



# Calvary Herald

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## You're Invited to Come "Further Up and Further In"

In *The Last Battle*, the final book in C.S. Lewis's "Chronicles of Narnia," there's a scene in which the heroes finally find themselves standing in the new creation. And the Unicorn captures the feeling of the moment by saying this: "I have come home at last! This is my real country! This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. Come further up, come further in!"

I've long valued this scene, because it reminds me that God is preparing for us a kingdom life that invites us into *more*—more of God's goodness and grace, more of God's power and wisdom, and more of God's beauty and creativity. And part of the "good news" of that kingdom, I think, is that we don't have to wait for the arrival of the new creation to begin *experiencing* "God's more"! *Even now*, we're invited to "Come further up, come further in!" as we discover the fullness of life in Christ.

That's why, in the month of July, I'd like us to consider the "more" to which God invites us by sharing a series of messages that I'm calling, "Further Up and Further In." What are some of the ways that God is calling you deeper into the abundant life of Jesus? Please join us, as we consider what the scriptures have to say.



## Faith, Fun and Fellowship

If you haven't been participating in the "Fun, Faith, and Fellowship" gatherings that have been taking place on Wednesday mornings this summer, you've been missing out on a great opportunity to connect in a deeper way with other members of our church family. However, there's still time to check it out! This month, the gatherings will include:

- July 10: Tea Party to Make Cards for Homebound
- July 17: Bingo and Watermelon
- July 24: Board Games and Snacks
- July 31: Popcorn and a Movie ("The Resurrection of Gavin Stone")

If you'd like to know more, please contact Beth Church (828/391-1726; byoung1961@yahoo.com) or Kathy McKnight (336/648-4523; katbird38@yahoo.com).



## Calvary Youth on Mission

After much prayer, preparation & generous support from our church family, Calvary's youth mission team will be serving Christ in Jamaica from July 6 to 12. Please be sure to pray for all the members of our team!

- **Adult Leaders:** Alex Bracey, Stephanie Hawks, Emily Mauck, Tyler Morgan, Lilnette Phillips, Trace Simmons, Bryson Varney
- **Student Members:** Lucy Bennett, Avarie Brintle, Ella Brintle, Reese Cox, Talon Dearborn, Jackson Gardner, Bristol Golding, Isaac Hawks, Harper Leathers, Gabe Mauck, Bradlee Morgan, Emma Kate Norman, Natalie Puckett, Jayden Robertson, Mason Varney



## Our Mission in July: Back-to-School Blessing

This month, we're asking individuals, families, or Sunday School classes to give joy and self-confidence to a local student by purchasing a set of clothes and a new pair of shoes for when they head back to school. We do ask that the items be "name brand," since that's the kind of outfit that many kids may rarely receive. We'll have a list of 30 to 50 students (along with their sizes) by July 21, and we'll ask you to bring your items to church no later than Sunday, August 4. But you can sign up right away to be a sponsor by contacting the church office or by using the "sign up" portion of the bulletin tear off during the first two Sundays of July. If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Jan Varney. And as always, thank you for being a caring church family that looks for ways to serve God by helping others.



# THANK YOU!

*so much*

Dear Calvary,

Melissa and myself would like to thank our church family for being with us during my diagnosis and my cancer treatments. Your prayers, cards, texts, phone calls and gift cards really helped us during a difficult time.

Thank you for caring so much!

Tony and Melissa Varney



Calvary would like to say "thank you" to those who gave gifts this month to honor and to celebrate the memory of these special people:

- **In Memory of Randy Beasley:** Vernell Goins, JoLynn Johnson, Linda Gordon, Jamie Smith, Roger & Carol Jarrell, Jim & Lilnette Phillips
- **In Memory of Marlin Mabe:** Sharon Thornburg
- **In Memory of Michael McKinney:** Robin McKinney
- **In Memory of William Haynes:** Jim & Lilnette Phillips
- **In Honor of Margaret Smith:** Jerry & Sandi Nowlin

## Keep Our Directory Up-to-Date

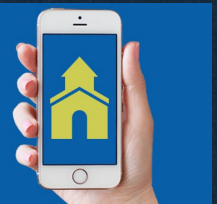
Did you know that Calvary's directory is online? Did you know that if you're actively involved at Calvary, we want you in the directory, regardless of your member status? Did you know that even if you're in the directory, we need you to help us update your contact information *and* your family photo? And did you know that you can make those updates yourself?!

