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Join Us for “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)

As you probably know, one of our goals here at Calvary for 2023 is to help our members connect with one another in a more meaningful way. And one of the ways we’re creating those connections is with the “One Calvary” Sundays that we’re holding throughout the year. On these Sundays, we’re changing up our normal Sunday morning schedule so that we can bring everyone together, beginning with a church breakfast from 8:45 to 9:25 and followed by Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:25, and one shared time of worship from 10:30 to 11:30.

Our next “One Calvary” Sunday will take place on July 30. On that day, we’ll be receiving a special benevolence offering that allows us to meet emergency needs within the church family. And Pastor Alex will be sharing one of his unique “dramatic monologue” sermons—this one based on Jesus’s “Parable of the Sower.”

We hope you can join us as we celebrate the “One Lord, One Faith, and One Calvary” that bind us together. And don’t forget to invite a friend!

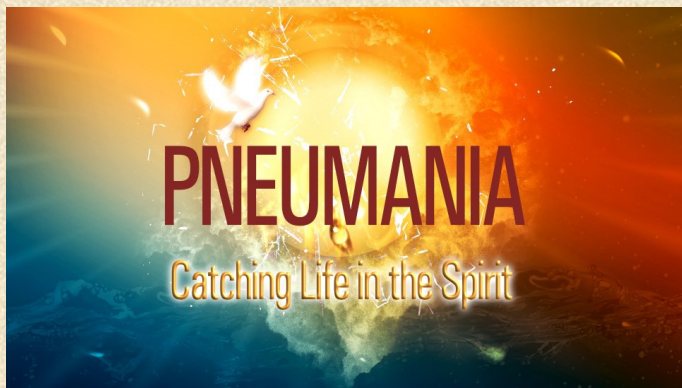


New Directory Is Almost Here!



Calvary’s new directory will soon be going to print! The deadline to order a print copy is Sunday, July 9, and the cost is \$10. To place your order, send payment to the church office, or drop it in the offering. However, if you use the latter method, please be sure to place your payment in an envelope that’s separate from your offering and that’s marked “Directory.” Of course, if you’ve created an online account, you already have (and will always have) access to the most up-to-date version of the directory by using the www.instantchurchdirectory.com website or the “Instant Church Directory” app. If you need assistance creating or using an online account, please contact Pastor Alex.

In Worship This Month...



“*pneuma*” ~ “spirit” “*mania*” ~ “madness”

“*pneumonia*” ~ “uncontrollable and contagious desire for life in the Spirit”

If you’ve ever been come down with a case of pneumonia, you know how miserable it can make you feel! But I wonder how many of us have come down (or need to come down) with a case of *pneumonia*—a case of “contagious life in the Spirit.” After all, most of us have at least a vague awareness that we received the Spirit when we put our faith in Jesus. And yet, many of us are eager to be more deeply impacted by the Spirit’s presence and power.

That’s why I’ll be sharing a series of sermons this month focused on the theme “*Pneumonia!* Catching Life in the Spirit.” Along the way, we’ll consider who the Spirit is, how we can cultivate the fruit of the Spirit, how we make the most of the gifts of the Spirit, and how we can walk in the Spirit. I hope you can worship with us. And if you’ve got friends who’d be interested, I encourage you to invite them to join us!

Our Mission in July: Back-to-School Blessing!

For most of us, July is more-or-less the middle of summer. But it won’t be long before kids in our community will be heading back to school; and for some of them, it won’t be an encouraging time of year. After all, just about every child wants to start the school year with some new clothes and shoes that allow them to feel “in style.” But some families simply are not able to afford such things. And that’s why we’re inviting you to make a difference in the lives of these families through our “Back to School Blessing” project.

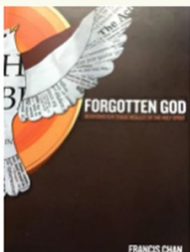
This month, we’re asking individuals, families, or Sunday School classes to give a smile and some self confidence to a local student by purchasing a set of clothes and new pair of shoes for when they head back to school. We do ask that the items be “name brand,” since that’s the kind of outfit that many of them may never have had. We’ll have a list of students and sizes by July 16, so that you’ll be able to have everything ready for back to school no later than August 3, 2023. If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Jan Varney. And as always, thank you for being a caring church family that looks for ways to serve God by helping others.



If you’d like to go a little deeper into the content Pastor Alex will be covering in his sermons in July, why not check out some of the resources available on RightNow Media?

“Forgotten God” by Francis Chan

This seven-session series offers deeper insight into the all-too-often neglected third member of the Trinity.



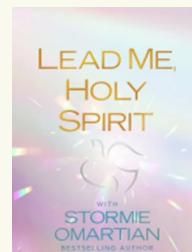
“The Power of the Spirit’s Names” by Tony Evans

This six-session series unpacks the Holy Spirit’s characteristics, duties, and mission among humankind.



“Lead Me, Holy Spirit” by Stormie Omartian

In this four-session series, we learn how God’s Holy Spirit leads us and helps us to pray.



Dear Calvary...

Words can't begin to express all the love, comfort and peace that we have received from you. This cancer journey has been challenging, but we know God is with us. We are laying it at God's feet.

We are so blessed that our church family is such a caring group of people. We hope we can repay each and everyone of you for the prayers, gifts, cards, gift cards and money. Your generosity, love, and support have helped us accept the daily challenges that come and go.

Please remember that "Our God is Good." God wraps us in his arms if we will be still and feel his presence. He also lets us feel the love of each of you. We do feel the love of our church family reaching out.

Thank you for your generosity, love, and support!

Brent and Anita Hull



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It was great meeting several of you Mother's Day Sunday. I am at a loss for words on how much Calvary has supported my Guatemala mission trip. I'm so grateful and have found myself crying at times because of the kindness your church family has shown me. I pray I can find a church like you guys at home.

Thank you again and God bless.

**Megan Pillis**

*Note: Megan is the daughter of Mike & Kathy McKnight.*

*She received some mission trip support from Calvary's missions budget.)*

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Your love, prayers, phone calls, visits and all acts of kindness mean more to us than we can express. We have missed being with you in person for the recent past, but hopefully by God's grace, we will be able to return soon. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Love to all,

Lonnie and Rachel Jackson

We've Got Some Gifts for You!

Did you know that we've got some gifts for you? Just because you're part of the Calvary Baptist Family, you can receive:

- **A brief daily devotional thought**, prepared by Pastor Alex and sent out by phone and/or email each weekday morning.
- **Occasional prayer updates**, making you aware of prayer needs among the members and friends of our church family.
- **Free access to RightNow Media**, a "one stop shop" for thousands of Bible studies, training resources, Christian documentaries, and wholesome family entertainment.
- **Free access to "Instant Church Directory,"** a website and app that offer the most up-to-date contact information for everyone who participates in the life of our church.

If you have not yet begun to access any of these resources and would like to do so, please contact the church office!

Thanks for Special Gifts:

- **Given in Memory of Bill Belton by:** Claudia Bryant, Mary Ruth Lewis, Men's Sunday School Class, Jerry and Sandy Nowlin, Johnny and Paulette Surratt
- **Given in Memory of William "Bill" Caudle by:** Juanita Clifton
- **Given in Memory of Nancy McPeak by:** Roger and Donna Keck
- **Given in Memory of Bill Nowlin by:** Jerry and Sandi Nowlin
- **Given in Honor of our grandchildren, Caroline and David Kiser by:** Jim and Lilnette Phillips