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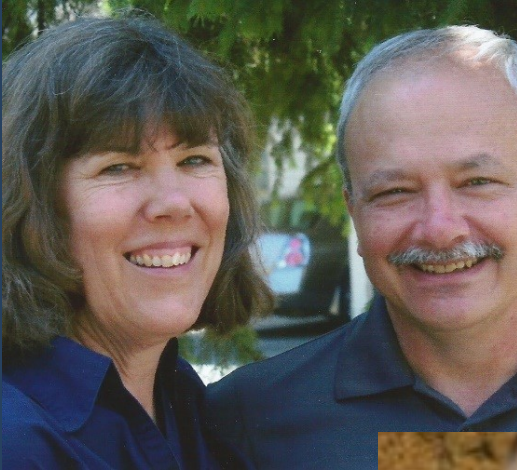
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Family Night

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Rod & Ellen Casali
Wycliffe Bible Translators
Canada



Travis & Andrea Williamson
Wycliffe Bible Translators
International Ministry



Tyler & Brittany Depke
International Ministry



Lidia & Attila Halasz
Youth for Christ International
Hungary



Ed & Coralee Murray
Cru
Hungary

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BUILDING GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

Paul Wilson, Lead Pastor, pwilson@calvarybaptistpa.org

I love hearing and seeing what God is doing through the people of Calvary. God is on the move in so many ways, building gospel community. I suppose I have a unique vantage point to hear about much of what our awesome God is doing, and I want to do a better job of letting you know what God is doing.

For now, I want to mention a couple ministries that sometimes fly under the radar, and ask that you pray for them. First, our ESL Ministry offers strategic classes for people from other countries wanting to grow in their English. David and Merita Scott, and a myriad of volunteers, serve well and faithfully. Please pray for their current semester and group of students, which includes students from China, Turkey, and India. Second, a small dedicated group serves at Alexandria Manor in Nazareth once a month by leading in a service of worship for the residents. The ministry, called SonShine Senior Home Ministry, is a great way to encourage older adults with the Gospel. Chuck Fuller has led a group to do this for many years, and would love to see more get involved. In fact, they desire to start a monthly service at a second facility, the Alexandria Manor in Bethlehem.

In addition to these two ministries, please pray for the families of James Stauffer, Jon Elliot, and Joyce Martinez, who passed away recently, along with Tom Mimlitsch's brother, Robert; Josh Griffis' father, Michael; and Bill Voight's mother, Lucielle.

With joy in Christ,

Pastor Paul



COMMUNITY GROUPS

For more information, visit calvarybaptistpa.org/community-groups/

Community Group Service

Jesus said that He came not to be served but to serve others (Mark 10:45). This is a great reminder for us that service must be a regular part of our groups' lives, as we seek to live as the body of Christ in the world. That is why April and May are service months for Community Groups. Please engage in one service event as a group in the next couple of months.

Why Your Group Should Serve Together*

- 1. IT'S BONDING** - By serving together, you create shared memories and experiences that you celebrate (and even laugh about).
- 2. IT'S BIBLICAL** - Groups that show concern for those in need emulate the ministry of Jesus.
- 3. IT'S STRENGTHENING** - Serving strengthens everyone as you step outside your comfort zones and learn to help others.
- 4. IT'S BENEFICIAL** - Groups that mix up the format of the groups stay healthier longer.

Plan an Excellent Group Serving Opportunity*

- 1. SET THE EXPECTATIONS** - Answer the following questions ahead of time. What type of service? Who will be involved? Where will we go? Will you meet and ride together, or just meet at the location? What time will you meet? When will you be finished?
- 2. INVOLVE EVERYONE** - Make sure everyone has a chance to participate as their gifts and abilities allow.
- 3. LOOK FOR A FIT** - With the time allowed and the abilities represented in the group, what are the opportunities available? If everyone is "all thumbs," helping build a Habitat for Humanity House is out but sorting donations at Salvation Army might be perfect.
- 4. BE FLEXIBLE** - Things often change or differ from original expectations. Lead the group in accepting those changes with grace.
- 5. PRAY** - Circle up with your group and pray before you begin your service.
- 6. CELEBRATE TOGETHER** - Go out for dinner or coffee after the opportunity is over to celebrate the time of service. Alternatively, celebrate and debrief during your next group meeting.

* These recommendations are taken verbatim, or adapted directly, from Bill Search, *The Essential Guide for Small Group Leaders* (Christianity Today: Carol Stream, 2017), 139-141.



