



From the Pastor...

It was Saturday, March 4, 1933, the first inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. At that time, the nation was deep into the Great Depression which began in 1929 and lasted more than a decade, with unemployment reaching 25%. Banks failed, wiping out people's savings accounts. Millions of people lost their homes and were forced to live in makeshift shelters or rely on public assistance. Breadlines and soup kitchens became commonplace as people struggled to afford food. Farming communities were particularly hard hit, with crop prices falling drastically and farmers losing their land. Nations and peoples around the world felt the impact. In the U.S., President Roosevelt's New Deal programs aimed to provide relief, recovery, and reform. And it was in his inaugural address to the nation that Roosevelt bolstered the hopes of many for a better day ahead when he famously heralded "The only thing to fear is fear itself."

Each generation grapples with its own fears and uncertainties. Some seasons seem harder and more scary than others. And while we are currently not living in the days of "The Great Depression," nor of WWI or WWII, the times we live in seem uncertain and can be, well, scary. Shall we make a list? Political unrest, division, and violence in our nation. Wars between Ukraine and Russia, between Israel and Hamas, between Israel and Iran, with the threat of terrorist attacks here at home in response to the US bombings in Iran, and (at the time of this writing) with Russia suggesting they will provide nuclear weapons to Iran. Let's not forget to list the war in Sudan, the brutal fighting which has created a massive humanitarian crisis with millions displaced and facing food shortages. And other wars we rarely hear about, in Myanmar, Yemen, and Syria, all displacing millions and creating devastating humanitarian crises. And then there's all the talk about the threat of nuclear weapons from Russia to North Korea to China.

Then add to the mix rising concerns over technologies that could transform our world in inconceivable ways, things like Artificial Intelligence, Musk's "Neuralink" computer-brain implants, and quantum computing. Then there's the rise of cryptocurrency and its potential destabilization of financial markets around the globe. Then there's the increasing "disclosure" regarding UAP's (Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon), a topic which is now mainstream and is being undertaken in the Congress, by the Secretary of State, and by other branches of the government as more and more military and government "whistleblowers" come forward with testimony that involves things we would typically ascribe to the SciFi network, things like UFO crash retrieval programs, reverse-engineered alien crafts, and zero-point energy technologies. Add to all of this just the "routine" challenges of living: the health crisis, the marriage crisis, the difficulties with employment, the paying-of-the-bills.

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Imani Milele Choir - July 29, 2025

No, it's not the Great Depression, but the times we are living in certainly come with some significant challenges. It would be easy to sink into a state of fear. So, was Roosevelt right? Is it true that "the only thing to fear is fear itself?"

As a follower of Jesus, we look to His words when we face fear and uncertainty. His earliest followers had their own fears and uncertainties which to them seemed monumental. And His words to them are still His words to us today: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." – Jesus, John 14:27

"Do not be afraid." Jesus told us "Do not be afraid" not because we would have the world by the tail, not because we can understand all that's happening around us, not because He would rid from our experience all that challenges us, all that scares us. He told us "Do not be afraid" because He can be trusted to see us through everything we can ever experience in this life. And He can be trusted to see us through this life to the life beyond all time and space, into eternity, with the God who created all things and who holds all things together. When we know that, and when we know Him, there is nothing to fear, nothing at all.

