

# CALVARY F.Y.I.

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Cameroon



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Cameroon



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# BUILDING GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

***Paul Wilson, Lead Pastor, [pwilson@calvarybaptistpa.org](mailto:pwilson@calvarybaptistpa.org)***

“Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us adore Him!” Amen and amen! We sang that wonderful, God-centered song on Sunday, January 12. Calvary’s members also voted the same day to affirm that God was calling Josh Hart to be our new Worship Pastor. God has moved throughout this whole process, and I can’t help but thank Jesus over and over. Please continue to pray for this transition.

There is another new initiative the Elders are taking, which I’m excited to report. We (the Elders) will start making “Elder calls” which just means we are slowly and deliberately trying to reach out to everyone who is a member of Calvary. We are reaching out simply for the purpose of checking in with you, to see how you are doing spiritually.

God has called us to give an account for your soul (Hebrews 13:17). To do that, we want to lovingly find out how you’re doing spiritually: how your friendships and family relationships are going, how you are connected at Calvary, and anything else we can pray about. It will take awhile to go through the full membership, but I wanted to get this on your radar now, so you aren’t caught off guard when an Elder reaches out to you and wants to hear how you’re doing.

In addition to the transition of Josh Hart and his family, also pray for Jenny Cowan on the loss of her father and Mary Bierman and Noelle Griffis on the loss of Victoria Toscano, their daughter/mother.

With joy in Christ,

*Pastor Paul*



*For more information, visit [calvarybaptistpa.org/community-groups](http://calvarybaptistpa.org/community-groups)*

**Encouraging Service Within Your Community Group**

**T**he Apostle Paul taught that the Church is built up more into the image of Christ as each person serves in the body (1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:15-16). Serving in our Community Groups is a great way to discover, develop and deploy the gifts God has given us within our church family. Here is a simple process for beginning to do this in your group.

**FIRST**, read 1 Corinthians 12:7, Ephesians 4:11-16, and Romans 12:3-8 as a group and discuss the importance of each person serving within the group.

**SECOND**, read through the table below and have group members begin praying about the ways that God might be prompting them to serve within the group.

Host the group	Organize prayer partners within the group, provide follow-up to ensure prayer partners are connecting, and provide tips for being effective prayer partners
Organize childcare and children’s participation in the group	Organize a system or rotation for members to provide food and beverages for the group gatherings
Lead the teaching time (you must be a member of Calvary and a CG leader must oversee the teaching)	Keep track of and follow up with prayer requests and personal struggles
Lead the prayer time	Lead a men’s bi-weekly discipleship group
Record group prayer requests and communicating those requests to the group via email	Lead a women’s bi-weekly discipleship group
Organize a fellowship event at least once/year	Contact those who miss group gatherings to see how they are doing
Organize a service event at least once/year	Lead the icebreaker portion of the group
Organize an outreach event at least once/year	Additional suggestions from group members

**THIRD**, at your next gathering, have group members discuss the ways in which God has been directing them to serve in any of the areas mentioned or in a way that isn’t on the list.



**Brennen Sullivan, Outreach & Discipleship Pastor, [bsullivan@calvarybaptistpa.org](mailto:bsullivan@calvarybaptistpa.org)**

Over 130 people from Wilson and Calvary came together to celebrate Jesus and enjoy time together at our Third Annual Wilson Christmas Celebration. Many of the families that are part of our Wilson Adopt-A-Family program, Calvary families, and Community Groups who have “adopted” them were present. We had a wonderful and meaningful afternoon together.



First, our very own Sandy Hinckle and her puppet pal, Minnie, creatively shared the Gospel with our Wilson friends. Next, everyone enjoyed a nice meal together.

Then, Pastor Brennen and his son Paxton modeled for the Wilson families how to have family devotions. Paxton made sure to show the Wilson families that distraction and disruption are a normal part of family devotions as he kept interrupting his daddy, tried on several occasions



to grab the microphone from him, and got up to run around the stage! All of the Wilson families were offered the *All About Jesus Storybook Bible* and were encouraged to have family devotions together.

Finally, all the families received a Christmas dinner, gifts for each of the kids, and a wonderful gift bag put together by our Helping Hands Ministry. It was truly an

incredible time in which the love and message of Jesus were shared with



our Wilson friends, and our Calvary Family was able to enjoy time with our Wilson families. We thank God for providing such an amazing event and trust that He will do far more than we can hope or imagine through it, for His praise and glory!





