

# CrossPoints

Monthly Newsletter

July 2024



## From the Pastor...

You may have heard that at the June 2024 annual convention of the SBC, the largest Protestant denomination in America, the issue of the role of women in the church was front and center. About 62 percent (just shy of the 66 percent required to amend the constitution) of the delegates of the convention voted in favor of the amendment, which, had it passed, would have added a qualification to the SBC Constitution that churches in friendly cooperation affirm, appoint or employ “only men as any kind of pastor or elder as qualified by Scripture.” Notice, it says “any kind.”

There is much that ought to be said in regard to this move. While Calvary Church is not affiliated with any particular denomination, what happens within the larger context of conservative Christian witness is still important to us as we seek to understand the biblical and theological principles which guide our own unique expression of our Christian faith as Calvary Church.

In regards to the issue of the role of women in the church, while there is little room here for the level of conversation that is needed, I'll point out a few guiding biblical and theological principles that are foundational to Calvary Church's full affirmation of devoted Christian women and men whom God calls to any and all roles in the church.

1. There is ample evidence in both the Old and New Testaments that, while the culture of the Bible was almost exclusively patriarchal, the Bible names many women who exercised roles that went beyond the norm. Deborah, Hannah, and Huldah are OT examples. Junia, Phoebe, Chloe, Priscilla, Lydia, Euodia, and Syntyche: these women in the NT all in some way assumed roles that challenge the idea that women are unequivocally excluded from Gospel ministry in the church.
2. In the New Testament, we are told that with the coming of the Gospel of Jesus, God poured out his Spirit on “both men and women” and that “both men and women will prophesy.” (Acts 2) To “prophesy” was to proclaim God's message, which is essentially what it means to “preach.”
3. In the Gospels, Jesus seems to break down long-standing barriers when it comes to his interaction with women, which could be viewed as a precedent not only for their equality when it comes to access to the Gospel message but also to equality with men in every regard when it comes to matters of faith. And Paul would write in Galatians 3 that “there is neither male nor female” when it comes to the Gospel. All of this is reinforced when the women leave the empty tomb to become the first evangelists, the first to share the Good News of His resurrection.
4. While there are a select number of scripture passages in Paul's letters that would seem to prohibit women from filling certain roles in the church (I Timothy 2 and 3), there is also the problem of how we should treat the passage Paul writes in I Corinthians 14 in which he says that women should be silent in “all the churches” and if they have a question, they should not speak in church, but should wait to talk to their husbands at home. If a person is going to be consistent in applying the plain meaning of Paul's instructions to all churches throughout all of time, then the only logical and consistent next step for those who interpret scripture to mandate exclusion of women from being deacons or pastors is to take Paul at his word and furthermore mandate that women be silent in church. Is that what is next?

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**July Missions Opportunity - July 23, 2024**

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Affirming women in ministry is not about “feminism.” The issue should not be manipulated by those with a humanly-defined feminist political or social agenda that throws the door open wide to a more broad progressive agenda, and shame on those who would do so. This is about the Gospel, and about who God may choose to call in whatever capacity God chooses to call to serve His Bride, the Church. This is about who we think God is, and how we think God acts... and also about who we think we are. This is about the church’s witness to the world of a God who either does or doesn’t call women and men of His own will and choosing. This is about how we understand who God in Christ is. And when all the biblical and theological argumentation has been worked through and through, it seems to me that we don’t need to be worried too much about women who earnestly and authentically desire to serve Christ in His church in whatever role He chooses to call them to. I think the thing to be more concerned about is the Church’s witness to the world. God help us.

— Rendell

## Men’s Monthly Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited! Meet with us on **Thurs, Jul 11** @ 7:30a @ Chick-fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.

(Note 2nd Thursday due to July 4th holiday)



## Ladies’ Monthly Prayer Breakfast

All ladies are invited! Meet with us on **Wed, Jul 17** @ 8:30a @ Chick-fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.

(Note New time: 8:30am)



## Thank You!

Dear Calvary Family:

As I sit here with my thoughts, you are on my mind. I thank you so much for the prayers, cards, food, phone calls, visits and thoughts of wellness during my knee replacement recovery. No wonder I love my Calvary Family so much!

