



Calvary Herald

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Praying with Jesus on the Way to Calvary

Most of us sense that Jesus received guidance and strength from the connection to His Father that was nurtured through His prayer life. What's more, we know that Jesus had a lot to say about prayer; and so, we study His teaching in the hope that we can develop a similar connection. But how often do we focus—*not so much on what Jesus said about prayer*—but on His prayers themselves? How often do we “pray with Jesus” as He demonstrates what our prayer life can be?

Ironically, the gospels record only a handful of the prayers that Jesus prayed. And so, we'd do well to “enter” those prayers, allowing the heart of Jesus to shape our own communion with the Father. That's why our pastor's sermons in the season of Lent, which begins on February 21, will focus on “Praying with Jesus on the Way to Calvary.” Each week, we'll examine one of the prayers that Jesus prayed, allowing His sense of intimacy with God to nurture our own. Won't you worship with us as we prepare for the Easter celebration of Resurrection Life?

Cereal Drive for Yokefellow

With many families still hurting because of the coronavirus and its economic impact, there is a real need for followers of Jesus to demonstrate His love by offering practical assistance. That's why our church will support the work of our local food bank this month with a “Cereal Drive.” During February, we would like to collect no fewer than 500 boxes of cereal that can be delivered to Yokefellow to feed hungry families. Cereal can be dropped off at church on Sunday morning or when the office is open during the week. If you'd like to support the drive by making a financial gift, please mark your check or envelope “Cereal Drive.” [For those who use our online giving tools, you can donate to the “Special Projects” fund.]

New Office Hours

You might not have noticed yet, but things are a little different in the church office! As of Jan. 1, our church administrator Billie Doyle is working part-time rather than full time. She will generally be in the office from 8:30 to 4:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. This means that you might find the office unstaffed, especially if you stop by on Monday or Friday afternoon when the pastor is often making visits. We encourage you to take note of these changes and plan your visits to the office accordingly.

If you have an emergency you are always encouraged to contact the pastor directly using his mobile number.

Blessing Our Community: One Meal at a Time

So many families are struggling these days to make ends meet. But one of Calvary's Sunday School classes is making plans to "Be a Blessing"—*and you're invited to help!* On Wednesday, February 17, members of Coed 1 will provide a free meal for folks in our community. One hundred fifty boxed meals will be purchased from a local vendor; and then—beginning at six o'clock—the meals will be distributed in a "drive-thru" fashion (limit of four meals per vehicle) until all the boxes are gone. If you'd like to help cover the cost of the meals—or if you'd like to help with the distribution—you're asked to contact one of the class's teachers: Mary McCormick, Kim Morrison, or Benny Lisk. If the support is there, the class invites us to pray about hosting similar distributions once a month until the "Covid crisis" begins to loosen its grip.

Isn't it great when God lays it on the heart of His people to find creative responses to the needs of our world!? Won't you pray and/or give and/or participate so that we can "be a blessing" in the name of the One who has so richly blessed us?



A Special Word on Worship This Month

We are so thankful for the opportunity to be worshipping "in-person" again! Unfortunately, we know that not everyone in our church family is able to come "back to church" just yet. But we do appreciate the way that those who are coming are helping to maintain a safe environment by social distancing and by wearing masks while in the building.

Of course, these and other factors do keep worship from feeling "normal." But even in these "abnormal" times, we still want to highlight ministries in worship through which our church is making a difference in the lives of others. That's why Calvary will observe "Scout Sunday" on February 7 and "Baptist Women's Sunday" on February 14. Regardless of whether you're in the sanctuary or worshipping with us on Facebook, we hope you'll join us as we give thanks for the ways that God is working in us and through us.

New Women's Bible Study

Old Testament heroes are best known for their most celebrated moments: Moses dividing the Red Sea, David slaying Goliath... *and Elijah calling down fire on Mount Carmel.* Don't many of us long for the kind of boldness and faith that can stand firm on Mount Carmel and pray down heaven into impossible situations? Yet how many are willing to go through the process required to get there? In a new 7-week Bible study titled, "Elijah: Faith and Fire," Priscilla Shirer shows how strength of faith, character, and boldness can only be shaped in the hidden fires of silence, sameness, solitude, and adversity.



