



**October 1, 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: Exodus 3:1-14

Message:

I Love to Tell the Story: A Call for Unlikely Heroes

Rev. Alex Martin

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 God's People**

Prelude ..... "Postlude in F Major" ..... arr. Plash

Welcome to Worship

Welcome Chorus ..... "Holy Ground" ..... No. 72

Invocation ..... David Stone

### **Worshiping God's Glory**

Hymn of Praise ..... "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" ..... No. 82  
(verses 1 and 3)

The Prayers of God's People

Hymn of Giving ..... "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ..... No. 96  
(verses 1 and 3)

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

\*Prayer Over the Offering

Offertory ..... "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" ..... arr. Nevue

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

Scripture ..... Exodus 3:1-14

Worship in Song ..... "Most of the Time" ..... Alex Martin

Message ..... I Love to Tell the Story ..... Alex Martin  
A Call for Unlikely Heroes

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

\*Invitation ..... "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" ..... No. 544

\*Closing Prayer

\*Postlude ..... "Trumpet Fanfare on 'Nun danket'" ..... arr. Wagner

\*Congregation please stand.

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# Church Life Updates

- **Servant Sunday Is One Week Away!** Please remember: Next Sunday morning (October 8), we'll have a brief time for our Sunday School classes to connect at 9 am. We'll meet in the sanctuary to pray and receive last-minute instructions at 9:30. And then we'll head out to bless our community! Lunch will be served (and/or delivered) between 11:30 and 1:30. We'll conclude the day with a worship celebration at 6 pm, so that we can share testimonies, see photos of Calvary in action, and thank God for the chance to serve Him. We hope you'll join us!
- **The Backpack Challenge:** Calvary is seeking to raise \$6,000 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. As of last Sunday, we have received \$6,257.
- **Deacon Balloting:** On Sunday, September 17, members of Calvary had the opportunity to nominate those who will join our Board of Deacons for a 3-year term, beginning in January of next year. The following individuals have been nominated: Choppy Cawley, Mike Francis, Roger Jarrell, Michael Gentry, and Ralph Hiatt. A vote of affirmation for these candidates will take place by ballot in worship on Sunday, October 15.
- **One Calvary Sunday:** Our next "One Calvary" Sunday is coming on October 29. On that day, we'll share a church family breakfast from 8:45 to 9:25, Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:25, and one gathering for worship from 10:30 to 11:30. In that time of worship, we'll ordain new deacons, receive a benevolence offering, honor our staff, and wrap up our pastor's current message series, "I Love to Tell the Story."
- **Short Term Bible Study:** The Narrow Gate class will begin a new short-term study on Sunday, October 15. *The Way of the Chosen*, which follows Season 3 of The Chosen TV series and will run eight weeks. Please email ([bccritz1129@gmail.com](mailto:bccritz1129@gmail.com)) or text (336-341-8249).
- **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 09/24/23	Budget to Date	Receipts to Date	Expenditures to Date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$415,772.37	\$446,108.00	\$371,870.06	\$74,237.94
Transportation	\$2,207.40	\$3,585.00	\$4,868.30	(\$1,283.30)
Endowment Fund as of 09/24/23:				\$74,266.16

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

Date	Sunday School	Uplift	Traditional	Total Worship
09/24/23	175	136	88	224

# Calendar of Events

## Sunday, October 1

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

## Tuesday, October 3

10:30 AM Women in Mission

## Wednesday, October 4

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

## Thursday, October 5

10:30 AM Pastor Led Bible Study  
7:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal

## Sunday, October 8

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

## Tuesday, October 10

6:30 PM Baptist Young Women

## Wednesday, October 11

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

## Thursday, October 12

10:30 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, Devra Neal, Howard Shelton, Craig Slate, Owen Stone, Kendra White
- **Servant Sunday (October 8):** Ask God to guide our final preparations, to guide everyone in the Calvary family to a fruitful place of service, and to give us a great day of ministry and fellowship.
- **Friends of Calvary (9/17):** Family of Susan Arnold (long-time friend of Jo Lynn Johnson)
- **Friends of Calvary (9/24):** Family of James Belton, Family of Eddie Bunn (Devra Neal's friend), Family of Archie Haynes (Sandra Byrd's brother –in-law), Charles Hill (Becky Critz's father)

	October 1	October 8
Deacon of the Week	David Stone	Debbie Howett
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*Striving to glorify God by being a Christ-centered, caring church through worship, discipleship, missions and ministry.*