

CrossPoints

Monthly Newsletter

January 2026



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

New Message Series - January 18, 2026

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

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



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 update 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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"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
Deacon for January: Katha Tasios 828-772-1393	Deacon Greeters for January: 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 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Chick-Fil-A (Smoky Park Hwy)	8 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	9 10 
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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

 **t 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

**Jan Anniversaries**

20 Gary & Kathy Rhodes



Happy New Year!