



**January 07, 2024**

**8:30 AM Uplift**

*If you are a guest today, please fill out the "Guest Information" portion  
of your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.*

*Thank you for worshiping with us!*

Scripture: Mark 1:1-4, 14-20

Message:

Good News in Not-So-Good Times

The Gospel According to Jesus

Welcome to ***Uplift!*** We're glad you're here to worship with us!

For your small children, a nursery is located  
through the right front door of the sanctuary.

Hearing assistance devices are available from our *Uplift* sound team.

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*Hearing assistance devices are available; please see an usher.*

*Please silence cell phones during the worship service.*



January 07, 2024

10:55 AM

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### **Gathering God's People**

Prelude ..... "Fairest Lord Jesus" ..... arr. Page

Welcome to Worship

Welcome Chorus..... "All Hail King Jesus" ..... No. 295

Invocation ..... Mike Francis

### **Worshipping God's Glory**

Hymn of Praise..... "Worthy of Worship" ..... No. 3

(verses 1 and 2)

The Prayers of God's People

Hymn of Giving..... "Footsteps of Jesus" ..... No. 550

(verses 1 and 3)

*(Children in K through Grade 3 may exit for Children's Church)*

### **\*Prayer Over Offering**

Offertory..... "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery" ..... arr. Smith

### **Hearing God's Word**

Scripture ..... Mark 1:1-4, 14-20

Anthem ..... "The Answer" ..... Sanctuary Choir

Message ..... Good News for Not-So-Good Times ..... Alex Martin

The Gospel According to Jesus

### **Answering God's Call**

\*Invitation ..... "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian " ..... No. 536

\*Closing Prayer

\*Postlude..... "Gigue" ..... arr. Wagner

\*Congregation please stand.

## Church Life Updates

- **Blood Drive Today:** In honor and in memory of Brent Hull, Calvary is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall today from 11 am to 3:30 pm. Walk-ins are welcome.
- **New Study Opportunity:** The Narrow Gate class will be studying the New Testament letters of Paul this year, and they're starting this morning with the Book of Galatians. If you're not already engaged in regular Bible study, this would be a great opportunity to grow your understanding of God's Word. The class meets in Room 121.
- **Wednesday Nights Are Back:** Calvary's Midweek Ministries resume this Wednesday (Jan. 10). We open with prayer in the Fellowship Hall at 6 o'clock and then head off into small group growth opportunities for all ages. Adults have two study options this session: a continuing study of Revelation led by Pastor Alex, and a new study led by Becky Critz called "Unoffendable," which teaches how "letting go" of offenses can give you new energy and gratitude.
- **Save Some Soles:** Calvary's first mission project for 2024 will be a "Sock Drive." We aim to collect at least 500 pairs of new socks for adults (men or women), which will be shared with our local ministry partners for distribution. Collection boxes will be available in the church office, church lobby, and near the elevator entrance.
- **You Can Be an Encourager:** Calvary's "Card Ministry Team," which got started with our "Servant Sunday" last fall, will meet at 10 o'clock am on Saturday, January 27, to create new cards that will be used to bless those who need a lift. You don't need any special skills or training—just a heart for encouraging others. If you have questions or want to help, please contact Andrea Phillips (336-710-3524), so she can have enough supplies available.

## Church Statistics

| Budget Year<br>2023<br>As of 12/31/23 | Budget<br>to Date | Receipts<br>to Date | Expenditures<br>to Date | Receipts<br>minus<br>Expenditures |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| General                               | \$554,363.16      | \$626,900.20        | \$ 549,447.78           | \$77,452.42                       |
| Transportation                        | \$2,999.80        | \$6,525.00          | \$4,925.15              | \$1,599.85                        |
| Endowment Fund as of 12/31/23:        |                   |                     | 73,634.39               |                                   |

If you have any questions about the budget please see Bob Peake.

| Date       | Sunday School | Uplift | Traditional | Total Worship |
|------------|---------------|--------|-------------|---------------|
| 12/31/2023 | 101           | 0      | 158         | 158           |

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, January 7

8:30 AM Uplift Service  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:55 AM Traditional Service  
**11:00 AM** Blood Drive

### Sunday, January 14

8:30 AM Uplift Service  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:55 AM Traditional Service

### Tuesday, January 09

6:30 PM BYW

### Wednesday, January 17

6:00 PM Mid-Week Ministry  
7:15 PM Choir Practice

### Wednesday, January 10

6:00 PM Mid-Week Ministry  
7:15 PM Choir Practice

# Prayer Concerns

- **The Calvary Family:** Our Homebound Members, Family of Brent Hull, Brenda Arnder and her daughter Peggy, Gray Beverly, Ray Dunbar, Renee Francis, Vernell Goins, Anita Greene, Lillie Mae Haynes, Andrea Herath, Norris Hodge, Norris Jarrell, Tony Martin, Greg McCormick, Robert McKinney, Devra Neal, Howard Shelton, Craig Slate, Owen Stone, Tony Varney, Kendra White
- **Friends of Calvary (01/07):** Courtney Payne Benfield, Ralph Hiatt, Sr. (Ralph Hiatt's father), Don Moorefield (Jenny Moorefield's brother), Mike Rutherford (friend of Keith Doyle), Gaynell Snow (relative of Tom & Lore Beckom)

|                         | January 07            | January 14     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Deacon of the Week      | Mike Francis          | Steve Simandle |
| Safety Team—Uplift      | Ralph Hiatt           | Benny Lisk     |
| Safety Team—Traditional | George/Debbie Howlett | Roger Jarrell  |



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