



December 21, 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!

Today’s Message:

A Very Matthew Christmas:
The Story We Can’t Stop Telling
(2 Timothy 4:1-5)

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 "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella" arr. Davis

Welcome to Worship

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

* Invocation Mike Francis

Worshiping God's Glory

*Hymn of Praise... "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 184
(Verses 1 and 3)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Prayers of God's People

*Hymn of Giving "What Child is This" No. 198
(Verses 1 and 3)

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

* Prayer over the Offering

Offertory "Mary Did You Know?" arr. Schrader

Hearing God's Word

Scripture..... 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Anthem "How Great our Joy" Sanctuary Choir

Message A Very Matthew Christmas: ... Pastor Alex Martin
The Story We Can't Stop Telling

Answering God's Call

* Invitation "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 196

* Closing Prayer

* Postlude "Bells on Christmas Day" arr. Hamlin

Church Life Updates

- **A Special Treat:** The Heritage Committee is providing treat bags for everyone today as we continue to celebrate the Advent season. Our church began this tradition almost 90 years ago, when fruit and candy were not readily available to many families in the congregation. As you enjoy the treats, think about how we often take the contents for granted. See them as a gift in remembrance of the gift that was given to us.
- **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 \$2,155 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. And if you’d like to help with registration or staffing the snack area, please contact Mary Jane Shelton (336/401-5849).
- **New Sunday School Option:** On Sunday, January 4, our Coed 1 Class will be starting a new unit of study based on Season 5 of The Chosen. This class will also be offered as part of our Midweek Ministry on Wednesday evenings, beginning on January 7.,

Church Statistics

Budget Year 2025 As of 12/14/2025	Budget to Date	Receipts to Date	Expenditures to Date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$659,920.19	\$627,651.52	\$570,232.13	\$57,419.39
Transportation	\$2,884.62	\$1065.00		\$1065.00
Endowment Fund as of 12/14/25:				\$180,127.99

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

Date	Sunday School	Uplift	Traditional	Total Worship
12/14/2025	192	215	94	309

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 21

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

Sunday, December 28

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

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 (12/7):** Family of Charles Hill (Becky Critz's father), Family of Mary Helen Smith, Angie Stanley (Jack Stanley's daughter-in-law)
- **Friends of Calvary (12/14):** Jean Arrington (Nicole Harrison's grandmother), Jane Burgess (Cristina Montgomery's grandmother), Glenn Filius (Amy Moser's father), Nancy Moore (Beth Church's mother), William Payne (Rhonda McHone's father), Carole Simmons (Jarod Simmons' mother), Debra Walker (Judy Meinecke's sister-in-law)

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Deacon of the Week	Mike Francis	Danny Lineberry
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Striving to glorify God by being a Christ-centered, caring church through worship, discipleship, missions and ministry.