



# Calvary Baptist Church

## From Our Pastor



In just a couple of weeks, February 14th, Lent begins.

Just in case you need a reminder, Lent in the Church calendar is the forty days before Easter. It is a time for believers to prepare for Jesus' crucifixion.

What an odd idea to posit. How does one prepare to "celebrate" the death of our Savior? I suppose it may even sound a bit ghoulish to non-believers. The days of Lent are, in essence, a time for each of us to face the reality of our complicity in our Lord's death. In other words, Jesus had to be crucified because we have rebelled against God and are unable to repair the damage we caused. That's why Lent is marked by penitence.

Penitence simply means to be remorseful and to attempt to make amends for our offense. That's why you hear many believers speak about "giving up..." for Lent.

The human spirit hungers for a rightness in our relationship with our creator.

So one feature of Lent is our attempt to punish ourselves for our sin - by giving up something meaningful. So people give up all kinds of things for Lent. They give up luxuries like candy, chocolate, and sweets. Others give up any and all meat. Still others give up movies or television.

We somehow know that something terribly valuable must be sacrificed; but finally come to the realization that our rightness with God cannot be remedied by giving-up anything. It is only as we grasp the severity of our offense and our lack of remedy that we are "ready" for Jesus to "pay our price."

May Lent remind us how much we need the gift of Jesus' life. ■

Your Pastor,  
Steven Pollard

### Ash Wednesday Service

Christians all around the world will mark the beginning of the Lenten season on February 14th with observances of Ash Wednesday.

Greene Memorial will join us in our Sanctuary at noon as we embark on this season of reflection and hope. A light lunch will be offered following the service.

### Bible Study

Bible study will resume on Wednesday February 21st. Come spend your lunch time with us as Dr. Pollard's focus will be on 1, 2, 3 John and Jude. Those who embark on a study of 1, 2, 3 John and Jude will encounter writers with a passion for learning and living the truth.

Bring your bible and your lunch and come join us! Sessions begin at 12:10pm and end at 12:50pm.

Thank you, Calvary Baptist Church Family! Our 100 days of prayer is a huge success! George Bullard, who designed this congregational discernment activity, says that a church our size, at a minimum, must find 21 people to participate in prayer triplets in order to be successful. We had more than double that number. We had 44 participants making up 14 groups. That means we had approximately 66% of our regular Sunday Morning worship attendance engaged in praying for God to reveal His plan for Calvary Baptist Church. That is amazing!

**Introduction**

Out of our prayer groups came 75 insights/ responses! After a close examination of those responses and insights, it occurred to me that the majority fall into one of three very broad but fairly discernible ‘umbrellas’; Community Up, Community In, and Community Out.

**Community Up** is where everything begins and ends. **Up** is our relationship with, our connection to, our communing with, our praise of, our prayers to, our life from, our salvation celebrated with, and, most importantly, our worship of God! **Community Up** is the setting where we collectively speak to and listen for God in prayer. Praying together, as our prayer triplets learned, is powerful. It is synergistic: “more than the sum of its parts.” Three people praying together is more than three prayers, it is a community of faith opening the veil of the Holy of Holies to commune with our Creator. We are a community of **Up** because we need to relate directly to our Creator; and others need to witness us worshipping!

**Community In** flows naturally from **Community Up**. The formation of our spiritual lives with God are worked out within the context of the Christian Community. It is in the fellowship of believers that we have a safe place where we can grow and develop as people of faith. It is also in the family of faith that we learn how to pray, how to express our faith in daily life, and how to study God’s Word. **Community In** is where we learn to be God’s person and God’s people. **Community In** is where we learn to work together towards our common goal...not more knowledge or more good deeds done...faith that hungers to be shared with others hungry for Christ’s forgiveness and leadership. **Community In** is where we plan and prepare to move forward into the ‘disciple-making’ commandment of Jesus.



The final category I want to describe to you is **Community Out**. **Community Out** also flows naturally from **Community Up** (our relationship with God), to **Community In** (our relationship with each other), to **Community Out** (our relationship to the world).

There is one over-arching purpose that must be at the very heart of every effort we make towards **Community Out**. Whatever we do must be the response of the people of faith to Jesus command to, as Matthew 28:19 & 20 puts it, “...go and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” In other words, everything we do should have an element of directly pointing a seeker, an outsider, an un-churched person, a person who has never considered following Jesus, toward Jesus.

That word, ‘**Disciple**’ is really the key to how I think **Community Out** must be understood.

