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Coming Soon to a Pulpit Near You

If you study the Big Story of the Bible, you quickly discover this recurring theme: God's people keep wandering away from the Him; and so, God keeps sending prophets to deliver words of instruction, warning, and hope to bring them back. Of course, the only way we can "profit" from the ministry of the prophets is to pay attention to the messages they deliver. That's why, in the month of November, our pastor's ongoing journey through the grand narrative of scripture will bring us to a series called "Prophet Margin: Reaping Dividends from the Word of the Lord." Each week, we'll examine the story of one Old Testament prophet, seeking to understand what his message meant then and how it continues to instruct us today. So please join us as we "invest" some time in listening to God; and please invite others to discover the riches of the life to which the Lord calls us.



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A Calvary Thanksgiving

With Thanksgiving just a few weeks away, many of us can't wait to be with family for the "feast of gratitude" at which so many favorite dishes are shared and so many lasting memories are made. Of course, we here at Calvary would like you to make some memories with our church family, too! That's why we're encouraging you to participate in our Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 19. That evening, we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6 o'clock to do a little feasting of our own. But along with sharing a meal, we'll share the kind of conversation and mutual care that bind us together as the people of God.

The meal will feature ham, green beans, mashed potatoes and rolls. And we're asking those of you who feel led to bring a dessert that can be shared. If you're willing and able to participate in this way, you're asked to contact Mary Jane Shelton (336/401-5849), so that we'll know what you're bringing and can plan accordingly.

Angel Tree Ministry

Christmas is just around the corner. And with it comes the opportunity to bless a child from an economically struggling family through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Ministry. Once again, we'll be seeking individuals, families, and Sunday School classes who would like to provide gifts for a child from Franklin Elementary School. You can sign-up to sponsor a child in early November when Jan Varney visits our Sunday School classes to enlist participants. But if you'd like to make sure you get on the list, you can also contact Jan (336/401-5640) to register.

First Peter tells us, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (4:10). As we celebrate the special gift of a Savior, may we share His love with others; so that they, too, can experience the grace of God.



Christmas Post Office

Calvary's "Silver Circle" includes everyone in our church family who is 90 or older, along with those of any age who are unable to participate in the life of the church for an extended time due to ongoing health issues. And because we want to support and encourage these members in a special way—especially as we approach the holidays—we'd like to invite you to bless our Silver Circle members through our Christmas Post Office.

The Christmas Post Office will begin operation on Sunday, November 9 and will close on Friday, December 12. To participate, simply prepare your Christmas cards and write the name of the Silver Circle recipient on the envelope. [You can find updated copies of our Silver Circle list in the church information centers.] No address or postage is needed! Then deposit your cards in one of the baskets located in the church office and in the hallway between the sanctuary and the educational building. We will take care of delivering the cards for you.

Our Christmas Post Office began operation in 2018. And during the past 7 years, you have used this ministry to send more than 6,200 cards! Let's continue blessing these special friends by sharing with them the peace, hope, joy and love of the Christmas season.



Business Meeting: November 9

As we approach the end of 2025, it's time for our church family to look ahead to the work God is calling us to do in 2026. And from an organizational perspective, this involves three key things. We'll need to approve our church budget for the coming year, and we'll need to approve the ministry leaders who are being recommended by our nominating committee. But most important of all, we'll need to seek God's guidance so that we can serve Him well.

That's why we encourage you to participate in the church business meeting that will take place in the chapel at 6 o'clock in the evening on Sunday, November 9. At this meeting, we'll pray for the leadership and wisdom of God's Spirit. We'll discuss and vote on the recommendations of our nominating committee. And we'll discuss the budget recommendations of our finance committee. (The actual vote on our budget will take place on Sunday morning, December 7). So please join us as we prepare for the future God has in store. If you have any other items that need to be on our agenda, please contact our church moderator, David Stone (dstone001@triad.rr.com).

Thanks to Those Who Gave...

- **In memory of Annie Thomas:** Dot Marion, Mary Ruth Lewis
- **In memory of Howard & Thelma Shelton:** Jill Shelton
- **In memory of Eva Marsh:** Roger & Carol Jarrell
- **In memory of Kenneth White, Earl Shelton, Larry Patterson, & Kenny Hicks:** Mary Jo White

Kids' Christmas Play

Calling all kids! It's time to get ready for Calvary's Children's Christmas Play on Wednesday, Dec. 17th at 6:30 pm. The play features a traditional nativity scene with baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, angels, innkeepers, wise men and more. Practices will begin in mid-November.

If your kids would like to participate, please reach out to Melissa Bracey



Faith, Fun & Fellowship

We're moving toward the end of a year in which our "Faith, Fun & Fellowship" ministry has helped all kinds of people get connected with each other and with the good things that God is doing in our church family. But there's more fun planned between now and the year's end. Please mark your calendar for these events:

- **Salad & Potato Bar:** Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 5 for a delicious lunch.
- **Christmas and Coffee:** Get inspired on Wednesday, November 19 with a Christmas movie and some special coffee drinks, prepared by Hope Lineberry and her "Cup of Hope" coffee truck.
- **"What Child Is This?" Party:** Join us for a potluck lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 3 and bring a photo of yourself as a young child so that we can guess "who's who."

All events will begin at 11 am in the fellowship hall. And if lunch is involved, we encourage you to let us know which food, drink, or dessert you'd like to bring. To sign up or to ask questions, please contact Beth Church (828/391-1726) or Kathy McKnight (336/648-4523).