

The Pastor Ponders: Generous Giving in a New Year

To make it easier for our members and friends to be generous stewards of God's gifts, Calvary Baptist is pleased to introduce "digital giving" options as we move into the New Year.

These days, many people leave their cash and checks at home and choose instead to handle their financial life with debit cards, credit cards, and online banking. While this can be very convenient when making purchases or paying bills, it can also present a challenge for those who wish to be faithful givers at church, where many of these electronic options are unavailable.

But by using our congregation's new giving tools, you can give anytime, anywhere, and in any manner you choose! You can give online through our church website. You can give through a "giving app" that you install on your smartphone or tablet. You can even give with a text message! All of these tools provide added flexibility and convenience, and they are protected by the same kind of security used by banks and leading online retailers. But more importantly, they make it easier for us to develop the habit of giving regularly.

Of course, if you're happy with your current giving practices – you don't need to change a thing! You can continue to write a check or give cash through your Sunday School class or through the offering plate. But if you'd like to give these new tools a try, you can do the following:

- **To give online:** Visit our church website (www.calvarymountairy.org) and click on the "Give Now" button in the main navigation bar.
- **To give using the mobile app:** Download the "EasyTithe" app to your smartphone or tablet. Launch the app and search for Calvary Baptist to get started. Create an account or log in to your existing donor profile.
- **To give using text message:** Text the amount you would like to give to Calvary's mobile giving number: (336) 203-0085. If you are a first time, text-giving donor; you will be prompted to visit a secure link, where you will be able to register and enter your payment information.

With all three of these tools:

- You can give by debit card, credit card, or ACH/E-check.
- You can make a "one-time" gift or set up a "recurring" gift.
- You can give to Calvary's general budget or to some of our most important designated funds.
- You will receive a confirmation when your donation has been processed.
- All donations that you make using these tools will be included on your contribution summary at the end of the year.

If you would like to learn more about how to use these tools, a set of more

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detailed instructions can be found on our church website (www.calvarymountairy.org). Look for the “Resources” button in the main navigation bar, and then select “Digital Giving” from the drop-down menu. You can also contact the church office, and we will be happy to provide as much assistance as we can.

Calvary Baptist is able to expand the embrace of God’s kingdom because so many of our members and friends give faithfully of their money, time and talents. We look forward to continuing this important ministry in the year ahead as we discern together the things that God is doing within us, among us and beyond us!

In Christ, Pastor Alex

Church Life Updates

- **Make A Joyful Noise:** So, the choir cantata is over, the new year has begun, and you are looking for a new way to get involved at church - why not join the choir? We meet Wednesday nights at 7:15 p.m., and have a wonderful time together singing songs and enjoying a great fellowship. Consider joining, and bring a friend along for the ride!
- **JOY Lunch:** Wednesday, January 4. Meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. to ride the bus. We'll be eating at K & W this month. Please invite a friend to join you!
- **Blood Drive at Calvary:** The Co-Ed 3 Sunday School class will host a blood drive in the fellowship hall on Sunday, January 15, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Our collection goal is 25 pints. If you would like to learn more or make an appointment to donate, please contact Jessica Simandle.
- **Adult Bible Study:** Calvary’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study for adults will resume on Tuesday, January 17th. Meeting each Tuesday at 10:30 in the morning, our group will dive into the New Testament book of James in our first session for 2017. As was the case last fall, those who are able will be invited to share lunch at a nearby restaurant after the study. Please note: In the event of inclement weather, this study group will follow the lead of Surry County Schools (i.e. “No School” = “No Study”).
- **Calvary 101:** Pastor Alex will be offering a “Calvary 101” class, beginning on Sunday, January 22. “Calvary 101” will meet during the Sunday School hour on three consecutive Sundays (1/22, 1/29 and 2/5) in Room 112 (Education Building; Lower Level). The class is designed for people who have been thinking about church membership – or for existing members who’d like a “refresher course” on how our church operates and the principles that guide us. For more information – or to learn more about becoming a member at Calvary – contact Pastor Alex.
- **Multi-Choir Concert:** Join us on Sunday, January 22 at 5:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Mt. Airy, for our first multi-choir event. Several churches from the community are coming together for a choral concert. It will be a great evening of fellowship and music, and a great chance to invite a friend!
- **Women in Mission:** All ladies are welcomed to join us at the next meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet in the fellowship hall. For more information about Women in Mission, contact Donna Keck.
- **Cards for St. Jude’s:** The Ruth SS class and BYW are collecting greeting cards for St. Jude’s. To donate, please place fronts only (without writing) in the box on the hallway table behind the sanctuary.

