



September 17, 2023

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: Genesis 18:1-15

Message:

I Love to Tell the Story: Faith in a Promise

Rev. Alex Bracey

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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Please silence cell phones during the worship service.



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10:55 AM

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"Gathering the People of God"

Prelude "Grand Choeur Dialogue"arr. Wagner

Welcome to Worship

Welcome Chorus..... "Sanctuary" No. 588

InvocationGray Shelton

"Celebrating Our Unity in Christ"

Hymn of Praise "We Are Called to Be God's People"No. 391
(verses 1 and 2)

The Prayers of God's People

Hymn of Giving "Have Faith in God" No. 508
(verses 1 and 2)

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

* Prayer Over the Offering

Offertory "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"arr. Berry

"Hearing the Word of God"

ScriptureGenesis 18:1-15

Worship in Song "Don't Make Me Laugh"Teresa Martin

Message..... I Love to Tell the Story Alex Bracey
Faith in a Promise

"Answering the Call of God"

* Invitation "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 501

* Closing Prayer

* Postlude "Trumpet Tune" arr. Shanko

*Congregation please stand.

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Church Life Updates

- **Deacon Nominations:** Today church members will have the chance to nominate as many as 5 individuals to serve a 3-year term as deacons. Deacons can be men or women, must be at least 21 years old, must have been members of Calvary at least 3 years, and must possess the qualities described in 1 Tim. 3:1-9 and elsewhere. Please do not nominate the following individuals, who are rotating off our deacon board: Sam Critz, Benny Lisk, Bob McPherson, Kent Moser, and Doug Odell. Voting for deacons will take place on October 15. Nomination forms are inserted into today's bulletin.
- **Servant Sunday:** Check out today's bulletin insert for a complete list of ministry options for Servant Sunday (October 8). Please help us be prepared by signing up for the project in which you want to participate. Just write your name and project on the bulletin tear-off and drop it in the offering plate.
- **The Backpack Challenge:** Calvary is seeking to raise \$6000 to support this year's Backpack Ministry at Franklin Elementary. You can make your gift through the regular offering or by giving online. Just be sure to designate your gift for "Franklin Backpack." Thank you for making it possible for our church to be a blessing. So far we have received \$2,675.
- **Blood Drive:** Today, Calvary will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 11 am to 3:30 pm. If you're eligible to donate, we encourage you to give the gift of life.
- **Short Term Bible Study:** The Narrow Gate class will begin a new short-term study this morning. *The Way of the Chosen*, which follows Season 3 of The Chosen TV series, will run eight weeks.
- **Hats for Children:** A Knitting/Crochet Group is making hats for children, that will be given to The Legacy Center for Servant Sunday. Please join them on Thursday evenings at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, call Devra Neal at 336-529-8555.

Church Statistics

Budget Year 2023 As of 09/10/23	Budget to Date	Receipts to Date	Expenditures to Date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$394,450.71	\$413,012.71	\$347,609.35	\$65,403.36
Transportation	\$2,094.20	\$3,085.00	\$4,509.77	(\$1,424.77)
Endowment Fund as of 09/10/23:			\$74,266.16	

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

Date	Sunday School	Uplift	Traditional	Total Worship
09/10/23	168	140	85	225

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 17

8:30 AM Uplift
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:55 AM Traditional Worship
 11:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive
 to 3:30 PM Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 20

6:00 PM Mid-Week Activities
 6:15 PM Hand bell Rehearsal
 7:15 PM **NO** Choir Practice

Thursday, September 21

7:00 PM **NO** Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 27

6:00 PM Mid-Week Activities
 6:15 PM Hand bell Rehearsal
 7:15 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, September 28

10:00 AM Pastor Led Bible Study
 7:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal

We'd Love to Have You Join Us!

Membership at Calvary is open to everyone who has placed their trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and has been baptized by immersion. To join the church by profession of faith or by transfer of letter from another congregation, you can speak to the pastor during the song of response at the end of worship or contact him during the week.

Prayer Concerns

- **The Calvary Family:** Our Homebound Members, Brenda Arnder and her daughter Peggy, James Belton, Gray Beverly, Ray Dunbar, Lauren Francis, Renee Francis, Vernell Goins, Anita Greene, Lillie Mae Haynes, Norris Hodge, Brent and Anita Hull, Rachel and Lonnie Jackson, Norris Jarrell, Tony Martin, Greg McCormick, Howard Shelton, Craig Slate, Owen Stone, Kendra White
- **Servant Sunday (October 8):** Pray for the Lord to guide each member of our church family to a place of service that will bless them and allow them to be a blessing.
- **Friends of Calvary (09/03):** Family of Bud Hunter, Michael Flanagan (Mike & Cindy Flanagan's son), Jim German (Carol Lowe's brother-in-law), Nancy Moore (Beth Church's mother)
- **Friends of Calvary (09/10):** Family of Jesse Bolt (Gray Shelton's friend), Isabel Delfin (Carlos Delfin's daughter), Penny Hough (teacher at Franklin whose husband died), Courtney Payne (Troy & Becky Payne's daughter),

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Deacon of the Week	Gray Shelton	Steve Simandle
Safety Team—Uplift Safety Team—Traditional	Ralph Hiatt Roger Jarrell	Benny Lisk Kent Moser



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Striving to glorify God by being a Christ-centered, caring church through worship, discipleship, missions and ministry.