



# Calvary Herald

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## Back to Normal or On to Extraordinary?

If you haven't noticed, our church is taking some important steps toward getting "back to normal" after the long, difficult year of the coronavirus pandemic. Most visibly, we have returned to our "pre-Covid" worship schedule on Sunday mornings, which means that we're now sharing contemporary worship at 8:30, Bible study at 9:45, and traditional worship at 10:55. Of course, I understand that some of our members aren't quite ready to come back just yet. But as more people get vaccinated and as cases continue to decline, it's my sincere prayer that we all be able to move forward enthusiastically in worship, growth, and service.

Of course, you might have heard the old adage: "God never wastes a hurt." And it seems to me that it would be a great shame to waste the "hurts" of this past year by simply returning to the "same old" patterns of church life without considering how the Lord might want to grow us as a result of what we've been through. Could there be new ways that Christ wants us to deepen our discipleship or to stay connected as a church family? Might there be new opportunities for reaching out to others and blessing our community? How is God calling us to new commitments in both personal and corporate prayer and worship? Our willingness to ask these and other, similar questions will play a big role in determining the extent to which God is able "in all things (including the coronavirus) to work for the good of those who love Him, who've been called according to His purpose."

You'll notice, I hope, that we've even made some "physical improvements" at church to demonstrate that we want to move forward rather than backward. We've renovated the church entrance at the end of the educational building, and we've installed a new digital sign out front that will enable us to communicate more effectively with people as they drive by. But this work on our facility means little unless it's accompanied by the more important work that God wants to do in our hearts. So in these weeks ahead, let's pray that God will do more than help us "get back to normal." Let's pray that God will move us "forward to extraordinary," as we seek Him, serve Him, and love Him with all of our hearts.

## This month: Drive-Thru Community Meal

The Coed 1 class will be coordinating a Drive-Thru Community Meal on Wednesday, March 10, beginning at 6 o'clock PM. During last month's effort, we provided 100 meals to friends in the community and 50 meals to local police, fire, and EMS personnel. We hope to serve a similar number of people this month; and once again, members of Calvary are invited to support the effort by making a financial gift or by helping to distribute meals. The menu calls for chicken, 2 sides, roll, and water. If you'd like to pick up a meal to deliver to one of our homebound members—or if you have any other questions—please contact Kim Morrison or Benny Lisk.





## Pancake Breakfast

The Surry Baptist Men will sponsor a Pancake Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall of Calvary Baptist on Saturday, March 20, from 7 to 10 o'clock in the morning. All donations will support the Handyman Ministry, which provides ramps and other home improvements to people in need. These fundraising efforts play a key role in sustaining this much-needed ministry. So we encourage you to participate if you're able.



## Wood Splitting

The Baptist Men of the Surry Association are scheduled to have their final wood splitting of this season on Saturday, March 6. The work is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock that morning, and you don't have to be a "Baptist man" to participate. Plan to meet at Mike Francis's shop, which is located at 207 Premier Lane in Pilot Mountain. For more information, contact Mike Francis.

## Another Opportunity for "Praying with Jesus"

During the season of Lent, Pastor Alex is sharing a series of sermons called, "Praying with Jesus." Each week, he's inviting us to focus on one of the prayers that Jesus prayed in the gospels, so that we can experience the relationship that our Lord shared with his Heavenly Father. For those, however, who would like to learn even more about prayer by sitting at the feet of Jesus, Pastor Alex would like to offer an additional opportunity.

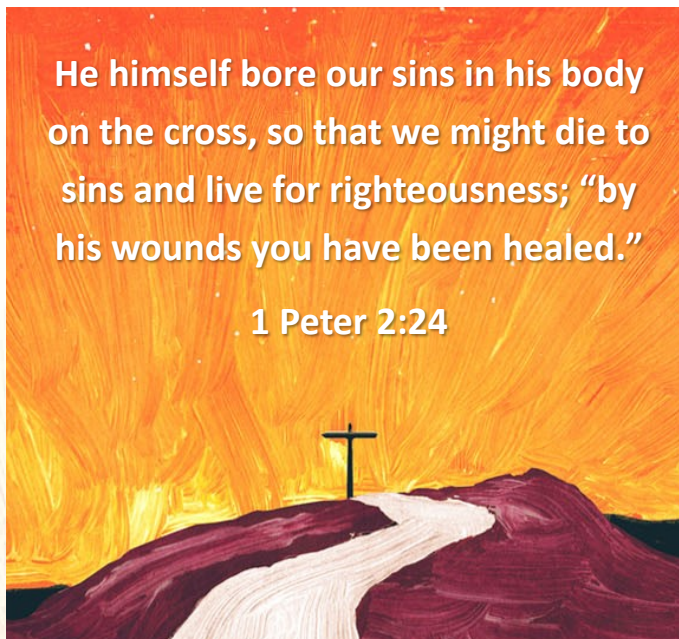
With Christ in the School of Prayer is a classic work of Christian devotion that was written by Andrew Murray, a pastor and writer of Scottish descent who served as a missionary in South Africa in the late 1800's and early 1900's. The book itself has 31 relatively brief chapters—perfect for reading as a daily devotional during the month of March. And because the work is in the public domain, we can make digital copies (pdf format) available for free.

