



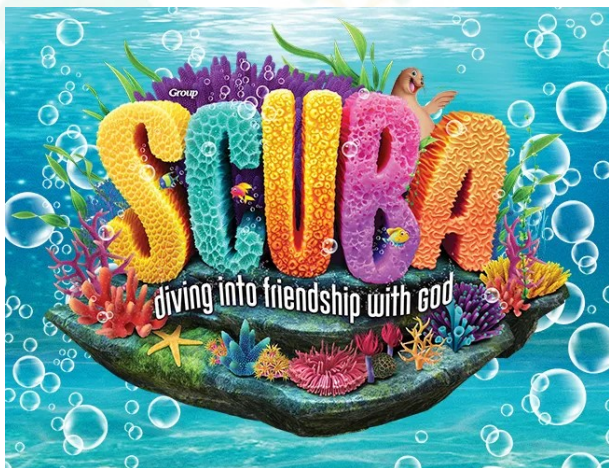
# Calvary Herald

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## It's Time for VBS!

We hope that kids and adults are ready for this year's Vacation Bible School, "*Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God*"! The adventure begins on Sunday, June 2 and runs through Thursday, June 6. Each evening, our activities will begin at 5:30 in the fellowship hall with a snack supper, and at 6 o'clock, we'll move to the sanctuary for an opening celebration before classes begin. From there, kids will "dive into fellowship with God" by participating in worship, crafts, recreation, and Bible study. And when classes are over, we'll have a closing celebration, which will end at 8:15 and after which kids can be picked up in the sanctuary hall or fellowship hall.

While the kids are busy exploring, adults will do a little diving of their own, as they jump into the story of Jonah—the Bible's original "undersea adventure"—in a study facilitated by Pastor Alex. Adults will meet in the Chapel, with a snack and fellowship time beginning at 6:30, and a lesson that begins at 7 o'clock.



On Thursday, June 6, everyone is encourage to meet in the sanctuary at 8 o'clock so the kids can share some of what they've learned. It promises to be a great week! And we hope you can join us.



## June Mission Project

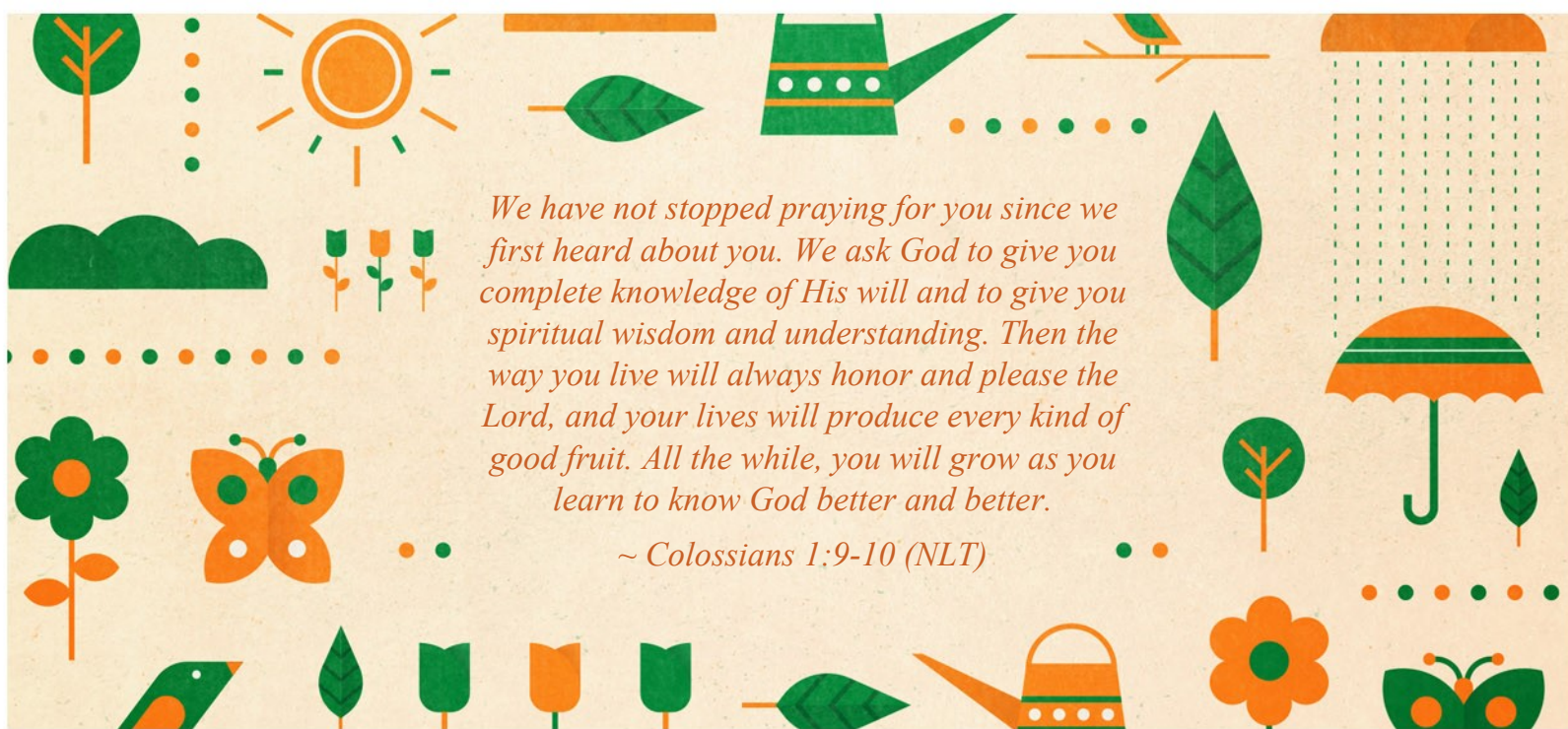
During the month of June, the Calvary church family will be collecting jars of peanut butter and boxes of crackers for the Yokefellow food bank. Your donations will provide a "summer supplement" for kids who don't have access to other food programs while they're out of school. Collection boxes will be available at church entrances and in the church office. Thanks for making it possible for our congregation to be a blessing to our neighbors in need.

