



From the Pastor...

It's better to have egg on your face than blood on your hands.

David was King of Israel. He was admired. He was revered. He was brave. He slayed Goliath, won the favor of the people, defeated his predecessor, Saul. According to the witness of the scriptures, he was chosen and anointed and blessed by God. But maybe you recall: David wasn't allowed to build the Temple of God. That's a big deal. He was denied the climactic consummation of his rule. He was not permitted to erect the ongoing memorial dedicated to the worship of the God he served. The reason? He had blood on his hands. He was a warring king. In I Chronicles 28:3, David, now late in years, rises before the people and explains: "I had it in my heart to build a house as a place of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, for the footstool of our God, and I made plans to build it. But God said to me, 'You are not to build a house for my Name, because you are a warrior and have shed blood.'"

It seems odd (and maybe even confusing) that God would deny David the honor of building the temple. After all, David was the anointed ruler of Israel, the idealized King from whom the Messiah would come. He was indeed a warrior, and people loved him for it. He defeated their enemies. He conquered their lands. He protected their rights. He championed their cause and their religion.

But apparently, God is not in the end pleased with this warrior King's tactics: "You are a warrior and have shed blood." And that was not acceptable for the person who would build the temple of God.

Jesus teaches us something that doesn't go over well for those looking for a warrior king. Jesus teaches us to love our enemies, to pray for those who despise us, to turn the other cheek, to love our neighbor as ourselves. That doesn't sound like a warrior, does it? Or a king, does it?

And maybe even we Christians, maybe we are tempted to want a warrior-king like David instead of a shepherd-king like Jesus. And if that is us, we need to be keenly aware of the temptation. If that is us, we need to admit when we have placed our loyalties and trust and futures in the hands of those warriors whose tactics look nothing like the way of Jesus. If that is you and me and us, we need to admit "we are wrong." Sure, maybe it means we have some egg on our face. So be it. Because, in the end, it's better to have egg on your face than blood on your hands.

— Rendell

Baptism Service - February 2, 2025

Upcoming Dates

- 2/02/25 — Baptism Service
- 2/06/25 — Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 2/11/25 — Deacons' Meeting
- 2/12/25 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
- 2/19/25 — Leadership Team Meeting (10am)
- 3/05/25 — Ash Wednesday Service
- 3/11/25 — Tuesday Night Bible Study Begins

Baptism

Please join us for the baptism of Chevy Poteat on Sunday, Feb 2, 2025.



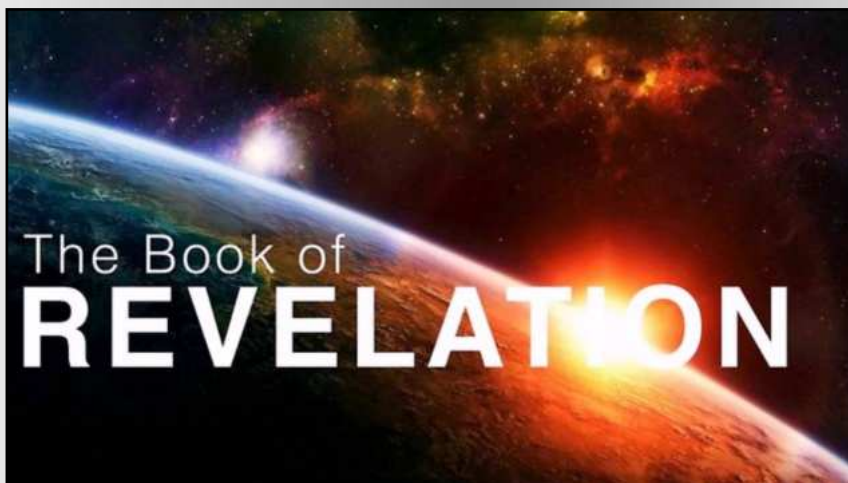
Current Message Series

Our pastor is currently preaching a message series entitled "Discover Your Destiny in Christ." During this series, we are taking an in-depth journey through the book of Ephesians to discover the amazing destiny that God has for all who are in Christ.



Tuesday Night Bible Study

On Tuesday evenings, beginning **March 11**, our pastor will be leading a six-week study on the Book of Revelation. In this brief study, we will dig deep to discover the real meaning of this confusing and often misunderstood book which holds some of the most glorious and encouraging messages in all of the Bible. The class will be held 6:00—7:00pm in The Hub. A light snack or desert item will be provided each week (sign-up to bring a snack or desert to share by contacting Katha.) You will be provided study materials that will help bring further understanding as we journey through this incredible book together.



Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast

Our February Men's Prayer Breakfast will be **Thursday, February 6**, @ 7:30am at the Salty Goat Grill in Leicester at 2772 New Leicester Hwy.



Ladies' Monthly Prayer Breakfast

All ladies are invited!
Meet with us on
Wed, Feb 12 @ 8:30a @
Chick-fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.



Ash Wednesday Service

On **Wednesday, March 5**, we will have an Ash Wednesday service at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

We will gather together to contemplate the love of God in Christ as we begin the season of Lent and the journey toward the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord.



Helene Disaster Rebuild Team

We are pleased to host the Mennonite brothers and sisters with the Weaverland Disaster Relief Mission Team from Upstate New York and Pennsylvania, part of The Fuller Center for Disaster Rebuilds, here on the Calvary campus.

They are working to rebuild areas around Asheville that were devastated during Hurricane Helene.



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.



Thank you!

Dear Calvary Family:

Thank you for the many wonderful and uplifting Christmas cards, prayers and the Christmas gift package chock full of treats. A special thank you to my friend Gary Smallan for sharing time with me. I am so thankful and humbled by the visit of the Christmas caroling friends from church and to Pastor Rendell & Kelly for the joy of being part of church. My recovery is going well, it is a matter of time and patience knowing that our LORD provides in HIS time and in HIS way.

May our LORD's gifts of love, peace and joy carry us through each day.

Blessings,
Frank Richardson

New Member!

Please welcome our newest member:

David Fisher



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Thank You!

Dear Calvary Friends,

Thank you for all the beautiful cards and well-wishes you sent me. I am enjoying the treats you sent. Sending my prayers and best wishes for the New Year.

Love,
Kayla Welborn

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers! Knowing that my Calvary family is thoughtful and prayerful as I navigate my mother's loss, means more than you realize.

Much Love,
Dianna & Eddie Wyatt

Inclement Weather Announcements:

In the event of church closing or cancellation of worship services due to inclement weather, check our website (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.

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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Services are posted on our website on Sunday afternoons.
www.calvarync.org/messages

2025 February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
Deacon for February: Gary Smallan 828-275-0360 Ushers for February: Gary Smallan and James Gay		28 	29	30	31	1		
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Baptism Service	2	3	4	5	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am The Salty Goat Leicester Hwy	6	7	8
			6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal			Friday Crafters 11a-2p		
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Calvary Prayer List

Alverta Bolick Home
Deacons & Leadership Team
Karen Bartlett
Betty Carter
Jennie Dalton
Mary Ruth Duyck
Linda Farlow
Floyd & Donna Hilemon
Neva Hancock
Sam Hocking
Diane Jervis
Les Little
Margaret Mattox
Mark McKinney
Sarah McGinnis
Edith Middleton

Mustafa Family
Debbie Nix
Annette Perkins
Poteat Family
Jean Rice
Pam Rice
Frank Richardson
Barbara Roberts
Geana Rollins
Smallan Family
Pat Stillwell
Kayla Welborn
Jewell Wilson
Wyatt Family
Other Concerns
Canterbury Classical School
Robert Atwater

Mike Baker
Kim Brantley
Margaret Brown
Evelyn Carter
Breanna Chambers
Joan Cook
Elijah Frisby
Nick Givens
Cami Green
Colson Gropp
Kimberly Hanna
Keith & Betty Sue Haywood
Gayle Jenkins
Pat Millard
Jamie Miller
Sue Morgan
Chris Pafford

Lynn Queen
William Richardson
Bill Rice
Sean Robinson
Donald & Kevin Robinson
Robert Shelton
Bob Snedden
Phillip Taylor
Tammy Tweed
Deb Welborn

Our Military
Graham Tasios

Our Front Line
Asheville Fire & Rescue
Asheville & Buncombe Co. Law

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

Feb 02 Katha Tasios
Feb 09 Margaret Morgan
Feb 16 Bruce Farlow
Feb 23 Butch Stillwell

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. . - Psalm 34:1

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.

Feb Birthdays

- 1 Oliver Nix
- 1 Angela Nulph
- 5 Donna Tennant
- 7 Elaine Easter
- 11 Gary Rhodes
- 12 Lin Berrier
- 14 Pat Stillwell
- 15 Margaret Morgan
- 16 Rick Green
- 19 Floyd Hilemon
- 20 Timothy Elkin
- 23 Neva Hancock
- 24 Kelly Hipps



Feb Anniversaries

- 3 Eddie & Dianna Wyatt

Happy Valentine's Day!