

# The Columns



## Calvary

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I hope you've noticed that my preaching, writing, praying, and reporting have been focused on the future of our church. More specifically, about our need to prepare ourselves for how God might reveal to us his plans for our future. We've been getting ready to start getting ready to just about start doing something to allow God to reveal His future for us. It is time for us to begin.

I'm calling the over-arching theme this movement *Faith Forward*. The reason I'm using that title is that beginning this month, in August, we will be taking our "foot-off-the-brakes" and beginning our journey toward the future God has laid out for us.

From my point of view this process is absolutely critical to our future. We have had a wonderful history and we must prepare ourselves to discover and live into God's plan for our success in the future.

Beginning this Sunday, you will have the opportunity to sign up to become part of *One Hundred Days of Prayer*. Because we are seeking God's plan for the future of Calvary Baptist Church, we must begin by praying. I'm asking that everyone who is part of Calvary Baptist Church become part of a prayer group that will meet 10 for times for 1 hour over the next 100 days. Prayer groups will begin meeting in September, to pray for each other, for Calvary, for God to reveal His vision for us, and for how God might use you.

This is a concerted and focused prayer effort aimed at growing us closer to each other and to God. The purpose of *One Hundred Days of Prayer* is to cultivate the kind of Spiritual openness that intimacy we will need to discover God's direction for us.

Don't worry about forming a group, I'll do that for you. Don't worry about how to pray or what to pray about, you'll have a guide to help you with that. Don't worry about praying in front of a bunch of people; you're going to be praying with the same three people for those 100 days.

Here's how this is going to work: You will sign up to participate. I will take your name and put you with two others (we try to avoid friends, family members, golf buddies and such). Everyone who has signed up (and anyone else who can attend) to be in a prayer group will meet on Sunday, September 10. We will gather after church that day for a meal and a time of information and preparation for our *One Hundred Days of Prayer*, together.

This prayer effort is not just important for Calvary Baptist Church, it's important to me. This is what I believe is the first step towards our future. If we are going to move forward together, we must work together toward the same goals. Only God has the power to reveal His goals for us. My expectations are high for the possibilities that will spring to life when God's people pray together.

Oh, one more thing, because we are adding to our already busy church calendar, we won't resume our Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study until after Christmas.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the church office or me for additional information. Stayed tuned for more important information about *Faith Forward* and *One Hundred Days of Prayer*. Look for sign-up sheets at church on Sunday.

See you Sunday,

Steve.



## Backyard *Fellowship*

In July we kicked off our first backyard fellowship where Calvary family and friends host an opportunity for us to get together on a Sunday evening to enjoy each other's company, refreshments, and a brief time for devotions.

Thanks to Bobbie and Buddy Hawkins for hosting our first backyard fellowship!

We will have two 5:00 PM fellowship meetings in August. Our first one will be on August 6 hosted by Kathy and Neal Kinsey at 2230 Sewell Ln SW in Roanoke followed by one on August 20 hosted by Ellen and Dan Scott at 930 Old Court Ln SW in Roanoke.

Come, bring a friend, and an enthusiasm for fellowship, fun and faith!

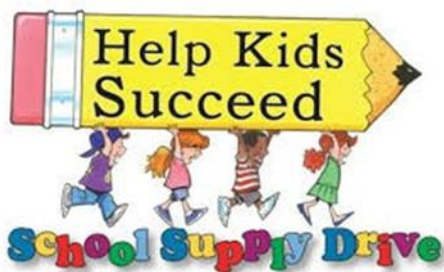
If you would like to host a backyard fellowship in September, please email or call the church office.

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Join us on the last Sunday of each month for Dessert First. We will meet in the dining room following worship for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

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### Hurt Park School Supply Drive

“There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore, I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.” Deuteronomy 15:11

Swim gear is on sale, red, white and blue items are packed away, and “back to school” sales have begun. Once again, we can help our Hurt Park students begin their school year with new supplies. Visit our “School Store” in the parlor on Sunday, August 6 and 13, where you may purchase items for these students. The faculty, staff and students at Hurt Park are so appreciative for all Calvary does for them. Thanks to your generosity, our previous efforts have been very successful. We look forward to providing help again to these children.

Janice Deyerle

## Evelyn Townsend Circle



### Samaritan Inn Lunch

The Circle along with other volunteers served lunch to the Samaritan Inn guests on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

There were 14 of us from Calvary to interact with the guests, worship, sing and serve lunch. We offered each guest 2 hot dogs with all the fixings including Ray Templin's homemade chili, cole slaw, baked beans, applesauce, chips, oreo cookies and a nice variety of desserts. Pastor Steve accompanied himself on the guitar and led the singing of several old-time hymns. It was such a blessing to hear the many voices being lifted in song. Music is a language we all speak and feel God's presence as we offer Him praise through song.

