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This Month's Mission: Legacy Center Diaper Drive

Here at Calvary, we're constantly looking for ways that we can be a blessing. And who better to bless than children who are newborn, soon-to-beborn, and their mothers? That's why our April mission project gives you an opportunity to do just that by donating much-needed items to the Legacy Center—a ministry here in Mount Airy that serves women during and after an unexpected pregnancy.

High on the list of much-needed items are diapers, especially for older newborns (sizes 2, 4, 5, and 6) and toddlers (Pull-Up style diapers, sizes 2T-3T and 4T-5T). We're also collecting new or gently used baby clothes (especially for children 12 months to 2T). And if you or your class would like to do something "extra special," there's also a need for new infant car seats, or new diaper bags and backpacks.

We'll be collecting these items through Sunday, April 30. And you can leave your donations in the collection boxes near the church entrances, or on the

Legacy Center
Diaper
Drive

stage in the fellowship hall. If you have questions about our drive, please contact the church office. And if you'd like to know more about the ministry of the Legacy Center, please visit their website at www.legacymtairy.org.



Come and Worship the Risen Lord!

Easter Sunday is on April 9, and we'd be honored to have you with us as we celebrate the victory that gives us life! Our Easter morning activities are as follows:

Sunrise Worship: 7:45 am

Uplift Worship: 8:30 am

Easter Breakfast: 9:15 am

Sunday School: 10:00 am

Traditional Worship: 10:55 am

Summer Sermon Search

The summer months (and summer schedules) often provide a "natural break" in the flow of church life. And so, during the summer, Pastor Alex has decided to "take a break" from the sermons he's been preaching on the Big Story of the Bible, so that we can study some other topics that are simply fun, intriguing, or that respond in a more direct way to what our church family needs right now to grow spiritually.

However, to select these topics, he needs your help! That's why, during the month of April, he'll be inviting participants in worship to complete a "Sermon Survey." By answering just a few questions, you'll be able to help him as he plans for the months ahead.

Of course, even if you don't happen to be in worship on a Sunday that the surveys are distributed, he'd still like your input! So please feel free to stop by the church office to pick up a copy of the survey. Or just email Pastor Alex (pastoralex4@gmail.com) with your answers to some or all of these questions:

- What kind of sermons would you like to hear this summer? Is there a topic, a book of the Bible, or an element of the Christian life about which you'd like to learn more?
- Do you have any questions about faith for which you've always wanted answers but were too afraid to ask? What have you wrestled with when it comes to God? The Spirit? Prayer? Heaven? Something else?
- What would you say are some of your main spiritual needs these days? What does God want you to know? What does He want you to do? Who is He helping you to become?
- Do you have any other reflections or suggestion about what would be meaningful and encouraging when it comes to sermons and/or worship in the months ahead?

All of the feedback you provide will remain confidential. And if you have any questions, you're encouraged to contact Pastor Alex.

Summer Sermon Search

Pastor Alex Wants to Know;

What Kind of "Fun in the Son"

Do You Need this Summer?

Easter Missions Offering

Because of the way that our world has changed over the years, some of the distinctions between "home missions" and "foreign missions" no longer apply. After all, so much of the world has come to us, and so many of us get opportunities to travel the world! And yet, the Easter season—which has traditionally been the time when Baptist churches have collected an offering for home missions—is still the prefect time to support the ongoing work of sharing the good news of the gospel.

That's why we encourage you to participate in our Easter Missions Offering. We hope to collect no less than \$3000 to support missionaries who serve here in North America and beyond. And you can designate your gifts to this offering to one of three recipients: Andy and Cari Robertson (our missionaries to Central Africa), the Annie Armstrong Offering of the Southern Baptist Convention, or the Global Missions Offering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Of course, you can also leave your gifts undesignated, in which case we'll divide your offering equally among these causes. If possible, we encourage you to make your contributions by the end of April. Thank you in advance for supporting this important work!

GIVING THANK YOU FOR JOINING GOD IN HIS WORK IN THIS WORLD

Anniversary Offering

For many years now, it has been a Calvary tradition to celebrate Calvary's birthday by collecting an Anniversary Offering to fund special church projects that move beyond the scope of our general budget. This year, that special project is a major renovation that will repaint and refresh our children's Sunday School area (the upper level of our educational building) and will upgrade several entrance doors to provide greater security and enhanced accessibility. To participate in this effort, please mark your envelope or designate your online gift for the Anniversary Offering. The collection will continue through the month of May.

Dear Calvary

Thank you so very much for all the Valentine's Day goodies. The residents and staff appreciate all that you do for Colonial Care Home. God Bless you for all your kindness

Love, Staff and Residents Colonial Care

I sincerely appreciate all of the birthday wishes, cards and phone calls, for my 90th birthday. You made my birthday complete! I am enjoying my Easter treats too! I thank Jesus for each and every one of you! I am blessed by a loving and caring church family. I may not be with you in the flesh, but I am in spirit.

In Christ's love, Lillie Mae Haynes

Memorials & Honoraria

In Memory of Bob Meinecke Mary Jo White, Lillian Holder

In Memory of Burma Hamilton Kenneth and Barbara Nowlin

In Memory of Wilma Robertson
Eric Hiatt

In Memory of Thelma Shelton Eric Hiatt

In Memory of Betty Southern Eric Hiatt, Tony & Diane Stanley

In Honor of Lillie Mae Haynes 90th Birthday Jim & Lilnette Phillips, David & Ruth Hawks Matthew Phillips, Ruth Sunday School Class

The Ruth Sunday School Class would like to honor the following ladies on their 90th birthdays:

Jean Bryant Jo Ann Surratt Annie Thomas

In Honor of Brent Hull
Lillie Mae Haynes



Worship for Maundy Thursday ~ April 6, 2023 at 6:30 in the Evening

You're invited to join us for a brief time of scripture, prayer and reflection as we commemorate the Lord's Last Supper with his disciples. The service will take place in the Chapel at Calvary Baptist Church.

Potential Bone Marrow Donor Drive

Saturday, April 15, from 9 am to 3 pm

As most of you know, Calvary's own Brent Hull was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia in February of this year. Soon afterward, he started chemotherapy and was told by his doctors that a bone

marrow transplant would probably be part of his treatment process. To give him the best possible chance of finding a donor match for this transplant, a "Donor Drive" will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Calvary Baptist on Saturday, April 15, from 9 am to 3 pm. Church members, friends, neighbors, and even strangers are invited to come in and provide a sample—which is as simple as getting a cheek swab—to be entered into the national bone marrow donor registry. Naturally, we'd love to find a donor for Brent! But even if we don't, becoming a potential donor means that you might be able to provide lifesaving assistance to someone else who's facing some kind of blood cancer.

