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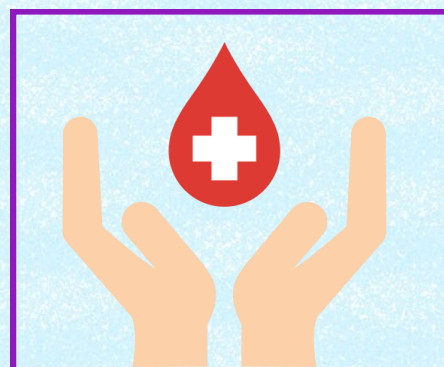
To God Be the Glory! Calvary at 112

On Sunday, May 3, the Calvary church family will mark 112 years of worshipping God, growing in Christ, and serving our community...and we want you to be part of the celebration! So that everyone can be together for the occasion, we'll be following a special schedule that day, which features Sunday School at 9:30, one combined service of worship at 10:30, and an Anniversary luncheon for the entire congregation right after worship.

Most of our Anniversary luncheon will be catered. However, we are inviting our talented cooks to bring some dessert to share. So, if you have any questions about what would be most helpful for you to bring—or if you'd like to assist with the meal in some other way—you're asked to contact Mary Jane Shelton (336/401-5849).

As some of you know, it's our tradition here at Calvary to receive a special Anniversary offering, which is usually earmarked for a special project that's not included in our regular budget. This year, our church is preparing for some significant buildings and grounds projects, which include resealing the parking lot, replacing the sanctuary windows, and repainting the sanctuary interior. Therefore, any contributions to our Anniversary offering will be earmarked for those projects. [Note: you can designate gifts to the Anniversary offering using our online giving platform.]

Please plan to be with us as we give thanks for all that God has done, is doing, and will do as we share the love of Christ together!



Calvary will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, May 17, from 11 am to 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are seeking volunteers who can help with registration and with the snack area. So if you'd like to participate in this ministry, please contact Mary Jane Shelton (336/401-5849). As always, walk-ins are welcome. But if you'd like to reserve a donation slot, you can visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Our area continues to face a significant need for blood donations. So please give the gift of life and make plans to participate.

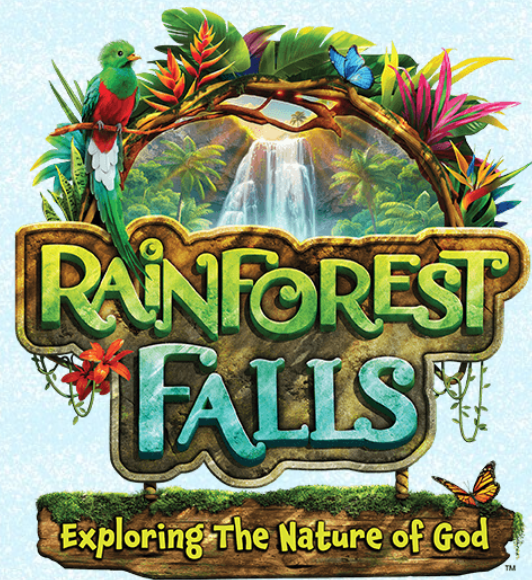
One Calvary Sunday

“One Calvary Sunday” is coming soon! On Sunday, May 31, we’ll bring our entire church family together to celebrate our unity as brothers and sisters in Christ. Activities begin with a fellowship breakfast at 8:30, followed by Sunday School at 9:30 and one combined service of worship at 10:30.

Of course, this particular “One Calvary Sunday” falls on the same day that our church family will conclude our “Practicing the Way” emphasis and will start Vacation Bible School. So it offers the perfect opportunity to look ahead toward all that God has in store for us this summer! So let’s remember: “There is one body and one Spirit... one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all...” (Eph. 4:4-5) and one Calvary!

Youth Mission Fundraiser

A team of youth and adult volunteers from Calvary will be heading to Florida from June 6 to June 12 to serve with Praying Pelican Ministries in a community not far from Orlando. To help defray the cost of the trip for our students and their families, we’re inviting you to participate in this year’s “Bulletin Board Fundraiser.” Just select an envelope from the bulletin board in our children’s hallway, fill it with the suggested amount, and return it with your regular offerings. If you have any questions about our youth ministry or this trip, please contact Alex Bracey.