# GLOBAL OUTREACH

*For more info, pick up our Calvary's Missionary Prayer Guide from the Lobby Kiosk.*

Please pick up  
a hard copy of  
the February  
FYI for details





# MERCY MINISTRIES

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

## MERCY MINISTRIES FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY: ETHNIC & RACIAL JUSTICE



**D**avid Mathis, at Desiring God Ministries, wrote a great article on why we, as evangelical Christians, need Black History Month. Do you think that's true? If not, please read the article:

[desiringgod.org/articles/we-need-black-history-month](https://desiringgod.org/articles/we-need-black-history-month)

As Christians, we must have hearts that long for mercy and justice. As Mathis puts it, "If you love Jesus Christ, and hate human pride and its rebellion against his kingship, you will want to grow in appreciating God's good gift of ethnic diversity, and specifically this manifestation of it in our nation. Black History Month is not *for them*. It's *for all of us*."



## BRIGHT HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

**Save the Date!** Singing group, *This Hope*, will be performing in concert at Calvary Baptist Church on Friday, March 6, at 7:00p (doors open at 6:00p) to benefit Bright Hope Pregnancy Centers!  
Cost: \$10/person; under 10yrs/free.

For more information about *This Hope*, visit <https://thishope.org/>.

For ticket information, go to: <https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/?e=19618>



## CALVARY FOOD PANTRY

This month, the Calvary Food Pantry will be open from 9:00a - 11:00a on the following dates:

**Monday, February 3 and Tuesday, February 4**

For the month of February, the Food Pantry will be collecting dental care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, etc.) Please leave your donations in the shopping cart in the Promenade.

# soulcare

*For more info on our counseling ministry, visit [calvarybaptistpa.org/counseling](http://calvarybaptistpa.org/counseling)*



Everyone has a story to tell – what’s yours? Do you see a coherent theme in your story with a final resolution or purpose? Many people react to life as it happens, with no clarifying vision that unifies everything. What if you expand your vision? You do not have an independent story that occasionally interacts with others, but rather a scene in a larger story.

This is the Lord’s story. He is Creator and Redeemer and the point of the story is His Glory. We are bit players who come on and off stage as the scenes change. Our role is to take our cues from the Lord, to reflect and highlight His glory as His image-bearers, and leave the stage.

This means that our lives must be viewed from this perspective. All of our joys and trials, successes and

failures, pleasures and sufferings make sense only from the view of the entire story. But this is precisely the view we don’t have from within our scene. God must tell us how the pieces fit together – and He has, in His Word. But even there we have only an outline of things to come, not the full script. For instance, Romans 8:18 encourages our hearts without providing details:

*“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”*

Without revealing such glory in all its detail, the Lord encourages us to endure, because something far greater awaits.

As you learn the plot of the Lord’s story and get to know the main characters, you will become wise as you encounter new elements. We benefit from pastors and teachers who are skilled at orienting us within the story, that we might be faithful no matter what twist or turn comes to our scene. When the final curtain falls, will your scene be one that reflects His mercy, grace, and goodness in redeeming you, or will yours be one that reflects His right judgment against rebellion?

*Of one thing I am perfectly sure,  
God's story never ends with ashes.*

*Elisabeth Elliot*





# WINTER



# Adult Sunday Classes

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

## BOOK OF DANIEL PART 2

9:00a, Room 210, Led by Charlie Anderson

## FUNDAMENTOS DEL EVANGELIO

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

## GRIEF SHARE (begins February 23; join at any time)

10:30a, Room 211, Led by Tim Stephens/Barbara Meadows

A special GriefShare session, **Loss of a Spouse**, on **February 16** is only for those who have lost a spouse.

## ART OF PARENTING

10:45a, Room 207, Led by Al & Ann Marie Squerrini/  
Rob & Bonnie Fields

## NEXT STEPS

(ALL WELCOME, REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP)

10:45a, Room 212, Led by Pastor Brennen/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  
Registration on our  
website preferred



**Zach McAlack, Young Adult Pastor, [zmcalak@calvarybaptistpa.org](mailto:zmcalak@calvarybaptistpa.org)**

I have to be honest, I don't really "get" Valentine's Day. I appreciate the encouragement to show love in a special way to my wife, but it's odd to celebrate the life of a saint by going out to dinner and buying overpriced flowers. It seems like it would be more sense for it to be a time that should remind us to show compassionate love (rather than romantic love) to one another.

This Valentine's Day (February 14-15), we will be having our 24-Hours-of-Service Event. This is a really fun overnight event in which we get to show Christ's love to the community and worship God through caring.