If you'd like to join Pastor Alex in reading With Christ in the School of Prayer during the month of March, please email him ([pastoralex4@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralex4@gmail.com)), and he will send you a copy. Alternatively, you can visit our church website ([calvarymountairy.org](http://calvarymountairy.org)) and look for the "Take the 'Praying with Jesus' Challenge" at the bottom of the homepage. Selecting this link will take you to a page where you can download your copy.

Andrew Murray writes in his book, "Nothing delights Jesus more than to find those whom He can take with Him into the Father's presence, whom he can clothe with power to pray down God's blessing on those around them, and whom he can train to be His fellow-workers in the intercession by which the kingdom is to be revealed on earth." Won't you allow Jesus to take you into the Father's presence as He prepares us for the celebration of his resurrection?

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

1 Peter 2:24



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If you have questions about the opportunities described here (or about any of our other ministries), please call us at 336/786-4778 or email us at [office@calvarybcmntairy.org](mailto:office@calvarybcmntairy.org).

You can find more information about our church family by visiting us on the web at [www.calvarymountairy.org](http://www.calvarymountairy.org) or by searching for "Calvary Baptist Church Mount Airy" on Facebook.



# Gifts and Memorials

(received thru February 24, 2021)

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## In Memory of Ray Goins

Brenda Barfield  
James and Sandra Byrd  
Carolina Office Systems  
Linda Gordon  
John and Patricia Green  
Elizabeth Haymore  
Lillie Mae Haynes  
Roger and Donna Keck  
Glenda Laster  
Margaret, Jerry and Rebecca McBride  
Rebecca McHone  
Men's 2 SS Class  
Kenneth and Barbara Nowlin  
Mark and Deidre Rogers  
Howard and Thelma Shelton  
Guy and Mary Sparger  
Owen and Sandra Stone  
Johnny and Paulette Surratt  
Jo Ann Surratt  
James and Alice Teague  
Donald and Carol Thomas  
Katherine Thurber  
Mrytle Wagoner  
Mary Jo White & Family

## In Memory of Jerry and Beverly Beverly

Guy and Mary Sparger

## In Memory of Elvie Holder

Linda Gordon

Roger and Donna Keck

## In Memory of Fred O'Neal

Roger and Donna Keck

## In Memory of Audrey Ramey

Mary Jo White & Family

## In Memory of Nellie Snow

Mary Jo White & Family

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## In Honor of:

Lillie Mae Haynes  
Norris and Jo Hodge  
Dot Marion

## By:

Jim and Lilnette Phillips  
Jim and Lilnette Phillips  
Glenda Laster

# Dear Calvary...

Dear Calvary Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for the fruit basket, soup and crackers that you delivered to us.

Thank you for the Christmas cards delivery and to each one who sent us a card. It really meant a lot to us.

Thanks to Jan Varney and her helpers who make these deliveries.

Thanks for caring for us. Your thoughtfulness means so much to us.

Love, David and Nancy McPeak

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Dear Calvary,

Thank you very much for the delicious lunch this week.

Frank Boyd and Family

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Dear Calvary Family,

Thank you so much for the food, calls, cards, and most of all, your prayers for our family, in the loss of my brother.

In Christ's love, Sherry Hiatt

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Thanks to everyone for all the prayers!

(The Late) Buddy Jones





# March 2021

| Sun                             | Mon                                                                    | Tue                                                        | Wed                                                         | Thu                                                 | Fri                 | Sat                                                                                                |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 | 1<br>Leah Cain<br>Rocky Horton<br>Will Hull<br>Mark Puckett            | 2<br>Scott McHone                                          | 3<br>Austin Critz<br>Camden Hull<br>Margaret Layman         | 4<br>Amy Moser                                      | 5<br>Ray Dunbar     | 6                                                                                                  |
| 7                               | 8<br>Mike Francis                                                      | 9<br>Claire Montgomery                                     | 10<br>Jon Cawley<br>Eric Hiatt<br>David Jones<br>Colt Smith | 11                                                  | 12<br>Dawn Hall     | 13<br>Sylvia Gentry<br>Faye O'Neal<br>Ron Perry<br>Angie Puckett<br>Betty Wagoner<br>Morgan Wilson |
| 14                              | 15<br>Lillie Mae Haynes                                                | 16<br>Kendall Hawks                                        | 17                                                          | 18<br>Melissa Sumner                                | 19                  | 20                                                                                                 |
| 21                              | 22<br>Ashley Mills                                                     | 23<br>LeeAnn Belcher<br>Robert Dennis<br>Carleigh Jo Mills | 24<br>Sylvia Faw<br>Bodey Fields                            | 25<br>Taylor Hudson<br>Jill Nichols<br>Ashley Stone | 26<br>Autumn Pennix | 27<br>Matthew Lisk                                                                                 |
| 28<br>Sandra Byrd<br>Leo Horton | 29<br>Lauren Francis<br>Karley Jo Hall<br>Corbin Mills<br>Maggey Odell | 30<br>Bill Belton                                          | 31                                                          |                                                     |                     |                                                                                                    |