



Calvary Herald

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New Connections and New Growth in the New Year

Among the reasons that our church exists, are God's call to connect with others in meaningful community and to grow in Christ as we study His Word together. And while these purposes can be challenging under the best of circumstances, we've seen this year how much *more* difficult they become when we're not able to meet together in the manner to which we're accustomed. That's why, as move into the year ahead, Calvary will be experimenting with a set of ministry tools called "**Faithlife Equip**."

Faithlife Equip is an integrated set of resources designed to help churches build community and foster discipleship. While some of these resources are administrative and work "behind the scenes" in our worship, stewardship, and communication ministries; most are provided for the direct use and benefit of our members. And there are three particular resources that we'd like to encourage you to check out.

The first is our **Calvary Baptist Faithlife Group**. The Faithlife Group—which can be accessed through a website (faithlife.com) and/or the Faithlife app—is a free, private communication portal that allows you to follow everything related to our church — from daily Bible verses and weekly sermons to prayer requests and updates from Sunday School classes. You can even carry on conversations with other church members! And the more our members take advantage of the Faithlife Group, the more valuable it becomes as a source of genuine connection and encouragement.



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COVID UPDATE

We have missed being together as a church family during the Christmas season. However, our deacons felt that moving to "online only" worship and Bible study was the right thing to do in order to protect our members, their families, and our guests from the coronavirus.

Our "online only" schedule will continue at least through the first Sunday of January. The deacons will be meeting on Thursday, January 7, and will make a fresh determination about our ministry activities based on conditions at that time.

If you have questions, or if there is some way that we can serve you at this time, please contact the church office.

New Sermons in January

Many of us have been dismayed by the level of division that has been on display in our country over the past year. It's not just that we disagree about our politics, our perspectives, and our prescriptions for the future. Sometimes, it seems like we're so far apart that we can't even agree on what we're disagreeing about! Sadly, these deep differences can spring up between believers just as often as they do in the world at large. And for followers of Jesus—who were told by the Lord that we'd be known by our love—that should call us to prayer, repentance, and growth. That's why our pastor is planning a January sermon series called, "The Beautiful Community: Unity in a Divided Age." Each week, we'll examine God's desire for us to be reconciled to Him and to each other, the obstacles that interfere with that unity, and the steps we can take to overcome those obstacles. We encourage you to worship and study with us.



Update from Calvary's Missionaries in Chad

Calvary recently received an update from Andy and Cari Robertson, our missionaries in Chad. Andy is currently working in a hospital in the city of Guinebor and is facing an increased workload since one of the Chadian doctors moved to a different community and one of the hospital chaplains left to handle a family emergency. Cari has been leading Bible education training in the cities of Bebaem and N'Djamena (with as many as 90 students in a session!) and is also tutoring some local students in English (while they help her with Arabic). Together, they are assisting a local church plant by offering leadership, prayer, and guitar-playing. Their youngest son Tony is nearing the end of 7th grade, and his older brother Drew is wrapping up his end-of-term exams and is preparing college applications.

If you'd like to pray specifically for Andy and Cari, they invite you A) to thank God for the minimal impact that COVID-19 has had in Chad; B) to ask the Lord to raise up and equip Chadian leaders; and C) to pray for the spiritual growth of their whole family. If you'd like to receive their newsletters or participate in supporting their work financially, please contact Danny Lineberry or the church office.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Calvary, Merry Christmas and a big THANK YOU for everything you do.

Teachers and Staff of
Franklin Elementary School

Recent Memorials (received thru December 13, 2020)

In Memory of Beverly Beverly

Jimmy and Sandra Byrd
Randy and Sylvia Gentry
Chuck and Jo Lynn Johnson
Wilma Roberson
Howard and Thelma Shelton
Guy and Mary Sparger
Sharon Thornburg

In Memory of Jerry Beverly

Sharon Thornburg

In Memory of Debbie Bowman

Jim, Cathy and Mike Booker
Howard and Thelma Shelton

In Memory of Elvie Holder

Chuck and Jo Lynn Johnson

In Memory of Bill Overby

Chuck and Jo Lynn Johnson

In Memory of Mildred Overby

Chuck and Jo Lynn Johnson

In Memory of Pam Saunders

Lonnie and Rachel Jackson
Chuck and Jo Lynn Johnson

In Memory of Faye Seal

Roger and Carol Jarrell

Blood Drive

January 3, 2021
11:00 AM—3:30 PM
Calvary Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
Visit redcrossblood.org to sign up.



