



From the Pastor...

When I was a little boy, I liked looking at the Annual Report from the Buncombe Baptist Association. My dad received a copy each year, and I found it interesting. I know it's not the typical reading material for that age, but it was intriguing to look at the section which listed the churches in the Association, their average attendance, their annual budget, and the number of baptisms they had had over the past year. The Association used to track such things closely as indicators of church health, church Kingdom-impact, and church growth. Of course, at Calvary, we do not turn in these kinds of records any longer to the Association, but I do know that a church that is baptizing new followers of Jesus or those making recommitments to Christ is a church that is fulfilling the Great Commission. It is an alive church. Baptisms are an indicator of the way God is using that local body of believers to make disciples in the church's community. Baptisms are a joyful part of worship because each person that enters the water has been touched by God, called to Christ, and endued with the Holy Spirit. We ought to thank God for baptisms because they each give testimony to a personal commitment to Christ.

So, there are times when looking at numbers tells us something about what God is doing in our midst. At Calvary, over the past 2.5 years, we have baptized nine followers of Jesus! Many of these baptisms are adult baptisms. Some are first time commitments; others are renewed commitments. Each one is special because each person is special. They all share the common testimony that "Jesus is Lord," and that "Upon your profession of faith, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." They each hear these words from me as they come up out of the water: "Buried with Christ in baptism; raised to walk in new life." And each time, the church then applauds, cheers, shouts, and sings!

And, I am also reminded that this is the Lord's doing. Yes, we have a role to play, but ultimately, we are the ones who just get to be part of what God is doing in the lives of each of these who come to faith in Christ. We are the ones to get to participate in the Holy work. There is no room for a spirit of pride in anything we have done; rather, we should have a sense of humility, that God can and does and will use us for His kingdom's sake. So, let's give thanks to God for these nine who have been adopted into the family of God and have been through the water. And, let's be faithful, because God's not finished yet.

— Pastor Rendell

Easter Breakfast / Service April 9, 2023

March 2, 2023 — Men's Prayer Breakfast

March 12, 2023 — Spring Forward

March 13, 2023 — Leadership Meeting

March 21, 2023 — Deacons Meeting

April 9, 2023 — Easter Breakfast / Service

Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited! Meet with us on **Thursday, Mar 2 @ 7:30a**
@ Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.



Messages from our Calvary Missions Giving Plan (MGP) Partners

Through our annual church budget, we support various missions agencies in our community and beyond. Several sent the following "Thank You" notes recently. Let's continue to support them with our giving, our prayers, and our involvement!

"Thank you on behalf of everyone here at the Rescue Ministry for your support to our work. January is always a light month for us, so to continually see faithful givers like you all means so much. Thank you for joining us in this incredible work."

Blessings,
Nicole
Western Carolina Rescue Ministries

"Your generous gift is a blessing to me, our staff and the precious lives that Baptist Children's Homes is privileged to serve. Thank you for giving. Love shows itself in amazing ways. Your gift of love makes a world of difference through the many ministries of BCH."

With the love of Christ,
Michael C Blackwell, President/CEO
Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

"Thank you for your generous contributions over the past year. Your sustaining support has allowed us to operate with stability and strength while continuing to provide housing and supportive services to the community's most vulnerable."

In Gratitude,
Eleanor Ashton
Homeward Bound of WNC

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.

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.

Easter Lilies

With your help, this Easter Sunday, April 9, we will decorate our sanctuary with the beauty of Easter Lilies. You can purchase one or more Easter Lilies either in honor or in memory of someone. Please complete the form available at church and include a donation of \$20 per lily, writing "Easter Lilies" in the memo if using a check. Or, call the church office if you are not able to attend church and would like to participate. All information is due before March 26.



Easter Breakfast

On Easter Sunday, April 9, we will have a church-wide breakfast beginning at 9:00 and ending at 10:15 in the Learning Center (downstairs). Sign-up to bring a breakfast item in your Bible Study class or by contacting Linda Farlow. Biscuits, gravy, and sausage will be provided, along with coffee. Sign-up to bring something sweet, something savory, or a beverage such as milk or OJ.



Easter Breakfast

Thank You!

To my Church Family:

I would like to thank each person that sent me a Christmas card. Each one meant so much to me. Amanda Dunn brought my goodie bag and we had the nicest visit. I would also like to thank the Deacons for sponsoring the Ladies' Valentine Party. It was wonderful getting to see everyone, especially some of the ladies that I had not seen since Covid. The food was delicious! Amanda used her talents to decorate and to lead some music for us. We also heard some more about Embrace Grace from Katha Tasios. It was a GREAT day!

Mary Ruth Duyck



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Inclement Weather Announcement

In the event of church closing or cancellation of worship services due to inclement weather, check our website (calvarync.org) or our Facebook page. We will also make the announcement by phone via our phone tree. We will not be announcing closings on TV or radio.

Ladies' Valentine Gathering



The Deacons hosted the ladies of Calvary for a Valentines luncheon with food, fun, fellowship, and singing. Katha shared an update on Embrace Grace, telling us about a new mom they were able to minister to and love on. Everyone received a gift bag on their way out as a reminder of the special day. Thanks to Amanda for leading the decorating effort and providing music. They were wonderful ladies, 25 in attendance!



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Services are posted on our website on Sunday afternoons.
www.calvarync.org/messages

2023 March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Deacon for March: Kim Poteat 828-275-1677 Ushers for March: Kim Poteat Katha Tasios			6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am Chick-Fil-A Smokey Park Hwy		
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	6:15-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	8	9	 10 11
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Calvary Prayer List

Alverta Bolick Home
Deacons & Leadership Team
Evelyn Boone
Betty Carter
Mary Ruth Duyck
Cami Green
Janie Green's Family
Sam Hocking
Patsy Hoglen
Fran Horton
Sarah McGinnis
Lucas Messer
Edith Middleton
Peggy Nichols

Debbie Nix
Kathy Rhodes
Jean Rice
Pam & Norman Rice
Barbara Roberts
Geana Rollins
Gary Smallan
Margo Snedden
Pat Stillwell
Fred & Donna Tennant
Don & Kayla Welborn
Wyatt Family

Other Concerns

Canterbury Classical School
Haylee Anderson

Pat & Barbara Bailey
Rick & Debbie Durham
Maria Fire
Elijah Frisby
Colson Gropp
Keith & Betty Sue Haywood
Gayle Jenkins
Linda Keeling
Jared McCanless
Janet Mitchell
Joe Morrison
William Richardson
Joella Rigsby
Bill Rice
Donald & Kevin Robinson

Jane Smith
Phillip Taylor
Karen Warren
Ukraine

Our Military

David Brown
Graham Tasios

Our Front Line

Asheville Fire & Rescue
Asheville & Buncombe Co. Law Enfr.
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)

Mar 05 Gary Smallan
Mar 12 Margaret Morgan
Mar 19 Butch Stillwell
Mar 26 Katha Tasios

Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.
Deuteronomy 32:2

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. Masks optional.

March Birthdays

01 Jared Gardener
01 Katha Tasios
04 Ian Moorrees
04 Zaiden Poteat
07 Evelyn Maney
07 Bill Poteat Jr
08 Donna Hilemon
16 Guy Sayles
17 Kimberly Moorrees
18 Melody Bell
21 Harvey Rice
29 Ginny Berrier
29 Cynthia Thornton
29 Laura Brinkley
30 Jonathan Elkin



March Anniversaries

03 Bruce & Margaret Morgan
02 Al & Cathy Nichols
15 Norman & Pam Rice
21 Rick & Teresa Kagley

