



Calvary Baptist Church

From Our Pastor

Dear Church Family,

The new church naming project is running “full-out”! it looks like there is a lot of excitement and some great naming suggestions. I came up with my own list but decided none of them were worthy of consideration. I did a few things that I found helpful though.

To start, I worked at getting clear about some issues I thought vital. I had to ask myself, “What is the purpose of our new name?” I concluded that our new name should not primarily be an expression of our past or how we came together from two congregations. I think that kind of name would be wonderful for those of us already here but does little to appeal to those who are not a part of our new church family yet.

Our name should say something about who we want to be to those we have yet to meet while at the same time be a reminder of the identity for which we are striving.

Then, while a name can express a region, area, neighborhood, or address, technology has rendered that kind of information less important. Anyone can find us just by “googling” our new name and following the directions they will find on our webpage. It has become the norm for Churches to appeal to seekers who may not live anywhere near the church building.

The Implementation Committee has taken some helpful hints from those who specialize in thinking critically about what goes into naming a Church:

Never use acronyms - too complicated.
Keep it simple. Try to use only two words that can be shortened to perhaps one word.
Think about how you will express your name in an available URL.

Be careful how you describe your organization (ie. Church, Assembly, Fellowship, Baptist, Community, Chapel, etc.), these kinds of titles may not communicate our identity.

Consider finding a unique name. It’s easy to remember a name that’s not familiar to those in your area.

(If you’re interested, please feel free to watch one of these YouTube videos our Implementation Committee found helpful:

https://youtu.be/a_pdV0Fi8vU, or <https://youtube.com/shorts/0it2sB39Gms?feature=share>.)

One more thing, both Rev. Scott and I utilized a list of characteristics we want in a church we would like to be a part of. Oddly enough, though we worked on our lists independently, they are remarkably similar, ideologically.

Here’s my list. They are in no particular order nor is this an exhaustive list; just some bullet points I used to help me get clear about a name that would best describe such a place.

I want to be part of a congregation:

Where worship is about God and points worshippers to the presence of God.
Where people can see the love of God demonstrated
That embraces ALL of God’s children.
That teaches about Jesus.
That demonstrates the character of Jesus.
That gives the opportunity for others to live the church into the world.
That helps believers deepen their faith.
That leads people to faith in Christ.

Melissa’s list is a bit more fleshed out and organized than mine. She writes:

I want to be part of a church that connects:

Connect with God

- First and foremost, our purpose is to be connected with God and to help others connect with God, especially through worship and prayer.

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Connect to Sacred Stories

- The Bible is the story of God and God's people. It is vital that we as a church are connected to this sacred book.

Connect to Our True Selves

- We are each beloved children of God, created in God's image to do the good works God has planned for us. We are also fallible humans who need Jesus to redeem us and the Holy Spirit to direct us. As a church, I believe we can help our members and people in our community discover and reflect their truest identities as children of God.

Connect with Our Faith Community

- Connecting with our faith community means that we find ways to be sure that all of our members feel included and valued as part of our church body.

Connect with the World

- Our mission to make disciples means we must look outside our church walls, exploring ways to share God's love with the community around us.

While there was a large number of suggestions, the Implementation Committee is taking all of the above (and many other factors) into consideration as we attempt to "whittle" the list down to only two. Pray for us.

In just a few days, the committee will be sharing those names and what we think is significant about them. You will then have the opportunity cast your vote for one by August 13. I know you will pick the perfect name; a name that will say something about the kind of congregation we are and the kind of church family we hope to become.

Soli Deo Gloria

Steven Pollard, Pastor

P.S. Once again, allow me to say how grateful I am for my church family. You have supported my family through my father's illness, his passing, and the birth of our first granddaughter. Your encouragement with cards, words, visits, meals, calls...in fact I can't begin to name all the way you blessed us. I am so blessed to be the pastor of such a wonderful caring church family. May God's blessing be on each and every one of you. I hope I can offer that same love and support during your time of need.