Well...now you know. 😊

Please help us maintain an up-to-date directory. And if you have any questions (or need a print copy), please contact the church office.

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DIRECTORY**  
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# Blue Ridge Go Tell Crusade Update

As we move through the summer months and look ahead to the fall, opportunities are increasing for our church and everyone in it to become involved in a “hands on” way with the *Blue Ridge Go-Tell Crusade*, which is scheduled for September 8-11 at Veterans Park. This effort, sponsored by a growing partnership of churches across our region, provides a unique opportunity for God’s people to share the Good News of Christ with those whom God wants to reach. And so, we’d like you to consider “plugging in” in one of these three ways.



First, we invite you to participate in a Crusade “Prayer Pod.” These “pods” will meet weekly between now and the week of the Crusade, and their efforts will be essential to do the spiritual groundwork from which a fruitful crusade will grow. The Mount Airy Prayer Pod will be meeting on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm at Antioch Baptist Church (137 Antioch Avenue, Mount Airy, NC). However, if you are unable to make that meeting due to its time and/or location, there are also prayer pods in:

- **King:** The Rock Church. Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. 416 W. King St., King, NC.
- **Cana:** Hope Community Church. Monday nights at 7:00 pm. 14350 Fancy Gap Highway, Cana, VA.
- **Fancy Gap:** Skyview Missionary Baptist Church. Tuesday mornings at 6:30 am. 129 Skyview Drive, Fancy Gap, VA.  
Or Freedom Baptist Church. Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. 2485 Chances Creek Road, Fancy Gap, VA).

Alternatively, if you’re not able to participate in a prayer pod, please consider including the Crusade in your own times of prayer. Undoubtedly, the Lord will guide you if you intercede for this effort from the heart. But if you’re looking for a few suggestions to “prime the pump,” consider these requests:

- Pray for more laborers and more churches to become involved. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. We are asking the Lord to provide a thousand individuals to serve in some capacity during this crusade.
- Pray for the lost...that they would be receptive to an invitation to the crusade and once at the crusade receptive to the Word of God and the moving of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that the love of God would be demonstrated through all and to all.
- Pray for God’s hand of favor will be on every aspect of this event.
- Pray that the Lord would grant us access into all the school systems in our county and surrounding counties where our youth will hear a message on ‘Making the Right Choices.’
- Pray that God would prepare the hearts of our young people...that they would respond to an invitation to come to the youth night of the crusade.
- Pray for good weather the week of the crusade.
- Pray for the protection of all individuals and churches associated with the event.
- Pray for the various speakers and musicians associated with the event.
- Pray that God’s people will grow spiritually, develop a passion for the lost, and new zeal for Christ and His Kingdom.
- Pray for fertile ground (good soil) where the Word of God can take root and ultimately bear more fruit.

Finally, you can also make plans to be part of one or more key events that will take place in the days leading up to the crusade. These include:

- **Crusade Prayer Breakfast.** Saturday, August 3. (Time and Location TBD)
- **Counselor Training Session.** Saturday, August 10, 10 am to Noon (Location TBD)
- **Pre-Crusade Youth Rally.** Sunday, August 11, 5:30 to 8:00 pm (Hope Community Church)
- **Crusade Invitation Distribution.** Saturday, August 24; Saturday, August 31; and Saturday, September 7.
  - **Visitation and Prayer Walking.** Week of August 26 and Week of September 7.



For those who still don’t understand exactly how the crusade has come together – or who’d like more information about how they can connect with the effort – the Calvary church family will be having our own info sessions on Wednesday, July 10 at 7:30 pm – and on Sunday, July 14 at 6 pm. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Danny Lineberry, or Pastor Alex.