



From the Pastor...

I grew up listening to country music. Here in Asheville, the station was WWNC, and the morning show was hosted by Scotty Rhodarmer. I remember the catchy little tune he often played to hallmark his show: “Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina in the mo—o—o—rning.” (Yes, I’m singing it as I write.) I was born and raised in Asheville, in the mountains of WNC, and I so deeply found agreement with the sentiment that Scotty celebrated with that tune: there’s no other place I’d rather be.

Of course, Asheville has changed a lot since then, over the last 40 to 50 years. I see it... and those of you who have lived here longer than I have certainly see it more starkly. One of the most significant ways Asheville has changed (and there are many) is the magnitude of the homeless population. In fact, Haywood Road is a “hot spot” among the homeless. Some come from far away, and there are frequently new faces, some intentionally having found their way to WNC, and Asheville in particular. On a typical day on a drive down Haywood Road, there are likely a dozen or more such folks on the street, many with shopping carts piled high with whatever possessions they have acquired for the moment.

From time to time, homeless folks camp out on the church campus. Possibly in the “nook” into the church office area. Possibly on the back porch of the Welcome Center entrance of the Bell Tower. Possibly in the bushes. Possibly any number of places. (You may notice some new signage our security team has placed, calling attention to a couple of new cameras in these locations.) Just last week, I met a lady who had taken up residence on our campus. I talked at length with her. I provided a verbal list of shelters and programs in Asheville for her to reach out to in order to find help. (She said she had tried them all and they all were full.) I met her immediate needs: food, clothing, hygiene. I talked with her about her current situation. (I discovered that she, unlike many homeless in West Asheville, grew up in Asheville and that she has family in Asheville.) I talked with her about the Lord, invited her to church, and prayed with her. In the days following, I had several more conversations with her, and, yes, I granted her request to stay on the campus one more day, one more night... several times. But then, after several days and nights, it became obvious that “this just is not going to work.” I told her... and the man who had come along as well... that they would need to find other shelter, better shelter, not on the church’s campus. I hope she did.

The reality is that our church is not equipped to be a place of shelter for the homeless. There are many facilities and programs in the Asheville area that are: we are not. And yet, it can be difficult to tell a homeless person that they cannot continue to “take up residence” on our campus. It is difficult when you realize that housing is not the only need, and in many cases, it is not the primary need. There are most often addictions, mental illnesses, and other large issues that play into their current situation. There are most often profound causes involved that we are completely unequipped to handle. Recognizing the enormity of the challenges they face, there are much better places for folks who have these needs than the concrete floor of our church’s porch.

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Baptism Service - Sep 7, 2025

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I'm thankful that there are several individuals in our congregation who work (vocationally) directly with the homeless or whose work supports ministries or programs that do. Thank you! Some in our church volunteer weekly in ministries that touch the homeless. Thank you! Through our Calvary Missions Giving Plan, we financially support local ministries that care for the homeless, including providing housing. Thank you! Through our monthly Hands-On Missions opportunities, we have opportunities to serve the homeless. Thank you! There is good work being done, in the name of Jesus, to try to meet the needs of the homeless. Thank you!

So, while the Calvary Campus simply cannot be a place of residence for the homeless of West Asheville, we are part of the larger effort to meet their needs. And, as I walk down Haywood Road, I hope and pray that what we are doing – as a church, as a community, as a city – is really helping. And I pray that Jesus is helping... knowing that Jesus is ALWAYS helping, and present, and walks among us... even on Haywood Road in West Asheville. And nothing could be finer.

— Rendell

Upcoming Dates

9/04/25 — Men's Prayer Breakfast

9/07/25 — Baptism Service

9/09/25 — Deacons' Meeting

9/10/25 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

9/17/25 — Leadership Team Meeting

9/22/25 — September Missions Opp

Baptism Service

Please join us for the baptism of Zaiden Poteat and Peyton Robinson on Sunday, Sep 7, 2025.



September Hands-on Missions Opportunity

For our hands-on opportunity in September, we will be making goody bags for the teachers & staff at Canterbury school to say "thank you" for all they do for the kids! The teachers love bubbly water, coffee, tea, chocolate, pain relievers, and gift cards, and we will have sign-up sheets for the items. We will also be writing cards to share a note of encouragement, which will be next to the sign-up sheets. We will be sharing the exact number needed in the coming days. If you plan to contribute, please bring your item(s) to the box in **The Hub** by **Sep 21**. We'll also need a couple of volunteers to pack the bags and deliver them **Sep 22**. Thanks for ALL your help in being "hands-on" in our community!



Tuesday Night Bible Study



Continuing through September on **Tuesdays** from **6:00-7:15pm**, Pastor Rendell is leading a study entitled "Jesus in the Gospels." In this study, held in the **Learning Center**, we will discover how each gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John) adds its own unique perspective to the ministry, message, and meaning of Jesus, and how we only get a complete picture of Jesus when we understand all four perspectives. Come to grow deeper in your understanding of the good news of Jesus and be drawn closer to Him. Childcare will be provided for kids K-6th.

