



# Calvary Herald

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## Feeding Your Soul this Holiday Season

As we move into the holiday season, we often face a lot of pressures that tempt us to live “on the surface” of life. Our calendars begin to fill up with holiday travel and events. Our budgets are stretched by holiday gift-giving. And especially at this unique moment in history, our hearts can be all-too-easily burdened by concerns about the pandemic, the economy, and the political divisions that seem to plague our nation. But what if our worries about all these seemingly urgent realities—not to mention our efforts to deal with them—run the risk of impoverishing our lives more than enriching them? Didn’t Jesus ask, after all, “What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?” (Mark 8:36)



That’s why our pastor’s sermons in November will speak to the theme, “Soul Food: Feeding the Deepest Part of You.” Over the course of three weeks, we’ll discuss what the soul is and how tending the soul allows us to get “below the surface,” so that we can live our lives with the kind of peace and hope that God desires for us. We hope you can join us for worship as we prepare our souls for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## A Calvary Family Thanksgiving

This year’s “Thanksgiving Meal” for the Calvary family will take place on Wednesday, November 17. Because of the “unique moment” in which we find ourselves, arrangements for this meal will look a little different than they have in years past. Meals will be delivered to homebound members of Calvary in the late afternoon. Carry-out meals will be available for members of the church and members of the community beginning at 5:45. And for those who wish to eat together, dine-in meals will be served in the fellowship hall, beginning at 6 o’clock. Volunteers will be needed to help prepare, deliver, and serve meals. To sign-up for this ministry, please contact Jan Varney.



# Phone Messaging Update



During the month of October, we asked you to help us update our phone messaging system by letting us know what kind of phone messages you want to receive from the church. You could sign up to get daily devotionals, prayer requests, and weekend reminders; or you could request that we send you only some of these, or none of these. It's our goal to get all these updates made no later than Sunday, November 14. If after that date you're receiving calls that you don't want—or if you're not receiving calls that you do want, please contact the church office, and we'll be happy to make the appropriate changes.

Please remember that when any of your contact information changes (phone number, email, postal address, etc), we can't keep in touch with you unless you notify us. Please share those changes as they become available!

*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you were  
called to peace. And be thankful."  
Colossians 3:15*

## Christmas Post Office

Once again this year, we're inviting you to bless the homebound members of our church by participating in our "Christmas Post Office." Just prepare your Christmas cards for our homebound members by writing the name of the recipient on each envelope. Drop the envelopes in the collection boxes that will be available in the church office and in the hallway between the sanctuary and the educational building, and we'll deliver them – no postage required!

The Christmas Post Office, which is a ministry to our homebound members only, will "open for business" on Sunday, November 21. And to make sure that we have time to make the necessary deliveries, it will close on Sunday, December 19. Last year, we were able to bless our homebound members with more than 1100 Christmas greetings. Thanks for helping us share the joy of the season with these special members of the Calvary family!





## A Special Word from Calvary's Finance Committee

To the Congregation of Calvary Baptist,

As the year of 2021 draws to a close, the season of the pandemic will certainly go down in history as a difficult time for many people and churches. The last 20 some months have been a challenge for our church as we struggled with doing what was right for in person services, social distancing and mask mandates. But like the Apostle Paul, we were determined to run the race for our God regardless of the circumstances.

So, it is with grateful hearts that the Finance Committee wants to thank you for blessing Calvary with your faithful giving. Because of your tithes and offering, we took care of our staff, paid our bills, and gave support to missions at a time when many needed to know that God is near. You are the reason that we could continue to meet the needs of those in our church and community as well as our missionaries overseas.

We will soon enter the new year of 2022. Our prayer is that as many as are able can return to worship in our community of believers. Going to church is vital to our spiritual health. Your attendance and support will help us all to grow in faith. May God bless our church as we seek to carry on his work.

The Finance Committee of Calvary,  
*Benny Lisk, Judy Mills, Tony Martin, Karen Moser, Bob Peake, Sheila Wilson and Jan Varney*

## Dear Calvary...

My family and I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the use of the church facilities for the wedding of Brandon and Kelsey McMillian. It was a special day at a beautiful place.

*Blessings,  
Denise Cain*

Thank you for the cards, get well wishes and prayers said for my recent back surgery. I am so thankful for my church family. I miss seeing you in person and worshipping together. Your continued prayers are needed as I heal and regain mobility. Thank you again for your support.