During our Winter Church-in-Conference we reviewed the insights that resulted from the prayer triplet sessions. Participants at the conference selected a category to which they felt most strongly called then, using a ballot process, ranked the insights in those categories in order to pare down the lists to two or three manageable focal points.

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Let me remind you that what we're doing is a process and it is dynamic. In no way will we come up with **the** answer to all our problems and concerns. We will just be finding a place to start; a toehold. There will be many more toeholds and starts and stops and corrections and new understandings and discoveries. The things we decided to pursue during our Conference are only a start. As we work toward fleshing out some of these ideas, we will begin to discover an ever-widening vision as to how we are doing with God's Revelation. ■

Your Pastor,  
Steven Pollard

### **Team Update: Community Up**

As a community of believers, we decided at our recent meeting that we need to "continue seeking God's insights and purpose through prayer" and that "we are more committed to Calvary Baptist church and moving towards God's vision as a result of our '100 Days' experience...[and] in addition, we better understand that tithing includes giving time and talent as well as money." The Community Up group is working on opportunities to continue our focus on prayer and involvement and we enthusiastically explore - Please stay tuned! We are currently searching out curriculum that hopefully will excite those prayer triplets that wish to stay together and/or combine with another triplet, and we are working toward a Wednesday night study on prayer to deepen our faith and connection to God and one another. We'll be in touch again soon. Keep praying! ■

Kathy Kinsey

### **Church In Conference Updates**

In addition to reviewing and acting on the insights from our 100 Days of Prayer during the Winter Church in Conference, the congregation unanimously approved a recommendation from the Church Council. The Council recommended suspending the process for seating Standing Committees for the 2018 – 2019 church year. Using more ad hoc committees, and individual volunteers to accomplish both short and long term tasks will allow more people to engage in work they enjoy and feel called to do as well as provide schedule flexibility, and eliminate unnecessary meetings.

### **Financial Update**

In 2017, the results for the year were a \$103,448.88 improvement over the original budget projection.

At year end Calvary's total assets which include investments, checking and savings accounts and stock totaled \$508,864.65.

As of 1/15/18 we had received 34 pledge cards totaling \$136,932.00 for 2018 planned giving.



## Lenten Series

### Featured Dates

Sunday, February 4, 9:30AM  
Children's Chorus Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 7,  
7:00PM Deacons Meeting

Friday, February 9th 6:30 PM  
Tacos & Movie night

Sunday, February 11, 12:00PM  
Church Council meeting

Monday, February 12, 7:00PM  
Evelyn Townsend Circle meet-  
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Wednesday, February  
14, 12:00PM Ash Wednesday  
Service & Light Lunch

Sunday, February 18, 9:30AM  
Children's Chorus rehearsal

Monday, February 19, 5:30PM  
Women's Monday Night Bible  
Study

Wednesday February 21,  
12:00PM Brown Bag Bible  
Study

Wednesday, February 21,  
6:00PM Lenten Series – FBC



# RECONCILING RACE

# FROM CONFESSION TO COMMUNION

Presented by:

First Baptist Church Gainsboro

and

Greene Memorial United Methodist Church

Central Church of the Brethren

Calvary Baptist Church

First Christian Church

Using the teachings of Jesus, and experiential dialogue, join us as we journey through 6 weeks of study opening ourselves up to the transformational power of the Spirit to join us to God and to one another. Host Pastors Gary Heaton, of Greene Memorial UMC, and Barron Wilson, of First Baptist Church – Gainsboro, along with guest speakers from First Christian Church, Central Church of the Brethren and Calvary Baptist Church will lead the study to imagine how privilege can be

transformed into connection in our desire to “Build Community in Roanoke”

The series is entitled “From Confession to Communion”. Services will begin on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church – Gainsboro, located at 310 North Jefferson Street, Roanoke, VA 24016. A meal of soup and sandwiches will be offered as we fellowship around the table. The series will conclude on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. ■

### Dates:

February 21st  
February 28th

March 7th  
March 14th

March 21st  
March 28th

## A Lesson of Lent: Live a Life Where You Give of Yourself

by William Beaudin, OFM

How often have you been to a wake and heard the comment: “Doesn’t she look good?” Usually, the object of the compliment is not a fashionably dressed fellow mourner, but the deceased. There’s no doubt that a good funeral director can work wonders, and that some people look even better in the coffin than they did in life.

