



Calvary Herald

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April Mission: “Baby Showers of Blessing”

If “April showers bring May flowers,” what do you think “Baby Showers of Blessing” might bring? You can help us find out by participating in the “Showers of Blessing Baby Shower” that Calvary will sponsor during the month of April to benefit The Legacy Center, our local crisis pregnancy ministry. The primary need is for larger-sized diapers (size 6) and for pull-up style diapers (sizes 2T-3T and 4T-5T). But we are also collecting new or gently used clothing for preemie, newborn, and 2T. You can bring your donations to the church office or place them in the collection bins near the entrances. The Drive will continue through Sunday, April 28. If you have any questions, or if you’d like the complete list of Legacy Center needs, please contact Lilnette Phillips.

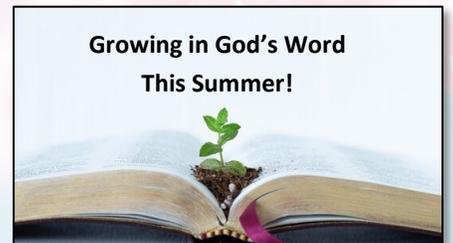


Summer Sermon Survey

Pastor Alex is currently developing his summer preaching plan, and he’d like to hear from you, so that he can prepare messages that will help you and your family grow in Christ. A brief survey will be available in the bulletin and in church information centers, beginning on Sunday, April 6. Please answer any or all of its questions, and then return your survey by putting it in the offering plate, dropping it your Sunday School class box, leaving it in the church office, or emailing your responses directly to the pastor (pastoralex4@gmail.com). The questions are:

- 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?
- 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 through his preaching ministry?

**Growing in God’s Word
This Summer!**



Coming This Fall: Reaching Our Neighbors for Christ

Have you read reports about revival breaking out in some part of our world and wondered, “Could that happen here?” Do you think our community would be a better place if more people came to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior? Have you wished that your faith in Christ was stronger and that you felt more comfortable sharing that faith with others? Well, if you answered “yes” to any of those questions, you need to know about a special event being planned for this fall.



A “Go Tell America” Crusade is being planned for here in Mount Airy, running from Sunday, September 8 to Wednesday, September 11. Sponsored by more than 30 local churches from multiple denominations, the event will take place at Veterans Park and will feature evangelist Rick Gage, who has been called “the small-town Billy Graham,” because he brings high impact, gospel-focused outreach to communities that might not be capable of hosting a larger event.

Because Gage and his ministry have been sharing the gospel for more than 30 years, they will be bringing a wealth of experience, resources, and training that will help local congregations make a difference in the lives of those who need to know Jesus. Organizers are planning for more than 12,000 people to attend the crusade during its four-night run, and they’re praying for more than 1200 people to make decisions to accept Christ or recommit their lives.

Of course, the impact of this effort will depend on the spiritual and practical steps that are taken in the months ahead. In the coming weeks, you’ll be hearing about opportunities to participate in this campaign by signing up for one of the many work teams that will be essential for its success. Volunteers will be needed for everything from prayer and promotion to fundraising and physical arrangements. And even if you don’t sign up for a team, you can play a key role in the crusade’s success by making it a focus in prayer.

So, would you join us in praying that God will be at work in a powerful way through every aspect of this “Go Tell America” Crusade? Pray that the Lord will raise up the necessary leaders and provide the necessary resources. Ask Him to prepare hearts to receive and respond to the good news. And pray, too, that He’ll prepare you! By laying on your heart the people you need to invite and by giving you opportunities to share God’s love in both word and deed.



If you’d like to know more about “Go Tell” Ministries and their crusade work, you can check out their website at www.gotellministries.com. And if you’d like to know more about your can be involved in crusade preparations and/or Calvary’s role in the crusade, please talk to Pastor Alex.

Youth Mission Envelope Fundraiser

During the month of April, we’re asking you to help us send our summer mission team to Jamaica by participating in this year’s “Bulletin Board Fundraiser.” Just stop by the bulletin board in the middle of the Children’s Sunday School hallway. There, you’ll find 100 offering envelopes, each one labeled with a dollar amount from \$1 to \$100. Select an envelope based on the amount that you’d like to give. Place the designated amount inside and write your name on the front. Then drop your envelope in the offering plate, or hand it directly to Alex Bracey. Thank you so much for making it possible for our young people to have this life-changing experience.



