

CrossPoints

Monthly Newsletter

February 2026



From the Pastor...

When I think “February,” I think two things: cold and love.

February is notoriously a cold month. Ice and snow and bitter wind chills are common. As a child growing up in the mountains here in Asheville, I dreaded the bus stop during February. February makes me think of “cold.”

But February also makes me think of “love.” After all, Valentine’s Day is the 14th, and Hallmark doesn’t want us to forget. Hallmark would make us think that our love is measured by cards, flowers, and candy. Not that there’s anything wrong with cards, flowers, and candy! But love is much more than that.

Jesus tells us about love. He says that God is love. He says that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. He says we should love our enemies. He says that if we love him, we will obey his teachings.

There is a chorus to a song that I think puts it well: “And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.” Our love is shown, on our best days, when we do what Christians have done so well: establishing hospitals, caring for the needs of the community, sharing the Good News of Jesus in word and deed, loving our families sacrificially, serving one another, treating one another with respect for the image of God found in all of us. But, sometimes, Christians can possibly come across as “cold”... cold as February. Christians can say things publicly that paint us as being cold and hard and callous and unforgiving and down-right mean. Christians can do things that paint us as being harsh, uncaring, and out for ourselves. Christians can be unloving.

I Peter 1:22 tells us this: “Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.” That is, have a deep love for one another that comes from a place deep within us. Don’t let it just be lip service to talk about the love of Jesus. Live it! Show it! Offer it! Foster it! Do it! Be known for it!

And the model for our love is God. We quote it often: “God so loved the world...” God’s love is a self-giving kind of love. God’s love is for the whole world. God’s love is the kind of love that the Pharisees of Jesus’ day had a hard time understanding – the kind of love that would lead Jesus to reach out to the ones in society that were shunned, abused, forgotten, mistreated, alienated, oppressed, and on the “outside.” Jesus brought them “inside”... out of the cold, and into the warmth of his compassionate grace and love.

So, how about we commit to love one another deeply, from the heart... in our words, in our actions, in our attitudes, in what we support, in how we go about living and thinking and being. If we do that “from the heart,” maybe it won’t be quite so cold in our world.

— Rendell

Ash Wednesday Service - February 18, 2026 @ 5:30pm

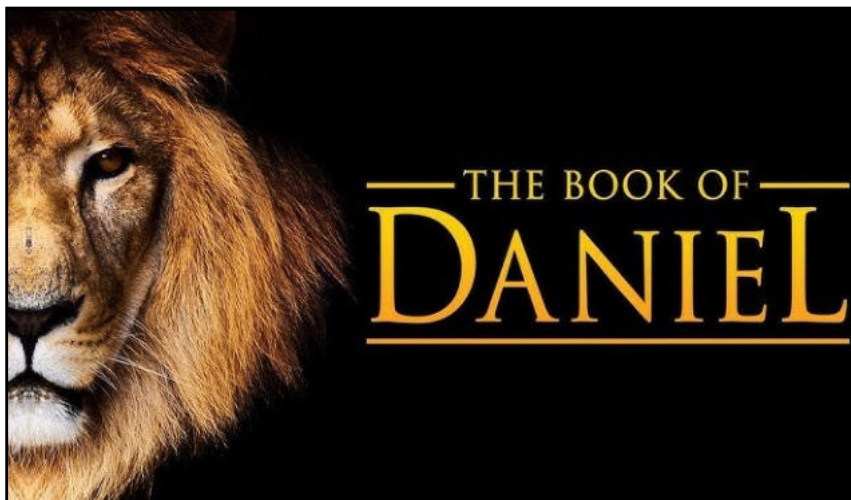
Upcoming Dates

2/05/26 — Men's Prayer Breakfast
2/10/26 — Deacons' Meeting
2/11/26 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
2/18/26 — Leadership Team Meeting
2/18/26 — Ash Wednesday Service
2/22/26 — Food Pantry Donations Due
2/28/26 — February Hands-On Missions Opportunity

Ash Wednesday Service

On **Wednesday, Feb 18**, we will have an Ash Wednesday service at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

We will gather together to contemplate the love of God in Christ as we begin the season of Lent and the journey toward the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord.



Spring Bible Study

Mark you calendars now for **Tuesday nights** beginning **April 7, 6pm - 7:15pm** in the Learning Center. Our pastor will lead us in a 6-week Bible Study on the book of Daniel. Make plans now to be part of this powerful study. Childcare provided.

The Ministry of Prayer

Each week, our worship service, worship leaders, pastor, and congregation are being lifted up to the Lord in prayer by those of you who have committed to pray in our Prayer Room from 10:30—11:30 during worship. Please contact Butch Stillwell to volunteer to pray during worship!



