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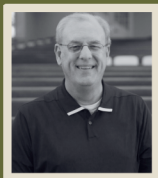
FALL 2026



ALL I HAVE NEEDED



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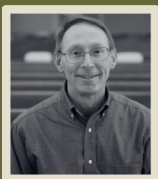
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Psalm 37 is what I consider a psalm for the mature believer. (Maybe that is because it contains the famous line of testimony that feels more true every day, “I was young and now I am old, and yet...”) Here the poet offers us many assurances about God’s care and deliverance but also balances those with the expectation of attention to God’s guidance and expectations. I wouldn’t go so far as to say it makes God’s provision conditional upon our behavior. But the psalmist is clear that the Lord makes firm our steps when we delight in the Lord; or in the context of our year together, when we walk the way of Jesus. However, for my purposes here, the key verse is verse four: “Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.”

I learned early on in life that there is a difference between what I want and what I need. I can’t say that I haven’t forgotten that often along the way. Surely, I have. But my parents were always sure to make the distinction between the necessary and the wishful. Without any reservation at all, I can testify to the fact that God has always provided what I and my family needed. Along with the hymn writer, I can confess that “All I have needed, thy hand hath provided.” God has always been faithful to care for me and the ones I love.

For some, these words say something else. They seem to say that if we delight ourselves in the Lord, God will give us what we desire. Also drawing from my experience since I once was young and now I am old, I know that this does not mean that God gives us what we want just because we desire it. If that is true, I would have a late 60’s, early 70’s cobalt blue Corvette in my garage. So, I doubt this is the truth we seek here.

Instead, I have come to learn that when we delight ourselves in God's love and care for us, God shapes the desires of our hearts. When we live out of God's priorities for us we experience true joy and contentment. The desires of our hearts are fulfilled because they are what God desires for us. To me this is the fullness of the 'all' in all I have needed. God does more than provide. God forms us to want what God does for us in ways that make us whole and complete or, dare I say, mature.

Autumn has long been a time to celebrate God's provision. Each year's harvest is a recurring reminder of how God has provided. Fall at Calvary will be that in many ways this year. After an amazing Lent and Easter season and a full summer, we can reflect on all of the blessings God is pouring out on us.

You will read more about the events and ministries that will happen in this season in the pages that follow. You will see in them that we are trying some new ways of doing a few things this fall. In every case, we are thinking about how we can get connected to more people in our community. So, you will read about a new intergenerational approach to our Fall Festival and Bring-a-Friend Sunday as well as a musical celebration of American music that will take the form of an afternoon coffee house. (Again, more details will follow.) You will also see the first information about our coming capital campaign: Faith Connects. I believe this campaign will be yet another moment in which we discover just how generously God has provided for us at Calvary.

I trust you will read carefully the pages that follow. My prayer is always that what is represented here creates opportunities for us to delight together in God's presence and goodness; and I believe that when we do, God will give us all we need.

**BLESSINGS,
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Commitment Sunday
November 22nd

Faith Moves was the campaign that raised money to build the ROC, and now, Faith Connects will lead us into the next chapter of our shared story.

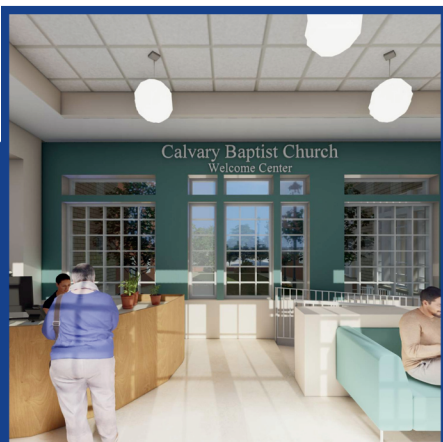
We will not only be connecting buildings. Most importantly, the projects funded by this capital campaign will be connecting people. Faith Connects will enable us to make our downtown campus safer, more welcoming and more accessible by:

- Creating a new gathering space in Education Building 1
- Building a secure connection center between our two buildings
- Adding an interior ramp to improve accessibility to the Sanctuary and restrooms
- Installing a convenient drop-off area and wider walkways
- Establishing a maintenance fund for future needs

In the coming months, you will receive more details about how you can be part of Faith Connects. We ask you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you. Together, we can build stronger connections for generations to come. Commitment Sunday will be November 22 with plans to celebrate together at our annual Thanksgiving Lunch following worship. All are welcome.

