

CrossPoints

Monthly Newsletter

May 2026



From the Pastor...

It's the story of the fiery furnace, of the lion's den, of a mysterious message written on the wall by a large hand that comes out of nowhere, of a wicked king who's hair grows out like feathers and who's fingernails become as bird's claws, of visions of rams and goats and horns, of Babylonian and Persian and Greek kings and kingdoms destined for destruction, of angelic messengers and enigmatic celestial forces. It's the book of Daniel.

On Tuesday evenings, we have been digging into this book of stories that many of us have heard since we were toddlers in Sunday School. It is a fascinating book, filled with all sorts of strange-sounding tales of Daniel and his three friends who were captives, taken from their home in Judah some 900 miles to Babylon (modern-day Iraq). The city they loved, Jerusalem, had been destroyed by King Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon. And at the young age of 15, Daniel finds a new home, not just in Babylon, but in the court of the very King who had destroyed not just his home, but the very place where God's Glory was thought to dwell – the Temple in Jerusalem.

As we have studied Daniel, amidst all the fascinating tales, all the visions, all the dreams, all the stories we remember of furnaces and lion's dens, one thing that has surfaced on every page of this sacred text is that the main players aren't Daniel's three friends. The main players aren't the magicians or the wise men of Babylon. The main player isn't King Nebuchadnezzar, or King Belshazzar, or King Darius, or King Cyrus. The main player isn't the angel Michael. The main player isn't even Daniel himself. The main player is The God of Heaven.

This is why Daniel can pray the words of the prayer in 9:18-19: "We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act!" God is the main player! God is the one who, on every page, is present, working, acting. In the end, this book entitled "Daniel" isn't so much about Daniel as it is about God. God is the story.

And this is what the whole Bible is about. The whole of the Bible, the New Testament in particular, gives testimony that God is the story. When God comes to earth as a babe, wrapped in human flesh, God is the story. When God walks to a cruel Roman cross to suffer an unjust death at the hands of those who got it all wrong, God is the story. When the grave is found to be empty, God is the story. Even in the closing pages of our Bible, in the book of Revelation, God is the story, because God will "wipe away every tear from our eyes... And God himself will be with them and He will be their God."

Lest we make the Bible any thing less, it is God's story. And it is the story of how God's story intersects with our story... and with your story. And that, in the end, makes for a great story indeed.

— Rendell

Women's Tea - Saturday, May 16, 2026

Women's Tea

"Ties that Bind Sisters in Christ"

Our shared faith and purpose, loving one another through support, uniting as one body of Christ, growing together in grace and knowledge through intentional relationships. These connections are a gift from God and remind us that we are never alone in our journey. We stay strong together, just like those who came before us, so the next generation will continue the journey of serving the Lord together.

Date: Saturday, May 16, 10:30am— 12:30pm

Location: The Learning Center

Time for Tea! - Join us as we gather to drink tea, share food, and laugh through fellowship. The tea will be provided, so bring your favorite brunch food items to share.

One of the best parts of the tea is seeing the beauty of the decorated tables. Please let us know if you want to share your decorating talents. You can sign up on the sheet located in the Sanctuary or by contacting Katha Tasios (828-279-3933). Tables will need to be decorated *before* Saturday, May 16.



Monthly Hands-On Missions Opportunity

Blessing Bags – Homeless Care Kits

Have you ever approached a stop light and felt that uneasy feeling creep into your stomach as you notice a person standing on the street corner, holding a sign asking for help? Did you feel simultaneously helpless, unprepared, and desperate for a way to do more? The impulse to help when encountering a person experiencing homelessness is a powerful and deeply human one. Seeing someone in need often sparks a desire to offer immediate, tangible support.

A **blissing bag** is a care package created to be given to people who are experiencing homelessness and be a blessing to them. These simple kits include items such as toiletries, snacks, bottled water, Gospel of John, etc.

At the Women's Luncheon on **Saturday, May 16**, we will be packing blessing bags to provide to church members. They will be available for you to pick up on Sunday to take with you. Keep a few bags in your car for spontaneous giving. The supplies for the blessing bags will be provided by the church.