This new "virtual" Bible study will begin on Sunday, February 21, and will meet at 6 PM each week. Ladies who would like to participate can purchase their materials and online access to Priscilla's teaching sessions directly from Lifeway for \$25. To get a link to these resources and to sign up for the weekly "Zoom" session, please contact Kim Morrison (kmorrison@mtairy.k12.nc.us) no later than Sunday, Feb. 14.

Dear Calvary...

Thank you so much for all your prayers and cards and the chicken stew and lovely fruit basket. I really miss coming to Calvary. Thank you so much for all you do for me.

Sincerely,
Betty Southern

Thank you for the beautiful flowers on my 105th birthday. Also, thanks for all the cards on my birthday and at Christmas. I love and appreciate my church family.

Myrtle Wagoner

A special thank you to our church family for the ministry of people involved in sharing meals each month, bringing the Sunday message CD, for all your thoughts and prayers. And thank you for the fruit basket. Our hearts filled with joy as we read all the cards sent to us. May God richly bless you and Merry Christmas to everyone.

Marvin and Glenda Beasley

To our church family—Our many thanks for all the many gestures of kindness Calvary has extended to us through this stressful time. The dinners, fruit baskets, notes and calls really do reinforce our ties with our friends. Especially we thank the kitchen crew and drivers—you are a blessing.

Agape,
Guy and Mary Sparger

Thank you for all the ways you make the world a brighter one. Thank you so much for the fruit basket and chicken stew. We appreciate it so much.

Frank Boyd and Family

Thank you very much for the soup and crackers. This will help so many people in our community. We appreciate and are blessed to have your continued support to serve so many families with food insecurity.

Yokefellow Ministry

Thank you for your recent monetary donation to the Shepherd's House. Your generosity and support of our program means so much to our clients and staff and allows us to continue to provide a place to restore hope and rebuild lives for those who enter our doors. We wish you many blessings for a healthy and prosperous 2021.

Staff of the Shepherd's House

I just want to thank you for your kind expression of sympathy given to our family. We are deeply grateful for your prayers, calls, and cards during Fred's illness and his passing. Thank you for the meals that you provided for us. May God bless each one of you.

Love, The Fred O'Neal Family

How can a simply 'thank you' possibly convey the depth of gratitude we have for all your acts of kindness and love over this past heart-breaking year? For every prayer lifted for us, each card sent, visit made, dish lovingly sent and gratefully received, we thank you. Please continue to remember us and Pam's husband Terry Saunders in your prayers. May God bless each of you in the new year with good health and happiness.

Much love, Lonnie and Rachel Jackson

Thank you for the love and support you have shown our family. Your prayers have been felt. The food was very good and we appreciate each one of you!

The Beverly Family
(Lisa Bryant and Jenny Clemet)