Faith Connects Leadership Team

*Becky Wills, Co-Chair
John Horne II, Co-Chair
Sally and Jimmy Adams
Carla Blanton
Nancy and Phil Boatman
Adeyimika Desmennu
Bettie Kingkade*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Thanksgiving Lunch

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
12PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL/GYM

This year we will celebrate Commitment Day for "Faith Connects" at our annual lunch. No cost or ticket required.

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce Maria Harrington as their candidate for Minister to Families with Children. Maria and Ryan joined Calvary in 2009 and have been raising their three girls here in our church family. We will host brunch with families at 10AM and a meeting with children's teachers and volunteers in the afternoon, both on Saturday, August 15. Both events are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Maria will share briefly in both worship services on Sunday, August 16. A Special Called Business Meeting will commence upon the adjournment of the Quarterly Business Meeting, allowing for a congregational vote.



Use the QR code to learn more about the candidate



CAFÉ *Americana*

Sunday, November 15 • 3-5PM in Fellowship Hall

Calvary presents a one-of-a-kind musical journey through the classic American soundtrack! From big band swing and timeless jazz to modern pop favorites. This talented lineup featuring dynamic soloists, ensembles, the acoUstiKats and a house band that includes Kevin Raybuck, Chuck Powell, and drummer Monty Stallins, will have you singing along all night. Don't forget to stop by the café for a specialty coffee or tea to enjoy along with the music. There is no cost for admission and we hope you'll invite some friends too. Donations for the café will benefit Mission Health Lexington.



BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

OCT
18

Introduce a friend to Calvary!

Invite a neighbor, a friend, a family member, a fellow soccer mom/dad, a co-worker, your mailperson, or anyone else you think might desire to find a church home and community of believers. We will host a special time of refreshments on the Green Space between the ROC and the Sanctuary buildings, providing a great opportunity to gather to chat and get to know others. So extend the invitation to join you in worship (and maybe even Sunday School)!

Then that evening, invite them to gather with us for our annual Fall Festival.

We look forward to welcoming your guests to our campus.

Early Worship 8:30AM

Refreshments on the Green

Space 9:30-10AM

Sunday School 9:45AM

Traditional Worship 11:00AM

Fall Festival 3-5PM



FALL FESTIVAL

3-5PM

- Mini Golf
- Bingo for All Ages
- Matt's Hot Dog Stand & Tom's Coffee Truck
- Kids Games & Prizes
- Live music
- Inflatables
- Cornhole



*Celebrate fall with Calvary!
There is something for everyone this
year. Invite a friend or neighbor to
come along.*

THE WAY OF JESUS: LEARNING FROM HIS STORIES

A SEASON WITH THE PARABLES

The Kingdom of God is like..." With these simple words, Jesus welcomes us into a world of symbol and story meant to make us fully aware of, and totally present in, the inbreaking Kingdom of God in our world. This fall we will engage in the third movement of our year-long exploration of the way of Jesus by learning from the stories Jesus told us. We call those stories parables.

The word parable literally means to cast alongside. Practically, a parable is a story we can understand by our own experience that is intended to give us insight into a spiritual truth, which is not as readily understood. In the case of the parables that Jesus tells in the Gospels, the truth to which they consistently point is that the Kingdom of God has come and is at work all around us.

In his book, *Proclaiming the Parables: Preaching and Teaching the Kingdom of God*, Tom Long puts it this way:

[The parables] deepest purpose is to disclose the Kingdom of God, which is not an idea, not even just a complex symbol with generative and centrifugal force; but an event, the inbreaking of the life of God into life and history. I began to see parables not merely as creative figures of speech, but as GPS devices taking believers to those places where the event of God is happening all around us. The parables take us to the place where the prayer "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" is even now being answered. (Long, xiii)

Ultimately, that is where we need to go. The Kingdom of God has been our destination all along because that is where the way of Jesus always leads. I look forward to walking this part of the path with you this fall.



