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## Operation Christmas Child

Just a note to remind you it is not too early to begin thinking about Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. You can begin looking for anything a boy or girl from 2-14 might like. Keep your eyes open for sales and if you see a good sale, let others know. Good hunting and God bless you in your hunt!

Margaret & Tom Mattox



# Give Online

[www.calvarync.org/give](http://www.calvarync.org/give)

## 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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# CrossPoints

Monthly Newsletter

March 2024



## From the Pastor...

Saying "goodbye" is hard, sometimes very hard. I experienced this personally in the homegoing of my daddy on February 2, 2024. After a 10-month battle with esophageal cancer, his faith was made sight, and the Lord ushered him into His eternal presence. But for as hard as it was to tell daddy "goodbye," I knew that it was what needed to happen, what *must* happen. The time had come. And my "goodbye" to daddy was only one side of things. On the other side of things was a joyful "Hello" as the Lord welcomed him into that which human words cannot describe. Upon my dad's passing, I cried mightily, and in the same breath, I shouted "Hallelujah." Sometimes, saying that hard word "good bye" opens the door for something more glorious than we can ever imagine.

As a Calvary family, we have some "goodbyes" to say. They can be hard. It can be hard saying "goodbye" to the title "Baptist" in our church's name, a title which in years gone by served well to help define the beliefs and values and identity of the congregation. It can be hard saying "good bye" to our beloved brother Jim, now retiring in mid-April, who has served this congregation with full heart and soul for over 10 years. In such times, saying "goodbye" can leave us with a hole in our hearts, with concerns over the future and what it will look like, with a sense of loss of our past and the anticipation of change in our future.

But for those who have faith in Jesus, it should always be true that, as the Apostle Paul writes, "we do not grieve as those who have no hope." These "goodbyes" are also opportunities for God to open doors for something more glorious than we can ever imagine.

On Sunday, March 3, following worship, we will vote on the recommendation of your pastor and your deacons to change the name of this congregation to "Calvary Church." And, in the coming weeks, with Jim Burnett's final Sunday on April 21 in view, we will begin the process of discerning who it is that God will call to this church to lead us in worship. Both these involve some "goodbyes," but I anticipate that there is something on the other side that will raise up in us a shout of "Hallelujah!" Yes, weeping may last for the night, but JOY comes in the morning.

So, saying "goodbye" maybe isn't quite so hard when we know what's on the other side. And what is on the other side is going to be good... really, really good, isn't it!

— Rendell

Watch our worship services on Facebook Live.  
Services are posted on our website on Sunday afternoons.  
[www.calvarync.org/messages](http://www.calvarync.org/messages)

**Church Conference - Mar 3, 2024**



## Upcoming Dates

3/03/24 — Church Conference  
 3/07/24 — Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 3/17/24 — Easter Lily Forms Due  
 3/23/24 — Hands-On Missions Opportunity  
 3/31/24 — Easter Breakfast/Service

## Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast

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



## February Hands - On Missions Opportunity

Thank you to those who helped serve at the Western Carolina Rescue Ministry on February 1. It was a great way to be the hands of Jesus.



## Easter Lilies

With your help, this **Easter Sunday, March 31**, 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 by **Sunday, March 17**.



## Easter Breakfast

On **Easter Sunday, March 31**, 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.



## Clothing Giveaway

Calvary will be having a clothing giveaway **Saturday, April 13**. We are collecting men's, women's or children's clothing, shoes, accessories, etc. Clothes can be placed in Sunday School room H-4, located off The Hub. Cindy can also pick up donations. Contact Cindy Thornton @ 828-280-6682. We will need volunteers for sorting. Workdays will be **March 5, 19 and April 2 from 10-12**. Please let Cindy know who will be available to help. Thank you!

## Jim's Retirement

On Sunday, February 18, Jim Burnett announced his retirement from Calvary. His last official Sunday on staff will be Sunday, April 21. We will be planning a luncheon to honor Jim and Barbara on **Sunday, April 21** following worship. Between now and then, you will have opportunity to express your love and appreciation to Jim for his 10+ years at Calvary. Our hope is that after some time away that we will continue to enjoy the fellowship of having Jim and Barbara as part of our church family. We love you, Jim and Barbara!

## Monthly Hands - On Missions Opportunity

Each month in 2024, our Calvary family will volunteer for a monthly "hands-on" missions opportunity in our community. Opportunities will vary each month. On **Saturday, March 23**, Calvary will be providing the **noon** meal at ABCCM's Transformation Village off Brevard Road near I-26. We will purchase the items/ingredients and prepare the meal for about 50 residents. For those who can volunteer that day, a sign-up sheet will soon be provided. Others who cannot volunteer that day will be asked to help provide the items/ingredients needed for the meal. More details will be provided soon. What a great way to be the hands and feet of Christ!



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