



From the Pastor...

I'm reminded of an episode on the Andy Griffith Show in which Andy, Opie, Aunt Bee, and Barney had been to church. Barney slept through the largest portion of the sermon (so glad that's none of you!), but that didn't stop him from enthusiastically shaking the preacher's hand on the way out of church and affirming him on his sermon -- of which Barney heard not a single word! Taking a wild stab in the dark at what the preacher must have preached about, Barney shook his hand with great vigor and said "That's what we all need to hear more about, sin!"

Well, the preacher hadn't preached about "sin." But Barney assumed it was a topic suitable for church, even one that "we all need to hear more about." Yet today, the word "sin" has fallen out of acceptance in many circles, even in some Christian circles, out of a desire not to offend or turn people away from church.

Of course, we can't read the Bible or the teachings of Jesus or the letters of Paul without coming face to face with the reality of sin both in the world and in our own lives. Sin is when we choose, knowingly or unknowingly, to act in ways that are in opposition to the desire of God for our lives and for the world. Sin is more than breaking a "law" of God (though that can be one part of sin); it is choosing differently than God wants us to choose. And here's what's odd about it: God allows us to do so.

Underneath this reality of sin in our lives and in our world is another reality that should not be lost on us if we think clearly about ourselves and about God: we can and do choose things God doesn't want us to choose. And this is a point I want to emphasize: While God is "sovereign" or as we say "in control" of the world, God has willfully limited His control at the point of human freedom. Think about that: God has willfully limited His control at the point of human freedom. In fact, the only way sin exists in the world is because God counted our freedom more important in His plan for His creation than He counted His sovereignty and control.

Sin is possible and real only because God granted us the freedom to choose against God. God doesn't micromanage His creation; God gives us an enormity of freedom to choose. God doesn't preordain everything that happens in our lives or in the world, as if He has wound up a top and put it spinning, making our lives and choices irrelevant in the course of human history. God decided long ago that God wanted us to have the ability to choose to honor God's guidance in our lives ("do not eat") or to choose to do the opposite of what God had said ("they took and ate of the tree of the garden").

So, Church, every day, we choose. We choose whether or not to honor God's desire for our lives and for our world in what we say and do. We choose how we will tackle the big problems we face in our families, in our communities, in our nation, in our world. We choose how we will cast our ballots in November and how we will respond to the outcome when all the votes are tallied. We choose how to invest our lives and what we will do with our days. We choose whether or not we will let Christ rule in our hearts through the Holy Spirit or whether other voices around us will take center stage. We choose.

So, choose well, church. Sin not, and choose well.

— Rendell

Thanksgiving - Nov 28, 2024

Upcoming Dates

11/02/24 — Daylight Savings Time Ends
11/05/24 — Election Day
11/07/24 — Men's Prayer Breakfast
11/12/24 — Deacon's Meeting
11/13/24 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
11/20/24 — Leadership Team Meeting
11/28/24 — Thanksgiving

Making Room for Disaster Recovery

Over the next few months, Calvary will be hosting a group of 30-40 Mennonites who are volunteers with The Fuller Foundation Disaster Rebuilds. They will be using The Learning Center for sleeping quarters, the Candler Center kitchen for meal preparation, and will likely park a shower trailer on-site for showers and laundry. We will be relocating our Bible Study classes to other spaces in the church while these men and women come to Asheville to help us rebuild. They will likely arrive in the next few weeks and will be here on our campus until just before Easter. Thank you for helping us "make room" for these volunteers who are coming in the name of Jesus.

Ministering After Helene

Pastor Rendell and Kelly walk Edwards Street in Swannanoa with Karla Gay. Karla is heading a massive project to help over 25 houses in this Beacon Village neighborhood to rebuild and recover.



Thanks to Cindy and Lennie Thornton for making the Clothes Giveaway a successful outreach to our community post-Helene.



In Memory of Don Welborn

Dear Calvary Family, it is with a very sad heart that we write about a legend lost. Rev. Donald Welborn, Calvary's Music Minister for over 43 years, is gone, but not ever forgotten. Don was 87 years old. He hailed from Oak Hill, WV. Before we got him, he joined the Air Force as the conductor of the US Air Force Chorus at the Strategic Air Command Headquarters, Omaha, NB. He came to Calvary in 1969 and so it began. Rev. Don and his beautiful wife Kayla were involved in over 40 ministries during their time at Calvary. Don's favorite was the nursing home ministry — singing and teaching his much loved passion, music. He gave all he had to give to Calvary and always with a big smile. Please remember Kayla, Donald Burton, and Emily in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Reverend Don.



