

# From the Pastor...

One of the most radical teachings of Jesus is what Jesus teaches us about those we would call our enemies. Jesus says in Matthew 5:43: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." In Luke 6:28, he says: "Pray for those who abuse you."

I suppose what Jesus is teaching is that where might and strength and fighting and cursing fail, love and prayer win. The weapons of men always result in more fighting, more enemies, more brokenness. But the way of Jesus, love and prayer, offer the hope of transformation that brings reconciliation and peace.

I don't know all that there is to know about the wars going on in Ukraine and Russia, but followers of Jesus are to pray for our enemies. I don't know all that there is to know about the war between Hamas and Israel, but followers of Jesus are to pray for our enemies. I don't know why politics in America is so divided and oppositional, but followers of Jesus are to pray for our enemies. I don't know how exactly it is supposed to help solve so many of the problems of the world, but followers of Jesus are to pray for our enemies.

Of course, it is exactly what Jesus did as he was dying on the cross... "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

Church, let's bear witness to the teachings of Jesus in this one regard, and let's start more earnestly than ever to follow Jesus by "praying for our enemies," no matter who they are.

Rendell

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- Jesus, Matthew 5

# Upcoming Dates

6/06/24 — Men's Prayer Breakfast

6/11/24 — Deacon's Meeting

6/12/24 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

6/15/24 — Water for West Asheville Missions Opportunity

6/16/24 — Father's Day

6/19/24 — Leadership Team Meeting

6/22/24 — Women's Tea

6/30/24 — Independence Day Celebration Cookout

## **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.

# Women's Tea/Brunch

"Daughters of God: Our Worth in Spreading the Gospel"
Saturday, June 22, 10am until Noon - The Learning Center

This year we are blessed to have a guest speaker for our "Daughters of God" event. Ruby Fulbright will share with us her journey of faith and encourage us as Christ followers. She will help us to realize the worth we carry as women in spreading the gospel. Bring your favorite brunch food

to share with your sisters. To our sisters who love to decorate, you will have an opportunity to showcase your talents by decorating a table to reflect a spring garden tea party. Let Katha, Linda, Kim, or Amanda know you would like to participate in decorating a table. We are looking forward to this time together as sisters in Christ.



Ruby Fulbright lives in Newton, North Carolina, with her husband Reverend Ellis Fulbright. Ruby is a mother of three, and a grandmother of six. Ruby received her seminary education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville, Kentucky. She served for 10 years as the Executive Director/Treasurer for Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina after serving for three years as its president. Ruby has served extensively in Kingdom work over the years. She served as Missionary to Zambia, Africa, Foreign Mission Board, SBC, for 12 years. Ruby has served as Mission Volunteer in places, such as, Brazil, East and South Africa, and Alaska. Ruby also served in Ohio and West

Virginia. Ruby will empower us to understand our role and worth as women in spreading the good news of Christ and His redemptive plan for our community and our world.

Come join your sisters as we have a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and worship.



# **New Message Series**

In June, our pastor begins a new message series entitled "When Jesus Prayed." Over six weeks, these messages will call us to hear the prayers of Jesus and learn not only how He prayed, but how we can apply His prayers in our own lives and our own prayer lives.

# Water for West Asheville

# June Hands-On Missions Opportunity

On Saturday evening, June 15, we will be giving out bottled water on Haywood Road to all who pass by the front of Calvary. We will have one-hour shifts from 5:00-9:00pm and would like four folks each hour. If you would like to volunteer, please sign-up on the Connection Table in the sanctuary, or call/email Angela in the church office. It's another way of "Following Jesus and Friending the World!"

# Independence Day Celebration Cookout

On **Sunday, June 30**, 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!



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### Thank You!

Dear Church Family:

Thank you for all your cards and prayers during Gary's recent health issues. We greatly appreciate all the thoughtfulness and encouragement from our church family.

Love, Gary & Kathy Rhodes



# 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



# Give Online www.calvarync.org/give

# Ladies' Monthly Prayer Breakfast

All ladies are invited! Meet with us on **Wed, Jun 12** @ 7:30a @ Chick-fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.



## Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited! Meet with us on **Thurs, Jun 6** @ 7:30a @ Chick-fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.



# 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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# June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Deacon for June: Amanda Dunn 828-808-0531 Ushers for June: Linda Farlow and Am	anda Dunn					4
9:20 Prayer 2 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	3	4	5 6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am <b>Chick-Fil-A</b> Smokey Park Hwy	7	8
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Father's Day 16 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	CrossPoints 17 Deadline	18	Leadership Team 1 pm LC 6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	20	21	Women's Tea 22 10a-Noon
9:20 Prayer 23 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	24	25	6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	27	28	29
Church Cookout 30 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship						

Calvary Prayer List Alverta Bolick Home

Deacons & Leadership Team Jean Rice

Robbie Anderson

Dan & Margaret Bradshaw

**Betty Carter** Mary Ruth Duyck Cami Green

Rick & Janie Green

Floyd & Donna Hilemon

Neva Hancock Sam Hocking McGinnis Family **Edith Middleton** Mustafa Family

Nichols Family Debbie Nix Pam Rice Barbara Roberts Geana Rollins

Lin Dawn Shaw Smith Family Smallan Family

Pat Stillwell Don & Kayla Welborn

Wyatt Family Other Concerns

Canterbury Classical School

Robert Atwater

Pat & Barbara Bailey Kim Brantley

Margie Browning **Evelyn Carter** 

Joan Cook Libba Feichter

Maria Fire Elijah Frisby

Shirley Gay **Nick Givens** 

Kimberly Hanna Keith & Betty Sue Haywood

**Gayle Jenkins** Pat Millard Sue Morgan

Chris Pafford Lynn Queen Brenda Reese William Richardson

Joella Rigsby Bill Rice

Sean Robinson Donald & Kevin Robinson

Anna Shellev Robert Shelton Jerry Sprinkle Pam Sprinkle Phillip Taylor Tammy Tweed Deb Welborn

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

Jun 02 Butch Stillwell

Jun 09 Katha Tasios Jun 16 Bruce Farlow

Jun 23 Glenn Jervis Jun 30 Pat Stillwell

come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. -- Psalm 95:1

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.

## **June Birthdays**

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



## **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!