



From the Pastor...

The church I attended in the early 1990's had an Easter tradition. I started attending the church as a college student at NC State. It was a large church just blocks from campus -- known for its impactful college ministry. I became an active part of the church after college as I lived and worked in Raleigh. I loved that church. And I loved the Easter tradition -- not necessarily unique to that congregation, but none the less, very special to me. Each Easter Sunday, to close the service, anyone who had ever sung "The Hallelujah Chorus" of Handel's "Messiah" was invited to come down, receive a copy of the musical score, and join the choir for the singing of that quintessential piece of sacred music. I remember that the choir loft was packed, wall to wall, four rows deep. And it was AMAZING! It was the emotional and spiritual highlight of my Easter, every year. You know the words:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
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The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ,
and of His Christ;
And He shall reign for ever and ever,
King of kings, and Lord of lords.

Those lyrics are taken from Revelation 11:15, which is the central verse in all of Revelation, the culmination of all of time and eternity to which all of the Scriptures point:

"The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

"The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah,
and He will reign for ever and ever."

Easter is not only a time to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, a singular event that took place in time and space on this planet for the sake of humanity. Easter is a time to recognize that God's plans and purposes in this world are about something bigger than we can even imagine. Easter is about God's Kingdom Reign as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Easter is cosmic in effect. Easter declares that the Kingdom Reign of God was coming, has come, and is coming. Easter is the "foretaste of Glory divine," as the hymn declares. Easter is the celebration of what is, but is not yet fully. Easter not only looks back to what happened, but it looks forward to what will happen at the sound of the seventh trumpet.

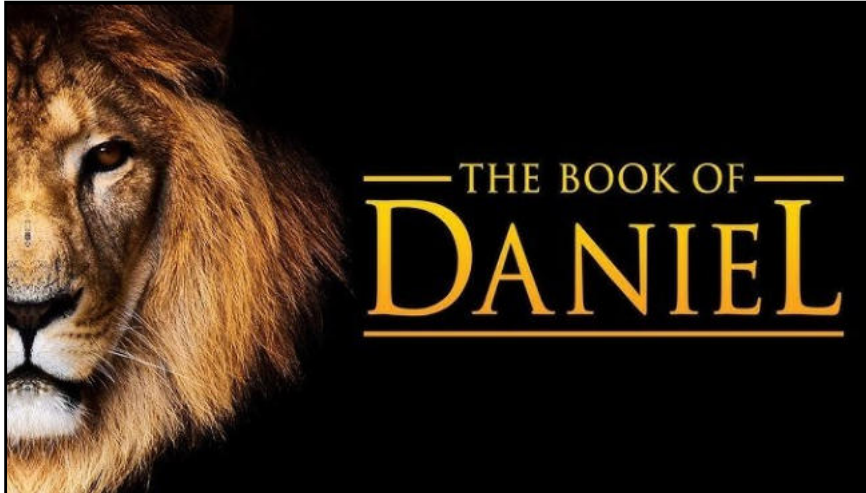
We Christians -- we followers of Jesus -- we celebrate Easter not only because Jesus Is Risen, which is the core of our faith. But we also celebrate Easter because we, too, will somehow participate in the resurrection, when the Cosmic Christ declares once again "It is finished", when time stands still, when His Light and Life illuminates the entirety of the Cosmos, and when our faith is made sight. And I just have the feeling... that's going to be one amazing choir!

— Rendell

Easter Sunday Breakfast - April 5, 2026

Upcoming Dates

- 4/02/26 — Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 4/05/26 — Easter Breakfast (No Bible Study)
- 4/07/26 — Book of Daniel Bible Study Begins
- 4/08/26 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
- 4/14/26 — Deacons' Meeting
- 4/15/26 — Leadership Team Meeting
- 4/18/26 — Clothing Giveaway



Spring Bible Study

This month on **Tuesday nights** beginning **April 7, 6pm - 7:15pm** in the **Learning Center**. Our pastor will lead us in a 7-week Bible Study on the book of Daniel. Make plans now to be part of this powerful study. Please let Kelly know if you will need childcare.

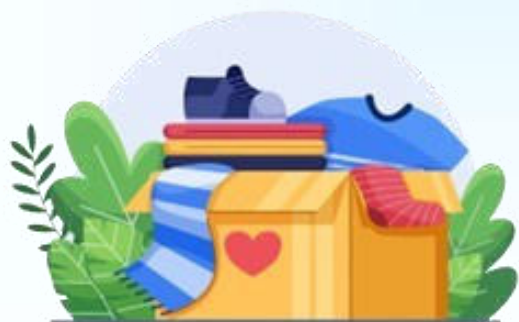
Clothing Giveaway/April Missions Opportunity

On **Saturday, April 18** from **9am-12pm**, Calvary will be having a clothing giveaway.

- ⇒ **Thursday April 16** from **9am-until**, we need 3 or 4 strong volunteers to carry clothes from the educational building to the Learning Center and rearrange tables and chairs.
- ⇒ **Friday, April 17** from **9am-until**, we need several volunteers to place clothing on the tables.
- ⇒ **Saturday, April 18** from **8:30am-until**, we need volunteers to greet the community as they come in and to help clean up and rearrange tables.