Mid-Week Ministries

Calvary's Mid-Week Ministry will be kicking off a new session on Wednesday, January 11. In addition to the snack supper (which begins at 5:45) and the children's ministry groups (which include RA's, GA's and Mission Friends), adults will be able to participate in a new Bible study about the hours leading up to Jesus' crucifixion called "24 Hours that Changed the World." Written by nationally-known pastor and author Adam Hamilton, this study allows participants to walk with Jesus through the events of his final hours; including the Last Supper, Gethsemane, Golgotha, and the Empty Tomb. We hope that you can join us as we build relationships and deepen discipleship.



Notes of Gratitude

Dear Calvary: We would like to say a great big "Thank you" to all those who have done so much for our parents. Phone calls, cards, meals, driving or sitting with them have helped immensely—we are forever grateful for this church family. You are Christ's hands and feet in action! Thank you! Denise Bryant Whittington and John Bryant III (Children of J.A. & Claudia Bryant)

Dear Pastor: My parents were great friends of Mary Jo & Kenneth White when they were young, married folks. My dad & Kenneth have passed away, but Mom & Mary Jo still keep in touch. Recently, I took Mom to visit Mary Jo and she gave us the newest cookbook "Calvary Cooks Again." Mary Jo always talks about how Calvary Baptist Church is ministering to others. You are truly blessed to have Mary Jo in your flock. Please accept this offering in honor of her. Love in Christ, Cindy Haynes

Dear Church Family: God has been so good through you! Thank you for all the cards, prayers and visits. We especially thank those who prepared the meals and Gray for delivery, visits and prayers. Thank you all again, Lillian & George Holder

Dear Calvary: Please tell the people who worked so hard to prepare and deliver the delicious Thanksgiving meal. Even though we have nice food here at Ridgecrest, I do enjoy home cooking. Everything was tasty, and the warm pie was so special. You just don't know how much I appreciate your thinking of me. Pauline Badgett

To the "Thanksgiving Kitchen People": We very much enjoyed our Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you for your time and efforts put forth in this meal. May the love, joy and peace that only He can bring be your at Christmas and always, Charlie & Betty

Dear Alex & Calvary Baptist Church: Thank you so much for your lovely support and caring during our presentation of "Abba Ding." Merry Christmas to all of you and a Happy New Year! Mark & Linda Donnell

Dear Calvary Baptist Church: We would like to extend our sincere gratitude for allowing us to use your fellowship hall and kitchen areas to hold our district-wide Advisory Board Meeting during November. It was the perfect facility for our meeting. The fellowship hall and kitchen areas are immaculate! Your generosity is much appreciated by our staff and Advisory Board Members who were in attendance. Again, we can't thank you enough for the use of your beautiful facility!! SECU District 36 Management Team & Advisory Board Members

Outreach Movie Night

How do you explain the impossible? Do miracles still happen? And if so, why do some people experience them while others don't? We'll be investigating these questions and more at Calvary's next "Faith on Film" event, which is scheduled for Saturday, January 28, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. We'll be showing Miracles from Heaven, which is based on the incredible true story of Christy Beam (played by Jennifer Garner). When Christy discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna has a rare, incurable disease, she searches for a solution. But when Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family's faith restored, and their community inspired. Invitation cards will be available in our information centers in the weeks leading up to the event. Please join us and invite others to attend!