Brennen Sullivan, Outreach & Discipleship Pastor, bsullivan@calvarybaptistpa.org

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP SKATING EVENT

On January 18, Calvary hosted an International Friendship

Skating Event for international students from Lehigh University and Northampton Community College. Over 40 students from all over the world attended the event. Our afternoon included ice skating at Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, a “Minute to Win It” style game competition, hot chocolate, and a warm meal at Calvary.

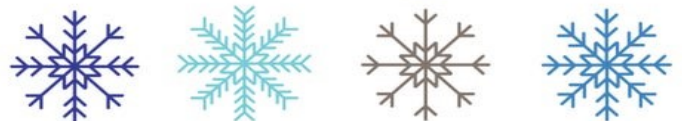


Many of the students ice skated for the first time, as Calvary participants gave them skating tips and assisted them on the ice. Everyone had a blast and shared lots of laughs in the process. After skating, students and Calvary participants arrived at Calvary to warm up and participate in “Minute to Win it” games. People of all ages were competing to complete some of the most difficult and ridiculous challenges in under



a minute. Both American and International friends gathered around the players and cheered them on.

Later in the evening, we enjoyed a delicious meal of chili with the students. This was a wonderful time to share fun memories of our day with each other, as well as learn more about everyone’s culture. One of the tables of participants spoke over 20 different languages collectively! The students were so thank-ful for the opportunity to get away from their studies and have a fun evening with new friends. Studies show that a high percentage of international students who come to the United States do not enter an American home while they are here. Showing our international students hospitality in this way not only cultivates friendship but also is a direct way to show them the love of Christ and love them well. We were thrilled for this opportunity and look forward to next year! Thank you to the many Calvary volunteers who made our event possible.



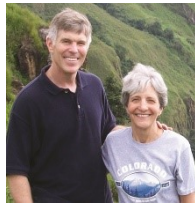


GLOBAL OUTREACH

For more info, pick up our Calvary's Missionary Prayer Guide from the lobby kiosk.

UPDATE ON RICK AND DEBBIE BARDIN CAMEROON, AFRICA

We were blessed last month by the visit of Dr. Rick and Debbie Bardin, who serve at Mbingo Baptist Hospital (MBH) in the mainly English-speaking area of Cameroon, Africa. MBH is associated with the Cameroon Baptist Convention, part of the origin of which was influenced by North American Baptist missionary work generations ago.



At the Sunday luncheon, we learned that MBH is not a little hut in the African jungle. Among other amenities, it has: diagnostic equipment, including a CT scanner and electronic medical records; specialty training in internal medicine and in pathology; a telepathology system for scanning microscope slides that can be emailed to other pathologists (even in the USA) for shared viewing and interpretation. They still use and greatly appreciate the bandages that are rolled and sent through the NAB White Cross Ministry, in which our "Helping Hands" group at Calvary participates. Another missionary close to our hearts, Dr. Julie Stone, is currently assisting them, due to unsafe conditions at Bango Baptist Hospital where she normally serves. You will find informative videos at nabonmission.org.

Rick and Debbie support the Christian Internal Medicine Specialization (CIMS) program. Rick is training doctors and has established a well-respected

pathology service that not only supports the hospital's surgical program, but is also used by other hospitals in Cameroon. A current prayer request is the success and continued funding of Dr. Mbanga who is in a three-year pathology residency in Kenya and is expected to return to MBH at its completion. Pray for Dr. Mbanga and his family.

Debbie serves in the hospital's HIV clinic where she counsels patients and shares the truth of the Gospel. One unique avenue is the Scripture Card Ministry. To the best of her ability, every day, every patient at the hospital gets a small card with a Bible verse on it. This encourages the patients and opens avenues for witness.

Debbie is active with the Women In Service (WINS) group. One of the service projects that they did this year was a blessing to four families who were affected by the burning of houses during the "civil war" that has been going on in Cameroon.

There has been much violence and unrest in Cameroon for the past several years. So far, MBH has not been specifically targeted, but certainly has been affected. Rick and Debbie shared some specifics during our worship service. Keep Cameroon, the Christians, the unsaved, the hospital staff, and the patients in your prayers.

As the Bardins have learned, God alone is faithful and remains unchanging in an ever-changing world.

"He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." —Deuteronomy 32:4



MERCY MINISTRIES

Showing practical love in Jesus' name to vulnerable kids, the hungry, and the displaced.

MERCY MINISTRIES FOCUS FOR MARCH: HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Sex trafficking is human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation, including sexual slavery. A victim is forced, in one of a variety of ways, into a situation of dependency on their trafficker(s) and then used by them to give sexual services to customers. Sex trafficking is one of the biggest criminal businesses in the world.

