

# CrossPoints

Monthly Newsletter

July 2025



## From the Pastor...

It was Saturday, March 4, 1933, the first inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. At that time, the nation was deep into the Great Depression which began in 1929 and lasted more than a decade, with unemployment reaching 25%. Banks failed, wiping out people's savings accounts. Millions of people lost their homes and were forced to live in makeshift shelters or rely on public assistance. Breadlines and soup kitchens became commonplace as people struggled to afford food. Farming communities were particularly hard hit, with crop prices falling drastically and farmers losing their land. Nations and peoples around the world felt the impact. In the U.S., President Roosevelt's New Deal programs aimed to provide relief, recovery, and reform. And it was in his inaugural address to the nation that Roosevelt bolstered the hopes of many for a better day ahead when he famously heralded "The only thing to fear is fear itself."

Each generation grapples with its own fears and uncertainties. Some seasons seem harder and more scary than others. And while we are currently not living in the days of "The Great Depression," nor of WWI or WWII, the times we live in seem uncertain and can be, well, scary. Shall we make a list? Political unrest, division, and violence in our nation. Wars between Ukraine and Russia, between Israel and Hamas, between Israel and Iran, with the threat of terrorist attacks here at home in response to the US bombings in Iran, and (at the time of this writing) with Russia suggesting they will provide nuclear weapons to Iran. Let's not forget to list the war in Sudan, the brutal fighting which has created a massive humanitarian crisis with millions displaced and facing food shortages. And other wars we rarely hear about, in Myanmar, Yemen, and Syria, all displacing millions and creating devastating humanitarian crises. And then there's all the talk about the threat of nuclear weapons from Russia to North Korea to China.

Then add to the mix rising concerns over technologies that could transform our world in inconceivable ways, things like Artificial Intelligence, Musk's "Neuralink" computer-brain implants, and quantum computing. Then there's the rise of cryptocurrency and its potential destabilization of financial markets around the globe. Then there's the increasing "disclosure" regarding UAP's (Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon), a topic which is now mainstream and is being undertaken in the Congress, by the Secretary of State, and by other branches of the government as more and more military and government "whistleblowers" come forward with testimony that involves things we would typically ascribe to the SciFi network, things like UFO crash retrieval programs, reverse-engineered alien crafts, and zero-point energy technologies. Add to all of this just the "routine" challenges of living: the health crisis, the marriage crisis, the difficulties with employment, the paying-of-the-bills.

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**Imani Milele Choir - July 29, 2025**

No, it's not the Great Depression, but the times we are living in certainly come with some significant challenges. It would be easy to sink into a state of fear. So, was Roosevelt right? Is it true that "the only thing to fear is fear itself?"

As a follower of Jesus, we look to His words when we face fear and uncertainty. His earliest followers had their own fears and uncertainties which to them seemed monumental. And His words to them are still His words to us today: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." – Jesus, John 14:27

"Do not be afraid." Jesus told us "Do not be afraid" not because we would have the world by the tail, not because we can understand all that's happening around us, not because He would rid from our experience all that challenges us, all that scares us. He told us "Do not be afraid" because He can be trusted to see us through everything we can ever experience in this life. And He can be trusted to see us through this life to the life beyond all time and space, into eternity, with the God who created all things and who holds all things together. When we know that, and when we know Him, there is nothing to fear, nothing at all.

- Rendell

## God's World of Science Kid's Day Camp

Our Kid's Day Camp was great fun and lots of learning about how science points us to God.



## Imani Milele Children's Choir

It's official! The Imani Milele Children's Choir from Uganda will be in concert at Calvary on **Tuesday, Jul 29 @ 6pm** (doors open at 5:15pm). Since 2013, Imani Milele Choirs have toured the U.S. (with a different set of children for each choir group) performing at over 600 concerts collectively ever since. For about eight months out of the year, the choir tours all over the U.S. performing at churches, schools, organizations, private concerts, and many more venues, bringing their unique sound and infectious joy wherever they travel! The high-energy concerts are so electrifying, that being at one of them will exhilarate you as you watch these amazing children perform well-crafted dances, songs, African drum routines, and much more. We are excited to host this choir again! There will be ways you can plug-in to help us host this choir two nights, around 30 people, Jul 28-29, and help us get the word out to our community. Mark your calendar!



