



From the Pastor...

“Pray for Ukraine.” I remember three years ago, February 24, 2022, the news of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Do you? I remember shortly thereafter the Christian Church’s response. Millions of Christians here in the United States came together to pray for Ukraine. Christian relief organizations responded with boots on the ground to care for the hurting, to provide supplies, to offer emotional support, to share the gospel of Jesus, to show solidarity with the brave and the innocent. You may remember that we at Calvary Church took up a collection which we sent to Christian churches in Ukraine by way of a Ukrainian church and its pastor just down the road in Arden. Signs filled the yards and street corners: “Pray for Ukraine.”

Now, it’s three years later. Most of us have all but forgotten to pray for Ukraine, who, as you remember, was part of the Soviet Union until 1991 when they began the hard-fought journey toward becoming a democracy, freed from the totalitarianism and communism of Russia, now their immediate next door neighbor, and an angry neighbor at that. Most of us have forgotten to pray for the people of Ukraine like we did three years ago. Or maybe our minds have changed, or our memory is short, or our politics is different. Maybe we see things differently now. Maybe we don’t have top of mind any longer the need for prayer when a vicious dictator of an oligarchical regime continues attacks that kill thousands upon thousands, all in the name of Nationalism. This war has, by all counts, been the worst war since WWII. It’s hard to know the numbers, but the costs of this war have been staggering. Entire cities in Ukraine lie in rubble. Over 10 million Ukrainians are displaced by the brutal war, many leaving the country, others struggling to exist where they are.

And on the other side, those fighting for Russia and its dictator, Putin, the losses are also staggering. With over \$300 billion spent, over 150,000 dead, and many struggling under the weight of the economic effects of the war.

Evil has many faces. Greed takes many forms. The corruptive effects of unchecked power always result in oppression, abuse, war, and death. It’s the old, old story that gets retold time and time again. In 2024, Putin won the election with over 88% of the popular vote, if that number is to be believed. The reasons he won are many and complicated, even nefarious. But what is absolutely clear is that Russia’s “president” is a cold-hearted tyrant who’s insatiable desire for power and prominence, both personally and nationally, has been a tool of great Evil. “By their fruit you will know them.”

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Ash Wednesday Service - March 5, 2025

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I remember encouraging our church to pray not just for Ukraine three years ago, but also to pray for Vladimir Putin... to pray for his heart to change, to pray for God to do a mighty work in him, to transform him, to shine the Light of God into his soul so that he would see the truth of Jesus Christ and would be forever changed. To be transparent, I've not been consistent in that regard over these past three years. I've not been daily praying for a mighty work of God in him in which he comes face to face with a true knowledge of Jesus Christ, the Jesus of the Bible. But I am now, and will be.

Our Lord taught us to pray "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." So let us again pray for Ukraine. And let us again pray for Vladimir Putin. And let us pray for all who have the power to either make war or make peace. Let us pray for all who are in power, for elected dictators and for unelected decision-makers. Let us pray for those who can wield the sword or who can instead choose to wash feet. Let us pray for men and women in high places in our land who's daily choices affect the lives and futures of millions, who's daily decisions can bring peace or war, who's mere words can change the trajectory of the world. Let us pray. And in our praying, we are doing what the Church is called to do as a first priority. "Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed by THY name, THY kingdom come, THY will be done..." And to quote the prayer of St. Francis... "Lord make me an instrument of thy peace, Where there is hatred let me sow love..."

— Rendell

Upcoming Dates

- 3/05/25 — Ash Wednesday Service
- 3/06/25 — Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 3/09/25 — Daylight Savings
- 3/11/25 — Deacons' Meeting
- 3/11/25 — Tuesday Night Bible Study Begins
- 3/12/25 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
- 3/15/25 — Abba's House Missions Op
- 3/19/25 — Leadership Team Meeting (10am)

New Members!

Please welcome our newest members,
Travis & Summer Messer, & Lucas.



Ash Wednesday Service

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

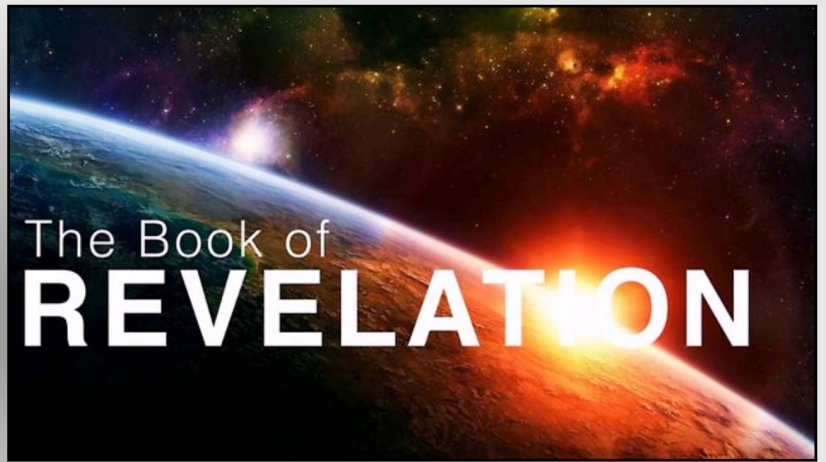
We will gather together to contemplate the love of God in Christ as we begin the season of Lent and the journey toward the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord.