2025 Deacons & Leadership Team Nominations

Please be in prayer for persons to serve on the Deacon Board and Leadership Team in 2025. We are accepting nominations through **November 17**, and plan for the election process to take place on the second Sunday of December. Please ask the persons you prayerfully have chosen to be sure they are willing and able to serve before submitting their names for nomination.



Baptism

Celebrating the baptism of Nevaeh James, our new member. Nevaeh was baptized on September 1. We are excited to see another soul testify of their faith outwardly.

Congratulations!!!



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Worship Leader Call is Paused

Due to the multifaceted effects of the storm on Asheville, we have put a "pause" on our call of Daniel Hill as our new worship pastor. This has been a mutual decision, as we recognize that a move to Asheville at this time for Daniel's family would be difficult, and as we, the Calvary family, chart our course forward over the next few months. Our current worship team will continue to lead us in the months ahead as we seek the Lord's direction forward.



Operation Christmas Child

We have 14 slots to go to the Charlotte OCC Processing Center on **Friday, Dec 6** from **3-7pm**. There is a sign-up sheet on the Connection table. Please sign up with your name and email if you would like to go. Our Shoebox Packing Party will be **Saturday, November 9**, 10:00 - 2:00 and will include lunch for all who volunteer. Thank you!

Margaret & Tom Mattox



Project Uplift

Project Uplift is in the works and you should start seeing activity beginning and work being started sometime this Fall.



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 November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Deacon for November: James Gay 828-215-4212 Ushers for November: James Gay and Gary Smallan 		29	30	31	Friday Crafters 11a-2p 1 	2
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 3	4	<u>Election Day</u> 5	6	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy 7 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	Friday Crafters 11a-2p 8	9 
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9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 24	25	26	27	<u>Thanksgiving</u> 28 	29	30 

Calvary Prayer List

Alverta Bolick Home
Deacons & Leadership Team
Robbie Anderson
Margaret Bradshaw
Betty Carter
Jennie Dalton
Amanda Dunn
Mary Ruth Duyck
Linda Farlow
Green Family
Floyd & Donna Hilemon
Neva Hancock
Sam Hocking
Mark McKinney
McGinnis Family
Edith Middleton

Mustafa Family
Nichols Family
Debbie Nix
Annette Perkins
Poteat Family
Gary Rhodes
Jean Rice
Frank Richardson
Barbara Roberts
Geana Rollins
Lin Dawn Shaw
Smith Family
Smallan Family
Pat Stillwell
Kayla Welborn
Wyatt Family

Other Concerns

Canterbury Classical School
Robert Atwater
Mike Baker
Kim Brantley
Margaret Brown
Evelyn Carter
Breanna Chambers
Brian Comer
Joan Cook
Elijah Frisby
Nick Givens
Kimberly Hanna
Keith & Betty Sue Haywood
Gayle Jenkins
Pat Millard
Jamie Miller

Sue Morgan
Chris Pafford
Lynn Queen
Brenda Reese
William Richardson
Joella Rigsby
Bill Rice
Sean Robinson
Donald & Kevin Robinson
Lowell Schultz
Robert Shelton
Bob Snedden
Andrew Sprinkle
Phillip Taylor
Tammy Tweed
Deb Welborn

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

Nov 03 Katha Tasios
Nov 10 Bruce Farlow
Nov 17 Glenn Jervis
Nov 24 Pat Stillwell



*S*urely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. — Psalm 23:6

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.

Nov Birthdays

01 Margaret Bradshaw
06 Rendell Hipps
06 Kayla Welborn
08 Terry Smith
09 Jim Burnett
09 Bruce Morgan
13 Leowyn Hilemon
13 Rick Kagley
14 Bruce Farlow
16 Roberta Petree
18 Peggy Nichols
21 Dan Bradshaw
21 Logan Rampey
23 Linda Ingle
24 Kelly Allen
25 Jack Brown

Hello
November



Nov Anniversaries

17 Butch & Pat Stillwell
24 Lowell & Gail Hallman



Happy Thanksgiving!