## Operation Christmas Child

Now is the best time of year to be on the lookout for shoebox items (especially school supplies) for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Lots of deals on back-to-school items in the coming weeks. There is a box outside of the Learning Center where items for shoeboxes can be placed.

Thank you!  
Tom Mattox



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## Upcoming Dates

7/03/25 — Men's Prayer Breakfast

7/04/25 — Independence Day

7/08/25 — Deacons' Meeting

7/16/25 — Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

7/29/25 — Imani Milele Choir

## Share Calvary With A Friend

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.



## Monthly Prayer Breakfasts

### Men's Prayer Breakfast:

*Location Change:* Our Men's Prayer Breakfast for July will be **Thursday, Jul 3, @ 7:30am @ The Salty Goat Grill, New Leicester Hwy.**

### Ladies' Prayer Breakfast:

Our Ladies' Prayer Breakfast will be **Wednesday, Jul 16 @ 8:30am @ Chick-fil-A Smokey Park Hwy.**

## 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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# 2025 July

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Deacon for July:</b> Kim Poteat 828-275-1677  <b>Deacon Greeters for July:</b> Katha Tasios and Kim Poteat		 1	2  6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30am <b>The Salty Goat</b> New Leicester Hwy	4 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	5
9:20 Prayer 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 6	7	8  Deacon Meeting 4pm LC	9  6:30-8:30 Worship Team Rehearsal	10  	11 Friday Crafters 11a-2p	12
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### **Calvary Prayer List**

Alverta Bolick Home  
 Deacons & Leadership Team  
 Karen Bartlett  
 Margaret Bradshaw  
 Betty Carter  
 Ellen Cheng  
 Jennie Dalton  
 Mary Ruth Duyck  
 Brenda Farlow  
 Neva Hancock  
 Donna Hilemon  
 Sam Hocking  
 Diane Jervis  
 Sarah McGinnis  
 Edith Middleton  
 Mona Moore

Margaret Morgan  
 Debbie Nix  
 Poteat Family  
 Barbara Roberts  
 Geana Rollins  
 Smallan Family  
 Pat Stillwell  
 Deb Welborn  
**Other Concerns**  
 Canterbury Classical School  
 Beverly Adams  
 Robert Atwater  
 Mike Baker  
 Margaret Brown  
 Peggy Burke  
 Evelyn Carter  
 Breanna Chambers

Joan Cook  
 Elijah Frisby  
 Nick Givens  
 Cami Green  
 Colson Gropp  
 Kimberly Hanna  
 Keith & Betty Sue Haywood  
 Gayle Jenkins  
 Pat Millard  
 Jamie Miller  
 Sue Morgan  
 Chris Pafford  
 Lynn Queen  
 William Richardson  
 Bill Rice  
 Sean Robinson  
 Donald & Kevin Robinson

Robert Shelton  
 Bob Snedden  
 Phillip Taylor  
 Tammy Tweed  
 Suzanne Wilson  
 Linda Worley

### **Our Military**

Graham Tasios  
 Dylan Biddix

### **Our Front Line**

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

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

Jul 06 Gary Smallan  
 Jul 13 Glenn Jervis  
 Jul 20 Katha Tasios  
 Jul 27 Margaret Morgan

*F*or our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. — 2 Corinthians 4:17

### **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.

### **Jul Birthdays**

7 Betty Carter  
 12 Bobbie McMahan  
 13 Amber Gay  
 16 Sarah McGinnis  
 19 Pam Rice  
 22 Casey McMahan  
 23 Diandra Farlow  
 23 Maggie Nix  
 24 Janet Nichols  
 25 Janie Green  
 28 Les Little

*Hello July*

### **Jul Anniversaries**

12 Jim & Barbara Burnett  
 27 Floyd & Donna Hilemon  
 31 Fred & Margo Snedden

*Happy Independence Day!*