Recent Contributions

In Memory of Glen and Emma Davenport

The Fred Jarrell Family

In Memory of Blanche Davis

The Fred Jarrell Family

In Memory of Ellis Hamby

J.A. and Claudia Bryant

Faye Haas

Ladies 3 SS Class

In Memory of Faye Jarrell

J.A. and Claudia Bryant

Leonard and Elsie Davenport

Gray and Judy Jarrell & Family

The Fred Jarrell Family

Norris Jarrell

Jimmy and Kay Rogers & Family

In Memory of Fred and Cena Jarrell

The Fred Jarrell Family

In Memory of Kester Jarrell

The Fred Jarrell Family

In Memory of Mike McKinney

J.A. and Claudia Bryant

Robert and JoAnn McKinney

In Memory of Pat McKinney

Robert and JoAnn McKinney

In Memory of Peggy Smith

J.A. and Claudia Bryant

In Memory of Lum and Lelia Snow

The Fred Jarrell Family

In Memory of L. P. Venable

Alma Venable

In Memory of Mike Lowe

Brenda Barfield

William and Mary Bishop

Michael and Jane Campbell

Dwight and Mary Coleman

Harry and Joyce Downs

D.B. and Deborah Garner

Randy and Sylvia Gentry

Sam and Susan Gentry

James and Patty German

Lillie Mae Haynes

Bob and Joy Hemmings

Robert and Betty Hemmings

Tom and Kathy Hemmings

Robert and Nancy Hetrick

Norris and Jo Hodge

George and Lillian Holder

Brent and Anita Hull

The Fred Jarrell Family

Vic and Bev Kirkman

Mike and Luanne Marshall

Wesley and Donna Martin

Wayne and Jeannie Mears

Doug and Larue Perry

Surry Co School

Transportation Service

Bill and Barbara Williams

Allen and Beth Woody

Village of Yesteryear

In Honor of Sherry Hiatt

Ladies 4 SS Class

In Honor of Alex and Teresa Martin

Joni Mitchell

In Honor of Taron McKinney

Robert and JoAnn McKinney

In Honor of Sandra Stone

Ladies 4 SS Class



**Memorials
and
Gifts**

Church Statistics

Budget Year 2016 As of 12/25/2016	Budget to Date	Receipts to Date	Expenditures to Date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$510,221.00	\$504,266.22	\$485,835.44	\$18,430.78
Debt Retirement	\$21,599.76	\$34,780.80	\$26,762.04	\$8,018.76
Transportation	\$2,999.88	\$2,738.00	\$1,282.36	\$1,455.64
Debt Reduction Funds Available as of 12/25:			\$9,739.54	
Total Debt Balance as of 12/25:			\$158,698.51	
Endowment Fund as of 12/25:			\$36,565.03	

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

	12/4/2016	12/11/2016	12/18/2016	12/25/2016
Sunday School	189	172	199	0
Uplift	98	66	91	0
Traditional	182	120	205	196
Total Worship	280	186	296	196

General	\$12,655.50	\$9,389.00	\$10,395.00	\$10,691.00
Debt Retirement	\$908.00	\$425.00	\$470.00	\$100.00
Transportation	\$100.00	\$45.00	\$20.00	\$0.00

Church Calendar		
Date	Time	Activity
Jan 2	Church Office Closed	
Jan 4	11:45 AM	JOY Lunch at K & W
Jan 5	6:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
Jan 8	5 PM	Youth Encounter Meetings Resume
Jan 10	6:30 PM	BYW Meeting
Jan 11	6 PM	Mid-Week Ministry: New Session Begins
Jan 15	11 AM-3:30 PM	Blood Drive
	5:00 PM	Business & Finance Meetings
Jan 17	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study Resumes
Jan 22	10 AM	Calvary 101 SS Class Begins
	5:00 PM	Multi-Choir Concert (FBC-MA)
Jan 28	7 AM	Movie Night: <i>Miracles from Heaven</i>
Jan 31	10:30 AM	Women In Mission

Date	Deacon of the Week	Good Shepherds
Jan 1	Steve Simandle	Marvin Beasley, Doug Odell
Jan 8	Marvin Beasley	Brent Hull, Mike Francis
Jan 15	Doug Odell	Randy Gentry, Lee Mills
Jan 22	Bob McPherson	Benny Lisk, Kenny Nowlin
Jan 29	Ken Nowlin	Kent Moser, Steve Simandle


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Newsletter Deadline for next month is January 20, 2016. Please submit
newsletter items to the church office by 12:00 Noon on that date.

Children & Youth Volunteers for January			
Uplift Service		Traditional Service	
Nursery		Infants through 3 Years Old	
1	Caitlen & Patrick Frazier	1	Judy Meinecke, Judy Mills, Carolyn Underwood
8	Donna Martin, Meagan Puckett		
15	Katie Bolick, Alicia Henson		
22	Tony & Melissa Varney		
29	Randy & Karen Beasley		
 <p>Children's Ministry</p>		8	Graham & Laney Wright, Janet McPherson
		15	Brent & Anita Hull, Sandi Nowlin
		22	Janet McPherson, Thelma Shelton, Jane Sawyers
		29	Linda Gordon, Johnny Surratt, Anne Forrest
		Children's Church	
		1	Will & Brea Hull
		8	Alex & Melissa Bracey
		15	Mollie Tompkins, Sara Norman
		22	Loretta Vaughn & Anita Goins
		29	Ashley & Corey Mills



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