



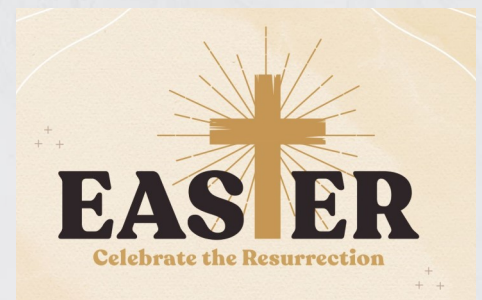
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Calling Adults On Mission

Calvary is organizing an Adult Mission Trip this fall, and we'd like you to be part of the team! Departing Mount Airy on Wednesday, September 25, and returning on Saturday or Sunday, September 28 or 29; we'll be serving with the Crossroads Community Baptist Church in Whitley City, Kentucky. While there, we'll participate in some of the congregation's creative ministry programs, including "The Lord's Café"—a restaurant that provides free meals to people in need—and "The Light Community"—a development of tiny homes that will provide housing for at-risk families. To minister effectively, we'll be seeking team members with a variety of gifts—everything from meal preparation to light construction, and from cleaning to welcoming and praying with ministry clients. If you'd like to know more about the trip, please contact Pastor Alex (pastoralex4@gmail.com, or 336-745-5803). And please be on the lookout for an "information meeting" that we plan to hold soon.



On Sunday, March 10, our Youth Mission team will host a spaghetti lunch following the traditional worship service to raise money for this summer's trip to Jamaica. Please plan to join us and to support their efforts.



Easter at Calvary

We hope you'll plan to be with us on Easter Sunday, March 31, as we celebrate Resurrection Life! Because Easter happens to be a "Fifth Sunday," this Easter will be a "One Calvary Sunday," with a church-wide Easter Breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall at 8 o'clock, Sunday School at 9 o'clock, and one combined service of worship at 10 o'clock. As part of our worship that morning, we'll be celebrating the Lord's Supper and receiving an offering for the Benevolence Fund, which allows us to meet emergency needs in our church family. May the Spirit of our Living Lord renew our hearts and lives as we declare the good news: "He Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!"

Blessing Bags for Local Schools

Thanks to our long-standing involvement with local schools, our church gets the opportunity to help meet needs that might otherwise go unrecognized and unmet. One such need is for personal care items that can be given to students whose families are struggling to make ends meet. And this month, we're asking you, your family, and/or your Sunday School class to help us provide 75 "Blessing Bags" filled with these items to our partner schools.

To participate, pick up a bag and a shopping list from Jan Varney, beginning on Sunday, March 3. Purchase the needed items, place them in the bag, and return the bag to church no later than Sunday, March 24. Naturally, you can do your shopping anywhere; but if you visit one of the local dollar stores, you should be able to find everything you need for less than \$15.

At the end of the month, we'll deliver the bags to Franklin Elementary, Meadowview Magnet, Gentry Middle, North Surry High and Mount Airy High schools. Thanks in advance for "being a blessing." Please contact Jan Varney or the church office if you have any questions.



Drama Ministry

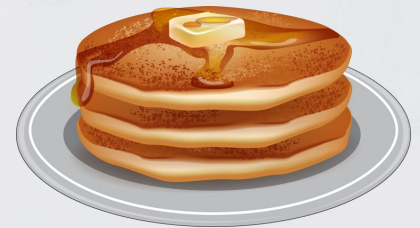


Sometimes, the "enacted word" of a dramatic presentation can be even more powerful than the "spoken word" of a sermon or testimony. And yet, if you've been around Calvary for a while, you know that it has been several years since we've had the opportunity to benefit from the use of drama. However, God has recently been bringing some people into our church family with an interest in drama. And so, we're examining the possibility of developing a drama ministry that can enhance our worship and outreach.

As a "first step," we're hoping to stage a short drama as part of a Maundy Thursday service that's tentatively planned for Thursday, March 28. If you have an interest in this effort—or if you'd like to learn about other potential drama ministries, please contact Pastor Alex or Tom Beckom (336/466-3869 or tbeckomrt@gmail.com).

Pancake Breakfast

The Surry Baptist Men will be hosting their next Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary on Saturday, March 16. All proceeds will fund their ministry of building ramps and making home repairs for families in need. So why not come by to have a great meal and to support a great cause. Breakfast is served between 7 and 10:30 am, and take-out plates are available.