Locations where this practice occurs span the globe and reflect an intricate web between nations, making it very difficult to construct viable solutions to this human-rights problem. It can happen in any community and victims can be any age, race, gender, or nationality. Language barriers, fear of their traffickers, and/or fear of law enforcement frequently keep victims from seeking help, making human trafficking a hidden crime.

Facts about Human Trafficking:

- There are an estimated 20.9 million victims of human trafficking globally. (2012, International Labor Organization)
- Sex trafficking makes about \$99 billion a year. (2014, International Labor Organization Report)
- The majority of trafficking victims identified by states are women and children who make up 88% of all victims (66% of victims are women, 13% girls, 9% boys, and 12% men). (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's *Global Report on Trafficking in Persons* (2016))

SO, WHAT IS GOD DOING IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY TO RESCUE THOSE ENSLAVED UNDER THIS EVIL?

He is working through the ministry of *Truth Home*, a therapeutic residential home offering dramatically changed lives and hope-filled futures to survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Learn more about the Truth Home and how you can help at truthforwomen.org.
- My Sister's Closet is a resale women's fashion boutique located in Bethlehem that was founded to provide funding for *Truth Home*. For more information visit shopmysisterscloset.com.



BENEFIT CONCERT FRIDAY, MARCH 6, AT 7:00P

Christian band, *This Hope*, will be performing in concert at Calvary Baptist Church to benefit Bright Hope Pregnancy Centers!



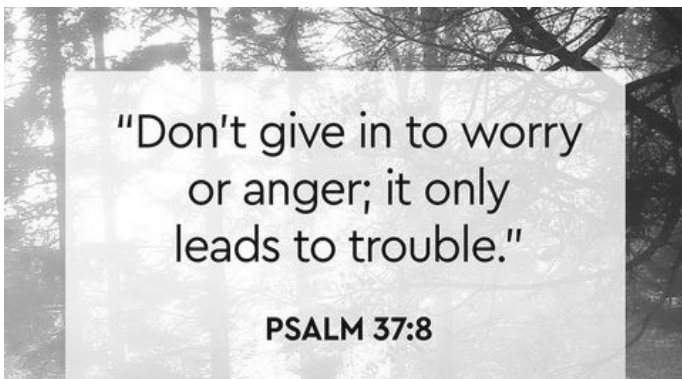
Cost is \$10/person; under 10yrs/free. To purchase tickets, please visit brighthopecenters.org. For more information about *This Hope*, visit thishope.org.

Many volunteers are needed for this event. If you can help, please contact Donna Geinosky at ndlwmn@yahoo.com.

For more info on our counseling ministry, visit calvarybaptistpa.org/counseling-overview

ANGRY? WHO, ME?

Why is it that angry people always seem to be the last to know they're angry?



- Since angry people are confident in their right-ness, over time their blindness increases, reinforcing their delusion that they've set the world aright.

*Stubborn pride is at the root of sinful anger
(Proverbs 16:18, 14:29; James 4:1-4; Matthew 7:5;
1 John 2:11)*

- When those close to angry people are either too afraid to confront or prior attempts have failed, the angry person goes largely unchecked.

*Jesus calls and empowers us to lovingly confront sin
(Ephesians 4:15; Proverbs 15:18; Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1)*

- Righteous anger can quickly turn sinful.

While not all anger is sinful, true righteous indignation occupies only a small fraction of our anger. (Ephesians 4:26-27; James 1:19-20)

- Anger can be sneaky. (Jeremiah 17:9)

Sinful anger's rainbow of intensities:

- Indifference to reparable wrongs
- Avoidance of conflict
- Defensive withdrawal
- Judgmental thoughts
- Quiet brooding
- Complaining
- Critical attitude
- Irritable
- Argumentative
- Bickering
- Volatile
- Explosive
- Abusive

Anger is an emotional response to a perceived wrong. Key word: *perceived*. As sinners, we're prone to wrong judgments, and blind to our pride-fueled reactions. Think about what typically angers you. Is it when you perceive you've been personally offended? Consider when Jesus was wronged. Interestingly, Scripture never records Jesus being angry when He was personally offended; it was always in response to wrongs against others. While we shouldn't always remain silent when wronged, we do need God's wisdom to respond wisely. We also need wisdom to recognize those times we *should* be angry when we're not.

So, do **you** struggle with anger? *Yes, we all do.* Does that answer anger you? Confess that to Jesus. Christ bore God's wrath for your anger and promises to help you grow in humility, grace, and forgiveness.

