

CrossPoints

Monthly Newsletter

June 2025



From the Pastor...

A Gospel to Share

It's been called "The Great Commission." At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, as the eleven disciples of Jesus went to Galilee, there they met the Resurrected Jesus. Matthew says "When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted." Then, Jesus tells them that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to him, and he tells them to, therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptize them, and teach them in the ways of Jesus.

"Make disciples of ALL nations," Jesus says. Not just a select few, but ALL nations.

I've never felt personally called to what used to be termed "the foreign mission field." I know missionaries, and you do to, who have picked up and moved to another nation to do mission work and to share the gospel in tangible ways. Many make their home in foreign lands for the sake of fulfilling this commission the Lord gave to his disciples.

Taking the Gospel of Jesus to the nations is part of the mandate to the Church, and it requires us to have a "Kingdom of God" mindset, knowing that national boundaries that draw lines between peoples of the earth are not to be inhibitors to the spread of the Gospel. But maybe we miss this point: those same lines between peoples of the earth should also not be boundaries that followers of Jesus use to our economic or nationalistic advantage. If we, the church, really are Kingdom people, then our desire should be for ALL to not only hear and receive the gospel of Jesus, but for ALL to be treated as deserving the same rights and blessings that we receive. We should, as Kingdom people, never desire our own prosperity and greatness at the expense of other nations or lands.

The Gospel of Jesus is the great leveler. It puts all people on the same field, at the same level. As "sharers" of the Gospel and "practicers" of the Gospel, none of us should feel more nationally superior to "them," whoever "them" is. If the Kingdom of God is global in effect, we, as Kingdom people, must be global in our perspective. Nationalistic fervor must be held in check by a global Kingdom perspective, understanding what Paul meant when in Ephesians 2, the scriptures teach that "in (Christ's) flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall... that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of two, thus making peace."

For followers of Jesus, no matter one's country of origin, nationalism and patriotism must be held in check by the Gospel of Jesus and by the Church's understanding that to share Christ with the nations is also to dismantle in us all nationalistic arrogance, abuse, injustice, and greed. To share Christ with the nations also means that we share ourselves with the nations. Yes, it means we have to give up some things. But what we can get in this world in return is far more valuable: peace.

— Rendell

Independence Day Cookout - June 29, 2025

Upcoming Dates

6/05/25 — Men's Prayer Breakfast
6/08/25 — New Bible Study Class Begins
6/10/25 — Deacons' Meeting
6/11/25 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
6/15/25 — Father's Day
6/18/25 — Leadership Team Meeting (10am)
6/21/25 — Kid's Day Camp / Missions Opp
6/29/25 — Independence Day Cookout

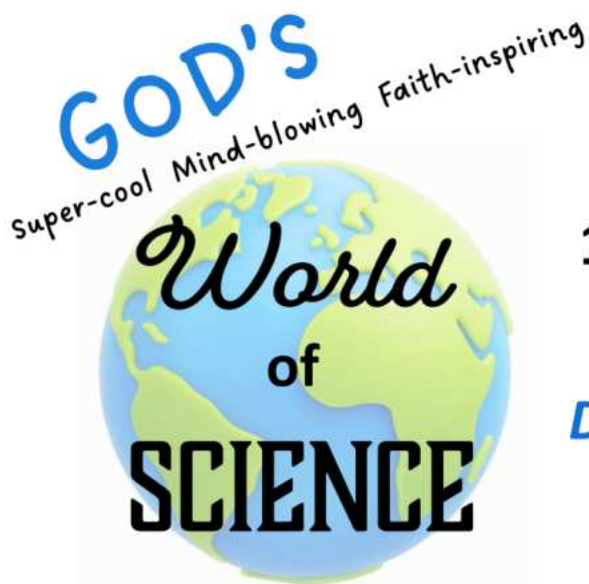
Thank You!

Dear Family at Calvary Church

It is with a grateful heart that I write this Thank You note. We very much appreciated your accommodations of the Weaverland Disaster Service volunteers. May God richly bless you for this.

Thank you on behalf of WDS

Jonathan H. Hurst



Kid's Day Camp

Saturday, June 21

**10am — 2pm (includes pizza lunch)
For grades 1st through 5th**

Discover how science points us to God

REGISTER AT 828-253-7301

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June Hands-On Missions Opportunity

Kid's Day Camp

June 21, 10am-2pm

We will need your help with the upcoming Kids' Day Camp, "God's **Super-Cool Mind-blowing Faith-inspiring World of Science**", **June 21, 10am-2pm**.

