



## From the Pastor...

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” (John 20:29) Jesus spoke these words just a week after His resurrection to a disciple named Thomas, the one who was missing from the room where the disciples were gathered a week before when Jesus appeared to them after His resurrection. It was “the first day of the week,” or Sunday, when the Lord was raised. And for a whole week, Thomas dealt with the uncertainty of knowing if what the other disciples had told him was true. A whole week. But now, it’s the next Sunday, and the disciples are gathered together again, and Thomas is with them this time. And Jesus appears again.

A whole week. Think about all that must have gone through Thomas’ mind during that week. Think of how the disciples who had seen the Lord must have tried their best to convince him that what they were saying was true. Think about the mental and emotional struggle Thomas went through, not sure what to believe, even unsure if he could trust the testimony of his closest friends who had traveled with Jesus like a band of brothers. Think of his grief over the death of Jesus, now compounded by the anxiety of uncertainty. A whole week to grapple with what to believe.

In some ways, some of us, if not all of us, grapple with what to believe for weeks, maybe months, maybe years. For some, faith is easy. For others, faith is hard. It’s hard to know what to believe. And for some -- maybe members of your family or people you work with or those you meet in your day-to-day or even you yourself -- for some, faith in that which we cannot see is almost a bridge too far.

And Jesus knows that. Jesus knows it will take us stretching our faith to believe what we have not seen. He tells Thomas as much: “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” The word “yet” is the operative word. I have not seen, and yet I believe. You have not seen, and yet you believe. And it’s been much longer than a week. It’s now been almost 2000 years.

But we know that one day, our faith will end in sight. The words of the hymn “It is Well” echo the reality of faith without seeing: “And Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight.” One day, every eye will see Him, yours and mine included. And in the meantime, we believe what we cannot see.

Oh, yes, it’s been a long week. But, church, Sunday’s coming. And you can believe it.

— Rendell

**Easter Breakfast - April 20, 2025 @ 9:30**

## Upcoming Dates

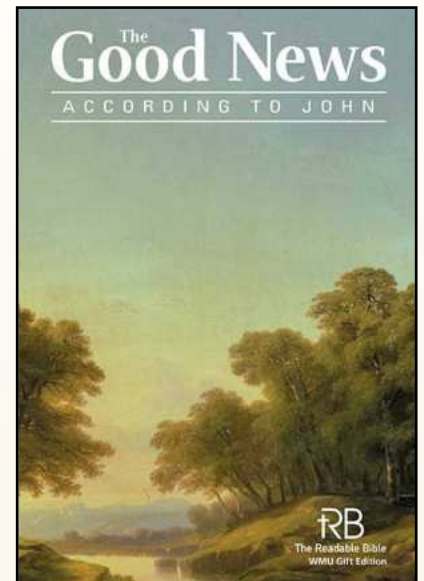
4/03/25 — Men's Prayer Breakfast  
4/08/25 — Deacons' Meeting  
4/09/25 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast  
4/15/25 — Tuesday Night Bible Study Ends  
4/16/25 — Leadership Team Meeting (10am)  
4/20/25 — Easter Breakfast

## Prayer Team

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

## A "Good News" Gift for Easter

Putting the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus into someone's hands is an act of faith that can change more than one life. You are encouraged to bless someone you know and love with a gift edition of the Gospel of John in the Readable Bible translation provided by the WMU. This special edition of the Gospel of John in the Readable Bible translation is easy to read and easy to share with friends, family members, neighbors, acquaintances, and colleagues. Please pick-up one or more copies and give a copy to someone you know who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus. The first page in this gift edition provides a place for you to write who the gift is from, your contact information, and Calvary Church's name and address. You are encouraged by the WMU to present this gift to someone using the following three sentences: "Easter is almost here. I got you this gift edition of the Good News according to John. It tells you the whole story." And be sure to finish the conversation or follow-up later with an invitation to Easter here at Calvary Church. Pick-up your copy/ copies today and begin praying about who you will give this invitation.



