



## From the Pastor...

I remember when I was in college at NC State, the large church I attended on the outskirts of downtown Raleigh had a security guard posted at the main entrance, dressed in clearly-identifiable security guard attire. I remember being a bit puzzled by it, and feeling uncomfortable by his presence. After all, isn't this a church? Isn't this a safe place? Aren't we supposed to trust God with our safety? Why hire a security guard? Of course, that was 30 years ago. And since then, many churches have worked hard to address the growing need for creative and effective ways to deal with issues surrounding safety and security.

Here at Calvary, in the times in which we live, we need to be intentional about doing our best to ensure that we provide a safe environment for all who gather on Sundays for Bible Study and worship. While we do not want to ever be fearful, we do need to be wise. And, so, with the leadership of Rick Green and others on our Leadership Team, we have a newly established "Security Team." You will see these volunteers around our facility on Sunday mornings, each wearing a "Security Team" badge to help identify who they are. We have also installed a new electronic door locking system on the Baker Street door that will eliminate the keyed lock and instead will utilize a badge/fob system for entry. If you have previously used a key to enter the Baker Street door, please contact our church office to receive a badge or fob.

Even so, Calvary continues to focus our efforts and energies primarily on being a church with open doors, open hearts, and open arms. We never want our needed concern for safety and security to in any way be an obstacle to entry, a roadblock to someone whom God sends our way. We can offer an added layer of emphasis on security without sacrificing our openness, our hospitality, our welcoming spirit. We can all work even harder to ensure that anyone God sends our way for worship is warmly greeted in the parking lot or at the front door, is shown the way to a Bible Study class or into our sanctuary for worship, is encouraged to share a little about themselves on our Connection Card, is warmly embraced by our loving church family, is made to feel right-at-home with us, is encouraged by their experience in the music and the message, and is invited to come back. We can all show the love of Christ that is so evident at Calvary as we welcome those guests God sends our way and ensure that we are all participating in helping them find a home at Calvary. It's all part of our mission of "Following Jesus. Friending the World."

— Rendell



Hello September

## Upcoming Dates

September 03, 2023 — New Message Series Begins

September 07, 2023 — Men's Prayer Breakfast

September 11, 2023 — Leadership Team Meeting

September 19, 2023 — Deacons Meeting

September 25, 2023 — CrossPoints Deadline

## Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast

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



STARTING  
RIGHT  
FINISHING  
WELL

New message series  
begins September 3rd

TIMELY GUIDANCE FOR THE JOURNEY OF FAITH — A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF 1 THESSALONIANS

New  
Message  
Series

## New Online Directory

Instant Church Directory, Calvary's new online directory, went live in August. With our new directory, we can match names with faces, share pictures of our group events, and build memories for years to come. By now you should have received, or will soon receive, an email from the church office which includes a guide on how to access the directory and how to use all the wonderful features. Uploading your family or individual picture is an easy process and we can't wait to see your smiling faces start to brighten the pages. If you would prefer to have your picture taken, we will hold picture day on Sunday, September 10 immediately following our worship service.

If you are having any problems setting up your personal account and personal password, or issues with uploading your family or individual picture, please contact the church office or Katha Tasios (828-279-933, [kathat@outlook.com](mailto:kathat@outlook.com)), or Kim Poteat (828-275-1677, [poteatmk@protonmail.com](mailto:poteatmk@protonmail.com)).



## Embrace Grace

The new semester of Embrace Grace started in August and will run through November. We are continuing to form relationships with our local high schools and area churches so they can make referrals to our ministry here at Calvary, if they meet a young single woman who finds herself in an unexpected pregnancy. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

In the waiting, we are being prepared.



## Operation Christmas Child

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 28th, 2023**. That is the day for our annual Operation Christmas Child Packing Party. Last year, we packed 300 boxes and we would like to repeat that number again this year. If you have not already purchased shoebox items, please do so now and bring them to the church. We need to have items ready to fill the boxes. The activity will be in the old choir room area. We have been gathering items all year round but we still need the following to make the boxes complete: crayons, pencil sharpeners, bars of soap, toothbrushes, combs, shirts or other small items of clothing, paper and especially: toys and stuffed animals. Children receiving the boxes range in age from 2 to 14.



A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Sanctuary. We will have two shifts: 10 AM to 12 PM and 1PM to 3PM. You can sign up for either or both times. If unable to attend but still want to participate, donations are appreciated.

## New Key FOB System

### Baker Street Side Door

We have installed a new key FOB system on the Baker Street door. If you have a key to the Baker St. entrance, it will no longer work on that door. We have pre-programmed FOBs for key-holders that we know of. If you need one, please call the office to request a key FOB. Thank you!

## 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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## 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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# 2023 September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Deacon for September:</b> Gary Smallan 828-275-0360  <b>Ushers for September:</b> Linda Farlow   Pat Stillwell					1	2
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship  <b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Embrace Grace 6:30-8:30pm The Hub	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	<b>7</b>  Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am <b>Chick-Fil-A</b> Smokey Park Hwy	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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### Calvary Prayer List

Alverta Bolick Home  
 Deacons & Leadership Team  
 Evelyn Boone  
 Betty Carter  
 Mary Ruth Duyck  
 Cami Green  
 Floyd & Donna Hilemon  
 Hipps Family  
 Neva Hancock  
 Sam Hocking  
 Les Little  
 Sarah McGinnis  
 Edith Middleton  
 Mustafa Family

Peggy Nichols  
 Debbie Nix  
 Harry Ponder  
 Jean Rice  
 Norman Rice  
 Barbara Roberts  
 Geana Rollins  
 Smith Family  
 Pat Stillwell  
 Don & Kayla Welborn  
 Wyatt Family

**Other Concerns**  
 Canterbury Classical School  
 Carter & Haylee Anderson  
 Pat & Barbara Bailey

Kim Brantley  
 Alan Candler  
 Joan Cook  
 Maria Fire  
 Elijah Frisby  
 Gaye Garner  
 Colson Gropp  
 Keith & Betty Sue Haywood  
 Gayle Jenkins  
 Pat Millard  
 Janet Mitchell  
 Milly Owenby  
 Chris Pafford  
 Myra Phipps  
 Lynn Queen

William Richardson  
 Joella Rigsby  
 Bill Rice  
 Sean Robinson  
 Donald & Kevin Robinson  
 Lowell Schultz  
 Tristan Sprinkle  
 Phillip Taylor  
 Suzanne Yount  
 Ukraine

**Our Military**  
 David Brown  
 Graham Tasios

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

Sep 03 Margaret Morgan  
 Sep 10 Butch Stillwell  
 Sep 17 Katha Tasios  
 Sep 24 Bruce Farlow

*B*efore the mountains were brought forth,  
 or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the  
 world, even from everlasting to everlasting,  
 thou art God. — Psalm 90:2

### **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.

### **September Birthdays**

01 Joyce Elliott  
 02 Daniel Nix  
 02 Debbie Nix  
 07 Kim Poteat  
 12 Jean Rice  
 13 Becky Boone  
 18 Arthur Tasios  
 19 Geana Rollins  
 25 Logan Messer  
 26 Evelyn Boone  
 29 Peggy Brown  
 30 Jean Reynolds  
 30 McKenzie Elkin



### **September Anniversaries**

01 Matt & Callie Strickland  
 03 Bruce & Linda Farlow  
 05 Ian & Kim Moorrees  
 05 Gary & Debbie Smallan  
 12 Eric & Pam Elkin  
 16 Reggie & Lisa Sellers  
 17 Tim & Janet Nichols  
 19 Jack & Peggy Brown

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