Calvary Women's Discipleship and Fellowship Retreat

Overcoming the Storms of Life with Jesus

Thursday evening, September 25 — Sunday morning, September 28

STUDY: "Five Things a Storm Can't Destroy" by Anne Graham Lotz

LOCATION: Shagbark Resort, 7 miles west of Pigeon Forge Parkway

FOOD AND LODGING COST: \$250 max (less if more than 12 attend)

REGISTRATION: Sign-up at the Connection Table or with Kim/Katha

PAYMENT: \$100 deposit due Sept 7; balance due Sept 21 (scholarships are available)

TRANSPORTATION: Carpooling will be coordinated

Calvary Ladies! Our last women's retreat was such an amazing time! Many of you have been asking for another women's retreat, so we have a beautiful place reserved and ready for you to experience!

This will be a weekend full of discipleship as well as getting to know each other better and spend time with our Lord. Built into the retreat are times of relaxation, renewal and refreshment. It's a time to get away from the day-to-day activities and enjoy each other and the Lord in the beauty of His creation. The accommodations are a beautiful mountain cabin just outside Pigeon Forge.



The retreat theme is *Overcoming the Storms of Life with Jesus*. For our devotional times, we will reflect on the study *Five Things a Storm Can't Destroy* by Anne Graham Lotz. Let's be honest... we all have storms in our lives: physical, relational, emotional, spiritual. So let's dig deeper together and listen for the Lord to show us how to navigate the storms in His ways, becoming stronger in Him.

Meals will be served as follows: Thursday dinner; Friday, breakfast and lunch (Friday dinner is out on the town, Dutch); Saturday, breakfast, lunch and dinner (or lunch on your own in town, Dutch); Sunday, breakfast before checkout at 10am. All meals will have fruits and/or salad served with them. Also, for those with dietary concerns, a full kitchen is available for anyone who would like to prepare meal(s) for themselves.

Please contact Katha Tasios (828-279-3933) or Kim Poteat (828-275-1677)

New Members!

Please welcome our newest members:

Zaiden Poteat
Peyton Robinson



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Kids At Calvary

Thank you to all who serve our kids and their families by volunteering in our nursery and during Children's Church. Nursery volunteers should be sure to be in place by 10:15am. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please contact someone else on the schedule and arrange to swap dates with them, and please let Kelly know of your change: kids@calvarync.org or 828-729-6793.

"Let the little children come to me"
Matthew 19:14



Monthly Prayer Breakfasts

Men's Prayer Breakfast:

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast for September will be **Thursday, Sep 4, @ 7:30am @ The Salty Goat Grill,** New Leicester Hwy.

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast:

Our Ladies' Prayer Breakfast for September will be **Wednesday, Sep 10 @ 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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Services are posted on our website on Sunday afternoons.
www.calvarync.org/messages

2025 September

**"He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge.**

-- Psalm 91:4

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Deacon for September: Amanda Dunn 828-808-0531 Deacon Greeters for September: Linda Farlow and Amanda Dunn		2	3	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am The Salty Goat New Leicester Hwy	Friday Crafters 11a-2p	6
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Baptism Service	8	9 Deacon Meeting 4pm LC Tues Night Bible Study 6pm LC	10 Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	11	Friday Crafters 11a-2p	13
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Calvary Prayer List

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

Mona Moore
Debbie Nix
Poteat Family
Jean Rice
Barbara Roberts
Geana Rollins
Smallan Family
Butch & Pat Stillwell
Cindy Thornton
Deb Welborn
Other Concerns
Canterbury Classical School
Beverly Adams
Mike Baker
Margaret Brown
Peggy Burke
Evelyn Carter

Breanna Chambers
Joan Cook
Carolyn Drake
Elijah Frisby
Nick Givens
Cami Green
Andy Green
Colson Gropp
Kimberly Hanna
Keith & Betty Sue Haywood
Gayle Jenkins
Doug & Billie Mayo
Pat Millard
Jamie Miller
Sue Morgan
Chris Pafford
Lynn Queen

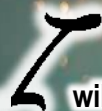
William Richardson
Bill Rice
Sean Robinson
Donald & Kevin Robinson
Robert Shelton
Bob Snedden
Phillip Taylor
Tammy Tweed

Our Military
Graham Tasios
Dylan Biddix

Our Front Line
Asheville Fire & Rescue
Asheville & Buncombe Co. Law
Enfrc.
EMT's and Ambulance Drivers

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

Sep 07 Margaret Morgan
Sep 14 Bruce Farlow
Sep 21 Butch Stillwell
Sep 28 Gary Smallan



will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my
fortress, my God, in whom I trust — Psalm 91:2

**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.

Sep Birthdays

1 Joyce Elliott
2 Daniel Nix
3 Debbie Nix
7 Kim Poteat
9 Mark McKinney
12 Jean Rice
13 Becky Boone
17 Ellen Cheng
18 Arthur Tasios
19 Geana Rollins
25 Logan Messer
26 Evelyn Boone
30 Jean Reynolds
30 McKenzie Elkin

Hello
September

Sep Anniversaries

3 Bruce & Linda Farlow
5 Ian & Kimberly Moorrees
5 Gary & Debbie Smallan
12 Eric & Pam Elkin
17 Tim & Janet Nichols
19 Jack & Peggy Brown

Happy Fall!