We need volunteers by 8:45am.

- ⇒ It's Lennie's birthday today!!! 🎉



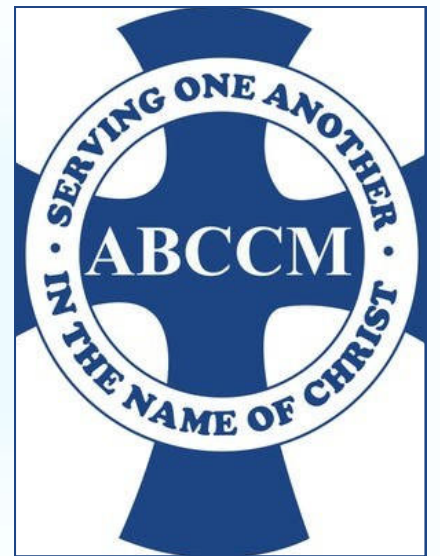
Project Uplift Update

Work is underway on Project Uplift as we beautify and preserve the Sanctuary exterior with new plexiglass over the stained glass windows, new front doors, fresh paint, and lots of needed repairs.



Calvary is Hosting ABCCM General Assembly

On **Tuesday, May 26**, Calvary will be hosting an ABCCM General Assembly. ABCCM is one of our Mission Giving Plan partners. These quarterly gatherings allow member churches across Buncombe County to celebrate ministry impact, learn about current initiatives, and exercise oversight of ABCCM as a church-owned ministry. There will be opportunities for you to assist with set-up, security and hospitality, as well as participate in the General Assembly at 6:30pm that evening. More details will be available in May.



ABCCM (Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries)

Collection boxes are located in the hallway off Baker Street. Items are taken to ABCCM once a month as part of their emergency needs program. Items needed are: bottled water, beans, rice, pasta, canned goods, small soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, wash cloths, gloves, socks, coats, blankets, flashlights and batteries, scarves and toboggans, feminine products, deodorant, razors, combs, brushes, nail clippers.



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Monthly Prayer Breakfasts

Men's Prayer Breakfast:

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast for **April** will be **Thursday, April 2, @ 7:30am @ Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.**

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast:

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

Invitations are Yours to Give

Pick up a handful of our small "invitation cards" to invite someone to church. They are located on the Connection Table in the Sanctuary. You may choose to leave one with someone you meet throughout the week, and ask God to be at work in that little card to bring someone to church in order to hear the Good News of Jesus and be part of the worshipping and serving community of faith called Calvary.

Share Calvary

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.



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

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“This God — His way is perfect;
the word of the Lord proves true;
He is a shield for all those
who take refuge in Him.”
-- Psalm 18:29-30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Deacon for April: Katha Tasios 828-279-3933 Deacon Greeters for March: Katha Tasios and Kim Poteat			1 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	2 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Chick-Fil-A (Smokey Park Hwy)	3 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	4 
Easter Breakfast 5 10:30 Worship 	6	7	8 Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Chick-Fil-A (Smokey Park Hwy) 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	9	10 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	11
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 12	13	14 Deacon Meeting 4pm LC Book of Daniel Bible Study 6-7:15pm LC	15 LT Meeting 10am LC 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	16	17 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	18 Clothing Giveaway 9a-12p LC
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Calvary Prayer List

Alverta Bolick Home
Deacons & Leadership Team
Karen Bartlett
Betty Carter
Sharon Carter
Ellen Cheng
Jennie Dalton
Amanda Dunn
Green Family
Mary Ruth Duyck
Neva Hancock
Floyd & Donna Hilemon
Sam Hocking
Diane Jervis
Sarah McGinnis
Mona Moore

Bruce Morgan
Debbie Nix
Poteat Family
Jean Rice Family
Barbara Roberts
Geana Rollins
Butch & Pat Stillwell
Deb Welborn
Kayla Welborn

Other Concerns

Canterbury Classical School
Mindy Browning
Fred Burnett
Evelyn Carter
Breanna Chambers
Bernard Holly Family

Elijah Frisby
Cami Green
Kyle Green
Kimberly Hanna
Ted Harris
Roger & Shelly Hawkins
Bernard Holly Family
Wendy Johnson
Sue Morgan
Chris Pafford
Angie Sawyer
Pat Schultz
Phillip Taylor
Tammy Tweed
John Wyatt

Our Military

Graham Tasios
Dylan Biddix

Our Front Lines

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

Help us keep our list current by letting us know the status or changes. We love that Calvary is a Prayer Warrior for our church family, community and our world.

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

Apr 05 Butch Stillwell
Apr 12 Gary Smallan
Apr 19 Glenn Jervis
Apr 26 Katha Tasios

*B*ut God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us.... made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.
— Ephesians 2:4 - 5

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.

April Birthdays

4 Madison Elkin
5 Jennie Dalton
11 Desiree Gamble
13 Barbara Burnett
16 Gail Hallman
18 Lennie Thornton
19 Katie Nix
21 Harry Ponder
29 Gary Smallan

Hello April

April Anniversaries

15 Lin & Ginny Berrier
16 Rick & Janie Green

Happy Easter!