



Calvary Herald

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A Visit from Our Missionaries

On Sunday, October 3, Calvary will receive a special visit from Andy and Cari Robertson, our missionaries to Chad. Andy and Cari are back in the states this fall, reconnecting with friends and supporters. And they'll be visiting with us to share stories, to lead us in worship, and to answer questions about their ministry. You'll have three opportunities to spend time with them:

- During the Sunday School hour, everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for an interactive session in which Andy and Cari will be telling us about developments in their life and ministry and fielding your questions about Chad, their work, and their future.
- In both worship services, Andy and Cari will be sharing God's Word with us, allowing scripture and their missions experience to encourage us in the pursuit of our mission.
- Finally, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on the 3rd, supporters from Calvary and beyond will gather in the Fellowship Hall to get a more detailed picture of ministry in Chad, the challenges it presents, and how we can support Andy and Cari as they prepare for their return to Central Africa.

The Robertson's ministry is one of the ways that our church family is participating in the Great Commission. We encourage you to join us as we consider what it takes to "make disciples of all nations."



Online @ Calvary

Calvary's tech team would like to remind everyone that you can use our guest wireless network when you're at church and need access to online resources. To access the network, open the wi-fi settings on your phone or other device and look for the "Calvary Guest" wireless network. When asked to enter a password, type "CalvaryBC" (case sensitive); and then, when prompted, accept the terms of our wireless system. This will give you wi-fi access for 24 hours.

If you need help with our network for Sunday School or other Bible studies, or if you have other technology needs, please contact Bodey Fields, Phil Hiatt, Danny Lineberry, Becky Critz, or Sam Critz.

What Do You Need to Grow?

A new resource for everyone at Calvary offers some exciting possibilities!

By now, many in our church family should have received an email invitation to check out “RightNow Media,” a new resource that Calvary is making available to support your growth in Christ. Hopefully, you’ve used that invitation to create an account and to begin checking out the practically limitless learning opportunities that RightNow Media offers. Of course, if all you’ve done is to visit the RightNow website or open the RightNow app, it might look a little overwhelming. So let me encourage you to take a more focused approach by asking yourself, “What do I need to grow?”



You see, rather than seeing RightNow as a library of video Bible studies, I’d encourage you to think of it as a workshop full of “life tools.” And the challenge (or is it an opportunity?) is to find the right tool for the job you need to do. Do you need to know more about the scriptures and how they apply to life? Well, if you look at the list of “libraries” that are available in RightNow, you’ll see that you can dive into “Books of the Bible,” “Theology and Doctrine,” and/or “Christian Living.” If your needs are a bit more “practical,” there are also libraries related to “Mental Health,” “Marriage,” “Parenting,” “Biblical Finance,” not to mention some excellent resources for nurturing and entertaining your kids!

Especially in this age of COVID, I think we’ve seen that if the only way to grow is to get everyone together at church on Sunday morning, growth is going to be hard to come by. That doesn’t mean, of course, that what we do together as church doesn’t matter; far from it! But unless each of us individually is seeking Christ, it’s going to be difficult for all of us corporately to grow in Christ. And we want to give you and your family everything you need to know and serve Him more.

If you haven’t received a RightNow invitation (or if you misplaced your original email) – or if you want to know more – please contact Pastor Alex. And let’s head into the fall eager to find new ways that we can follow our Lord.

What Will You Hear from the Pulpit in 2022?

It’s that time of year! Time for Pastor Alex to get away for a few days to *pray about* and to *plan for* the sermons that he hopes to preach in the coming year. And as always, he’d like to get **your input**, so that he can develop his messages with your needs and questions in mind. That’s why you’ll be given an opportunity to complete a “Sermon Input Survey” this month. Surveys will be included as a bulletin insert on Sunday, October 10. But they’ll be available in the sanctuary lobby, the church office, and the information centers during much of the month. If you take the time to complete and return a survey, you’ll be doing the pastor (and yourself) a big favor. And even if you can’t complete a survey, you can make your voice heard by sending the pastor a note or email in which you answer any of these questions:

- In what ways do you feel a need to grow your faith? (What ideas do you need to understand? What spiritual practices do you need to develop? What challenges do you need to overcome? What questions do you need to answer?)
- What issues or challenges are you wrestling with in your life?
- Are there books of the Bible, biblical characters, or key beliefs that you’d like to know more about?
- What kinds of sermons would you be most eager to invite your friends to hear?
- Are there any other comments you can share about the pastor’s preaching (including constructive criticism) that could help him serve you through his preaching ministry?

Thank you in advance for helping our pastor to nurture our faith with the riches of God’s Word!

“This Is Pastor Alex Calling from Calvary Baptist...”

As most of you know, Calvary uses an automated phone service called “One Call Now” to deliver information to our members. Everything from daily devotionals to weather cancellations and from prayer requests to weekend reminders can be easily sent to just those who want them. However, we’re discovering that if we want to make sure people receive only the messages they want, we need to refine our system.

This month, we plan to move to a set up in which everyone our system (and who hasn’t opted out of our messages entirely) will automatically get “emergency notices,” like weather cancellations. However, to receive “daily devotionals,” “prayer requests,” or “weekend reminders” (when they’re sent), we’d like to ask you to “opt in” to those messages. To do this, you can complete the mini-form that will be part of the bulletin tear-off this month; or you can call or email the church office.



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Please help us to keep you “in the know” without bombarding you with things you don’t want to know! And thank you for your interest in the things that God is doing in the life of our church.

Dear Calvary...

Dear Calvary Baptist,

Thank you to everyone who provided bags for our students. A lot of families don’t have access to those products at home. This is a huge blessing for our school. We appreciate all you have done!

Thank you,

Meadowview Magnet Middle School Mustangs

Dear CBC,

I just wanted to say thank you for sharing the RightNow Media App with me. I truly appreciate how easy it is to use and all the resources it has to offer. I have already watched a video for the *Get Out of Your Head* Bible study I am doing on Sunday evenings from the book of Philippians. It was so easy to find. Even a children’s video that explained Philippians verse by verse caught my attention. I found it entertaining and very helpful! I can’t wait to explore more this weekend. Thank you for investing in me and my walk with God.

Andrea Phillips

Dear Calvary Family,

We’d like to thank the Personnel Committee, who—on your behalf—provided a delicious lunch for us on September 21. It’s encouraging (and delicious!) to be supported in this way. Thank you for the privilege of serving God with you!

The Calvary Staff

Blessing Bags for Franklin

This month, we’re inviting individuals, families, and Sunday School classes at Calvary to take our ministry at Franklin Elementary to the next level by making “Blessing Bags” for students who are part of the Backpack Program. Along with nutritious food, many students find that essential toiletry items can be hard to come by. And so, we’re inviting you to fill a “Blessing Bag” with a small list of key items: toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, bar of soap, body wash, kids’ shampoo, and deodorant. All these items can be purchased at local dollar stores; so completing a bag can cost less than \$10. Our goal is to prepare 100 bags. Bags and supply lists will be available at church beginning on Sunday, October 10. We hope to have completed bags returned no later than Monday, October 25. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Varney.

The Blessing Bags



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