Featured Dates

Sunday, Aug 6th

Sunday School

9:30 AM

Worship

10:30 AM

Deacon's Meeting

11:30 AM

Wednesday, August 9th

Brown Bag Bible Study

12:00 PM

Sunday, Aug 13th

Sunday School

9:30 AM

Worship

10:30 AM

Dessert First

11:30 AM

Wednesday, August 16

Brown Bag Bible Study

12:00 PM

Sunday, Aug 20th

Sunday School

9:30 AM

Worship

10:30 AM

Saturday, Aug 26th

Men's Breakfast (Golden Corral)

8:30 AM

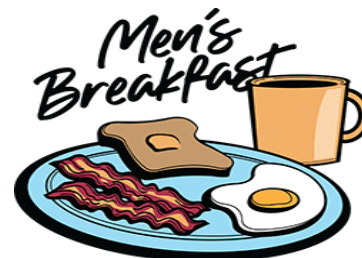
Sunday, Aug 27

Sunday School

9:30 AM

Worship

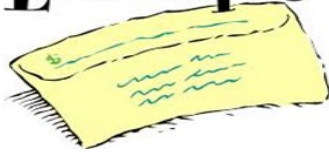
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Men's Breakfast

The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, August 26th at Golden Corral at 8:30 AM. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 AM for anyone who is interested in carpooling.

Offering Envelopes



Our offering envelopes (August 2023– July 2024) are available for pickup and are located at the entrance of Colonial Avenue Baptist. You may notice that some of the giving numbers have been changed/lowered. This was done to reduce the number of boxes that had to be ordered. If you can't locate your box, please contact the church office.

Once again there are 3 specific missions that we will support and you will have an envelope for each in your box:

September:

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

November:

Christmas Offering for Global Missions

April:

Easter Offering for American Baptist Missions

Congratulations

Congratulations to Steve and Glenda Pollard on the birth of their granddaughter, Harper Faye DiLauro!

She was born on 7/9/23 at approx. 4:00 PM, weighing 7lbs 15.5 oz and was 19 inches long.



Steps to Forming a New Church

As we move forward in forming our new church together, the implementation team recommends the following schedule:

Choosing a Church Name

We received 79 name suggestions for our new church! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and creativity! The implementation team is now prayerfully considering each submission. On August 6, following worship, the team will share two possible names, along with the reasons for choosing them. This information will also be sent out by e-mail on August 7. On August 13 and 20, ballots with the names will be available and can be placed in the suggestion box in the foyer. Your choice can also be e-mailed to info@calvaryroanoke.org or office@cabc.us.

Purpose and Mission Discovery Process

Beginning in late August, a skilled coach will guide us through a process of seeking God's specific purpose and mission for our new church. All voices are needed to be part of this process. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Following this discernment process, the next steps (in mid-late fall) will include making sure all the legalities are taken care of (finances, property, personnel) and establishing church structure, affiliations, bylaws, and procedures.

Each month, we will continue to share more details about the next step of the process.

Summer Worship

This August, our worship will continue to be focused on Holy Habits: Faith Practices That Help Us Love God and Our Neighbor, Listen to the Spirit, and Become More Like Jesus. Rev Melissa Scott (pastor of Colonial Avenue Baptist Church), Dr. Steven Pollard (pastor of Calvary Baptist Church), and Rev. Brent Williams (pastor of Colonial Presbyterian Church) will be preaching, so you will hear many voices throughout the summer. Each week, we will focus on a different faith practice: Sabbath, Service, Celebration, Hospitality, Gratitude, Justice and Mercy, Wonder, Prayer, Listening, Remembering, Generosity, and Engaging Scripture. We will also be providing a devotional booklet for you to use during the week as you put these holy habits into to practice.

August Serving Schedule

August 6

Ushers

Neal Kinsey

Deacons

Janice Deyerle, Kathy Kinsey, Neal Kinsey

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Glenda Pollard

August 13

Ushers

Lisa Baker

Deacons

Neal Kinsey, Janice Deyerle, Susan Snyder

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Janice Deyerle

August 20

Ushers

Gordon Williams

Deacons

John Urquhart, Becky Beard

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Susan Snyder

August 27

Ushers

Bobbie Hawkins

Deacons

Janice Deyerle, Ray Templin, Susan Snyder

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Kathy Kinsey

BIRTHDAYS

8/01 – Tommy Price
 8/08 – Dawn Emory
 8/12 – Chris Henderson
 8/14 – Ellen Scott
 8/17 – Randall Peyton
 8/18 – Sandra Alexa
 8/25 – Kevin Carter, Janet King
 8/26 – Terry Eades



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