We meet at the church at 8:00p on Friday, where we'll play games and enjoy a time of worship together. The boys will sleep at the church and the girls will sleep at a nearby church member's home. On Saturday, we all head to Philadelphia for a service project at Bethanna — a Christian organization that provides adoption, child welfare services, and behavioral health care in Philadelphia, Southeastern, and Central Pennsylvania. We will return to Calvary at 8:00p on Saturday. The event itself is free of charge, but we request a \$30 donation. All of the money that we collect is donated, as part of this event, to international charities like IJM and World Mission that care for international needs or to combat sex trafficking.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Family Dinner — March 25 — 6:30p-8:30p
- JAM (Middle School Missions Weekend)  
May 29-31, Cairn University

### Small Group Dinners at the McAlacks:

(Dinners are Sunday evenings, 5:00p at our home)

- 7th grade girls — February 2
- 8th grade boys — February 9



### BeTweens Ministry

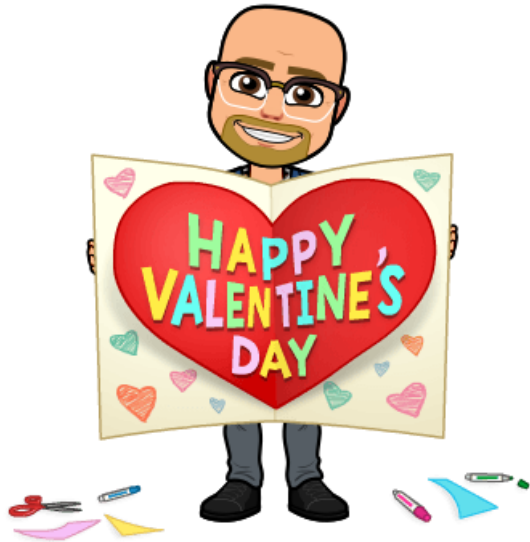
(5th & 6th Grade)

Sundays at 10:45a

Wednesdays at 6:30p



**Don Meadows, Children's Ministries Pastor, [dmeadows@calvarybaptistpa.org](mailto:dmeadows@calvarybaptistpa.org)**



### MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DON:

In February, we hear many things from our culture about love. Take some time this month to reflect on what the Bible says about love.

How is God's message different from the world's message? Consider these words from the apostle Paul:

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.*

**Ephesians 13:4-8a**

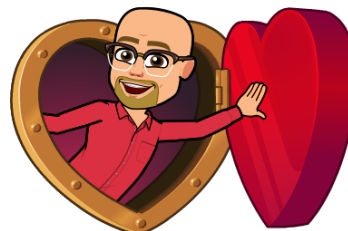
SUN	WED	NAME	BIBLE PASSAGE	PICTURE
2/2	2/5	ESTHER SAVED HER PEOPLE	ESTHER	
2/9	2/12	THE WALLS REBUILT	NEHEMIAH 1-6	
2/16	2/19	GOD'S PEOPLE REPENTED	NEHEMIAH 8-13	
2/23	2/26	MALACHI THE PROPHET	MALACHI	
3/1	3/4	FROM ADAM TO JESUS	MATTHEW 1; LUKE 3; JOHN 1	

### MEMORY VERSE FOR UNIT 18 (ESV)

**After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.**

1 Peter 5:10

### REMINDER



**FEBRUARY 12, 2020  
JOURNEY CLUB  
RED OR HEARTS  
NIGHT**

**WEAR RED OR WEAR  
HEARTS!**



## 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



*Because He Loves Me: How Christ transforms Our Daily Life (#242)* by Elyse Fitzpatrick: "...if you neglect to focus on God's love for you in

Christ, your Christianity will soon be reduced to a life of self-improvement...True Christianity is not a program of self-improvement; it's an acknowledgment that something more than self-improvement is needed. What's needed is *death and* resurrection: Gospel words, Gospel constructs, Gospel motives, Gospel power — a loving Redeemer." The Gospel is the antithesis of unbelief, idolatry, fear, worry.

## 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.

January Actual  
\$234,198

Monthly Goal  
\$197,918

YTD Actual  
\$1,514,424

YTD Budget Goal  
\$1,523,608

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

# CALVARY

# Announcements

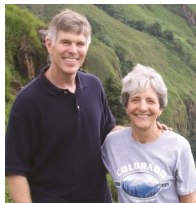
## NEW WORSHIP PASTOR



Welcome to Josh Hart, who was recently voted to join Calvary as our new Worship Pastor. Please keep Josh, his wife, Rachel, and son, Jacob, in your prayers as they transition to their new life at Calvary.

## MISSIONS LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 2, at 12:15p in the Multi-Purpose Room. Missionaries Rick and Debbie Bardin, who serve at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Cameroon, Africa, will share. No registration necessary.



