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An Invitation to BE the Church

Jesus once said to his disciples, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you” (John 20:21). But how did the Father send Jesus? Did the Father send His Son to sit in a sacred building for an hour or two each week—singing songs, praying, and listening to a preacher? Of course, not! The Father sent Jesus *into the world* to share good news by proclaiming, healing, blessing, and serving.

Of course, Sunday morning worship is an essential and grateful response to the fact that the Father did send Jesus in the way that He did. And yet, even as we look forward to the opportunities we’re given to GO to church, we must never forget that we’ve been sent by Jesus to BE the church. We’ve been called to follow in his footsteps and to continue his mission of sharing good news by proclaiming, healing, blessing, and serving.

That’s why we’re encouraging all the members of the Calvary church family to put their faith in action by participating in this year’s Servant Sunday. On Sunday, October 19, we’ll be suspending our *worship services* so we can *worship through serving*. So please take the time to review the project list on page 2 of this newsletter, which includes projects for just about every age, interest, and ability. And if you haven’t signed up already, please contact the church office to let us know the project in which you’d like to be involved, so that we can make sure to have all the necessary supplies on hand.

In addition, please make plans to be with us the following Sunday (October 26), when we’ll be celebrating our ministry with a “One Calvary” Sunday. On that day, we’ll share a fellowship breakfast at 9 o’clock, Sunday School at 9:30, and one combined service of worship at 10:30, during which we’ll hear testimonies, see pictures, and give thanks to the Servant King who makes it possible for us to serve others.

Servant Sunday is one of the premier events in the life of our church . So please make every effort to participate...and please invite others! After all, serving the Lord together is one of the best ways to introduce others to Him and to heart of Calvary.



Deacon Selection

On Sunday, Sept. 14, the Calvary church family nominated these individuals to serve a 3-year term on our board of deacons: Jan Varney, Tom Beckom, Kenny Nowlin, Doug Odell, and Steve Simandle. David McPeak, Jr. was also nominated to complete the term of Kent Moser, who has stepped away from deacon ministry to focus on caring for his wife Karen. A vote of affirmation for these nominees will take place in worship on Sunday, October 12. We invite you to give prayerful consideration to these candidates, as we give thanks for them and all those who serve the Lord through the ministries of our congregation.

SERVANT SUNDAY PROJECT LIST

As of late September, the list below includes all of the projects that we're planning for our "Servant Sunday" emphasis—both on Servant Sunday itself on October 19 *and* in the weeks before and after. If you have not already done so, please sign up for the project (or projects) of your choice by contacting Hannah Robertson in the church office (hannah@calvarybcmntairy.org or 336/786-4778).

- **Blessing Box Team:** Meet needs by restocking local blessing boxes with food, clothing, and other supplies.
- **Calvary Welcome Wagon:** Prepare "outreach bags" that can be used by Calvary members to invite friends, clients, and others to worship with us.
- **Card Ministry:** Bless members of church and community by creating cards and writing notes of encouragement.
- **Personal Care Packages:** Pack and deliver care packages filled with personal care items for inmates of the Surry County Jail.
- **Christmas in October:** Fill 120 backpacks for students at Mount Park Elementary School as part of the Surry Baptist Association's Christmas Backpack ministry.
- **Construction Crew:** Bless a local family in need by providing a ramp or other home improvements.
- **"Fun with Fidgets" Folks:** Use your sewing skills to prepare fidget blankets that will be minister to individuals dealing with memory issues.
- **"Holy Comforter" Knitting Group:** Make lap blankets for local nursing homes and flood victims in Western NC.
- **Homebound Blessing Team:** Share visits with Calvary's homebound members while delivering lunch.
- **Lunch Bunch:** Prepare and deliver the lunch that will be served to all of our Servant Sunday participants
- **Paul Bunyan Brigade:** Join us for a morning of wood-splitting, as we provide local friends in need with wood to heat their homes this winter.
- **Road to Redemption Project:** Serve Calvary's neighbors and beautify our community by collecting trash along South Franklin Road.

- **School Squad:** Put your gardening, yardwork, and prayer skills to use by doing beautification projects at Tharrington, Gentry, and NSHS.
- **"Senior Sunshine" Project:** Prepare fall door decorations for residents at Twelve Oaks Assisted Living.
- **Gifts & Goodies for Golden Guests:** Prepare toiletries, treats, and clothing packages for residents at Twelve Oaks Assisted Living.
- **Singing for the Saints:** Kids and others who are "young at heart" will spread joy by singing for and visiting with residents of local nursing homes.
- **Team Snack Attack:** Prepare and deliver snack packages for hospital staff and waiting rooms.
- **Yokefellow Cleaning Crew:** Help our local food bank meet the needs of hungry families by cleaning and arranging the food storage area.