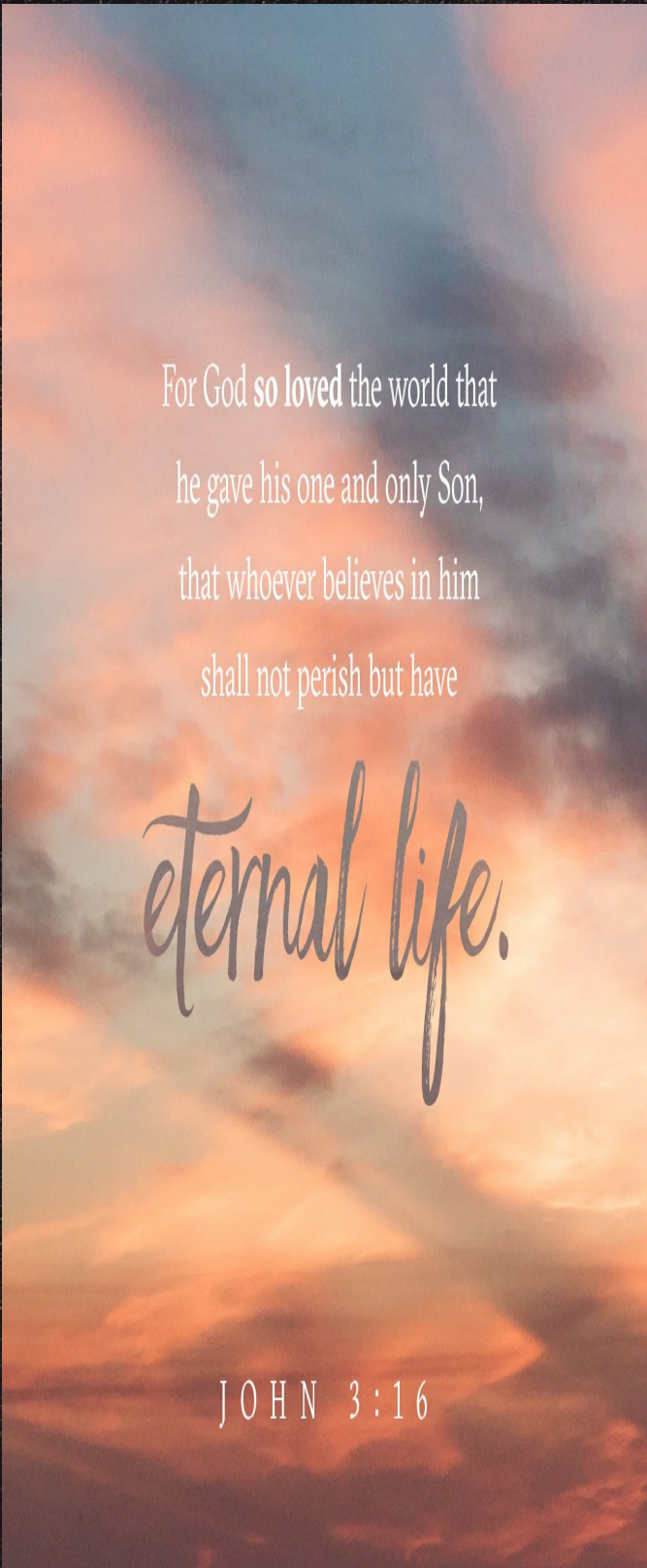
Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and calls during our mother's illness and death. The meals were delicious and much appreciated. Your support at this time meant a lot to us.

The Jeanette Easter Family
(Donna Stowe, Catha Stroupe)

Thank you for your love and prayers during my mother-in-law's illness and passing. We appreciate every kind word and thought, your sympathy cards, all the delicious food but most of all for your many, many prayers on our behalf. The Calvary fellowship is something I have cherished for such a long time.

The Madge Johnson Family
(Jo Lynn and Chuck Johnson)





For God so loved the world that
he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have

eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Beverly Beverly

Claudia Bryant
Roger and Carol Jarrell
Roger and Donna Keck
Bob and Janet McPherson

In Memory of Jerry Beverly

Roger and Donna Keck

In Memory of Debbie Bowman

Bill and Cheryl Golding
Joe and Sandra Golding
Bob and Janet McPherson
Steven and Dianne Wrenn

In Memory of Arthur and Vera Forrest

Chuck and Jo Lynn Johnson

In Memory of Elvie Holder

Randy and Sylvia Gentry
Bob and Janet McPherson

In Memory of Fred O'Neal

Brenda Barfield
Randy and Sylvia Gentry
Jack, Shirley, Greg & Kathy Ingram

In Honor of Sylvia Gentry

Mary Jo Roberts

In Honor of Roger and Donna Keck

Norris and Jo Hodge

In Honor of Bob and Pam Peake

Norris and Jo Hodge

In Honor of Ron and Judy Stephenson

Norris and Jo Hodge

In Honor of Norris and Jo Hodge

Larry and Jane Martin

**Ladies 1 Sunday School Class
honors its class members' birthdays
with a donation**

February Birthdays 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Mary Beth Beasley Maria Delfin	2 Jeff Hamilton Wesley Martin	3 Mary Jo Roberts	4 Bruce Barton Linda Leftwich Piper Puckett	5 Melissa Varney Andy Westmoreland	6 Vicki Fields Bella Gentry Roger Greene Marlee Hauser Earl Varney
7 Molly Martin	8 Dot Marion	9 Nicholas Beverly	10 Emma Nichols	11 Norma Hiatt Jo Hodge	12 Becky Montgomery Harper Nester	13 Carolyn Greene Kathy Inman
14 Lee Martin	15 Jack Harford	16 T. J. Payne, Jr.	17 Kaleb Morrison	18 Rachel Harris	19 Carolyn Greene Kathy Inman	20 Carolyn Greene Kathy Inman
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