5th grade

Taught by Kelly Hipps and Peggy Brown

Room H-2 (off The Hub)

Youth - 6th through 12th grade

Taught by Rendell Hipps

Room H-1 (off The Hub)



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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 brothers and sisters of Calvary:
Please let me express my most heartfelt appreciation for your surprise recognition of our 10 years of ministry together. During this time God has blessed us, encouraged us, grown us, and challenged us. Your most generous gifts and words of affirmation for Barbara and I both are just a continued extension of who and whose you are. It is my prayer that we as the family of Faith called Calvary will continue to follow Jesus and friend the world!
Agape',
Jim & Barb

Embrace Grace

Continue your prayers for this pro-love ministry to young soon-to-be moms in our community and for Kim and Katha as they lead it.



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www.calvarync.org/messages

June 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Deacon for June: James Gay 828-215-4212 Ushers for June: Gary Smallan James Gay				Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy		Church Workday 9am—1pm 
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4	5	Final Tuesday Evening Bible Study 5:30-7pm LC 6	6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal 7	8	2	3
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Father's Day 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 18	19	Deacon Meeting 2pm LC 20	6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal 21	22	23	24
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Calvary Prayer List

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

Mona Moore
 Mustafa Family
 Peggy Nichols
 Debbie Nix
 Harry Ponder
 Poteat Family
 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
 Penny Blaylock
 Joan Cook
 Mac Cromartie
 Rick & Debbie Durham
 Maria Fire
 Elijah Frisby
 Gaye Garner
 Colson Gropp
 Keith & Betty Sue Haywood

Dale Hinkley
 Gayle Jenkins
 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

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

Jun 04 Gary Smallan
 Jun 11 Margaret Morgan
 Jun 18 Butch Stillwell
 Jun 25 Katha Tasios

*F*rom the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised. — Psalm 113:3

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.

June Birthdays

01 Eric Elkin
 02 Annette Perkins
 04 Alan Candler
 04 David Shaw
 05 Doris Welch
 07 Butch Stillwell
 09 Daniel Dunn
 09 Teresa Kagley
 10 Skyleigh Poteat
 10 Lowell Hallman
 12 Fred Tennant
 13 Molena Poplin
 15 Amy McKinney
 17 Karen Bartlett
 17 Mark Poteat
 22 Debbie Smallan
 28 Jewell Wilson



June Anniversaries

01 Rendell & Kelly Hipps
 03 John & Jan Hicks
 16 Tom & Margaret Mattox
 27 Arthur & Katha Tasios
 28 Harry & Evelyn Ponder

Happy Father's Day!