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. **Childcare for K-6th grade will be provided in room H4 off The Hub. Youth are encouraged to attend the Bible Study time.**



Monthly Hands - On Missions Opportunity

On **Saturday, March 15**, we will be painting at Abba's House at the Western Carolina Rescue Ministries, 225 Patton Avenue in downtown Asheville. Meet at 8:30 at the main entrance. All need supplies and paint will be provided. We need 6-8 volunteers to clean and paint several rooms for these mothers and babies. We will work until noon. Please sign-up on the Connection Table. A great opportunity to be "hands-on" in being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community!



Thank you!

Dear Calvary Family:

We just learned that the following message never made it to Calvary and we apologize for the lateness of our thanks to all our friends. We wanted to thank the members of Calvary for the many expressions of your love and friendship shared with us on our last Sunday at Calvary as we prepared to move to our new home in Georgia. We are still settling into our new surroundings and have visited area churches to find the one that God is leading us to. We are currently attending First Baptist Church of Cumming and participating in several of the programs they offer. The presentation of our own shoeboxes meant a lot to us and we are enjoying the gifts they included. We are praying for each of you as you recover from the terrible storm that destroyed so much of Asheville and as we learn about your needs. Thanks to Rendell, the Deacons and the Leadership Team for all you do to serve the Lord through Calvary. Please continue to pray for us as we adjust to our new community. We are receiving the CrossPoints and thus keeping up with the happenings and members of Calvary.

We wish a Blessed New Year to each of you.

Blessings,
Dan & Margaret Bradshaw

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.



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Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast

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



Give Online

www.calvarync.org/give

Ladies' Monthly Prayer Breakfast

All ladies are invited!
Meet with us on **Wed, Mar 12 @ 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.
www.calvarync.org/messages

2025 March

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | | | | | | | | |
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| Deacon for March: Linda Farlow 828-772-1393 Ushers for March: Linda Farlow and Amanda Dunn | |  25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship | 2 | 3 | 4 | Ash Wednesday Service 5:30pm 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal | 5 | Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am The Salty Goat Leicester Hwy | 6 | Friday Crafters 11a-2p | 7 | Daylight Savings  | 8 | | | |
| 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship | 9 | 10 | Deacon Meeting 4pm The Hub Revelation Bible Study Starts 6pm-7pm The Hub | 11 | Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal | 12 | 13 | Friday Crafters 11a-2p | 14 | Abba's House Mission Opportunity 8:30a-Noon | 15 | | | |
| 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship | 16 | CrossPoints Deadline | 17 | 18 | Leadership Team 10am The Hub 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal | 19 | 1st Day of Spring | 20 | Friday Crafters 11a-2p | 21 | 22 | | | |
| 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | WELCOME SPRING!!  |

Calvary Prayer List

Alverta Bolick Home
 Deacons & Leadership Team
 Karen Bartlett
 John Buckner
 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
 Poteat Family
 Jean Rice
 Pam Rice
 Frank Richardson
 Kathy Rhodes
 Barbara Roberts
 Geana Rollins
 Smallan Family
 Pat Stillwell
 Kayla Welborn
 Jewell Wilson
 Wyatt Family
Other Concerns
 Canterbury Classical School

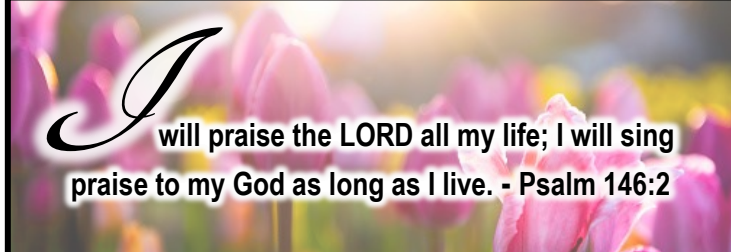
Robert Atwater
 Mike Baker
 Kim Brantley
 Margaret Brown
 Evelyn Carter
 Breanna Chambers
 Joan Cook
 Elijah Frisby
 Nick Givens
 Cami Green
 Colson Gropp
 Kimberly Hanna
 Keith & Betty Sue Haywood
 Gayle Jenkins
 Pat Millard
 Jamie Miller
 Sue Morgan

Chris Pafford
 Lynn Queen
 William Richardson
 Bill Rice
 Sean Robinson
 Donald & Kevin Robinson
 Robert Shelton
 Bob Snedden
 Phillip Taylor
 Tammy Tweed
 Deb Welborn
 Suzanne Wilson
 Linda Worley

Our Military
 Graham Tasios

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

Mar 02 Gary Smallan
 Mar 09 Glenn Jervis
 Mar 16 Katha Tasios
 Mar 23 Margaret Morgan
 Mar 30 Bruce Farlow



I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. - Psalm 146:2

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.

March Birthdays

- 1 Jared Gardener
- 3 Katha Tasios
- 4 Ian Moorrees
- 4 Zaiden Poteat
- 7 Evelyne Maney
- 7 Bill Poteat Jr
- 8 Donna Hilemon
- 16 Guy Sayles
- 17 Kim Hocking Moorrees
- 18 Melody Bell
- 29 Ginny Berrier
- 29 Cynthia Thornton
- 29 Laura Brinkley
- 30 Ray Easter

*Hello
 March*

March Anniversaries

- 2 Al & Cathy Nichols
- 3 Bruce & Margaret Morgan
- 15 Norman & Pam Rice
- 21 Rick & Teresa Kagley

Welcome Spring!