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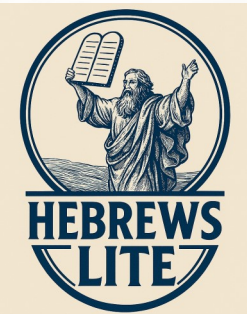
Back-to-School Blessing Project Coming Soon!

It might be hard to believe, but we're less than two months away from the start of a new academic year. And when local schools open their doors, some cash-strapped families will struggle to provide their kids with what they need to succeed. But you can change that by participating in this year's "Back-to-School Blessing Project." By outfitting a student with a new outfit and some new shoes, you'll help them return to class with confidence and enthusiasm.



This year, we hope to serve 40 children through our blessing project. Information about sizes and "wish lists" for each student will be distributed on July 20, and the purchased items will be due back at church no later than August 3. If you have any questions—or if you'd like to sign up to sponsor a child—please speak with Jan Varney (jvarney.jv@gmail.com or 336/401-5640).

You Asked for It: Hebrews Lite



Among the responses to our pastor's "Summer Sermon Survey" were several requests to study the Book of Hebrews. Of course, Hebrews is a fairly long and complicated book. And studying it "in depth" would require more than just a summer. So beginning this month, Pastor Alex will share a short series of messages titled "*Hebrews Lite: Everything You Always Wanted from the Bible...and Less!*" Please join us for worship as we examine a few key themes and one challenging passage from this fascinating book.

Website Refresh

We're getting ready to refresh our church website! By the time school gets going this fall, we hope to have updated "calvarymountain.org" so that it's more visually appealing and more useful for both members and potential visitors alike. What's more, we'll be adding a companion app to our website, so that you can easily access all the latest info from our church family on your tablet or phone.

Of course, to make sure that we're providing what you really need, we'd like your input! If you haven't done so recently, we encourage you to visit our website so that you can tell us what needs to be added, subtracted, updated, changed, or tweaked. You can send your suggestions to Pastor Alex, Bob McPherson, or our church administrator, Hannah Robertson.



Your Chance to Connect!

Calvary's "Faith, Fun and Fellowship" group is offering some great opportunities for you to connect with other members of our church! We'll be continuing to meet weekly this month. So please check out our upcoming activities. Please invite others. And if you have any questions, please contact Beth Church (828/391-1726) or Kathy McKnight (336/648-4523).

- **July 2: No gathering this week.** Enjoy your July 4th!
- **July 9: Popcorn and a movie.** Movie to be announced. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring another food treat to share!
- **July 16: Bingo and Watermelon.** Bring something to give as a prize. Watermelon will be provided!
- **July 23: Birthday Bash.** Everyone's birthday will be celebrated! We will play games, sing songs, and present birthday treats. Cake, ice cream and drinks will be provided.
- **July 30: "Tour of Mayberry."** Roger Keck will ride the church bus with us and take us on his Mayberry tour. Bring money for lunch and we will eat out! More details to follow!



Dear Calvary...

Thank you so much for remembering my birthday! Brinkley and I will definitely enjoy a trip to Chick-Fil-A! I love my church! *Thank you again, Beth Church*

I truly appreciate your kind donation to our students in need at Gentry Middle School. The hygiene bags have been such a blessing. May God bless you for remembering our students! *Sincerely, Celeste Hawks (Gentry Middle School)*

The residents of the "Your Father's House" Christian Recovery Ministry thank you *so much* for your recent donations and ask the Lord to shower you with His blessings! *Kevin Adolph (House Manager)*

Thanks to Those Who Gave:

- **In Honor of Jarrod and Matthew Nowlin:** Jerry and Sandi Nowlin
- **In Memory of Suzanne Simmons:** JoAnn Surratt
- **In Memory of William Haynes:** Lillie May Haynes, Jim & Lilnette Phillips
- **In Memory of Virginia Howlett:** Coed 4 Sunday School Class

DON'T JUST GO TO CHURCH. BE THE CHURCH!

Plans are in the works for Servant Sunday 2025! On Sunday, October 19, we'll be suspending our regular worship services so that we can worship through service. And you'll have many different service projects to choose from so that you can use your gifts to bless others! You can create cards filled with words of encouragement, or knit and crochet caps and blankets for children in need. You can prepare treats for hospital residents and staff, or visit nursing homes. You can pack hygiene kits for third world countries or holiday backpacks for local students...and so much more! And this year, we plan to expand our opportunities for ministry by adding some projects during the week— including some short trips to western North Carolina to assist with Hurricane relief work.

So this fall, don't just go to church. Be the church! Please mark your calendar and begin praying for Servant Sunday! We'll be sharing all the details as we move into the fall. But if you have questions—or if you'd like to learn how you can help coordinate a project—please speak with Lilnette Phillips, Jan Varney, Pam Peake, Libby Marion, Becky Payne, Amber Horton, or Pastor Alex.

SERVANT SUN- October

For even the Son of Man came
not to be served, but to serve,
and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