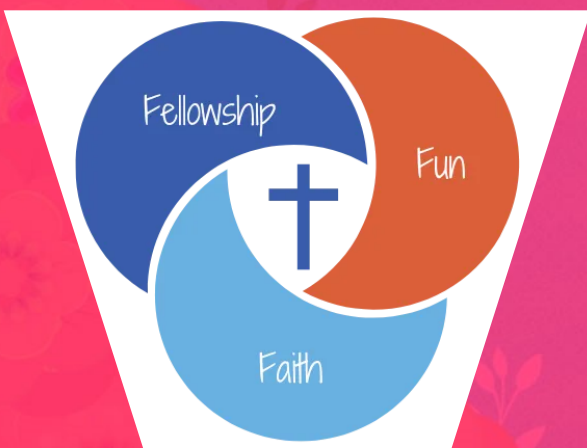
VBS Is Coming Soon!

Hey kids! Vacation Bible School is coming soon, and we want YOU to come and explore the true nature of God at Rainforest Falls! VBS will begin on Sunday, May 31 and will run through Thursday, June 4. Each evening’s activities will begin with a snack supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30, followed by music, games, Bible stories, snacks, and much more from 6:00 to 8:15. Calvary’s VBS is open to all children from age 3 through 5th grade. So plan to bring your kids, your grandkids, and maybe even your neighbor’s kids, so they can explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God their creator, who’s a safe place in life’s storms!

Faith, Fun & Fellowship

Calvary’s “Faith, Fun & Fellowship” group is gearing up for a summer full of great activities! Mark your calendar now, so that you don’t miss...

- **May 6 – “Movie Day”** Please join us for a movie at 11 am. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, but you can bring some “theater” candy to share!
- **May 20 – “Tea Party”** Wear your favorite hat and join us for High Tea at 11 am. Bring your favorite cup and saucer (we have extras.) Refreshments will be provided.
- **June 3 – “Summer Bingo”** Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a summer item for a Bingo prize!
- **June 17 – Travel and International Cuisine!** We will be tasting foods from around the world. If you have items from other countries, please bring them to share with all of us!



Get a Tumbler AND Support Calvary Renovations!

Have you met Michael and Flora Havet? If not, Michael, Flora, and their daughter Joanna are active participants in the life of our church and the owners of "Havet Engraved," a business in Pilot Mountain that offers laser-engraved awards, signs and gifts. And when they heard about our upcoming sanctuary renovations, they decided to pitch in!



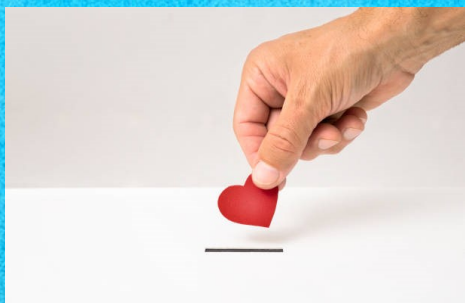
The Havets have donated to the church a case of steel mugs that have been engraved with the Calvary logo. Normally, these mugs would retail for \$20. But to raise funds for the sanctuary renovations that will take place this summer, we're able to offer a mug to anyone who makes a contribution to the project of this amount or more.

Quantities are limited. So if you'd like to secure your own mug, please contact the church office.

Thanks to Those Who Gave

The Calvary Church family would like to express our appreciation to those who made special contributions last month in honor and in memory of special people:

- **Leigh Nichol**, who made a contribution in honor of Mark and Leah Hauser.
- **Alex and Teresa Martin**, who made a contribution to the Handyman Ministry in honor of Mike Francis and his employees Albert, Abdul, and Chris.



Thank You

Dear Calvary...

Once again, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program of Mount Airy (VITA) has had a very successful tax season, thanks to the willingness of your church to provide space in which we can serve the community. We know that our volunteers find the facility to be very spacious and comfortable. And we believe that our taxpayers appreciate it also, especially the ease of parking. Thank you so much for letting us use it!

David and Jody Crawford and all the members of the VITA team.

I am so humbled and grateful for the generous gift. It will be very helpful while I'm out for surgery. Thank you all for your love, prayers, and support for my family. We're so happy to be a part of Calvary, and we love each of you.

Jennifer Joyce and girls

I'd like to thank Calvary's personnel committee and all the individual members of Calvary who went out of their way to bless me on the occasion of my 15th anniversary as the pastor of this wonderful congregation. It's hard to believe that 15 years have passed so quickly. However, I consider it to be a privilege to serve such a caring church. And I look forward to many more years with all of you as we seek to love and serve the Lord together.

Pastor Alex