## WOMEN'S FEBRUARY OUTDOOR EVENT

### Snowshoeing at Jacobsburg Park

#### Saturday, February 1

Meet at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center (400 Belfast Road, Nazareth) at 8:15a — Event is 8:30a - 10:00a — Learn how to snowshoe while learning the history of these helpful winter tools. If there is no snow, we'll focus on using trekking poles and hike in our boots. The hike will be about two miles. Bring water and a snack. Space is limited to 17 people. Registration is required. Register at <https://www.facebook.com/CBCOutdoorWomensMinistry/>



For more information, contact Becky Olesky at 484.838.0457 or [bolesky@calvarybaptistpa.org](mailto:bolesky@calvarybaptistpa.org).

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CLASSES

ESL Calvary classes will be starting at Calvary on Monday, January 27 (testing and registration). Regular classes will begin Monday, February 3. Classes meet on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00p. Five levels of English instruction are available for internationals (adults over 18) right here in our church. Please invite the people of the nations to come! For more information, please contact David or Merita Scott at [meritadlsmb@gmail.com](mailto:meritadlsmb@gmail.com).

## SONSHINE SENIOR HOME MINISTRY

The next meeting for the SonShine Senior Home Ministry will be Sunday, February 16, at 2:00p, at Alexandria Manor in Nazareth. 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.



## 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 February 8, 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 610.868.3737.

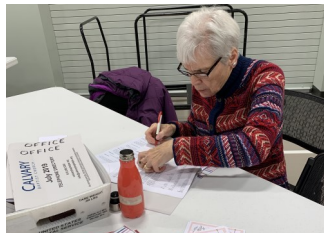
**Monday Needle Crafters Group** will meet February 17, from 9:00a-12:00p, in Room 107 at Calvary. For more info, contact Deb Bednarcik at 484.767.0570.

# CALVARY

# Announcements

## HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Helping Hands is a multi-generational group who come together for a great time of fellowship on the first Thursday of each month from 10:00a-12:00p. They provide support to the office staff, work on a variety of helpful tasks, spend time in God's Word, and eat lunch together. *Anyone is welcome to join us!* Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 6, at 10:00a. Bring a sandwich and be encouraged and uplifted by the testimonies of other group members. For more information, contact Joan Bacon.



## 2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving Statements **will not** be mailed or available at the Church. Your 2019 Giving Statement will be available for you online at the Calvary Connection (our church database). If you would prefer a hard copy of your statement, please call the Church Office at 610.365.5300 to request one be mailed to you.

### How to Obtain Your Statement Online:

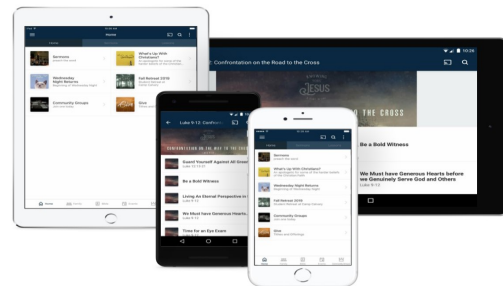
- Log on to the Calvary Connection at [calvarybaptistpa.org](http://calvarybaptistpa.org) and request a login and password if you do not already have one. \*PLEASE NOTE \* - it may take 24 hours to receive your login information.
- Go into your personal profile and choose the "Involvement" tab
- Scroll to the "Financial" box (hover arrow over box)
- Click the ellipsis "..." and choose "Giving Statement"

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## INTRODUCING...THE CALVARY APP

  
Calvary Baptist App

Available in App Stores



3 ways to download

1. search "calvary baptist app" in any app store
2. go to [calvarybaptistpa.org](http://calvarybaptistpa.org) and follow link "THE APP"
3. set your phone to camera and point it at this code







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LADIES,  
YOU'RE INVITED!!

IF:CALVARY  
MARCH 14, 2020  
9AM- 6PM

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 TOGETHER

CONTACT KIM TANIS AT  
**mcnealkm1@gmail.com**  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS



# February 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>*The Food Pantry is located at Templo El Refugio 111 Dewberry Avenue Bethlehem 18017</b>						Women's Outdoor Event (Off Campus)  <b>1</b>
9:00 & 10:45a Sunday Services & Classes 12:15p Missions Luncheon  <b>2</b>	*9:00-11:00a Food Pantry 6:00p Men's Basketball 7:00p ESL  <b>3</b>	6:30a Corporate Prayer *9:00-11:00a Food Pantry 9:30a Precepts 7:00p Elder Board Meeting  <b>4</b>	6:00p Kids Choirs 6:30p Student Activities 6:45p Children, Adult Classes, Adult Choir  <b>5</b>	10:00a Helping Hands  <b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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9:00 & 10:45a Sunday Services & Classes 1:00p Creation Science Outreach  <b>23</b>	6:00p Men's Basketball 7:00p ESL  <b>24</b>	6:30a Corporate Prayer 9:30a Precepts  <b>25</b>	6:00p Kids Choirs 6:30p Student Activities 6:45p Children, Adult Classes  <b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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