



Calvary Baptist Church

From Our Pastor

Dear Calvary Family,

We continue moving forward in our exploration of joining with Colonial Avenue Baptist Church to create a new congregation. If you've been keeping up, to date, an exploratory committee has been meeting to develop a process that will hopefully lead us to know God's for both congregations. On March 11 CBC (Calvary Baptist Church) and CABC (Colonial Avenue Baptist Church) met together to hear from the committee on how we would be moving forward. In addition to information about the process, the exploratory committee distributed a prayer guide. The purpose is to lead everyone in both congregations to offer concerted prayer for God's leadership, insight, and each person's spiritual readiness to accept God's leading. (If you have not received a prayer guide, please contact the office. We'll get one to you ASAP). It is a one-week prayer guide that is intended to be repeated each week.

This week, we will be taking the next step in the process: a survey will be distributed to the members of both congregations. After a couple of weeks in prayer, the committee would like to know what you are thinking; how God is leading you.

Surveys will be available at the conclusion of worship this Sunday, April 2. On Monday, April 3, copies of the survey will be mailed to our members who are unable to attend. For those who would rather fill out an online survey, you will be provided with a link. There will be a box in the vestibule for you to return your completed survey. Surveys should be returned no later than Sunday, April 16 (but we appreciate your response as soon as possible).

The survey contains some brief questions aimed at getting your honest, prayerful reflections about the combining of our two congregations. You may add another page if you need more room to respond to questions.

Survey results from both congregations will be shared on April 30, after worship. It is not necessary for you to identify yourself on the survey, but please let us know to which congregation you belong.

May we continue to pray fervently for God's wisdom and courage to respond in faith.

Sol Deo Gloria,
Steven W Pollard

April

Featured Dates

Sunday, April 2nd	
Palm Sunday Luncheon	11:45 AM
Palm Sunday Service	2:00 PM
Deacon's Meeting	3:00 PM

Thursday April 6th	
Dinner	6:00 PM
Maundy Thursday Service	6:30 PM

Friday, April 8th
Good Friday

Sunday, April 9th	
Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 AM
Easter Sunday Service	2:00 PM

Monday, April 10th	12:00 PM
Evelyn Townsend Circle	

Sunday, April 16th	3:00 PM
Church Council Meeting	

Sunday, April 30th	3:00 PM
Congregational Exploratory Merger Survey and Listening Meeting	



Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Invite your family and friends and join us in these Holy Week events!

Palm Sunday

On April 2, from 11:45AM -1:45PM we will have an intergenerational lunch and activity. We'll be serving pork BBQ, and the activities will center around the events of Holy Week.

Join us for worship on Sunday, April 2nd at 2:00 PM as we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered into Jerusalem as Savior and King. treatment.

Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday, April 6h, at 6:00 PM, we will join Colonial Avenue Baptist and Colonial Presbyterian churches in the fellowship hall of Colonial Avenue Baptist for a light dinner, followed by worship around the table at about 6:30 PM.

Easter Sunrise Service

On Easter Sunday morning, we will again join other Roanoke churches at 7:00 AM for an Easter Sunrise Service at Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge. There is parking on either side of the bridge. Due to the time and the limited length of the event you will not need to pay for the parking. We will gather at the at the top of the bridge to begin our worship of the Risen Savior!

Easter Sunday Worship

Join us Easter Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Worship service begins at our normal time of 2:00 PM.



Thank You!

Dear Calvary Family,

I'm humbled by the support shown by my church family during my recent illness. I want to thank you for the many cards, texts, calls and prayers.

I would also like to thank, Cara Sutherland, Lisa Baker and Kevin Carter for covering my duties while I have been away.

I am so grateful to have such a supportive and loving church family.

Thank you,
Debbie Foutz

Congregational Meeting



May Annual Church In Conference

Calvary's Annual Church in Conference will be held following worship on Sunday, May 21st. All members are encouraged to attend this yearly event during which the annual reports of church organizations are received.

Two essential segments of this meeting include the congregational vote on the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of members that will serve on Standing Committees for the 2023-2024 church year, and the election of new members of the Fellowship of Deacons.

Deacon nomination forms can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Mark your calendar and please plan to attend and participate!

SUNDAY
April 9th
2023
7am to 8am

Community

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge
1st Street NW, Roanoke, VA 24016

This Worship Experience is Sponsored By The Following Congregations:

Bethany Christian Church, Calvary Baptist Church, Central Church of the Brethren, Colonial Avenue Baptist Church, Colonial Presbyterian Church, Loudon Ave Christian Church, Mt. Zion AME Church, Park Chapel formerly Forest Park Church, St. Paul United Methodist Church, and Westhampton Christian Church

MISSIONS

across the street & around the world

Evelyn Townsend Circle

The circle supported a former member of the church by providing financial assistance after they had a fire and health issues.