Aug 2	Setting the Table	Mark 4:26-29
Aug 9	Doorkeeping Deacons	Mark 13:32-37
Aug 16	Farmers and Their Stories	Mark 4, Matt 13, Luke 8
Aug 23	Small Packages	Mk 4:26-32, Mt 13:33; Lk 13:18-21
Aug 30	Wheat, Weeds and Fish	Matthew 13:24-30, 47-52
Sep 6	A Fair Wage	Matthew 20:1-16
Sep 13	Precious Treasures	Matthew 13:44-46
Sep 20	Sheep and Goats	Matthew 25:31-46
Sep 27	<i>Special Guest Preacher</i>	<i>Dr. Bob Browning</i>
Oct 4	Welcome to the Feast	Luke 14:15-24
Oct 11	A Patient Father	Luke 15:11-32
Oct 18	A Good Friend	Luke 10:25-37
Oct 25	Minas and Talents	Luke 19:11-26; Matthew 25:14-30
Nov 1	The Wise and the Foolish	Mt 7:24-27; Lk 12:13-22

BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Ancient Truth: A Survey of the Wisdom of the Hebrew Scriptures

Where does one go for wisdom? We have plenty of options in these days. We have more information available to us than in any time in human history. Not only has more data been archived but with the help of internet search engines, we can access it with ease. The trouble often comes with what to make of the information we are receiving. AI tools are developing that give us a summary of information at times; but they fail at providing anything amounting to real meaning. Making meaning of the data, interpreting the information in ways that make it useful to our lives is the function of wisdom. Where does one go for wisdom?

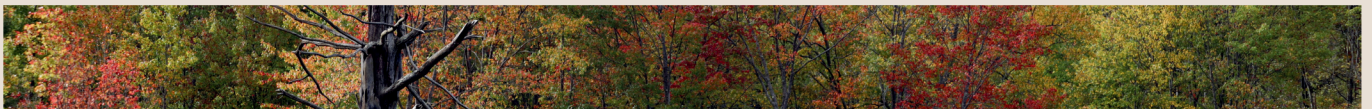
In our Wednesday Bible studies this fall, we will turn to some of the oldest written texts available to us—the wisdom literature of the Hebrew Bible—in our search for every day, practical wisdom. We will spend the fall surveying the books of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Songs from the Old Testament. We will offer two sessions again this fall at 4PM and 6PM.

BEGINNING AUG. 19

4:00PM in the
Fireside Room

or

6:00PM in
Fellowship Hall



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday Mornings at 7:45AM
Conference Room**

Men of all ages are invited to Bible study on Thursday mornings. Hank Ellington leads this casual, discussion-based study. Join us for thoughtful questions, genuine connection and, occasionally, doughnuts. Zoom option is available. Please contact Hank Ellington for more information.

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays at 7PM
College Suite (EB1, 3rd Floor)**

College students and young adults are invited to dinner and Bible study on Wednesday evenings beginning September 2nd. Friends are always welcome, so invite someone to come along with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Niki Hays at niki@calvarybaptistchurch.com.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays at 5PM
Youth Lounge (EB1, Basement)**

Sunday evenings this fall the youth are diving into a Bible study series called "Deep Thoughts: An Open Discussion of Some Often Confusing Topics" and then will follow up with "The Good Book: Our Journey of Faith Through the Bible." If you'd like to know more about youth Bible study please contact chuck@calvarybaptistchurch.com

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**September 14 - October 26
10:45AM-12:00PM, Rachel's Room**

Ladies of all ages are invited to gather for our fall Bible study, "When Faith Becomes Sight" by Jennifer Rothschild. This video-based study explores the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective. Sherry Johnson will facilitate this study and will supplement with additional resources. Please purchase your book before the start of the study.