Care Kit Items will include:

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| 1. Water bottle | 5. Lip Balm | 9. Lotion |
| 2. Bandages | 6. Single-serving snacks like trail mix, nuts, crackers | 10. Tissues |
| 3. Wet wipes | 7. Protein Bars | 11. Gospel of John |
| 4. Toothbrush & toothpaste | 8. Comb | 12. Zip-lock bags |



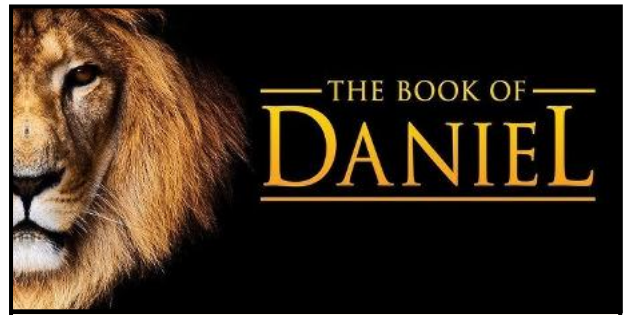
Calvary is Hosting ABCCM General Assembly

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.



Upcoming Dates

- 5/07/26 — Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 5/12/26 — Deacons' Meeting
- 5/13/26 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast
- 5/16/26 — Women's Tea
- 5/19/26 — Book of Daniel Bible Study Ends
- 5/20/26 — Leadership Team Meeting
- 5/26/26 — ABCCM General Assembly
- 6/04/26 — Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 6/06/26 — Church Picnic



THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Spring Bible Study

Tuesday nights continuing through May 19, 6pm-7:15pm in the Learning Center. Our pastor is leading a 7-week Bible Study on the book of Daniel. Everyone is welcome. Please let Kelly know if you will need childcare.

Updating How We Communicate

We are making some improvements and updates to the way we communicate with our church family. Starting next month, we will implement a weekly online Newsletter. Each week, those who have an email address registered with us will receive our weekly CrossConnect newsletter in your inbox, which will include our prayer list as well. We will also publish a quarterly CrossPoints newsletter (rather than a monthly version) which will come by email to those with email and will be mailed to those who do not have an email address. These updates will help us communicate effectively and regularly with our church family while also helping eliminate some costs associated with printed material. Be sure to update your email address with our church office by emailing Angela at office@calvarync.org. Also, be sure to update your info in our online church directory! Contact Angela if you need assistance!

Looking for Birthdays, Anniversaries or our Prayer List?

Starting next month, these will be sent to you by email along with our weekly CrossConnect. Those without email will receive a copy by mail.

Thank You!

Dear Calvary Church,

Thank you so much for your incredible faithfulness in supporting Western Carolina Rescue Ministries. Your investment not only allows us to offer life-changing services to the most vulnerable population in our community, but also allows us to spread the love of Jesus to everyone we encounter. Thank you for walking with us.

Many blessings!
The WCRM Team



WESTERN CAROLINA RESCUE MINISTRIES

Providing Rescue, Recovery, & Restoration in Jesus' Name



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Church Picnic

Come on out **Saturday, June 6** for a church picking at the Pavilion behind the church. Games & fun activities (including cornhole) begin at 4:30pm. The meal will be served (hot dogs & hamburgers) at 5:15pm. Church members are asked to bring a side or dessert to share.



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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Watch our worship services on Facebook Live.
Services are posted on our website on Sunday afternoons.

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“Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens;
Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the great mountains.”
-- Psalm 36:5-6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Deacon for May: James Gay 828-279-3933 Deacon Greeters for May: James Gay and Gary Smallan					Friday Crafters 11a-2p	1	2
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Book of Daniel Bible Study 6-7:15pm LC	6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am The Salty Goat (Leicester Hwy)	Friday Crafters 11a-2p		
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Deacon Meeting 4pm LC Book of Daniel Bible Study 6-7:15pm LC	Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:30am Chick-Fil-A (Smokey Park Hwy) 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal		Canterbury Last Day of School Friday Crafters 11a-2p		Women's Tea 10:30a-12:30p LC
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	CrossPoints Deadline	Book of Daniel Bible Study 6-7:15pm LC	LT Meeting 10am LC 6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal		Friday Crafters 11a-2p		
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day	ABCCM General Assembly 4-9pm LC	6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal		Friday Crafters 11a-2p		
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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
 Family of 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)

May 03 Butch Stillwell
 May 10 Gary Smallan
 May 17 Glenn Jervis
 May 24 Katha Tasios
 May 31 Butch Stillwell

I will lift up my eyes to the hills - From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2

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.

May Birthdays

- 1 Mona Moore
- 2 Kyleigh Shell
- 5 Jan Hicks
- 5 Frederick Snedden
- 13 Eric McKinney
- 17 Pauline Powell
- 18 Dianna Wyatt
- 21 John Buckner
- 23 Judith Prather
- 26 Louise Corbin
- 27 Karla Gay
- 28 Adam Nix

*Hello
 May*

May Anniversaries

- 10 Terry & Anita Smith
- 11 Dan & Margaret Bradshaw
- 16 Tom & Margaret Mattox
- 27 Jason & Kelli Nix

Happy Memorial Day!