Dear Calvary...

Thank you so very much for the delicious soup and the kindness shown to your homebound members. It means so much to know we are remembered and cared for. Last but not least, the slice of pound cake I received was yummy!! Chocolate pound cake is my favorite!

In Christ's Love,
Lillie Mae Haynes

We could not have made it so far without the support of our Calvary Church Family. The prayers and cards are so appreciated. You have been there for us.

Love,
Susan Slate and Family

The Calvary Baptist Family would like to express deep appreciation to all those who gave gifts this month in memory and in honor of special people:

- **In Memory of Brent Hull:** Tony & Deena Martin, Jim & Lilnette Phillips, Lillian Holder, Roger & Donna Keck, Jamie Smith, Jerry & Sandi Nowlin, Johnny & Mary Lynn Goins, Owen & Sandra Stone, The Board of Deacons

- **In Memory of Ray Goins:** Vernell Goins, Ben Goins, Kim Poindexter

- **In Honor of Tony & Deena Martin:** Lillian Holder



Youth on Mission

Hey Calvary Family! This summer, our youth group is taking a mission trip to Jamaica. We will be partnering with a local church down there and working alongside them to serve their community in any way they need us. Trips like these can often open the eyes and shape the hearts of our young people in a unique way and powerful way. And without your support, they wouldn't be able to have these life-changing experiences.

The first thing and most important thing I'd like to ask from our church family is that you pray for the hearts of our kids as we prepare for this trip. Pray that our team will be safe, that our youth will see and experience God in new ways, and that they'll be drawn closer to Jesus and to each other as we serve together and reflect His love. Below is a list of the students who will be going on the trip.



Ella Brintle
Emma Kate Norman
Bristol Golding
Lucy Bennett
Mason Varney
Talon Dearborn
Jackson Gardner

Avarie Brintle
Natalie Puckett
Harper Leathers
Jayden Robertson
Isaac Hawks
Gabe Mauck
Bradlee Morgan



In addition, I invite you to consider supporting our youth financially. As you can imagine, a trip of this kind isn't cheap. And for some of our young people, raising the money to pay for the trip can be a real challenge. In the months ahead, you'll have the chance to aid our efforts by participating in at least two fundraising activities (including the spaghetti lunch that's scheduled for March 10). And if you'd like to consider giving a scholarship for kids who need help with the trip, I encourage you to touch base with me.

Thank you all so much for your prayers, for your support of our youth ministry, and for always loving our youth and children.

Alex Bracey
Minister to Youth
& Children



Easter Missions Offering

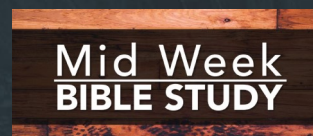
Every Easter, we celebrate the gift of life that has been offered freely to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. And we



want to share that gift with people who don't yet know Jesus by supporting efforts to share the gospel through this year's Easter Missions Offering. Our church goal is to raise \$3000 to support evangelism and outreach through three of our mission partners: Andy and Cari Robertson (our missionaries to Central Africa), the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (SBC), and the Global Missions Offering (CBF). As always, you can designate your contribution to one of these recipients. Or you can leave your gift undesignated, and we'll divide it equally among all three. The offering continues through March 31.

Midweek Ministries

Our Midweek Ministries offer children,



youth, and adults a chance to recharge their spiritual batteries through Bible study and fellowship. And we're grateful for everyone who's been involved during the opening weeks of this year! Please be aware that we'll be taking a "week off" on Wednesday, March 6, so that students and their families can enjoy spring break. But we'll begin meeting again on Wednesday, March 13. The adult study option will be "War Room"—an encouraging look at the power of prayer, facilitated by Kim Morrison. We meet at 6 o'clock each Wednesday night, and we hope you can join us. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Check Out RightNow Media

RightNow Media offers lots of resources to enhance your celebration of Easter, including teaching videos, study guides, and more! Check out...

- **The Easter Series:** Part of the Eyewitness Bible Series, these videos feature dramatic retelling of the events of Holy Week.
- **Journey with Jesus:** Join Dr. Tony Evans and his daughters, Chrystal Evans Hurst and Priscilla Shirer, as they trace the steps that changed the world.

There are lots of resources for kids, too! To learn more about your free membership in RightNow Media, please contact Pastor Alex.

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