Thanks to Those Who Gave

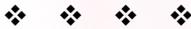
- Thank you to Jim and Lilnette Phillips, who gave in honor of Lillie Mae Haynes on the occasion of her 91st birthday.
- Thanks to all the members of Calvary who contributed to the Easter Mission Offering and allowed us to exceed our goal of \$3000.
- Thanks to everyone who participated in March’s “Blessing Bag” mission project, providing 100 bags of personal care items for students in local schools.

THANKS

Dear Calvary...

The youth group and I would like to thank everyone who donated to our spaghetti lunch back in March. All of your generous gifts will be used to help our students get to Jamaica for our mission trip this summer. It is because of this church family's constant faithfulness in giving that our youth group is able to have the opportunities that we do, and we are beyond thankful for it! Thank you all so much!

Alex Bracey



We just wanted to say thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls during Carol's hospital stay and my surgery. We are both doing OK and look forward to a full recovery. It really warms your heart to know your church family is thinking about you and cares about how you're doing. Keep praying for us during our recovery, because it works!

May God bless you,
Roger and Carol Jarrell



My Precious Church Family,

I have attempted to write this letter so many times. I can't express to you how much that you were our lifeline through this difficult journey. I have never in my life felt the Holy Spirit as strong as I have in the past year.

I am brokenhearted and struggling, but I feel comfort knowing that Brent is with our Lord. His suffering is over.

I can't thank you enough for the prayers, acts of love, visits, money, gift cards, and food.

Please pray for me and my family that we may find ways to repay the blessings that we have received during this journey.

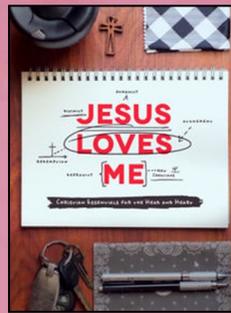
Love,
Anita Hull and Family



Right Now @ RightNow Media

If you participate in or are connected to the Calvary Baptist Church family, you've got unlimited, free access to RightNow Media—a constantly growing resource of Bible studies, devotionals, teaching content related to almost every area of Christian living, not to mention lots of informative and inspiring videos for your kids. And all you need to begin using these resources is a personal RightNow Media account, which you can create by contacting Pastor Alex.

Here are just a few of the resources available right now on RightNow Media:

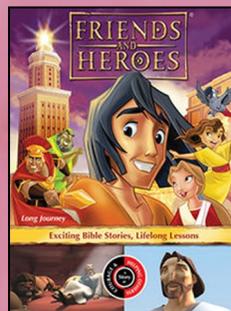
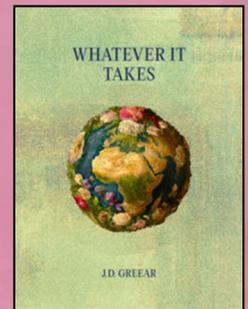


Jesus Loves Me: Christian Essentials for the Head and the Heart

In this great tool for new disciples and those who seek confidence about their beliefs bestselling author and pastor John Dickerson offers a modern take on basic Christian doctrine. 7 videos; average 13 minutes each.

Whatever It Takes

Pastor J. D. Greear J.D. Greear invites us to explore the radical requirements Jesus makes of us if we are to be his followers. Watch this 4-video series based on the book of Luke to learn more about how to put your hope and trust fully in Christ. Average video length 47 minutes.



Friends and Heroes

This multi-season animated series follows the epic adventures of Macky and Portia as they fight for justice and survival against the power of the Roman Empire. Includes 3 seasons totaling 41 videos; average 24 minutes each.

Obviously, this is a very small sample of all the growth opportunities that are waiting for you at RightNow media! If you or someone you know would like to create an account so that you can find the resource that's just right for you — or if you need help using the service, please contact Pastor Alex.

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