



## From the Pastor...

I'm not big on "New Year's Resolutions," but sometimes, it's helpful to have some goals in mind, and what better time to articulate those goals than the start of a new year. So, as we as a church family enter into the year 2024, I'd like to lay out a few resolutions for Calvary in the coming year:

- 1) Let us resolve to keep our focus on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In all that we do – preaching, teaching, missions, living in community together, worship, witnessing – let's remember that the reason for our existence as a church is for the sake of the Good News of Jesus. We need to be intentional not to be distracted nor dissuaded from this, our mission.
- 2) Let us resolve to maintain a true spirit of unity in a year of social and political divide. Yes, 2024 is an election year, and the last presidential election resulted in significant divisions within many churches. No matter what happens in this election year, our focus on the Gospel will keep us unified even amidst our diversity.
- 3) Let us resolve to have open arms for all who seek Jesus. As we reach out with the Gospel, let us welcome into our church family those who are seeking the Lord, those who are seeking a church, those who need what God offers to them at Calvary. And let us do so without hesitation, without boundaries, without barriers, without a second thought.
- 4) Let us resolve to be engaged in hands-on ministry and missions. To that end, in the year 2024, we plan to offer a monthly hands-on missions/ministry opportunity for volunteers in the church to participate. As we extend the love of Christ to our community and beyond, we will be His hands and His feet in practical ways that meet the physical needs of those around us and beyond.
- 5) Let us resolve to grow as disciples of Jesus in sharing our faith. This will require us to be intentional about having faith conversations with co-workers, family, friends. It will require that we always be ready to share our faith in Christ with someone we meet. It will require that we invite others to know Christ. It will require that we be intentional about inviting people to Calvary so they can experience what being part of the family of God feels like. It will require us to be praying daily for God to open doors to us for these types of encounters with others.

There is a lot more we can do in the year 2024. But if we are faithful in these five things, I have a feeling everything else will fall right into place. Merry Christmas!

— Rendell

**Deacon Ordination Service - Jan 7, 2024**

## Upcoming Dates

1/4/24 — Men's Prayer Breakfast

1/7/24 — Deacon Ordination Service

1/8/24 — Leadership Team Meeting

1/16/24 — Deacons Meeting



### Deacon Ordination Service

On Sunday, January 7, our morning worship service will include the ordination of our newly-elected deacon, Amanda Smith-Dunn, who was nominated and has been elected to serve this church family as a deacon. The service will include the laying-on-of-hands by all ordained deacons and clergy. It will be a special time of setting Amanda apart for this instrumental role of servanthood in the body of Christ.

**Inclement Weather Announcements:**  
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 closing on TV or radio.**

## BEGINNING at the BEGINNING! Genesis

A ten-week message series on  
the first five chapters of Genesis

### New Message Series Begins January 14, 2024

In this message series, our pastor will help us take a close look at the first few chapters of Genesis to help us answer some age-old questions: where did we come from? why are we here? what does God want from us? Be sure to invite others to worship with us as we start off the year 2024 by "beginning with the Beginning!"

### The Ministry of Prayer

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)





## 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.



## Thank You!

Dear Calvary Friends,

Thank you for the card and treat bags you so graciously prepared for us. We had a good time sharing the many cards and we are enjoying the many goodies. Thank you for the many thoughtful things you do for us all during the year. A blessed Christmas and New year we wish for you!

Love,  
Don & Kayla Welborn

## Invitations are Yours to Give

Pick up a handful of our small "invitation cards" to invite someone to church. They are located on the Connection Table in the Sanctuary. You may choose to leave one with someone you meet throughout the week, and ask God to be at work in that little card to bring someone to church in order to hear the Good News of Jesus and be part of the worshipping and serving community of faith called Calvary.

## Clothing Giveaway

Calvary will be having a clothing giveaway in the Spring. We are collecting mens', women's, or children's clothing, shoes, accessories, etc. Clothes can be placed in Sunday School room H-4, located off The Hub. I can also pick up donations.

Contact Cindy Thornton @ 828-280-6682. Workdays will be announced soon for sorting clothes.

Thank you!  
Cindy Thornton



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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)



# Give Online

[www.calvarync.org/give](http://www.calvarync.org/give)

## 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

## LIVE Streaming of Calvary Worship

Each Sunday, our worship service is LIVE on Facebook @ 10:30. If you cannot attend in person, join us online!

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# 2024 January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 	1	2 	3	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am <b>Chick-Fil-A</b> Smokey Park Hwy	5	6 
7 <b>Deacon Ordination</b> 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	8	9	10 Canterbury School starts back Leadership Team 1 pm LC 6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	11	12	13
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### Calvary Prayer List

Alverta Bolick Home  
Deacons & Leadership Team  
Dan & Margaret Bradshaw  
Betty Carter  
Mary Ruth Duyck  
Cami Green  
Rick & Janie Green  
Floyd & Donna Hilemon  
Hipps Family  
Neva Hancock  
Sam Hocking  
Les Little  
McGinnis Family  
Edith Middleton

Mustafa Family  
Nichols Family  
Debbie Nix  
Jean Rice  
Pam Rice  
Barbara Roberts  
Geana Rollins  
Smith Family  
Gary & Debbie Smallan  
Pat Stillwell  
Don & Kayla Welborn  
Wyatt Family

### Other Concerns

Canterbury Classical School  
Michael Anderson

Robert Atwater  
Pat & Barbara Bailey  
Kim Brantley  
Alan Candler  
Evelyn Carter  
Joan Cook  
Libba Feichter  
Maria Fire  
Colson Gropp  
Kimberly Hanna  
Keith & Betty Sue Haywood  
Gayle Jenkins  
Travis Messer  
Pat Millard  
Sue Morgan

Chris Pafford  
Lynn Queen  
David Ray  
William Richardson  
Joella Rigsby  
Bill Rice  
Sean Robinson  
Donald & Kevin Robinson  
Pam Sprinkle  
Tristan Sprinkle  
Anna Shelley  
Phillip Taylor  
Suzanne Yount  
Israel

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

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

*B*e strong and take heart, all you who  
hope in the LORD.  
— Psalm 31:24

### 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.

### January Birthdays

01 Amanda Dunn  
07 Don Welborn  
20 Eddie Wyatt  
22 Brent Farlow  
26 Jaycob Matthew Shell

### January Anniversaries

20 Gary & Kathy Rhodes

HELLO  
January

Happy New Year