## Operation Christmas Child

Just a note to remind you it is not too early to begin thinking about Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. You can begin looking for anything a boy or girl from 2-14 might like. Keep your eyes open for sales and if you see a good sale, let others know. Good hunting and God bless you in your hunt! - Margaret & Tom Mattox



## Monthly Hands - On Missions Opportunity

In April, we are collecting the following items for the Western Carolina Rescue Ministries. Please bring these items to the collection box in The Hub by end of April.

Pine Sol, dishwashing liquid and Dawn dish soap, hand soap, push brooms, cans of Lysol, laundry detergent, Lysol spray, stainless steel cleaner, commercial oven/grill/fryer cleaner for kitchen, shower curtains.



## Easter Lilies

With your help, this **Easter Sunday, April 20**, we will decorate our sanctuary with the beauty of Easter Lilies. You can purchase one or more Easter Lilies either in honor or in memory of someone. Please complete the form available at church and include a donation of \$20 per lily, writing "Easter Lilies" in the memo if using a check. Or, call the church office if you are not able to attend church and would like to participate. All information is due by **Sunday, April 6**.

A circular graphic with a yellow border containing the text "Easter Lilies" in a cursive font. It features two yellow lilies at the top and one pink lily on the right side.

*Easter  
Lilies*

## Easter Breakfast

On **Easter Sunday, April 20**, we will have a church-wide breakfast beginning at 9:30 and ending at 10:15 in The Hub. Sign-up to bring a breakfast item in your Bible Study class or by contacting Katha Tasios. Biscuits, gravy, sausage and beverages will be provided, along with coffee. **Bring something sweet or savory to share.**



## 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.



## 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.

## Update on Project Uplift

With warm months ahead, we are preparing to start work on Project Uplift. We are currently finalizing bids and plans for the work of giving the Calvary Church front facade a much needed "uplift" -- a project which was approved by the church last year. The funding for this project is now in place and we anticipate the work starting soon. Our prayer is that this "uplift" to the church building will bring some needed repairs, preserve the building for years to come, and help us as we create an inviting and welcoming space for those whom God is sending our way as we seek to be "Following Jesus. Friending the World."



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## Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast will be **Thursday, April 3 @ 7:30am** at the Salty Goat Grill in Leicester - 2772 New Leicester Hwy.



*Give  
Online*

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

## Ladies' Monthly Prayer Breakfast

All ladies are invited!  
Meet with us on **Wed, April 9 @ 8:30a**  
@ 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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Services are posted on our website on Sunday afternoons.  
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# 2025 April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY				
<b>Deacon for April:</b> Katha Tasios 828-279-3933  <b>Deacon Greeters for April:</b> Katha Tasios and Kim Poteat		1	2	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am <b>The Salty Goat</b> Leicester Hwy	3	Friday Crafters 11a-2p	4	5		
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	6	7	Deacon Meeting 4pm The Hub <b>Revelation</b> Bible Study 6pm-7pm The Hub	8	Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:30am <b>Chick-Fil-A</b> Smokey Park Hwy 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	9	10	Friday Crafters 11a-2p	11	12
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<b>Easter Breakfast</b> 9:30 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Worship	20	CrossPoints Deadline	21	22	23	24	Friday Crafters 11a-2p	25	26	
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**Calvary Prayer List**

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

Debbie Nix  
Poteat Family  
Jean Rice  
Pam Rice  
Frank Richardson  
Kathy Rhodes  
Barbara Roberts  
Geana Rollins  
Smallan Family  
Pat Stillwell  
Kayla Welborn  
Jewell Wilson

**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  
Suzanne Wilson  
Linda Worley

**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)**

Apr 06 Butch Stillwell  
Apr 13 Gary Smallan  
Apr 20 Glenn Jervis  
Apr 27 Katha Tasios

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**ecause he loves me, says the Lord, I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. - Psalm 91:14**

**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.

**April Birthdays**

4 Madison Elkin  
5 Jennie Dalton  
11 Desiree Gamble  
13 Barbara Burnett  
16 Gail Hallman  
18 Lennie Thornton  
19 Katie Nix  
21 Harry Ponder  
29 Gary Smallan

*Hello April*

**April Anniversaries**

15 Lin & Ginny Berrier  
16 Rick & Janie Green

*Happy Easter!*