



## From the Pastor...

Happy New Year! As we turn the page on 2025 and enter 2026, possibly we look back to survey the previous year and we also find ourselves pondering what might be ahead in the coming year. Questions come to mind: Will my health improve or decline? Will I find out I'm going to be a parent, or grandparent, or great-grandparent? How will the stock market do? Will the world be safer or more dangerous? Will our nation find healing or suffer greater division? How many opportunities will I take advantage of to do something for the Kingdom of God? Will our church continue to reach and grow and impact our community for Christ? How will our families deal with the challenges of life? Will my marriage be better or worse? How will my faith grow this year? Will we discover some new things about our world that will change the world as we know it? Will this be the year of Christ's return?

You probably have your own sets of questions as you embark on the new year. And the obvious reality is that we don't know what lies ahead. I have a feeling that what lies ahead in the year ahead will be a mixture of some things we will embrace and be thankful for along with some things we wish we could avoid. There will be times of joy and also times of sadness – times of laughter and times of tears – times of dancing and times of great mourning. In some ways, it may be a year just like most any year, and in other ways, it may be a year that changes everything for us. And that's where faith comes in.

Faith isn't wishful thinking about tomorrow; faith is knowing that no matter what tomorrow brings, a loving and good God is there in that tomorrow. Faith isn't believing that everything that happens tomorrow is exactly as it should be; faith is knowing that even those things that happen that shouldn't happen don't have the last word. Death doesn't have the last word. Sickness doesn't have the last word. War and destruction don't have the last word. Sin doesn't have the last word. Evil doesn't have the last word. This world doesn't have the last word.

Faith, if it is tested in the reality of the years that come and go, isn't dependent on how our questions are answered in the course of days. It doesn't depend on the outcome of the events that transpire. Faith works differently than that. Faith holds on to God because we know that God holds tomorrow – what we cannot see -- no matter what tomorrow holds.

I'm reminded of the song "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow".

I don't know about tomorrow  
I just live from day to day  
I don't borrow from its sunshine  
For its skies may turn to gray

I don't worry o'er the future  
For I know what Jesus said  
And today I'll walk beside Him  
For He knows what lies ahead

Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand

So, there's at least one question we don't need an answer for, and that's the question of who will be there to hold our hand no matter what comes tomorrow, and the day after that, and the day after that... — Rendell

## *Upcoming Dates*

1/08/26 — Men's Prayer Breakfast

1/14/26 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

1/13/26 — Deacons' Meeting

1/18/26 — New Message Series Begins

1/21/26 — Leadership Team Meeting

1/25/26 — Hometown Heroes Cards Due

# WHAT ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_?

**A Message Series That Addresses Your Burning Questions**

BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2026



## **New Message Series**

Beginning **Sunday, January 18**, our pastor will start a new message series entitled: "What about \_\_\_\_?". In this 10-week series, we turn to the Bible to address the questions that you submitted for this message series last month. Topics will include "What about the Bible?", "What about God in the Old Testament", "What about suffering?", "What about following Jesus?", "What about marriage?", "What about faith and politics?", "What about evangelism?", "What about Heaven and Hell?", "What about the End Times?" and several other topics that address your burning questions.

## January Hands - On Missions Opportunity

The January Hands-on Missions Opportunity will be a “**Hometown Heroes**” Thank You letter project. These heroes put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve this community. So, we want to come together to show our local police officers and firefighters how much we value their courage and commitment. If you would like to participate in this project, note cards will be available in the Sanctuary at the Welcome Table. Most of the time their service goes unnoticed, so we would like to give these heroes as many cards as we can to express our thanks for their dedication and courage. Your personal message can bring our first responders joy and a boost to their morale. The cards will need to be returned no later than **Sunday, January 25**. If you have any questions, please see Gail or Katha.



### Thank You!

To My Church Family:

I want to thank everyone for the Christmas cards I received, and for the wonderful goodie bag. It was delightful! I have been thinking about all of you and I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and I wanted to wish each of you a Happy New Year as well.

In Christ,  
Mary Ruth Duyck

### Thank You!

A special thanks to ALL of you for your calls, cards, food and especially your prayers for me during my hospital stay and afterwards.