"SERVANT WEEK" PROJECTS

- **Hurricane Helpers (Oct. 14-18):** Make a one-day, two-day, or three-day trip to Ashe County to help with ongoing Hurricane Helene recovery efforts. Volunteers of all skill levels (or no skill levels) will be needed. And for those who want more than one day of serving, lodging is available at a local campsite that provides beds along with toilet and shower facilities.
- **Soup Group (Oct. 21):** Make and deliver homemade soup for our homebound members.
- **Hygiene Packathon (Oct. 22):** In partnership with "Feed the Hunger," a NC-based ministry that provides vital relief supplies around the world, we will be packing almost 1500 hygiene bags that include a toothbrush, soap, washcloth, and band-aids.

For Families with Younger Children

If you are a parent whose participation depends on the availability of childcare, a nursery will be available for kids age 0-2 and projects will be available for kids ages 2-3 and 4-5 until Noon on Servant Sunday. Please contact Debbie Howlett (336/705-2349) or Janet McPherson (336/467-3098) no later than Sunday, October 5 to register your child.



Regardless of whether you're a child – *or just a child at heart* – we invite you to attend our annual "Trunk-or-Treat" event! This year's autumn celebration will take place on Wednesday, October 29, from 5:45 to 7 pm. We are seeking volunteers who'd like to decorate their trunk and distribute candy to all the participants, which will include guests from the community. And even if you can't decorate your trunk, we'd also be grateful for donations of candy, just to make sure that we have enough for all the kids. Everyone, of course, is encouraged to turn out. And if you can wear a costume and invite others, that's even better!

If you have any questions—or want to sign up to help out—please contact Alex Bracey (aebacey1@gmail.com or 336/712-5245).

Coming to CBC Midweek

A new season of Midweek Ministry will begin on Wednesday, October 8. Kids will continue to enjoy Mission Friends (Pre-K and K), Explorers (Grades 1-5), and Youth (Middle School and High School). But adults will have two new study options. Sheila Wilson will lead a study by Max Lucado called "Tame Your Thoughts," in which they'll learn how to renew their minds when facing anxiety, guilt, rejection, dissatisfaction, and more. In addition, John Cawley will lead a study featuring lessons from the Gospel of John.

We hope you'll plan to join us as we "recharge our spiritual batteries" with this weekly opportunity for fellowship and growth. And don't forget: We begin with prayer in the fellowship hall at 5:45 on Wednesday nights, with small groups beginning at 6 o'clock.

New Sunday Morning Study

On Sunday, October 12, the Coed 1 class will begin a new study of Jesus' ministry using season 4 of *The Chosen*. New participants are welcome! If you need more info, contact Kim Morrison or Benny Lisk.

Ready to Get Involved?

Calvary's nominating committee is seeking those who'd like to play an active role on our ministry teams and committees. If you've got a desire to participate in the work God is doing here, please fill out the "I Want to Serve" portion of the bulletin tear-off and drop it in the offering plate, or reach out to Debbie Howlett (dhewlett1@triad.rr.com).

Dear Calvary...

We would like to thank you for the special prayers, caring words, and support during the loss of the matriarch of our family—Anita M. Nichols. A special thank you to Alex and Teresa Martin for the wonderful service and beautiful music. Thank you to the ladies of Calvary for the amazing meal.

*The Anita M. Nichols Family
(Douglas, Robin, Gina, and Vicki Nichols)*

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our food drive! You are a blessing to our students.

Amber Reed, School Counselor, Meadowview Middle School

I honestly can't say thank you enough for the church family at Calvary. All of the calls, prayers, and the meal after Earl's funeral are so much appreciated. Every member of my family commented on how wonderful and delicious it all was. Thank you for your sympathy during this time of loss.

Lynn Shelton

We are deeply grateful for your kindness and the delicious meal.

The Family of Don Beverly

Thank you for the chicken tenders and all the fixin's – and the peanut butter delight (which was Jerry's favorite)! I am so grateful to be a part of such a loving and caring church. You truly have been a blessing to my family during one of the hardest times we have been through. Again, we thank you for showing your love in all the ways you have.

The Jerry Nowlin Family

Thanks to Those Who Gave!

The Calvary church family would like to express our deep gratitude to all those who made contributions in memory of and in honor of these special people:

- **In Memory of Earl Shelton:** Tina, Steve, Kendal, Gabby and Carol Gause; Mike, Renee and Jordan Francis; Catherine Beal; Glenda Laster; Jack Michaels; Lynn Shelton; Rachel Jackson; Roger and Kay Puckett; Jeff Boyles; Jamie Smith; Tony and Nancy Transou; Roger and Donna Keck
- **In Memory of Randy Collins:** Mary Jo White; Troy and Becky Payne; Roger and Donna Keck
- **In Memory of Jerry Nowlin:** Sandi Nowlin
- **In Memory of Don Beverly:** Roy and Becky Payne
- **In Honor of Mary Jo White:** Owen and Sandra Stone



Thank You