# Coming to a Pulpit Near You: Kids Church

If you were reading bestsellers 30 to 35 years ago, you might remember hearing about, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, a book by pastor Robert Fulgham, in which he suggested that some of life's most important truths can be found among the lessons we're taught as children. Not surprisingly, pastor Alex Martin is willing to suggest that some of the *Bible's* most important truths can be found among the lessons we're taught as children. Sadly, we sometimes forget them, or we allow them to get "covered up" by layers of adult complexity. But every now and then, we need to pull them out, dust them off, and recapture the beauty of those simple but essential teachings.



That's why, during the month of June, he'll be sharing a series of messages called *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kids' Church*. Each week, we'll take a simple and light-hearted look at some of those foundational lessons that we heard in Sunday School and VBS. So pull out your memories and your sense of childlike wonder and plan to worship with us.



## One Calvary Sunday

Our "One Calvary" Sundays have become a great way for members of our church family to connect with each other and with what God is doing among us. And for our next "One Calvary" Sunday, we want to offer a special opportunity for connection! We're inviting **everyone** to remain in the fellowship hall after breakfast for a "whole church" mixer. During the Sunday School hour, we'll gather around tables that mingle different classes and different ages. And we'll be led in some fun activities that allow all of us to get to know each other better.



**ONE CALVARY  
SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024**

**8:30 BREAKFAST**  
**9:15 WHOLE CHURCH MIXER**  
**10:30 WORSHIP**

A graphic for One Calvary Sunday. On the left is a wooden cross on a grassy hill with a red ribbon tied around it. The right side is a dark brown rectangle with white text.

Our next "One Calvary" Sunday will take place on June 30, 2024. Please join us for a Fellowship Breakfast at 8:30, the "whole church" mixer at 9:15, and one shared time of worship at 10:30. This would be a great time to invite your friends to experience what Calvary is all about. We hope to see you here!

## Dear Calvary...

Thank you for your recent generous donation. Your caring support allows us to provide maltreatment prevention and intervention services to children and their families in northwest North Carolina.

Melissa Hiatt, Exec. Admin. Assistant  
The Children's Center



We are so blessed to have such a wonderful and caring church family. Thank you all for the calls, many prayers, cards, and food. God has blessed our family so much.

Sandi Nowlin



Thank you so much for the anniversary gift. It is a joy to play the piano and organ each Sunday. I love my church! (and Chick-fil-A)

Beth Church

## Thanks to Those Who Gave

The Calvary Family thanks those who gave gifts in honor and in memory of special people this month:

- Jamie Smith gave in memory of Norma Hiatt and Robert McKinney
- Robin McKinney gave in memory of Robert McKinney
- Roger and Carol Jarrell gave in memory of Lois and Earle Jarrell

## New Bible Study Opportunities

1. **The Narrow Gate Sunday school class will begin a new study on the book of 1 Corinthians on June 9.** The Apostle Paul will be our primary teacher, with supplemental commentary by well-known authors like Max Lucado, Jennie Allen, and others. All are welcome to join us for this 12-week dive into what God wants us to know about how to live and love sacrificially. We will meet in room 121.
2. **Join us for a 5-week, Sunday night study drawn from *Overcomer*, a movie from the creators of *War Room*.** This study will help us examine how we find our true identity in Christ, and not from our careers, political positions, roles in the family, or other things. The study will be facilitated by Kim Morrison and will be held at 5 o'clock on Sunday evenings, beginning June 9. Child care and snack supper will be provided. If you'd like to join, please notify the church office, Kim Morrison, or Becky Critz no later than Wednesday, June 5, so materials can be ordered.
3. **Pastor Alex will lead a new Thursday morning Bible study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, beginning on Thursday, June 13.** We'll meet in Room 119 at 10 am each week, and everyone is invited.



## Jamaica Mission Update from Alex Bracey

First of all, let me thank this church family for making sure that all of our students have the opportunity to participate in this summer's mission trip to Jamaica. This kind of "out-of-the-comfort-zone" experience has the power to enrich faith and expand hearts. And I am so thankful for your constant support.

Next, let me ask you to pray for the team that will be heading to Jamaica from July 6 to July 12. Pray for safe and uninterrupted travel. Pray for members of the Greenwood Baptist Church, with whom we'll be serving. Pray for people in the community to whom we'll be ministering. But most of all, pray for the hearts and minds of the team members that Calvary is sending on this trip. Pray that we'll go with thankful, humble, and selfless spirits, so that we can fully experience what God has in store for us. And perhaps most of all, please pray that our young people will be drawn closer to Jesus and transformed by His Spirit in new ways through this experience.

- **Adult Leaders:** Alex Bracey, Stephanie Hawks, Emily Mauck, Tyler Morgan, Lilnette Phillips, Trace Simmons, Bryson Varney
- **Student Team 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

