



**December 14, 2025**

**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!*

**THE UNEXPECTED MESSIAH**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Hallelujah (Cloverton)

Hope Has Come

Angels

Silent Night

Be Born in Me

Light of the World

O Come, All You Unfaithful

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.*



**December 14, 2025**

**10:55 AM**

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**Gathering God's People**

Prelude..... "Coventry Carol" .....Calvary Joybells

Welcome to Worship

\* Welcome Chorus ..... "Noel! Christ the Lord is Born"

\* Invocation..... David Stone

**Worshiping God's Glory**

\*Hymn of Praise....."Hark! the Herald Angels Sing " ..... No. 192  
(Verses 1 and 3)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Prayers of God's People

\*Hymn of Giving....."The First Noel " ..... No. 180  
(Verses 1 and 2)

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

\* Prayer over the Offering

Offertory..... "What Child Is This?" ..... Laiken Reece (flute)

**Hearing God's Word**

Scripture.....Matthew 21:33-46

Anthem..... "Peace Has Come" ..... Sanctuary Choir

Message ..... A Very Matthew Christmas: ... Pastor Alex Martin  
Naughty Listers and the Surprising Christmas Gospel

**Answering God's Call**

\* Invitation ..... "Go, Tell it on the Mountain " ..... No. 182

\* Closing Prayer

\* Postlude ..... "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ..... Calvary Joybells

## Church Life Updates

- **Celebrate the Savior!** In today's Uplift service, Calvary's praise band will present *The Unexpected Messiah*, which reminds us how Jesus revealed God's love by coming as a humble child to a world that expected a conquering king. Even if you're not a regular in our early service, we invite you and your guests to worship with us!
- **Faith, Fun & Fellowship:** Join us on Wednesday, December 17 at 11:00 am for BINGO and a cookie stomp. Bring a Christmas item for bingo and cookies to share, Everyone is welcome.
- **Kids' Christmas Play:** Join us at 6:30 pm this Wednesday, Dec. 17, as Calvary's kids lead us in a journey through the Christmas story. And please stick around after the pageant for a reception in the fellowship hall. Anyone who is willing to bring refreshments, please contact Beth Church or Kathy McKnight.
- **Short-Term Mission:** On Wednesday and Thursday of this week (12/17 and 12/18), Mike Francis will lead one more mission team to western NC to wrap-up our project there. If you'd like to know more, please contact Mike at 336/830-1655.
- **Christmas Eve:** We hope you can join us at 5 pm on Christmas Eve for "Cloth for the Cradle," a service of worship that includes with scripture, carols, candlelight, and a special opportunity to "prepare a place" for Jesus to be born anew in our hearts.
- **Worship on Dec. 28:** To simplify your holiday, Calvary will follow a special worship schedule on Sunday, 12/28. In place of our normal gatherings, we'll have Sunday School at 9:30 and one service of worship at 10:30.
- **Christmas Missions Offering:** Let's share Jesus with people around the world by supporting global missions! You can designate your gift to Andy & Cari Robertson (our missionaries in central Africa), the Lottie Moon offering of the SBC, or the Global Missions Offering of the CBF. Heading into this morning, you've given \$1070 towards our missions goal of \$5000. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!
- **Blood Drive:** Calvary will host its next Red Cross Blood drive on Sunday, January 4, from 11 am to 3 pm. If you'd like to reserve a donation time, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). And if you'd like to help with registration or staffing the snack area, please contact Mary Jane Shelton (336/401-5849).
- **In Memory:** The nativity set displayed below our sanctuary cross was given in memory of Norma Hiatt.

# Church Statistics

<b>Budget Year 2025 As of 12/07/2025</b>	<b>Budget to Date</b>	<b>Receipts to Date</b>	<b>Expenditures to Date</b>	<b>Receipts minus Expenditures</b>
General	\$646,721.79	\$618,567.91	\$538,240.88	\$80,417.03
Transportation	\$2,826.92	\$1065.00		\$1065.00
Endowment Fund as of 12/07/25:				\$180,127.99

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Uplift</b>	<b>Traditional</b>	<b>Total Worship</b>
12/7/2025	194	170	224	394

# Calendar of Events

## Sunday, December 14

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

## Sunday, December 21

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

## Wednesday, December 17

6:30 PM Christmas Pageant  
7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday, December 24

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

*The Office will be Closed December 25 th and 26th  
Merry Christmas!!*

## 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, Claudia Bryant, Mike Flanagan, Lauren Francis, Mary Lynn Goins, Vernell Goins, Lillie Mae Haynes, Mary Ruth Lewis, Karen Moser, Doug Nichols, Troy Payne, Veda Payne, Natalie Puckett, Sherry Riddle, Jack Stanley, Owen Stone
- **Friends of Calvary (11/30):** Family of Janie Draughn (Mitzi Poore's mother), Family of Wayne McKinney (Beverly Hamilton's father), Jean Arrington (Nicole Harrison's grandmother), Nancy Moore (Beth Church's mother), Carole Simmons (Jarod Simmons' mother), Debra Walker (Judy Meinecke's sister-in-law)
- **Friends of Calvary (12/7):** Family of Charles Hill (Becky Critz's father), Family of Mary Helen Smith, Angie Stanley (Jack Stanley's daughter-in-law)

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Deacon of the Week	David Stone	Mike Francis
Safety Team—Uplift Safety Team—Traditional	David McPeak Lowell Layman	Mike Shelton Gray Shelton

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