

# Calvary Herald

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## This Month: “One Calvary” Sunday

*“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” (Ephesians 4:3-6)*

Participating in the life of a church like Calvary presents an important challenge. We offer two different worship gatherings—contemporary at 8:30 and traditional at 11:00. And even though that’s a good thing (because it lets us reach more people with a wider array of needs), it’s all-too-easy for us to be part of the same church family without ever meeting our brothers and sisters in Christ! But as this passage from Ephesians reminds us, we’re still one church. And we’re called to “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

That’s why, this year, we plan to cultivate our unity with a handful of special celebrations that we’re calling “One Calvary” Sundays. On each “One Calvary” Sunday—the first of which will take place on February 19, with others following on July 30, October 29, and December 31—we’ll follow a special schedule that features a church family breakfast from 8:45 to 9:25, Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:25, and one shared time of worship from 10:30 to 11:30.

Of course, we want everyone to understand that we’re not doing this in order to “inconvenience” anyone by tinkering with their Sunday morning routine. Nor are we trying to deprive anyone of the worship experience they’re accustomed to by blending our different worship traditions! But we do feel our unity is so vital that it will be more than worth it to create these times together, so that we can truly have “One Lord...One Faith...One Calvary!”

“One Calvary” Sunday is coming soon on February 19! We hope you can join us as we celebrate the unity that is ours as the family of God.



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# A New Kind of Directory

The last several years have produced a lot of change at Calvary. Old friends have left us to pursue new callings or to take up their place in the Church Triumphant. And new friends have joined us to become part of the church family through which God continues to work. And as a result, we're overdue to create a new church directory—something that can help us get to know one another and keep in touch with each other between the times that we're together.

But as many of you know: Church directories can be a hassle! If we use a directory service, everyone has to deal with the inconvenience of scheduling a photo shoot and the pressure of resisting a photo sales pitch. And if we produce a directory “in house,” we still need to collect photos and enter data—all to produce a directory that begins to become outdated almost as soon as it's printed.



Instant  
Church Directory™

Thankfully, there are some new approaches to directory creation. And that's why Calvary is pleased to announce our “First-Ever, Cloud-Based, Continuously-Updated, BYOP (Bring-Your-Own-Photo) Directory!” Of course, if that sounds a bit confusing—it's really not. But please allow us to explain...

Beginning this month, we'll be moving our directory online through “InstantChurchDirectory.com”. As a part of our church family, you'll be able to visit this website, create your own login, sign-in to the website, and update all your information...*including your photo!*

“But hold on,” you might say. “What if I don't ‘do technology’ – or what if I don't want to create an online profile?” No problem! We'll have good-old-fashioned

information update cards here at church that you can use to update your information. And you can provide us with a photo (digital or hard-copy) that we can upload for you. We'll even have a photographer (our own Debbie Howlett) on-hand for several upcoming Sundays so that you can get a photo taken (at no charge) if you don't already have one you like.

As everyone gets their photos and information updated, there will be several different ways that you can access the church directory. You can login to your “InstantChurchDirectory” account and view the directory online. You can download the “Church Directory Mobile App,” so that you can access the directory on your phone or tablet.

You can print a hardcopy directory for yourself. Or – especially for those who don't “do technology” – we'll print hard copy directories for those who need or want them.

There are several advantages to this approach. Members of our church family can update their directory information—including their photo—any time they wish. No one has to deal with the scheduling or cost issues of a traditional directory service. And with a little bit of help from you, we can make sure that we always have an accurate and up-to-date directory to share with everyone who's part of our church family!

We'll be letting you know how to get started with your “Instant Church Directory” membership in the near future. But for now, please be looking for that perfect family picture you can share with others. And please be listening for more information as we help you learn how get connected to others in our church family.

## “Share the Love” This Valentine's Day

In the cultural celebration of love that we know as Valentine's Day, love is typically associated with romantic feelings and the hope of finding love for ourselves: “Won't you be my Valentine?” But in a biblical sense, love is more about sacrificial actions and sharing love with others: “This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” So this year, we're inviting you to “share the love” through our Second Annual “Make Mount Airy Our Valentine” Mission Project.

In recent weeks, we've been assembling a list of local businesses and other organizations that serve our community. And during the week in which Valentine's Day falls, we want to serve them by demonstrating love with a simple act of encouragement. On Sunday, February 12, we'll have approximately 50 boxes of cookies assembled, labeled, and prepared for delivery. We're asking you and your family to pick up a box as you leave church that day and to deliver it at the assigned location on February 12, 13, or 14. We don't need you to make a “big deal” about it; but we are hoping you can give the box to a manager or shift leader, letting them know that this is our way to thank them for their service and to share God's love in a practical way.





## Words of Thanks...

Thank you so very much for all you do for the residents of Colonial Care Home. The gifts, prayers and kineness mean more than you will every know. God BLESS you! Again, thank you for remembering us.

Colonial Care Home Staff and Residents

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Surry Medical Ministries (SMM). Your continued support means everything to us. In 2022 SMM expanded clinic hours and moved into a new facility. All of this was possible because of your kindness.

Sincerely, Surry Medical Ministries (SMM)

Thank you to all who took the time to send me a Christmas card. I greatly appreciate the joy box filled with warmth and light heartedness. Once again thank you thinking of me.

Ray Dunbar

We want to thank you for all the cards, calls, texts, but most of all, prayers for us during this time. You have surrounded us with love and care when we most needed it. You've made these hard days more bearable. From the bottom of both our hearts, thank you.

Love and Blessings, Jerry and Sandi Nowlin

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas bonus! I am thoroughly enjoying playing the piano and organ each week. I believe this is what God wants me to do at this time and I am so honored so have this opportunity to serve at Calvary!

Thank you again, Beth Church

One of the nicest things in mor life is the friendship I receive from Calvary throughout the year and holidays. Plate dinners, soups, fruits and candy. You just cannot beat that for a gift. Plus a bowl for the soup.

Love to all during the year to come, Betty Wagoner

## Memorials and Honorariums

In Honor of Jo Ann Surratt's 90th Birthday  
by Johnny and Paulette Surratt

In Memory of:

Arthur and Vera Forrest by Chuck and Jo Lynn Johnson

Betty Jean Hull by Chad and Janet Hull

Danny Lineberry, Jr. by Ladies 1 SS Class

Bob Meinecke by Jimmy and Sandra Byrd

Pam Saunders by Lonnie and Rachel Jackson

Peggy White by Roger and Donna Keck



## This Month on RightNow Media...

With the approach of Valentine's Day, this might be a good time to consider how well you love those in your space. Do you love as Jesus loves? Do you wish to love better? Check out just a couple of the many resources available on RightNow Media that can help you reflect on and strengthen your relationships:

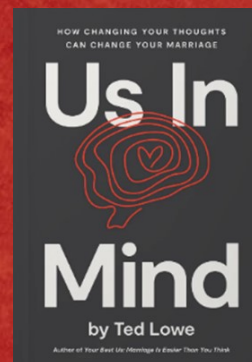
### ***"Divided We Stand"***



We live in divided times. But Jesus did, too! And He modeled for us what it looks like to love across political, religious, and cultural lines. In this series, driven by four video sessions, a free study guide, and a book that's available for purchase, Pastor Robby Angle reveals the path Jesus gave us for loving others, even when you disagree

### ***"Us in Mind: How Changing Your Thoughts Can Change Your Marriage"***

What if you could ensure that your thoughts were setting you up to love well? You can. In this series of six video sessions, a free study guide, and a book that's available for purchase, you'll discover through the Bible, research, and neuroscience a simple way of rethinking your



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