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Make Mount Airy Our Valentine

I don't know if you can relate to this experience; but when I was a kid in grade school, Valentine's Day was special! Most students brought Valentines (one for each member of the class) which we then distributed to each of our classmates. And even though most of these simple cards had been purchased at the local five and dime, it still felt good to be included. There's just something powerful about being remembered and affirmed by others.

That feeling of being blessed is what motivates our "Make Mount Airy Our Valentine" project. On Sunday, February 8, members of our church family will be invited to pick up a box of cookies as they leave worship and to deliver those cookies to local businesses, nursing homes, first responder stations, and more. And even though a simple cookie is unlikely to change anyone's life, there's still power in letting people know that they're remembered and valued.

So, we hope you'll plan to participate! Boxes of cookies labeled with the name and address of each recipient will be available in the fellowship hall after worship. And we encourage you to deliver a box or two as Calvary's way of saying, "You make a difference in our community, and we're grateful!"

If you have any questions, please contact a member of our mission team. Let's share the Love that truly changes lives.

Pastor Alex

Sharing God's Love
One Act of Kindness at a Time



Let's Tackle Hunger

After all the winter weather we've had, you might have forgotten that we're getting ready for the "Souper Bowl"—not that annual opportunity to see athletes excel on the field—but our opportunity to excel in compassion by meeting the needs of hungry neighbors!

This month, we're encouraging you to donate canned soup (and other canned goods), which we'll deliver to the local food bank. Our goal is 600 cans. And since the winter weather has interfered with our collection, we'll be extending it until Sunday, February 22.

You'll find collection bins near the main entrances. So please pitch in and help us tackle hunger!

Coming Soon to a Pulpit Near You

The season of Lent invites followers of Jesus into a time of preparation. Through prayer, contemplation, and self-denial; we follow Jesus through the events that led to his crucifixion, so that we can continue to follow him as he leads us into resurrection. Thankfully, much of John's gospel is devoted to this journey, asking us to consider how Jesus' teaching and example prepare us for new life.



That's why, in this year's Lenten season, our pastor's sermons will continue to be drawn from the Gospel of John; but their emphasis will change. Instead of focusing on "The Word and His Way," we'll consider the journey "From Death to Life." Beginning with the death and raising of Lazarus and moving through some key events of Holy Week to reach the death and resurrection of our Lord, we'll learn how God wants to prepare us for Life, by showing us the serving and loving Savior who makes true Life possible. We hope you can worship with us! And as always, we encourage you to invite a friend.

You're Invited to Connect!



Calvary's "Faith, Fun & Fellowship" group has some great plans to help you connect with others. On Wednesday, February 4, please join us for "Sweetheart Stories." We'll meet in the fellowship hall at 11 o'clock for lunch (spaghetti, salad, and drinks will be furnished; but feel free to bring a dessert and a side). And then, we'll get to know each other better by sharing stories from our "sweetheart days."

Then, on Wednesday, February 18, we invite you to enjoy a little "Valentine Bingo." We'll be in the fellowship hall at 11 o'clock, and we encourage you to bring something sweet or chocolatey that we can use as Bingo prizes. If you have any questions about our Faith, Fun & Fellowship group, please contact Beth Church or Kathy McKnight.

Changes Coming to Worship Online

Calvary is in the process of moving our worship streaming and service archive to YouTube. We encourage you to visit our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/@CalvaryBaptistChurchMountAiry) and subscribe. That way, you won't have any trouble accessing our services—either live or after-the-fact. We hope to complete the transition by the end of the month. However, if you're not very "computer literate" and need some help, we encourage you to contact a member of our AV Team (Danny Lineberry, Phil Hiatt, and Bodey Fields). And be on the lookout for some other new communication resources, like an updated church website and the launch of a new church app!

Dear Calvary...

All of us at Clyde A. Erwin Middle School send our deepest thanks for your support this holiday. The beautiful hats and scarves you created were enjoyed by 80 families during our holiday gathering – and then again with our Latino families at a holiday food distribution. Everyone was in awe of the hand knit items! We were struggling to find donations when we were put in contact with Weaverville Baptist, and it felt like perfect timing and such a sweet gift. We hope your holiday was full of connection, love, and joy. *(The Clyde A. Erwin Middle School Community)*

Thank you so much for your continued support of Surry Medical Ministries! You have been faithful to our clinic, and we appreciate your generosity and prayers so much. Please continue to lift up the clinic in your prayers, asking the Lord to help us continue our good work. *(Lorrie Sawyers)*

Thank you for the donation of chickens to Samaritan's Purse in my honor. If I had chosen a gift, it would have been chickens, as they continue giving. Also, thanks to all of you who sent Christmas cards with all the lovely notes. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this family of God. *(Lillian Holder)*

Thank you for my generous Christmas bonus! I appreciate your support and kindness. I love playing for our church and being with you in our Lord's house each week! *(Beth Church)*