**November 9 - 30 *
10:45AM-12:00PM, Rachel's Room**

Ladies of all ages are invited to hear from retired missionary Jan Hill who will share key events of Baptist growth in Southeast Asia and how Calvary Baptist Church was involved. We will also examine mission work here in Kentucky and pray for the CBF missionaries on their birthday as listed in the CBF calendar. No book to purchase.

*We will skip Nov. 23 due to Thanksgiving week

MISSIONS

MISSION DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 • 9AM-1PM

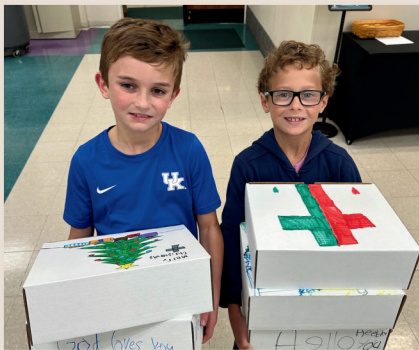
Calvary's Mission Day is a bi-annual event where all ages work side by side serving the local community. There will be projects for every age and skill level so bring the whole family!



BOXES FOR APPALACHIA

NOVEMBER

Help create Christmas boxes with small gifts to brighten the season for children, teens, and seniors in southern Kentucky. Scan the QR code to read more about Christmas Boxes for Appalachia and general box guidelines.



CHRISTMAS PROJECT

OCTOBER

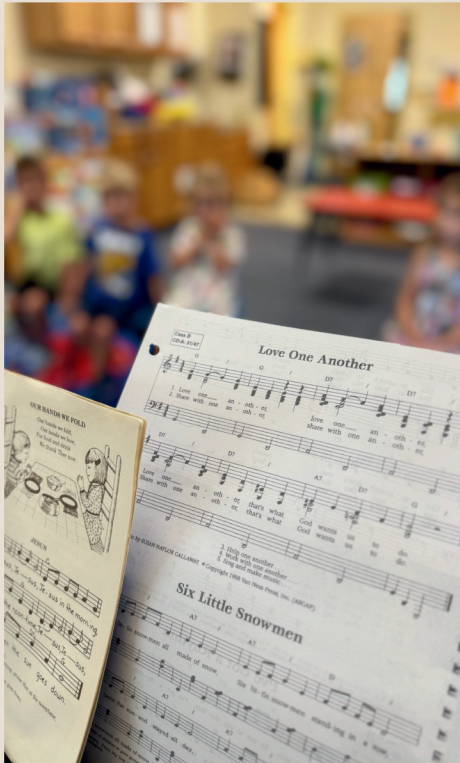
Drop off donations for the Christmas Project Store. The most helpful items are like-new toys, children's clothing and household items as well as packages of diapers, wipes and other household consumables like detergent, paper towels, etc.

NOVEMBER

Children's wish lists are available, donation sorting begins and gift wrapping will start at the end of the month. Scan the QR code for more details.



CHILDREN & YOUTH



Praise Kids & Mission Kids

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Praise Kids | 5:45PM

Music and choir program for preschool and elementary children

Mission Kids | 6:30PM

Mission education for children in preschool and elementary

Middle School Backyard Dinner

OCTOBER 11, 5PM
@ CHUCK'S

Annual Middle School night at Chuck's house for dinner, s'mores, games and prayer/devotion

Youth D-Now Weekend

NOVEMBER 6-8

Students in 6th-12th grade are invited to Calvary's annual retreat weekend featuring worship, Bible study, games, food, and more! This year we'll help with Calvary's Mission Day on Saturday morning. Register online by Oct. 14. Cost is \$75 per student.

Bible Presentation

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

During worship on this Sunday the Calvary family presents our younger elementary students with their own children's Bible as a way to continue to support their spiritual growth as they become more independent learners.

Children's Sabbath

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Our children will lead us in worship as we celebrate the important role children hold in the life of our church and emphasize our commitment to them and their families.

High School Backyard Dinner

OCTOBER 25, 5PM @ CHUCK'S

Annual High School night at Chuck's house for dinner, s'mores, games and prayer/devotion



CHILDREN & YOUTH



LOGOS

Senior Ministry



Corvette Museum

SEPT. 10



Travel with the group to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky for a tour and lunch. Cost is \$23 plus lunch.

