



Happy Anniversary, Calvary!

On Sunday, May 4, Calvary Baptist Church will celebrate its 111th anniversary! Because we want the entire church family to be together to praise God for His faithfulness, we'll be suspending our normal Sunday schedule so that we can have Bible study at 9:30, one combined service of worship at 10:30, and our annual Anniversary Lunch after worship.

The Lunch will be catered and will feature BBQ, Chicken Tenders, Baked Beans, Slaw, Creamed Potatoes, Mac-n-Cheese, and Hush Puppies. What's more, there will be no charge for lunch! However, all those who wish to do so are invited to bring a dessert to share.



**Church
ANNIVERSARY**

As is our custom here at Calvary, we will be receiving a special "Anniversary Offering" this year, which will be earmarked for a special project that couldn't be included in our regular budget. This year's project involves the repair of our steeple, which needs to be refurbished or replaced to prevent leaks from damaging the ceiling of the sanctuary.


We hope you'll plan to be with us as we give God the glory for the things He has done!

Child Dedication Service

A Child Dedication service is being planned for Mothers' Day (Sunday, May 11). If your family would like to participate, please contact Pastor Alex no later than Sunday, May 4.



**HELP
SAVE LIVES**



**DONATE
BLOOD**

**Red Cross
Blood Drive**

**Sunday, May 18
11 am to 3:30 PM**
Calvary Baptist
Fellowship Hall

To schedule an appointment,
visit www.redcrossblood.org
and use sponsor code
"Calvary."

Servant Sunday: The Adventure Continues

Calvary's mission team has begun making plans for us to have a "Servant Sunday" sometime this fall. Once again, we're going to set aside our normal worship service, so that we can worship through serving. And this year, we might even expand our opportunities for ministry by making "Servant Sunday" the joyful culmination of "Servant Week"!

However, no matter how long our "Servant Emphasis" lasts, we need your help to discern God's leadership in how we should serve. Because you work in a particular place, and interact with particular people, and have been gifted by God with particular skills and "burdens of the heart"—you've got particular insights the needs that exist in our community and how they can be met.

So in the coming weeks, we'd like to invite you to ask this question: "What are some of the specific ways that God could use our church family to meet needs and bless others in our community?" And as the Lord gives you possible answers to that question, we encourage you to send them to Pastor Alex (pastoralex4@gmail.com) – or to submit them by using the "Servant Sunday Ideas" section on the tear-off portion or our Sunday bulletin. We'll be collecting your input through Sunday, June 8.



Of course, even if God doesn't "zap you" with a great ministry idea, we'd still like you to pray about this upcoming effort. Jesus told us that "the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve." And if we want to follow him, then we'll be servants, too. And we believe that Jesus can use our serving to draw others to himself. So let's get ready – not just to GO to church – but to BE the church.

Youth on Mission

Hello, Calvary family! In the month of May, our youth ministry team is asking for your help. In early June—right after Vacation Bible School—we'll be going on our summer mission trip to serve alongside Restoration Ministries in Chicago, Illinois. But to make our ministry a success, we'll need your help with two things.

First, we need your support in prayer. Please begin praying now for safe travel, for the people we'll be serving in Chicago, and—most of all—for the hearts of our kids! Please pray that they'll grow in Christ Jesus through this experience and that they'll develop stronger relationships with each other. To aid you in your prayers, here's a list of the student who'll be participating: Marlee Hauser, Emma Kate Norman, Bristol Golding, Lucy Bennett, Harper Leathers, Reese Cox, Talon Dearborn, Jackson Gardner, Carter McPeak, Gabe Mauck, Eli Cox, and Baker Leathers.

Second, we would also be grateful for your financial support. Beginning May 1, you'll find pink envelopes on the bulletin board in the children's hallway. If you feel led, please take one, fill it with the dollar amount indicated on the front, and then drop it in the offering plate or give it directly to Alex Bracey.

Our youth ministry team is always aware that without the constant, loving support of this wonderful church family, our youth would not be able to share in these life-changing experiences. So we are deeply grateful! And if you have any questions, please touch base with me. And thanks for all you do to help our young people grow in Christ.

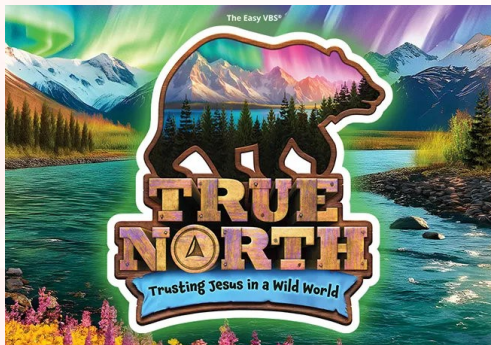
Alex Bracey



Come Find Your True North!

Are you ready to join us for an epic summer adventure in the great outdoors? Then don't miss this **TRUE NORTH: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World**. VBS will begin on Sunday, June 1 and run through Thursday, June 5. We'll begin with supper each evening at 5:30. And then, from 6 to 8:15, kids will take a journey on which they'll learn how keeping their eyes on Jesus will keep them oriented when the world gets wild. Along the way, they'll "set up camp" at Tundra Treats, Wild Bible Adventures, and Glacier Games. And with the help of fun characters like Clawdia the Crab, Earnest the Eagle, and Bruce the Moose, they'll discover that when we wonder...when we feel alone...when we need hope...in all these situations and more, we can trust in Jesus!

Naturally, we hope you'll bring your kids, grand-kids, neighbor's kids, and anybody else you can find! So mark your calendar and get ready to follow Jesus. He is our True North!



Faith, Fun & Fellowship

Calvary's Faith, Fun and Fellowship group will meet on Wednesday May 7th at 11:00 am to enjoy a "Blast From the Past." Please bring something from your past that you can show to the group. And please plan to join us for a good old-fashioned country lunch of Pintos and Potatoes. If you need more information, or if you'd like to sign up to bring a dish, please contact Beth Church or Kathy McKnight. Everyone is welcome!



Summer Sermon Survey

Our 9-month journey through the Big Story of the Bible will come to a close on Sunday, June 8, when our church family celebrates the gift of God's Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. But for the Pastor, Alex wants to hear from you so that he can develop a summer preaching plan that responds to your needs and the needs of your family as you seek to grow in Christ. Please answer any or all of the following questions. Then get your answers to the pastor by writing them down and dropping them in your Sunday School class box or leaving them in the church office. You can also email your answers to "pastoralex4@gmail.com." Please return your survey no later than Sunday, May 11, 2025.



- What are the "growing edges" of your faith these days? (Truths you'd like to understand? Spiritual practices you'd like to develop? Qualities you hope to cultivate? Challenges you need to overcome?)
- Are there books of the Bible, characters in the Bible, or key beliefs that you would like to know more about?
- If the pastor preached a series on, "Things you've wanted to know about faith, the Bible, and following Jesus but were afraid to ask?" what questions would you like him to address?
- What sermon topics or kinds of sermons would you be most eager to invite your friends to hear?
- Are there other comments you'd like to share (including constructive criticism) that could help the pastor serve you better through his preaching ministry?