*"Anger lodges in the heart of fools."
(Ecclesiastes 7:9)*

Adult Sunday Classes

Supplementary classes for adults to help you understand God's Word and God's ways



FUNDAMENTOS DEL EVANGELIO

9:00a, Room 218, Led by Hans Huerta/John Fernandez

ROMANS 1-5

10:45a, Room 206, Led by Tom Keenan / Jim Hoff

ART OF PARENTING

10:45a, Room 207, Led by Al Squerrini/Rob Fields



NEXT STEPS

(ALL WELCOME, REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP)

Learn more about Calvary

10:45a, Room 212, Led by Pastor Brennen/various Elders



10:30a, Room 211

Led by Tim Stephens & Barbara Meadows

A special support group for people grieving the loss of someone close that features biblical teaching on grief and recovery.
\$15 material fee



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Students

Zach McAlack, Young Adult Pastor, zmcalak@calvarybaptistpa.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAM - May 29 –31 — A weekend retreat that gives Middle School students a taste of missions. We have an awesome opportunity to change the life of an inner-city child. Cairn University busses in hundreds of children from Philadelphia. We are paired with them for a joyful day of games and get to share the Gospel with them. Students receive training from Child Evangelism Fellowship to prepare them for this life-changing task.

The cost is \$100 per student and \$50 for each additional sibling. Contact Pastor Zach for scholarship information.

Registration opens March 1.

Register on our website calvarybaptistpa.org/students or on THE CALVARY APP.



SENIOR SUNDAY — May 24 — On this morning, at both services, we commission all the Seniors as they are sent out to college and future careers. In order for your student to participate, you will need to fill out a Senior Sunday form and send us their senior portrait and baby picture.

The form can be found online at calvarybaptistpa.org/students or on THE CALVARY APP.

Photos can be emailed to cdistefano@calvarybaptistpa.com
All information is due May 1.



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Children BETWEEN Students



bringing the whole family together

Parents and other family members are invited to join their children and youth for a night of worship, games, and fellowship.



Pulled pork dinner served at 6:00p,
\$5 per person or \$20 per family.
Registration only required for dinner.
Register on the APP or online.



Don Meadows, Children's Ministries Pastor, dmeadows@calvarybaptistpa.org



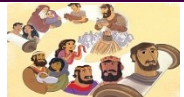




MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DON:

I love to celebrate Christmas! This year (2020), I am *excited* to celebrate Christmas twice!

In the month of March, our lessons in Gospel Project are all about the fulfillment of God's plan to send a Savior into the world to save us from our sin.

Now that is truly something for us to celebrate!

We won't have Christmas trees and presents during this celebration, but we will have the One who is truly worthy of celebrating — Jesus!

SUN	WED	NAME	BIBLE PASSAGE	PICTURE
3/1	3/4	FROM ADAM TO JESUS	MATTHEW 1; LUKE 3; JOHN 1	
3/8	3/11	JOHN WAS BORN	LUKE 1	
3/15	3/18	JESUS WAS BORN	LUKE 2	
3/22	3/25	JESUS WAS DEDICATED	LUKE 2	
3/29	4/1	JESUS AS A CHILD	MATTHEW 2; LUKE 2	

MEMORY VERSE FOR UNIT 19 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

John 1:1-2



REMINDER

**MARCH 11, 2020
JOURNEY CLUB
FASHION DISASTER NIGHT
WEAR MISMATCHED
OR
OUT-OF-STYLE CLOTHING**

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

KIDS' & ADULT CHOIRS

6:00p Kingdom Kids, Room 115 (children's area)
 6:00p Praise Kids, Gathering Room (office area)
 6:45p Celebration Choir (adults in the Sanctuary)

JOURNEY CLUBS

6:45p Ages 3 years through K, Room 114
 6:45p Grades 1-4, Room 112

BETWEENS, MIDDLE, & HIGH SCHOOL

5th - 12th Grade
 6:30p in the Multi-Purpose Room

ADULT GROUP: THE GOSPEL PROJECT

6:45p, Room 207

PRAYER MEETING

6:45p, Room 204/205



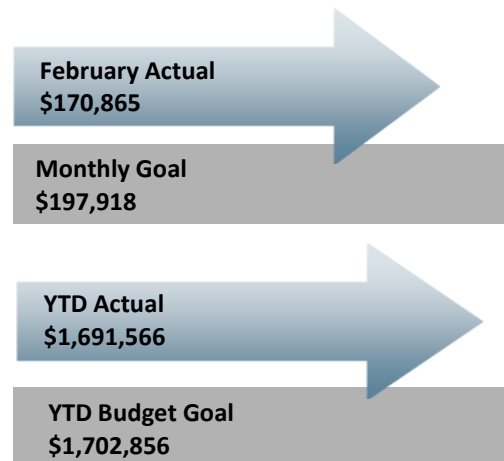
From the movie, *Overcomer*, by the Kendrick brothers, Chris Fabry wrote the novel Overcomer. What do you allow to define you?