Yet, I’m inclined to agree with Loretta LaRoche, the motivational guru, who thinks it should be otherwise. She says that if you live life to the fullest, if you wake up each morning bound and determined to give it your best shot, if you live each day as if it were your last, then when you die you shouldn’t look good. You should look terrible. You should look all used up. You should look worn out because you haven’t held yourself back. You haven’t kept your time, your gifts, your talents, your treasure to yourself. You have been fully engaged in the demands of living, and have spent the bulk of your time in the business of loving until there’s very little left.

### The Example of Matthew Conlin

I think of LaRoche’s sound advice whenever I think of **Matthew Conlin, OFM**, a friar I’ve had the privilege of living with for the past six years and of knowing for more than 30. Twice a week, in fair and foul weather, Matthew drives the 45-minute trip from the friary to a state penitentiary, where he teaches Bible study to inmates in both English and Spanish. He also counsels them and celebrates the Eucharist. On weekends, he presides at a Spanish-language Mass in a nearby parish.

What makes this schedule remarkable is that Matthew, a Shakespearean scholar and former Siena College president, is 87 years old. He battles skin cancer and has undergone knee and hip replacement surgery. He favors one leg when he walks, and like a lot of older folks, he suffers from insomnia. Yet, none of these ailments stops him from working. None of them keeps him from ministering to the poor, the outcast, and the marginalized.

Matthew takes very seriously and very literally the words of Jesus in Matthew’s Gospel: “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

I can assure you that when Matthew dies and is lying in the coffin, there will be plenty of mourners surrounding him, because he has touched so many lives. But I very much doubt that anyone is going to say how good he looks. What they will say is, “He looks terrible,” which is precisely how he ought to look after so many years of self-giving.

### The Example of Christ

Nobody who gazed on the crucified Christ on that first Good Friday said: “My, doesn’t he look good!” They probably said, “What a mess. He looks terrible. He looks all used up.” And he was used up — used up by his complete dedication to the work and will of his heavenly Father, and used up by his love for the poor, the lost, the broken, the sinful, for all men and women, even the enemies who killed him.

“Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain,” Jesus says in John’s Gospel. If the grain wants to preserve itself, if its No. 1 goal is to remain intact and to look like a perfectly lovely seed, it is of no use to anybody. “But if it dies, it bears much fruit” (John 12:24). If the grain allows itself to be used up, to lose its shape in the service of others, it will give life to the world. Such is the way of Christ; such is the way of the cross.

At the beginning of Lent, you and I receive a smudge of ashes on our forehead — a graphic reminder that we will die someday. The ashes are traced in the form of a cross, but might they also be applied in the form of a question mark? For, they ask what kind of death we will die and, therefore, what kind of life we will live. They ask: Is our ultimate goal in life, to take good care of ourselves, to look out for No. 1, and to look our best at all times? Or is our aim to look terrible by the time we die, all used up, because, like Jesus, like Matt Conlin, our love for God and neighbor, especially the least of our brothers and sisters, has thoroughly consumed us? ■

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# Baptist Women in Ministry

advocating - connecting - networking

Baptist Women in Ministry is committed to advocating for, connecting to, and networking with women called to ministry, drawing together women and men, in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate, and nurture the gifts and graces of women

Since 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry has invited Baptist churches to participate in having women preach to publicly attest to their support of women in ministry, to be counted with other Baptist churches in celebrating the calling and gifts of women, and to remind their congregation that God does indeed call women to the work of the kingdom.

In 1810, Virginia Baptist historian Robert Semple wrote of Marshall's contributions to Baptist work:  
'Mr. Marshall had a rare felicity of finding in this lady, a Priscilla, a helper in the gospel. In fact, it should not be concealed that his extraordinary success in the ministry, is ascribable in no small degree, to Mrs. Marshall's unwearied, and zealous co-operation. Without the shadow of a usurped authority over the other sex, Mrs. Marshall, being a lady of good sense, singular piety, and surprising elocution, has, in countless instances melted a whole concourse into tears by her prayers and exhortations!'

Throughout history and in the Bible, men have spoken highly of women who not only professed a belief in Jesus but boldly proclaimed the saving power of the Gospel. This month Calvary Baptist Church will participate in Martha Steans Marshall Month to acknowledge that God can and does call women to proclaim the good news. In support of this belief Rev. Melissa Scott and Rev. Adele Henderson will be preaching this month at Calvary Baptist church. ■



Rev. Adele Henderson



Rev. Melissa Scott

## FELLOWSHIP

### Movie Night

Bring a friend and plan to join us in the dining room for Movie Night on Friday, February 9th at 6:30pm. We will have tacos for dinner and watch "The Shack".

The movie is based on a family tragedy and Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever.

Our last movie night was a lot of fun, so please join us! Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.

