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“Souper Bowl of Caring” Canned Soup Drive

In 1990, a simple prayer was shared with a small youth group in Columbia, South Carolina: *“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat.”* This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness all the energy and enthusiasm that surrounds the Super Bowl and direct it toward a higher goal? And so was born the “Souper Bowl of Caring,” in which churches around the country collect food and/or money to fight hunger by supporting the local charity of their choice.

This year, Calvary will be participating in the “Souper Bowl of Caring” by having a “Canned Soup Drive” to support the Food Bank run by Yokefellow Ministries. We’ll be collecting soup throughout the month of February, and you’ll find collection boxes in the sanctuary lobby, the elevator entrance, and the church office. Please help us “tackle hunger” by supporting this effort to bless our neighbors in need.



Gifts for You from the Calvary Family

Did you know that there are lots of great resources available to you, just for being a participant in the life of Calvary Baptist. You can get unlimited access to thousands of Bible study and devotional resources through a free subscription to RightNow Media. You can receive daily devotionals from Pastor Alex by phone and/or email. And you can get prayer requests and occasional reminders about upcoming ministry opportunities! If you’re not taking advantage of these resources but would like to do so, please contact the church office or Pastor Alex.

Let’s Stay Connected

We’d like to keep everyone informed about all the good things that God is doing here at Calvary. However, because new people become part of our church family all the time—and because even long-time members can find their phone and email addresses changing—it can be hard to stay connected. So we urge everyone to update your information!

If you’re already using our online church directory (www.instantchurchdirectory.com), please be sure to make necessary changes there. [And if you want to know more about the online directory, please contact Pastor Alex.] And if you’re not “technically minded,” please call or email the church office to share with us the most up-to-date information.

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Information!



Preparing Hearts for Easter

This year, February 14 isn't only Valentine's Day. It's also Ash Wednesday—the beginning of the season of Lent, in which Christians down through the ages have set aside time to prepare their hearts for the celebration of Easter. And here at Calvary, there are at least two ways that we'll be creating opportunities for all of us to do that preparation.

First, on February 14, we'll be offering a brief Ash Wednesday service at 6 o'clock in the sanctuary. Through prayer, music, and God's Word, we'll provide an opportunity to reflect on what Jesus did for us, so that we'll be ready to follow Jesus to the cross – and beyond it, to the empty tomb. This service will include the imposition of ashes for any who wish to receive it.

In addition, on Sunday, February 18, Pastor Alex will begin a new sermon series called, "On the Cross Road." Each week, we'll examine a passage from the gospel of Mark that helps us understand what it means to worship a Savior who calls us to take up our cross and follow Him.

This year, let's make sure that Easter is more than a celebration of "all things spring." Let's make it a life-changing encounter with the God who loved us enough to lay down His life for us.



Make Mount Airy Our Valentine

We want you to help us "Make Mount Airy Our Valentine"! On Sunday, February 11, we'll be delivering boxes of cookies to local businesses. Our goals are to thank them for their service to our community, to encourage their employees, and—most important of all—to share God's love in a practical and memorable way. You can participate in this effort by helping us deliver these Valentine treats.

On Sunday February 11, our mission team will have boxes of cookies packed, labeled, and ready for delivery. After each of our worship services, we invite you and your family to stop by the fellowship hall, to pick up a box or two of cookies, and to set out on our Valentine mission. We'll even provide a "mission checklist" that will help you make your deliveries with maximum impact.

Even if you won't be delivering cookies, we urge you to join us in praying that God will use this ministry to bless our community. If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Jan Varney or Lilnette Phillips.

THANK YOU!

so much

The Calvary Family wishes to thank all those who've made gifts in memory of those they love.

In Memory of Wilma Roberson:

Martha Roberson

In Memory of Don and Mary Nell Byrd

Sylvia Jacobs

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Dear Calvary Family,

Thank you very much for the gift cards you sent to me for Christmas from the College Ministry Team! I really appreciate them, and I have already used the Amazon card to purchase textbooks. Thank you for your prayers!

Leah Cain

*Let us love one another,
for love comes from God.*

-1 John 4:7-9