Bless you ALL,  
Pam & Norman Rice

*Thank you!*

## Men’s Hot Dog & Cornhole Night

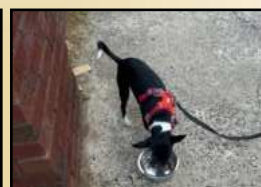
The men of Calvary enjoyed a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun. We discovered that it's a lot easier to eat a couple of hot dogs than it is to score at cornhole! Looking forward to our next event!





## June Hands-On Missions - Water for West Asheville

Over 100 bottles of cold water given in the name of Christ!



## July Hands-On Missions Opportunity

On Tuesday evening, July 23, we will cook and serve the evening meal at ABCCM's Transformation Village. Three or four volunteers will need to arrive at around 3:30pm to prep and cook the meal. Food service begins at 6pm, so even if you cannot help with meal prep, you can help us serve by being on-site at 5:30pm. Sign-up at the Connection Table in the Sanctuary or by calling the church office.



## Community Event

### Totally Americana - Independence Day Concert

On **Thursday, July 4th**, *The Land of Sky Symphonic Orchestra* will be hosting a concert in **The Candler Center** from 7-8:45pm. This will leave enough time for anyone interested to go watch the fireworks downtown afterwards. The concert is free to the public.



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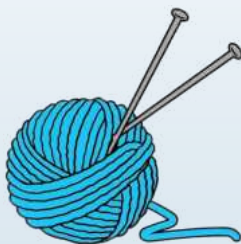
## May Hands-On Missions Opportunity

### Manna Food Bank



## Friday Crafters Ministry

Ministry takes many forms! We are a group of ladies who meet each Friday from 11-2 and make items for different organizations. We have both knitters and some who crochet. We



have made items for the following organizations: Afghans for Meals on Wheels, hats, washcloths, toys for Operation Christmas Child, chemo hats, prayer shawls and afghans for chemo centers, blankets & hats for various organizations. We also volunteer once a month at Hominy Comfort Makers to make pillows and quilts for various groups.

We would love to have you join us and help. We can teach you if you cannot knit or crochet. We meet in the Candler Center conference room. Please call Peggy Brown 828-254-0088 if you need more details. Ginny Berrier and Amanda Dunn are also a part of this group.

## Operation Christmas Child

Don't forget to look for items for shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse OCC. There is now a box outside of the Learning Center where items for shoeboxes can be placed.

Thank you!  
Tom Mattox



## 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	<b>Independence Day 4</b>  Independence Day Concert 7pm-8:45pm CC	5 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	6
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 7	8	9	Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:30am <b>Chick-Fil-A</b> Smokey Park Hwy 6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal 10	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am <b>Chick-Fil-A</b> Smokey Park Hwy 11	12 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	13
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9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 28	29	30	6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal 31		<b>Deacon for July:</b> Kim Poteat 828-275-1677 <b>Ushers for July:</b> Kim Poteat and Katha Tasios 	

### Calvary Prayer List

Alverta Bolick Home  
Deacons & Leadership Team  
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  
Jean Rice  
Pam Rice  
Barbara Roberts  
Geana Rollins  
Lin Dawn Shaw  
Smith Family  
Smallan Family  
Stillwell Family  
Don & Kayla Welborn  
Wyatt Family

### Other Concerns

Canterbury Classical School  
Robert Atwater

Pat & Barbara Bailey  
Kim Brantley  
Margaret Brown  
Margie Browning  
Evelyn Carter  
Breanna Chambers  
Joan Cook  
Libba Feichter  
Maria Fire  
Elijah Frisby  
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  
Robert Shelton  
Andrew Sprinkle  
Phillip Taylor  
Tammy Tweed  
Deb Welborn

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

Jul 07 Margaret Morgan  
Jul 14 Gary Smallan  
Jul 21 Butch Stillwell  
Jul 28 Katha Tasios

*Keep* me safe, O God, for in you I take  
refuge... Apart from you I have no good thing.  
-- Psalm 16:1-2

### 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.

### July Birthdays

07 Betty Carter  
12 Bobbie McMahan  
13 Amber Gay  
16 Sarah McGinnis  
19 Pam Rice  
22 Casey McMahan  
23 Diandra Farlow  
23 Maggie Nix  
24 Janet Nichols  
25 Janie Green  
28 Les Little



### July Anniversaries

12 Jim & Barbara Burnett  
27 Floyd & Donna Hilemon  
31 Fred & Margo Snedden

*Happy Independence Day!*