The Evelyn Townsend Circle will be sponsoring an on-going collection of reading material for the Roanoke City jail library. Paperback books and magazines are needed. There will be a box in the vestibule for your contributions. Magazines do not need to be current. Fiction and nonfiction books for adults and teens are desired. Neither hardcover books nor spiral books can be used. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

The Evelyn Townsend Circle will meet on Monday, April 10, 2023, at Noon, at Colonial Avenue Baptist Church. All ladies of the church are invited to join us.

Grace UPON Grace

America for Christ Offering 2023

The Easter offering for American Baptist Missions goal was \$500.00 and thanks to your generosity, the donations totaled \$490.00. Thank you!

Exploratory Merger Survey Review and Listening Session

On April 30th, following worship our congregation will be meeting with the Calvary Merger Exploratory committee to review results of the survey and to hear any concerns that you may have related to the possible merger.

Church Deacons

During the month of April, every member of the congregation is encouraged to nominate those they would like to serve as deacon.

Nomination forms are available on the next page of this newsletter and will also be available in the church entrance.

All nominations MUST be received by Sunday, April 30th. The names of all candidates will appear on a ballot submitted to the church at the May Church in Conference. The candidates will begin a three-year term of active service. If you have any questions about how to nominate deacons please feel free to contact Cara Sutherland - Deacon Chair, any of the deacons, or the pastor. Our active deacons are:

Becky Beard
Glenda Pollard

Janice Deyerle
Ellen Scott

Kathy Kinsey
Susan Snyder

Neal Kinsey
Ray Templin

John Urquhart - Chair

Who is a Deacon?

While there are no hard and fast rules for those congregations that identify themselves as Baptist when it comes to electing deacons, there are a few generally accepted guidelines.

Anyone ordained as deacon is a deacon for life. Not all ordained deacons are part of the "active" Fellowship of Deacons. Ordained deacons not serving as part of the "active" Fellowship of Deacons, can be elected by the congregation to a three (3) year term at any time provided they have not served as an "active" deacon for one (1) year.

Members meeting the criteria outlined on the nomination form, whether or not they are ordained, are eligible for election at our next Church in Conference meeting.

Those candidates elected to serve as an "active" member of the Fellowship of Deacons at the Church in Conference meeting, who have not been ordained previously, will be ordained formally at a service of worship for that purpose.

May God bless you as you prayerfully consider those you will be nominating as possible deacons for the coming year.

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Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

Deacons Nomination Form

Nomination Form Fellowship of Deacons Calvary Baptist Church 2023/2024

The ministry of deacons is very important to the spiritual life of Calvary Baptist Church. Please prayerfully consider those who you nominate and their qualifications. Those you chose to nominate should, first and foremost, be willing to commit themselves to these very important goals:

1. To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in everything they do.
2. To attend to the ministry needs of the whole congregation.
3. To maintain spiritual health of the Fellowship of Deacons that they may, in turn, attend to the spiritual health of the congregation.
4. All deacons should partner with the Pastor in God's work.
5. Be God's person, in God's place, doing God's work, in God's way.

Those who would serve as deacon should be prepared to meet the following qualifications:

1. An active member of Calvary Baptist Church for at least one year.
2. Attend the Worship of God with the Calvary Baptist Church family, unless hindered by circumstance or health.
3. Support the ministry activities of Calvary Baptist Church with your presence.
4. Contribute financially to the mission of Calvary Baptist Church through regular offerings.
5. Willing to assist in the leadership of worship through collection of the offering and serving the Lord's Supper.

You are also encouraged to look closely at the Biblical passages that refer to the character of those who would serve as deacon. (Acts 6:1-7; Romans 6:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-12)

Your nominations will be placed on the ballot for the election of deacons. You must get the permission of the person you are nominating to have their name placed on the ballot for our next Church in Conference. You must include your name on this nominating form to be accepted. Please mail your completed form to the church office no later than Sunday, April 30th. If you need a phone number to reach someone that you would like to nominate, please call or email the church office.

I, _____ nominate:

Name of Nominee	Permission
1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

April Serving Schedule

April 2

Ushers

Kathy Kinsey, Neal Kinsey

Deacons

Kathy Kinsey Ch., Ray Templin, Glenda Pollard and John Urquhart

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: John Urquhart

April 23

Ushers

Lisa Baker, Cara Sutherland

Deacons

Janice Deyerle, Ch., Ray Templin, Susan Snyder

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Bobbie Hawkins

April 9

Ushers

Cara Sutherland, Lisa Baker

Deacons

Neal Kinsey, Ch., Janice Deyerle, Susan Snyder

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Kathy Kinsey

April 30

Ushers

Cara Sutherland, Lisa Baker

Deacons

Neal Kinsey, Ch., Janice Deyerle, Susan Snyder

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Glenda Pollard

April 16

Ushers

John Urquhart, Linda Dwyer, Ray Templin

Deacons

John Urquhart, Ch., TBD, Becky Beard

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Ray Templin

04/16 – Frances Williams

04/22 – Betty Hall

04/25 – Herb McBride



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