- Rendell

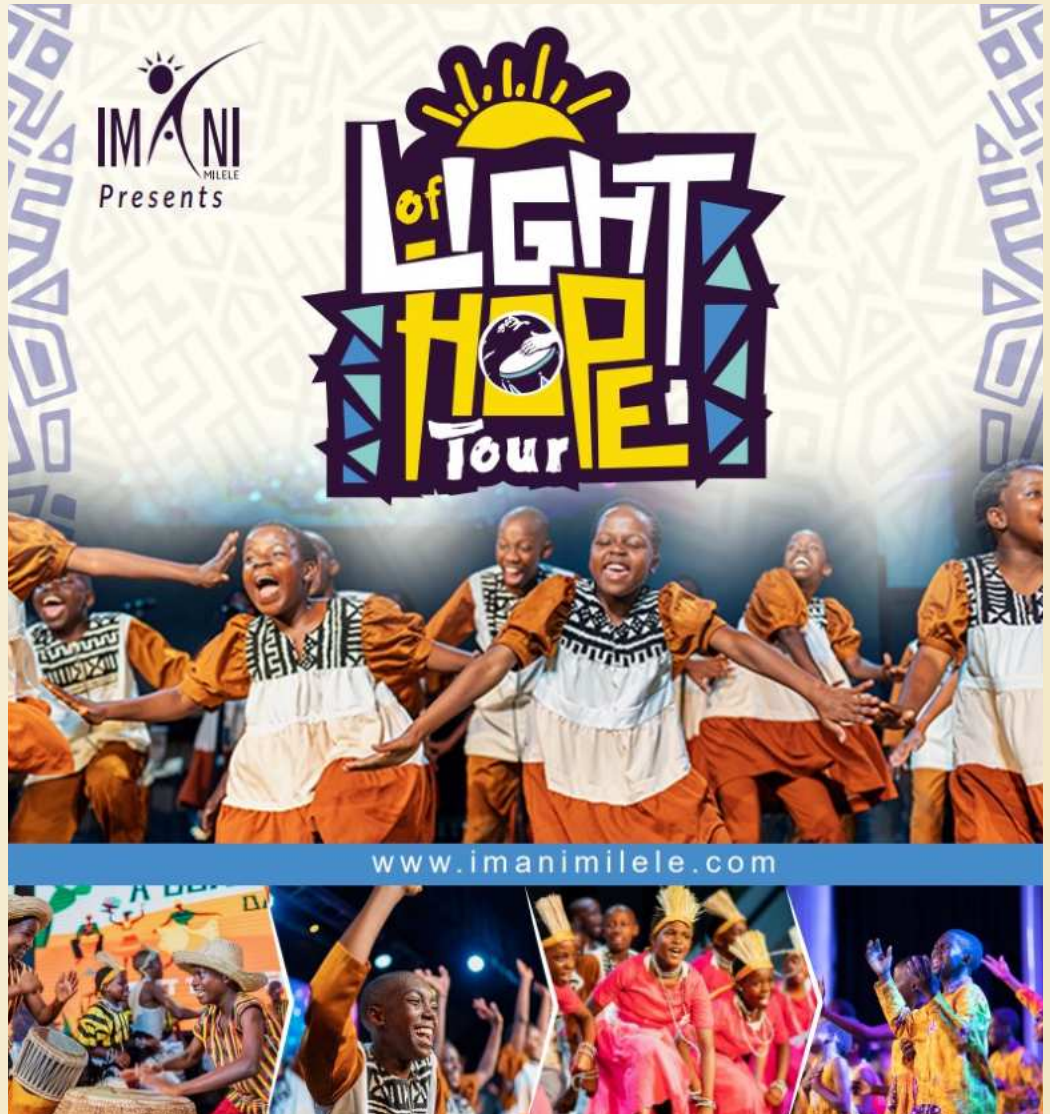
God's World of Science Kid's Day Camp

Our Kid's Day Camp was great fun and lots of learning about how science points us to God.



Imani Milele Children's Choir

It's official! The Imani Milele Children's Choir from Uganda will be in concert at Calvary on **Tuesday, Jul 29 @ 6pm** (doors open at 5:15pm). Since 2013, Imani Milele Choirs have toured the U.S. (with a different set of children for each choir group) performing at over 600 concerts collectively ever since. For about eight months out of the year, the choir tours all over the U.S. performing at churches, schools, organizations, private concerts, and many more venues, bringing their unique sound and infectious joy wherever they travel! The high-energy concerts are so electrifying, that being at one of them will exhilarate you as you watch these amazing children perform well-crafted dances, songs, African drum routines, and much more. We are excited to host this choir again! There will be ways you can plug-in to help us host this choir two nights, around 30 people, Jul 28-29, and help us get the word out to our community. Mark your calendar!



Operation Christmas Child

Now is the best time of year to be on the lookout for shoebox items (especially school supplies) for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Lots of deals on back-to-school items in the coming weeks. There is a box outside of the Learning Center where items for shoeboxes can be placed.

Thank you!
Tom Mattox



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Upcoming Dates

7/03/25 — Men's Prayer Breakfast

7/04/25 — Independence Day

7/08/25 — Deacons' Meeting

7/16/25 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

7/29/25 — Imani Milele Choir

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:

Location Change: Our Men's Prayer Breakfast for July will be **Thursday, Jul 3, @ 7:30am @ The Salty Goat Grill**, New Leicester Hwy.

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast:

Our Ladies' Prayer Breakfast will be **Wednesday, Jul 16 @ 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 July

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Deacon for July: Kim Poteat 828-275-1677 Deacon Greeters for July: Katha Tasios and Kim Poteat		 1	2 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am The Salty Goat New Leicester Hwy 3	Friday Crafters 11a-2p 4	5
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 6	7	8 Deacon Meeting 4pm LC	9 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	 10	Friday Crafters 11a-2p 11	12
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9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 27	Imani Milele Group Arrives at 3pm 28	Imani Milele Choir Concert @ 6pm 29	30 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	31 		

Calvary Prayer List

Alverta Bolick Home
Deacons & Leadership Team
Karen Bartlett
Margaret Bradshaw
Betty Carter
Ellen Cheng
Jennie Dalton
Mary Ruth Duyck
Brenda Farlow
Neva Hancock
Donna Hilemon
Sam Hocking
Diane Jervis
Sarah McGinnis
Edith Middleton
Mona Moore

Margaret Morgan
Debbie Nix
Poteat Family
Barbara Roberts
Geana Rollins
Smallan Family
Pat Stillwell
Deb Welborn
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
Suzanne Wilson
Linda Worley

Our Military

Graham Tasios
Dylan Biddix

Our Front Line

Asheville Fire & Rescue
Asheville & Buncombe Co. Law
Enfr.
EMT's and Ambulance Drivers
Hospital & Health Care Workers

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

Jul 06 Gary Smallan
Jul 13 Glenn Jervis
Jul 20 Katha Tasios
Jul 27 Margaret Morgan

*F*or our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. — 2 Corinthians 4:17

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.

Jul Birthdays

7 Betty Carter
12 Bobbie McMahan
13 Amber Gay
16 Sarah McGinnis
19 Pam Rice
22 Casey McMahan
23 Diandra Farlow
23 Maggie Nix
24 Janet Nichols
25 Janie Green
28 Les Little

*Hello
July*

Jul Anniversaries

12 Jim & Barbara Burnett
27 Floyd & Donna Hilemon
31 Fred & Margo Snedden

Happy Independence Day!