American Red Cross

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The second resource is **Logos Bible Software**. Logos is one of the world's premier programs for studying scripture (*even our pastor uses it!*). And through our subscription to Faithlife Equip, every member of our church can access this software at no cost on the web (app.logos.com), on their desktop computer, and/or through an app on their tablet or phone. What's more, your Logos software comes with a library of more than 300 resources and specialized features to help you engage with scripture. You can even use built-in guides that will help you study the Bible, prepare a lesson, or research a biblical topic.

Finally, every member of our church also gets access to **Faithlife TV**. Like a Netflix for Christian growth entertainment, Faithlife TV (faithlifetv.com) provides thousands of Bible studies, documentaries, inspirational films, and children's cartoons. You can even watch seminary-level classes in everything from theology and biblical studies to evangelism and missions. And you can access all of this through your desktop computer, your tablet, your cell phone, or your smart TV.

Now, this next part is important. To take advantage of all of these resources—and to utilize them for free—you'll need to do two things. First, you'll need to accept an invitation to join Faithlife that our church will be sending to you by email in the first week of January. When you respond to that invitation, you'll need to create a Faithlife account by providing your email address and creating a password. Of course, you're welcome to visit Faithlife.com and create an account at any time, and you can immediately become a "follower" of our Calvary Baptist Faithlife Group. But to become a "member" of that group (and to access all the other resources), you'll need to accept the invitation.

As we move into the New Year, we'll be sharing information in worship and by email about how to get the most out of all these resources in Faithlife Equip. And if you have questions along the way, you are welcome to contact the pastor, who will be happy to give you some guidance.

We look forward to helping everyone at Calvary to stay connected and keep growing in the year ahead. Won't you join us in praying that we'll be faithful to fulfill God's purposes for us—by using both the latest technology and the good old-fashioned love of Christ?



Faithlife Equip provides a variety of tools to help the members of our church connect with one another and to grow in Christ through study of the Bible.

Surry Senior Meal Program

Our church was recently made aware of a new program that will start in January of next year and will provide healthy meals to local seniors. The Surry Senior Meal Program will deliver 5 meals once a week to each senior that it serves, and the meals will be individually packed for convenient freezing and re-heating. The food is being funded by Second Harvest Food Bank and prepared by Providence Kitchen; and the service is not "needs based," so it is available to any senior who requests it.

This program is a pilot project that will begin on January 5 and run until June or July, but it is the hope of organizers to keep it running long-term. At present, they are seeking A) seniors who would like to receive meals; and B) volunteers who would help deliver them. If you know a senior who would like to be included—or if you'd like to know more about volunteering—please contact the pastor and he will fill you in on the details.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make sure that the physical and emotional needs of senior adults in our church and in our community are being met. Please help us spread the word as we look forward to being a blessing in 2021!



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Happy New Year

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Alex Crissman Wilma Roberson Shari York	4 Glenda Laster Matt Phillips Kelly Smith	5	6 Sonia Crouse	7 Cynthia Flanagan Hope Lineberry	8 Jack Smith	9 Brenda Barfield Simon Cawley Andra Montgomery
10	11 Kerry Berrier Beverly Hamilton Phillip Hiatt Adalyn Pratt	12 Keith Doyle	13 Tyler Payne	14 Myrtle Wagoner	15 Jimmy Byrd James Hall Myriam Kerbal-Chandler Doug Odell	16
17 Jason Beasley	18 Gray Shelton Adley Varney	19 Audrey Nowlin Derek Sechrist	20 Chuck Johnson	21 James Belton Kaye Puckett	22 Tommy Morrison Lori Watson	23 Will Jarrell
24 Sue Westmoreland	25 Teresa Martin Rick Sowers	26 Kathryn Beasley Owen Stone	27 Brinkley Church Rhys Gentry Glendon Hodges Donna Martin	28 Jessica Shelnett Denise Stone	29 Cooper Mauck Kent Moser Tony Transou	30 Paulette Surratt
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