"Urged by the school's principal to coach a sport he doesn't know or like, John is frustrated and questioning his worth...until he crosses paths with a student struggling with her own journey." Both the DVD and the novel are part of our Church Library collection in Room 220.

The Library is open Sunday mornings after each service.

Fiscal Year Income

The 2019 - 2020 Budget is \$2,375,010 and is divided evenly making each month's goal \$197,918 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year.



Calvary's budget is available by contacting our Church Administrator, Nancy Korpics.

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MISSIONS LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 8, at 12:15p in the Multi-Purpose Room. NAB Missionaries, Ron and Jeannie Seck, will share with us on their ministry in Hungary. No registration necessary.



WOMEN'S OUTDOOR MINISTRY

There will be no outdoor event for March. We encourage all ladies to attend the IF: CALVARY Women's Conference on Saturday, March 14 (see page 14 for details). Stay tuned for more details on our April event: Horseback Riding at Jacobsburg Park.

WOMEN'S NEEDLE CRAFTERS

Do you like to knit or crochet or you'd like to learn? Bring your own supplies, or we have plenty to share. Childcare is not available.



Saturday Needle Crafters Group will meet March 7, from 1:00-4:00p at the home of Norma and Amy Beck (4310 Kathi Dr., Bethlehem, 18017). For more information, contact the Becks at 610.868.3738.

Monday Needle Crafters Group will meet March 16, from 9:00a-12:00p, in Room 107 at Calvary. For more info, contact Deb Bednarcik at 484.767.0570.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Helping Hands is a group of members who get together monthly to work together on a variety of tasks, have a devotional, and eat lunch together. March is the month we celebrate birthdays and have a fun time with our yearly white elephant gift exchange! Our next gathering will be Thursday, March 5, at 10:00a. Bring a sandwich and a white elephant gift. For more information, contact Joan Bacon (610.746.2355).



SONSHINE SENIOR HOME MINISTRY

The next meeting for the SonShine Senior Home Ministry will be Sunday, March 15, at 2:00p, at Alexandria Manor, 7 S. New Street, Nazareth, and Sunday, March 22, at 2:00p at Alexandria Manor, 3534 Linden Street, Bethlehem. If you have a heart for seniors, please join us for this one-hour service and ministry opportunity. For more information, please contact Chuck Fuller at 610.258.0765.



COMMUNITY EVENTS & INFORMATION

Save the Date — Friday, April 17, 2020

Mark your calendars for Bethlehem Christian School's 2020 Annual Auction & Gala. Four-time World Series Champion, Darryl Strawberry, will be the Guest Speaker. For more information, visit bethlehemchristianschool.org



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LADIES,
YOU'RE INVITED!!

IF: CALVARY

MARCH 14, 2020

9a - 6p

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE
GATHER TOGETHER TO
WORSHIP AND LEARN
ABOUT OUR ONE TRUE
HOPE, JESUS.

THIS YEAR, WE WILL STUDY
ROMANS 8.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT
CALVARY.IFLOCAL.COM

THE COST IS \$15 AND
WILL INCLUDE LUNCH
AND REFRESHMENTS
THROUGHOUT OUR DAY.

CONTACT KIM TANIS
AT MCNEALKM1@GMAIL.COM
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



Calvary Baptist App

3 Ways to Download:

1. Search "calvary baptist app"
in any app store
2. go to calvarybaptistpa.org
and follow link "THE APP"
3. set your phone to camera
and point it at this code





March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9:00 & 10:45a Sunday Services & Classes 1	*9:00-11:00a Food Pantry 6:00p Men's Basketball 7:00p ESL 2	6:30a Corp. Prayer *9:00-11:00a Food Pantry 9:30a Precepts 7:00p Elder Board Meeting 3	6:00p Kids Choirs 6:30p Student Activities 6:45p Children, Adult Classes, Adult Choir 4	10:00a Helping Hands 5	7:00p Bright Hope Concert 6	1:00p Needle Crafters (at Becks) 7
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