9AM-5PM

Autumn is just around the corner, and the LOGOS Senior Ministry (for adults 60+) is gearing up for a wonderful season ahead! Our calendar is packed with fun fall activities, all focused on building great friendships and enjoying community.

Come be a part of it! Bring a friend along, or just bring yourself; either way, you're guaranteed to leave with a smile and a few new friends.

Registration for each event opens 30 days prior to the scheduled activity. Please email Tyanna to RSVP or call the church office.

Join us for a Fall Potluck in Fellowship Hall. Meredith Ward will join us and share about cyber threats including phishing emails and text messages, password security, identity theft and safe use of smartphones, computers and social media.

11:30AM- 2PM



Fall Potluck & Cyber Threat Presentation

SEPT. 24

Falls of the Ohio State Park

OCT. 16



Senior adults are invited to journey together just over the Ohio River to Clarksville, Indiana to the Falls of the Ohio River to explore the Interpretive Center. The center reflects the layers of history including information about the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

9AM-5PM



St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church

NOV. 12

The LOGOS group stays local to take a tour of St. Andrew Orthodox Church right here in Lexington with lunch following.

9AM-2PM

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Fall Spiritual Formation Retreat

THE POWER OF STORY

Learning How to Listen to and Tell Stories of Faith

Saturday, September 19th 8:30AM-Noon at Calvary

"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story..." (Psalm 107:2)
Storytelling is essential to faith as it preserves tradition, shapes identity, and builds community. Make plans to gather as we explore stories of faith and methods of storytelling. Adults of all ages are invited and encouraged to invite friends, family, and neighbors. This event is free and free childcare is provided as well for children birth thru 5th grade. Check-in and breakfast begin at 8:30AM.



Use QR code for more info & to register



We welcome Dr. John Inscore Essick, pastor and BSK Theological Seminary professor, as our plenary speaker. Participants will also have the opportunity to choose from several breakout sessions to attend.



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Gather on Sundays at 10AM for Bible Study and *Wednesdays at 7PM for dinner and Bible study! We meet in the College Suite (EB1, 3rd floor).

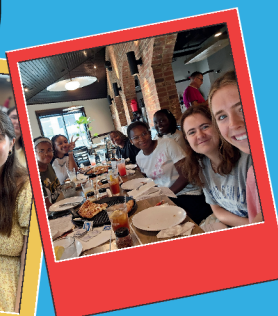
COLLEGE MINISTRY



***Wednesdays begin Sept. 2**



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Calvary's College & Young Adult Ministry offers a connecting point for those who are looking to study the Bible, serve God, and build relationships. We know this is a truly unique season of life and we desire to walk with you as you learn, grow, and discover.

Friends are ALWAYS Welcome!



SUMMER MEMORIES

WHAT WE DID THIS SUMMER

Summer is normally a busy time around Calvary and this year has been no exception. Our halls have been filled with smiling children at our three day camps. Our gym has been put to great use for our annual Calvary Pickleball Cup and recreation time for the summer session of Parents' Day Out. Our buses have put in the mileage to carry our campers to Passport camps and our seniors to LOGOS trips. And our hands have been busy working to serve our neighbors near and far.

STEAM CAMP
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
MAHJONG
EXTREME BUILD
ASHEVILLE MISSION TRIP
CREATIVE ARTS CAMP
PICKLEBALL CUP
DEACON FELLOWSHIP
PASSPORT CAMPS
LOGOS TRIPS
AND MORE!



SAVE THE DATE...

NOV
29

1st Sunday of Advent

DEC
06

Gaudete Sunday

DEC
12

Christmas Project Day

DEC
20

Adult Sunday School
Christmas Fellowship



Wednesday Evenings

Join us!

BEGINNING AUGUST 19!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

5:15PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

4:00PM OR 6:00PM

BABIES - 5TH GRADE

5:45PM PRAISE KIDS

6:30PM MISSION KIDS

RECHARGE (6TH-12TH GRADE)

6:00PM

SANCTUARY CHOIR

6:00PM

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS *

7:00PM

*Beginning September 2



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