### Souper Sunday

The choir is once again sponsoring a music fundraiser on the last Sunday of each month. Please plan to join them on February 25th following worship for some soup and fellowship.

## Ministry Teams

Ministry Teams, led by our Deacon Fellowship are hard at work. The Deacon Fellowship decided to organize Ministry Teams 2 years ago so that they might offer ministry to some of the special needs that often arise in the Calvary Baptist family.

One of the great things about Ministry Teams is that they are not just for Deacons. The teams are always looking for Church members to join them in reaching out in some very important ways.

There are four teams that minister to members who are Homebound, those members who are , those members who are

Hospitalized, and to families who are experiencing the grief of losing a loved one. The fourth, the Hospitality Team, focuses their efforts on following up with contacts to our guests and searching for ways to reach out to those interested in becoming part of the Calvary Baptist Family.

Please read through the information on each of the ministry teams. If you would like to know even more about any of our teams or are interested in becoming part of one, please contact the church office. We will put you in touch with a team leader so they can include you in their ministry. ■

Return guests are tracked, contacted and encouraged to become a part of our church. We strongly encourage all at Calvary to greet and make our guests feel welcome and to invite friends and relatives both to visit us at our Worship. ■



### Hospitality Team

**Coordinator:** Bobbie Hawkins

**Members:** Cara Sutherland; Janice Deyerle; Rita Bryant; Linda Dwyer; Mickey Cratch

**Purpose:** This team will concentrate its efforts on making our guests feel welcome and following up with those who have an interest in becoming part of our church.

**Job Description:** Currently, first time guests are greeted by the Ushers and all members of our team who are present that Sunday and presented with a gift bag consisting of information about Calvary, a note from Dr. Pollard, and a small "bear" container of local honey. Guests are encouraged to fill out the "Welcome Card" in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We try to get a first and last name from each guest even if they are not willing to fill out the card. A list of guests is provided to Debbie Foutz each Monday morning. Debbie places the names on a chart and we track their return visits to Calvary. If the guest provides a home or e-mail address, Dr. Pollard sends them a personal letter or e-mail on Monday, encouraging them to worship with us again. Service and/or other activities.

### Homebound Team

**Coordinators:** Harry Bundy, Betty Hall and Jack Pilcher

**Focus:** The Homebound Ministry Team provides a "we care" connection to homebound persons. Homebound persons are those who cannot leave their homes, retirement communities or nursing centers without assistance.

**Message:** You are an important part of our church family. Spiritual Gifts: administration, encouragement, healing, intercession, mercy

**Job Description:** The Homebound Ministry is accomplished by team members making monthly contact with those who are on the "Homebound List" maintained in the church office. The contact may be through visits, by mail, email, or phone calls.

The assignment of team members to homebound persons is made by a "Homebound Contact Schedule". Pairings are rotated from month to month to give variety and diversity to the relationships between team members and the homebound.

Team members track and report their contacts, monthly, in an effort to ensure that all homebound members received a message of continued love and appreciation from their Calvary family. ■

## Ministry Teams

### Bereavement Team

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 - God of All Comfort

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

**Purpose:** God is our comforter, supporter and healer through all of life's challenges - and as Paul writes in 2 Corinthians, we are given the directive to do likewise. Calvary's Bereavement Ministry Team is designed to be a source of comfort and assistance for those in our community who experience the death of a loved one. When one of our own is grappling with loss, this group of loving individuals reaches out to support the family.

**Job Description:** The initial contact by a Bereavement Ministry member is a time to listen, express sympathy and care, schedule time for a visit (if the family desires) and subsequently to gather information which will allow the team to serve the family as appropriate and requested. Details about the loved one's service/memorial (use of the Sanctuary or Chapel, make sure they have the church's/pastor's contact information, etc.), personal needs (such as food, transportation, help with arrangement and/or notifications, cutting the grass, vacuuming the house, etc.), and any other specifics are shared with team members and with the church office. Attendance at the visitation and service are important! And staying in touch afterwards with a call, card or visit is so meaningful.■

### Hospital Team

**Coordinator:** Jim Bryant

**Team Members:** Bonny Dillon, Randy Harrison, Jean McBride, John Urquhart

**Purpose:** When church members or members of their family are hospitalized for any reason, a member of our team reaches out to and/or visits them while in the hospital, and also contacts them after their release from the hospital, to assist them with anything that they may need or just to be there for them. If the patient wishes not to have visitors and wishes to maintain their privacy, obviously, their wishes are granted.