Thanks to those who made this a successful mission project:

Jim and Rita Bryant  
Dominic and Angela Moresco  
Mary Ellen Gearhart  
Betty Hall

Ray and Patty Templin  
Judy Farano  
Ellen Scott  
Dr. Steven Pollard

Esther Crosier  
Randy Harrison  
Evelyn Lewis



The Church Council for 2017/2018 is comprised of the following staff, officers and committee chairs:

Pastor  
Director of Preschool Ministry  
Church Council Chair  
Church Clerk  
General Nominating Committee  
Fellowship of Deacons  
Usher and Welcoming Committee  
Worship Committee  
Administrative Committee

Dr. Steven Pollard  
Donna de Simone  
Cara Sutherland  
Rita Bryant  
Kim Pitts  
Jack Pilcher  
Bobbie Hawkins  
Robert McKinney  
Kathy Kinsey, John Urquhart - Personnel  
David Kinsey - Facilities  
Herb McBride - Stewardship  
Joyce Waugh

At large member

Joyce Waugh is serving as our At-Large Council member. Her role is to act as a liaison between the congregation and Church Council. Please contact Joyce with any questions, comments and/or concerns. She, in turn, will present them at the next scheduled Church Council meeting. Joyce will keep your input anonymous if requested. Joyce can be reached at (540) 774-6268.

Council meetings are scheduled on the second Sunday of each month following worship. Everyone is welcome to attend. In addition, the minutes of each meeting are available in the church office for your review.

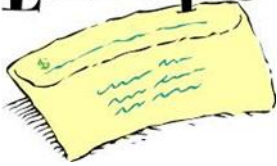


### **Audio Visual Team:**

The AV team needs volunteers to help to with the video recording, live streaming and sound system during the Sunday Worship service. No experience necessary! We'll show you what to do! You can just come sit with us in the balcony one Sunday to see what we do to get an idea. If you are interested, please contact Joe St. Clair or the church office. THANK YOU!

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## **Offering Envelopes**



Our offering envelopes (August 2017 - July 2018) have arrived and are in the entry level hallway next to the elevator. If you don't see your envelopes, please call the church office.

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### **Flag Ministry - Volunteers Needed**

Calvary owns a set of flags that need to be placed in their holders on the front (Campbell Avenue) and side (6th Street) yards on Saturdays and then brought back into the church on Sundays. These flags are very colorful and draw attention to the fact that we are open and welcoming worshipers on Sundays.

This is a very meaningful ministry that needs a few volunteers to carry it out on a weekly basis. Please call the church office if you would be interested in taking over this ministry.

Thank you! Hospitality Committee



### Summer Enrichment

Calvary, in conjunction with seven other downtown churches, supported the 42nd year of the Summer Enrichment Program throughout the month of July. Calvary supplied workers and funding for this important ministry. Thanks go to our volunteers - Bonny Dillon, Bobbie Hawkins, and Cara Sutherland. We were particularly pleased that Dr. Pollard showed his support by attending a lunch honoring the pastors from each member church. In addition, we greatly appreciate the monetary support from The Evelyn Townsend Circle and The Calvary Foundation. The program was very successful to teach, entertain, and promote physical activity for 45 children in a safe environment. The children created a token of their thanks and presented it to Calvary during the closing program. Look for it on our bulletin board.

Mickey Cratch - Chair

Summer Enrichment: Whose Enrichment is it Anyway?

I volunteered to help with Summer Enrichment for two days in July, and here's what I saw:

- Beautiful children, full of energy yet minding their Ps and Qs, waiting for the arrival of their Summer Enrichment teachers
- Focused children, enjoying two home-cooked meals—breakfast and lunch—with obvious gustatory delight
- Alert children, watching selected videos with rapt attention
- Polite children, displaying appropriate social interactions: raising their hands to speak, forming and then walking in orderly lines, and vocalizing “thank you” and “please” without prompting
- Observing children, watching the adults serving them with evaluative gazes

So, whose Enrichment was it this Summer—mine or the children? I hope the answer is obvious. Next Summer Enrichment, let it be you!

Bonny Dillon

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### Funny Bones

When a mother saw a thunderstorm forming in mid-afternoon, she worried about her seven-year-old daughter who would be walking the three blocks from school to home. Deciding to meet her, the mother saw her daughter walking nonchalantly along, stopping to smile whenever lightning flashed. Seeing her mother, the little girl ran to her, explaining happily, "All the way home, God's been taking my picture!"

## Birthday Blessings to members of our Calvary Family!



8/01 - Tommy Price  
8/03 - Dody Matze  
8/08 - Dawn Emory  
8/10 - Dottie Mitchell  
8/12 - Chris Henderson  
8/13 - Cindy McClure  
8/14 - Jonathan Stoots, Ellen Scott  
8/17 - Randall Peyton  
8/18 - Sandra Alexa  
8/23 - George Wall  
8/26 - Terry Eades  
8/27 - Larry Bradley, Allan Longworth  
8/28 - Joanne Britton