February Hands - On Missions Opportunity

We are thrilled to announce a new way for our church family to be the hands and feet of Jesus to each other and to those we meet in our community. We are opening a food pantry, **Each One Bless One Food Pantry**, to help provide essential food items to those in our congregation, individuals, or families that you may come across in your community in need of a little extra help securing food. This pantry will be stocked with non-perishable, non-expired food items. This will not be advertised as a community food pantry because of the many great organizations around town that provide food to the greater community. The food pantry at Calvary will be year-round.

How to get involved:

Donate non-perishable, versatile, and nutritious food items.

Recommended items:

Canned goods: vegetables and fruits, beans, soups and stews, meats such as tuna, salmon, or chicken.

Dry goods: rice (white, brown, instant), pasta and pasta sauces, lentils and dried beans, instant potatoes.

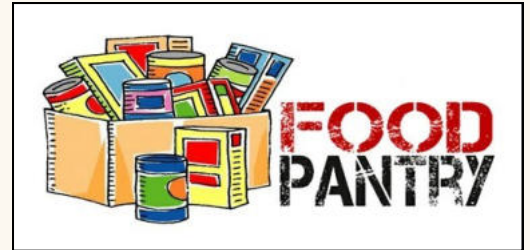
Breakfast items: cold cereals (low sugar options preferred), oatmeal packets, granola bars or breakfast bars

Baking and cooking essentials: small bottles of cooking oil, small bags of flour and sugar, peanut butter, small containers of spices and seasonings.

Snacks and Convenience items: Crackers, nuts, trail mix, shelf-stable juice boxes.

Specialty items- baby food and formula, and diapers.

Bags: donate your grocery bags so they can be used to distribute food.



Our February Hands-On Missions project will be to set up the space that will house the pantry and supply the food. By **Sunday, February 22, bring your donations to the church. And **Saturday, February 28**, will be the day to get the space ready and stocked. Boxes will be provided around the church for your food donations.**

Thank You!

Dear Calvary Family:

Butch and I want to thank you again for ALL the heart felt prayers, cards, gifts and support that you continue to send us each and every day. We could not make this journey without you!! Each day is a new challenge and we never know what that challenge might be but we do know who is right there with us — God and our church family. Thank you for EVERYTHING!!

Blessings and love,
Butch & Pat



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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 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!

www.Calvarync.org

Sign Up for Our Phone Tree

Get in the loop! If you have not previously registered your phone number with us to be placed on our Phone Tree, please call the church office at 828-253-7301 or email the office: office@calvarync.org



Monthly Prayer Breakfasts

Men's Prayer Breakfast:

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

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast:

Our Ladies' Prayer Breakfast for February will be **Wednesday, Feb 11 @ 8:30am @ Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.**



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"My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O LORD;
In the morning will I direct my prayer to Thee,
and will look up."
-- Psalm 5:3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 1	2 Deacon for February: Gary Smallan 828-275-0360 Deacon Greeters for February: Gary Smallan and James Gay	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
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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

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
Deb Welborn
Kayla Welborn
Other Concerns
Canterbury Classical School
Beverly Adams

Mike Baker
Peggy Burke
Margaret Brown
Evelyn Carter
Breanna Chambers
Elijah Frisby
Nick Givens
Cami Green
Colson Gropp
Kimberly Hanna
Keith & Betty Sue Haywood
Gayle Jenkins
Kaye Lawrence
Doug & Billie Mayo
Pat Millard
Jamie Miller
Sue Morgan

Chris Pafford
Lynn Queen
William Richardson
Sean Robinson
Donald & Kevin Robinson
Robert Shelton
Ryan Shipman
Bob Snedden
Phillip Taylor
Tammy Tweed

Our Military

Graham Tasios
Dylan Biddix

Our Front Lines

Asheville Fire & Rescue

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

Feb 01 Katha Tasios
Feb 08 Margaret Morgan
Feb 15 Bruce Farlow
Feb 22 Butch Stillwell



For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous;
With favor You will surround him as with a shield.
— Psalm 5:12

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.

Feb Birthdays

1 Mae Noelle Allen
1 Oliver Nix
1 Angela Nulph
7 Elaine Easter
5 Donna Tennant
11 Gary Rhodes
12 Lin Berrier
14 Pat Stillwell
15 Margaret Morgan
16 Rick Green
19 Floyd Hilemon
20 Timothy Elkin
23 Neva Hancock
24 Kelly Hipps

Hello
February

**Feb Anniversaries**

3 Eddie & Dianna Wyatt

Winter Greetings!