**Organization:** The team members rotate, on a monthly basis, to be on call for any needed hospital visits or contacts.

The church office maintains a calendar of team members on call for any given month. Give Debbie a call, if you want to know who is on call for a particular month.■



### Evelyn Townsend Circle

#### LOA Soup for Seniors:

The Soup for Seniors collection has been extended due to the inclement weather this past weekend. If you have items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the church by Sunday, February 11th. Thank you for your generous contributions to the Soup for Seniors campaign!

#### February Mission Project:

The Evelyn Townsend circle served lunch to the guests of the Samaritan Inn on Saturday, February 3rd. Jared Martin provided music and Dr. Polard offered a message. Thanks to all of those that assisted with serving lunch!

The circle will send valentines to church members who are ill, homebound or unable to attend church.

#### March Project:

The Evelyn Townsend circle will provide over 400 cupcakes to Hurt Park Elementary school on Friday, March 2nd to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. If you are not in the circle but love to bake (or purchase) cupcakes, please contact Janice Deyerle (366-3818, jpdeyerle@aol.com) before Monday, February 12th with the number of cupcakes you can furnish.

#### Next Meeting:

The circle will meet on Monday, February 12th at 7:00 PM in the church dining room. All women of the church are invited to attend.



# FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

## February 4

**Ushers** .....  
 Jim Bryant, Ch., Betty Hall, Randy Harrison, Rita Bryant,  
 Mickey Cratch, Esther Crosier

**Deacons** .....  
 Neal Kinsey, Ch., John Urquhart, V. Ch., Harry Bundy;  
 Janice Deyerle, Ch., David Seidel V. Ch., Linda Dwyer

**Church Closer:** Randy Harrison  
**Children's Message:** Ben Martin  
**Scripture and Offertory Prayer:** Bobbie Hawkins

## February 11

**Ushers** .....  
 Paul M. Howell, Ch., Donna de Simone, Louise Dickey, Betty  
 Hall, Herb McBride, Tony Mason

**Deacons** .....  
 Bobbie Hawkins, Ch., Ben Martin, V. Ch., Rita Bryant;  
 Herb McBride, Ch., Cara Sutherland V. Ch., Jim Bryant

**Church Closer:** Jack Pilcher  
**Children's Message:** Cathy Howell  
**Scripture and Offertory Prayer:** Joyce Waugh

## February 18

**Ushers** .....  
 John Urquhart, Ch., Dominic Moresco, Eddie Eades, Debbie  
 Urquhart, Cheryl Nicely, Lisa Baker

**Deacons** .....  
 Harry Bundy, Ch., Ben Martin, V. Ch., Linda Dwyer;  
 John Urquhart, Ch., Kathy Kinsey V. Ch., Cara Sutherland

**Church Closer:** Harry Bundy  
**Children's Message:** Bonny Dillon  
**Scripture and Offertory Prayer:** Jack Pilcher

## February 25

**Ushers** .....  
 Bobbie Hawkins, Ch., Ronnie Baker, Ch., Eddie Eades, Betty  
 Garraghty, Joyce Waugh

**Deacons** .....  
 Kathy Kinsey, Ch., Bobbie Hawkins, V. Ch., Jim Bryant;  
 Janice Deyerle, Ch., Neal Kinsey, V. Ch., Rita Bryant

**Church Closer:** Joe St. Clair  
**Children's Message:** Joyce Waugh  
**Scripture and Offertory Prayer:** Herb McBride

## BIRTHDAYS

- 2/01 – Don Richardson
- 2/02 – Sue Epperly
- 2/03 – Susan Snyder
- 2/06 – Kathy Kinsey
- 2/07 – Raymond Eades, Mary Emory
- 2/08 – Ashley Hatcher
- 2/09 – Evelyn Lewis
- 2/12 – Billie Wall, Anna Mae Smith
- 2/13 – Tina Saunders
- 2/16 – Mary Kay Cooper, Crystal Stoots
- 2/17 – Linda Reynolds
- 2/18 – Coretta Sowder
- 2/20 – Brittany May
- 2/24 – Sarah Hatcher
- 2/25 – Eddie Eades
- 2/27 – David Akers, Patrick de Simone
- 2/28 - Janice Deyerle (2/29)



Mary Kay Cooper will be celebrating a milestone birthday on Friday, February 16th turning 100!

We would like our Calvary family to celebrate with Mary Kay by doing a greeting card blitz. If you would like to join us in sending a birthday card, please drop it in the mail to Mary Kay by Monday February 12th.

Her address is:  
 5801 W Bethel Ave  
 Apt 149  
 Muncie, IN 47304