Blessings,  
Bruce Farlow

### Thank You!

Dear Calvary Friends,

Celebrating Jesus' birth is such a special time. I hope you each have had very blessed Christmas. You gave me a blessing with the Christmas bag of beautiful cards and loving words, gifts and treats. I love you and thank each of you for your thoughtfulness

In Christ,  
Kayla Wellborn



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## Kids At Calvary

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

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](mailto:kids@calvarync.org) or 828-729-6793.



## 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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## Project Uplift Update

As an updated on Project Uplift, contracts have been signed and work will be starting in the coming weeks.



## Monthly Prayer Breakfasts

### Men's Prayer Breakfast:

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast for December will be **Thursday, Jan 8, @ 7:30am @ Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.**

### Ladies' Prayer Breakfast:

Our Ladies' Prayer Breakfast for December will be **Wednesday, Jan 14 @ 8:30am @ Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.**



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# 2026 January

"In distress you called and I rescued you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder  
I tested you at the Waters of Meribah. Selah."  
-- Psalm 81:7

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Deacon for January:</b> Katha Tasios 828-772-1393  <b>Deacon Greeters for January:</b> Katha Tasios & Kim Poteat				1	2 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	3
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4	5	6	7  6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	8 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am <b>Chick-Fil-A</b> (Smokey Park Hwy)	9 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	10 
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11	12	13  Deacon Meeting 4pm LC	14 Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:30am <b>Chick-Fil-A</b> (Smokey Park Hwy)  6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	15	16 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	17
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 18  <b>New Message Series</b>	19 CrossPoints Deadline	20	21 LT Meeting 10am LC  6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	22 	23 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	24
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 25 <b>Hometown Heros            Cards Due</b>	26	27	28  6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	29	30 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	31 

### Calvary Prayer List

Alverta Bolick Home  
Deacons & Leadership Team  
Karen Bartlett  
Margaret Bradshaw  
Buckner Family  
Betty Carter  
Sharon Carter  
Ellen Cheng  
Jennie Dalton  
Amanda Dunn  
Mary Ruth Duyck  
Bruce Farlow  
Neva Hancock  
Floyd & Donna Hilemon  
Sam Hocking  
Diane Jervis

McCook Family  
Sarah McGinnis  
Middleton Family  
Mona Moore  
Debbie Nix  
Poteat Family  
Kathy Rhodes  
Jean Rice  
Barbara Roberts  
Geana Rollins  
Smallan Family  
Butch & Pat Stillwell  
Fred & Donna Tennant's  
daughter  
Deb Welborn  
Kayla Welborn


### Other Concerns

Canterbury Classical School  
Beverly Adams  
Mike Baker  
Peggy Burke  
Margaret Brown  
Evelyn Carter  
Breanna Chambers  
Joan Cook  
Elijah Frisby  
Nick Givens  
Cami Green  
Andy Green  
Colson Gropp  
Kimberly Hanna  
Keith & Betty Sue Haywood  
Bernard Holly

Gayle Jenkins  
Kaye Lawrence  
Doug & Billie Mayo  
Pat Millard  
Jamie Miller  
Sue Morgan  
Chris Pafford  
Lynn Queen  
William Richardson  
Bill Rice (Jean Rice's son)  
Sean Robinson  
Donald & Kevin Robinson  
Robert Shelton  
Ryan Shipman  
Bob Snedden  
Phillip Taylor  
Tammy Tweed

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

Jan 04 Bruce Farlow  
Jan 11 Butch Stillwell  
Jan 18 Gary Smallan  
Jan 25 Glenn Jervis

 It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;  
To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,  
And Your faithfulness every night, — Psalm 92:1-2

### **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.

### **Jan Birthdays**

1 Amanda Dunn  
20 Eddie Wyatt  
22 Brent Farlow  
26 Jaycob Matthew Shell  
28 Evelyn Ponder  
28 Margo Snedden  
30 Barbara Roberts

*Hello  
January*

### **Jan Anniversaries**

20 Gary & Kathy Rhodes

*Happy New Year!*