*Anita Goins*

Thanks so much for the food and delicious pies! Your love and prayers are greatly appreciated!

*Sincerely,  
The Family of Mary Lou Mundy  
(Eddie, Regina, Austin and Syd)*

Thanks to everyone for all your prayers and cards. I am home and doing well.

*Katie Wigley*

Thank you for the delicious meal after Frankie's service. We appreciated it.

*The Frank Boyd Family  
(Gracie, Teresa, Scout and Mark)*

Thanks to your amazing church. The large size diapers and car seats were a great need at our center. God is always faithful and an on-time provider. Thank you for your love for Jesus, Faith and Families.

*The Staff @ The Legacy Center*

Thank you so much for all the cards calls, prayers and love shown to me during my two surgeries and recovery. I drew strength through all the support you gave me. I feel so blessed to have such a loving, caring church family.

*Yours in Christ,  
Cathy Stevens*

## Memorials

In Memory of Frank Boyd  
by Jim and Lilnette Phillips

In Memory of Earlie and Lois Jarrell  
by Roger and Carol Jarrell

In Memory of Roger Marion  
by Dot Marion  
Dean Marion and Family  
Darrell Marion and Family

In Memory of Jim Weese  
by Roger and Donna Keck

**Wood Splitting Event:** The Surry Baptist Men will sponsor a wood splitting on Saturday, November 6, beginning at 8 o'clock in the morning at the Rackworks shop owned by Mike Francis (207 Premier Lane in Pilot Mountain). Everyone is invited to participate. Your involvement will help ensure that families in need have heat this winter. For more information, contact Mike Francis.



## Growth in Christ Awaits..

Did you know that *right now*, you and your family could be taking advantage of an almost endless array of Bible study and life skills resources through **RightNow Media**? Sometimes described as “the Netflix of Bible studies,” *RightNow Media* allows you to grow your faith by watching and listening to some of today’s best-known Bible teachers as they offer lessons about marriage, parenting, finance, Christian living, and so much more! As just one example, you could prepare your heart for Thanksgiving by studying the dynamics of gratitude with Ann Voskamp and her popular book, *One Thousand Gifts*. And best of all, this and every other resource is free to you because of your connection to the Calvary family.

If you haven’t yet accepted your invitation to create a *RightNow Media* account—or if you have questions about accessing and using what it provides—please contact Becky Critz or Pastor Alex.

## Upcoming Church Business Meeting

Because of disruptions caused by the coronavirus, it has been more than a year since Calvary had a regular church business meeting. However, because the level of community spread has been declining—and because we’re eager to get people reconnected with the rhythms of church life—we’ve scheduled our next business meeting for Sunday, November 14, at 5:30 in the evening. The meeting will take place in the main sanctuary, which should make it easier for attendees to practice social distancing if they desire. Among other things, those who attend will review our budget and nominating committee recommendations for 2022. Please note that voting on the budget will take place by ballot during worship on Sunday, December 7. If you have any other committee reports or items of business to share in this session, please contact our church moderator, David Stone.

## Angel Tree 2021

It’s time to share Christmas joy with kids from local families in need through the “Angel Tree” ministry. Our congregation’s participation in this year’s program will work differently than it has in previous years. Rather than sponsoring a particular child, donors will be asked to purchase gifts (for boys or girls, infants through 15 years of age) and bring them to Calvary. We will deliver the gifts to the Salvation Army, where they’ll be included in a “Christmas Store,” from which local families will be able to select the gifts that are most appropriate for their children.

To share in this year’s Angel Tree ministry, please bring your unwrapped gifts to the church no later than Sunday, Nov. 28. Gifts can be left in the Chapel or dropped off at the church office.



## Did You Know? Missions Behind the Scenes

In recent weeks, while many members of Calvary were assembling “blessing bags” and making contributions to support the Backpack Program at Franklin Elementary, our church’s mission team was taking additional steps to bless our community. Because of your faithful financial support, we were able to



donate two new car seats and several boxes of diapers and wipes to **The Legacy Center**, a Mount Airy ministry that shares the love of Christ by providing life affirming options and education to those facing unplanned pregnancy. Soon afterward, an additional donation by a member of our congregation funded the purchase of an assortment of new baby clothes that will encourage and support new mothers and their infants. Thank you for making it possible for us to serve our community in this way! If you’d like to know more about *The Legacy Center*—or if you know of other ways that we could be a blessing to others—please contact the pastor or a member of the mission team.