On **Friday, June 20**, we need volunteers to help with preparation and set-up. The day of the camp, **Saturday, June 21**, we need volunteers to help with crafts, games, etc., and serve the provided lunch to the kids. We will also need "shepherds" to help the kids travel between activities, help them with crafts, get to know them, and pray with them. If you can't volunteer in person, you can still be an important part of the camp by praying.

This will be an exciting day and a wonderful way to serve the kids of Calvary and the surrounding community. If you can serve, please use the sign-up sheet located in the sanctuary by indicating the day and area you want to serve in.



EXPERIENCING GOD

Knowing & Doing the Will of God

A NEW TAKE ON A CLASSIC BIBLE STUDY
WITH RICHARD AND MIKE BLACKABY



**“EXPERIENCING GOD”
NEW BIBLE STUDY CLASS
BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 9:30 am
Room 208 (Upstairs above the Welcome Center)
TEACHER: Jori Gelbaugh**

Starting on **Sunday, June 8** at 9:30am, there will be a new class in 208 upstairs taught by Jori Gelbaugh. The class will be starting with the book “Experiencing God” by Henry, Richard, and Mike Blackaby.

The 12-week course will explore how we can know God more intimately, better recognize His voice, and understand His will for our lives, using examples from Scripture. Books for the class will be provided.

Whether you are looking to connect more with the Calvary family or want to deepen your faith, we would love to have you join us in class as we take this journey of experiencing God together! If you are unable to make it at 9:30, please feel free to join us later.

New Member!

Please welcome our newest member:

Barbara Burnett



Operation Christmas Child

Don't forget to look for shoebox items (especially school supplies) 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



Monthly Hands-On Missions Opportunity for May

This group served up ice cream at Transformation Village. Hands-on missions has many flavors!



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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Independence Day Celebration Cookout



On **Sunday, June 29**, we will have a church cookout following worship. You are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. The meal will be shared in The Learning Center. Mark this on your calendar!

Share Calvary With A Friend

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.



Monthly Prayer Breakfasts

Men's Prayer Breakfast:

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast for June will be **Thursday, Jun 5, @ 7:30am @ Chick-fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.**

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast:

Our Ladies' Prayer Breakfast will be **Wednesday, Jun 11 @ 8:30am @ 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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2025 June

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal | Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy 5 | Friday Crafters 11a-2p 6 | 7 |
| 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship New Bible Study Begins 8 | 9 | 10 Deacon Meeting 4pm LC | Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal 11 | 12 | Friday Crafters 11a-2p 13 | 14 |
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| 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 22 | CrossPoints Deadline 23 | 24 | 25 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal | 26 | Friday Crafters 11a-2p 27 | 28 |
| 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Church Cookout 29 | 30 | | | | Deacon for June: Amanda Dunn 828-808-0531 Deacon Greeters for June: Linda Farlow and Amanda Dunn | |

Calvary Prayer List

Alverta Bolick Home
Deacons & Leadership Team
Karen Bartlett
Margaret Bradshaw
Betty Carter
Ellen Cheng
Jennie Dalton
Mary Ruth Duyck
Brenda Farlow
Rick Green
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
Norman & 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
Beverly Adams
Robert Atwater
Mike Baker
Margaret Brown
Peggy Burke
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

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

Jun 01 Glenn Jervis
Jun 08 Katha Tasios
Jun 15 Margaret Morgan
Jun 22 Bruce Farlow
Jun 29 Butch Stillwell

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17

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.

Jun Birthdays

1 Eric Elkin
2 Annette Perkins
4 David Shaw
5 James Gay
6 Doris Welch
7 Butch Stillwell
9 Daniel Dunn
9 Teresa Kagley
10 Lowell Hallman
12 Fred Tennant
13 Molena Poplin
15 Amy McKinney
16 Margaret Mattox
17 Karen Bartlett
17 Mark Poteat
22 Debbie Smallan
28 Jewell Wilson

Hello June

Jun Anniversaries

1 Rendell & Kelly Hipps
3 John & Jan Hicks
22 Lewis & Geana Rollins
27 Arthur & Katha Tasios
28 Harry & Evelyn Ponder

Happy Father's Day!