

*"Whoever claims to abide in him,
must walk as Jesus walked."*

1 John 2:6



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Walking With Jesus

I can still remember trying to make my feet fit into the footprints my father's boots would leave in the freshly tilled dirt of our garden. Like most little boys, I wanted to be just like my dad, which included walking like he walked. Now I am not sure how much matching his steps had to do with it (the truth is that my stride overtook his pretty early on); but I do kind of walk like my father.

Maybe that is why Jesus invites us simply to follow him. The basic idea of discipleship is really just to put our feet in his footprints in the freshly tilled dirt of our lives. The closer and longer we follow the more we become like him. The best way to learn the way of Jesus is by walking as Jesus walked, by living as Jesus lived. That will be our focus during Lent this year.

The reality is that the process is simple but it requires both intention and attention on our part. Proximity doesn't necessarily lead to transformation. I could just as easily have ignored the influence of my parents. Just because I lived with them didn't necessarily mean I would learn to live like them. But I made a choice to pay attention and try life their way. And so, in many aspects, that are becoming more obvious everyday (at least according to my wife and children), I am like them.

The same is true for us in learning the way of Jesus. Proximity—drawing closer to Jesus—is a good start; but it offers no guarantee. To learn the way of Jesus we must pay attention to how Jesus walked, how Jesus treated people, what Jesus said and how Jesus prayed. The Lenten season provides us an opportunity to declare our intent to be attentive. In the pages that follow, you will see multiple offerings to help you do that as we prepare for and celebrate the resurrection of the One we follow.

Speaking of Celebrations, the Season of Eastertide (the period between Easter and Pentecost) will be filled with important events marking a variety of life passages. April 19th will be the last day of the very long and faithful ministry of Carrie Beth Tonks as a staff minister here at Calvary. We will gather that day to celebrate her life with us and wish her well as she begins a new chapter. Also in April and May, we will mark the significant milestones of College and High School graduations and celebrate the ministries that nurture our youth and students. You will find more about all of these events and lots more to know in the pages that follow.

Our steps might not always match those of Jesus. But God is gracious and is always urging us onward. I hope you will join me as we walk together the way of Jesus.

Blessings,
Monty

SUMMER CAMPS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 8-12 • NO COST

Illumination Station

At Illumination Station VBS, kids will be challenged to answer Jesus' important question to His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" They'll enjoy crafts, games, songs, and more!

[Completed PreK4 thru 5th grade]



REGISTRATION INFO!

Registration for VBS, Creative Arts Camp, and STEAM Camp opens to active Calvary participants and their immediate families on MARCH 8 (online).

Registration for these camps will open to the community April 2 (online).

CREATIVE ARTS CAMP

June 15-18 • NO COST

Holiday Time!

Experience all the holidays through crafts, music, puppets, instruments, cooking, and other track options. Hands-on learning and fun awaits your child as they explore, create, and perform.

[Completed 1st thru 5th grade]

Summer Camp Registration



PASSPORT CAMPS

PASSPORTYouth

July 5 - 10 Cost: \$500

Completed 6th-12th graders are invited to join us at summer camp this year in Spartanburg, SC.

Registration is open now and closes March 22.

Contact Chuck Powell for more info and to register.

PASSPORTkids

June 22 - 25 Cost: \$378

Completed 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us at summer camp this year in Berea, KY.

Registration is open now. Contact Carrie Beth Tonks for more info and to register.

STEAM CAMP

June 29-July 2
NO COST

Age of Awesome: A STEAM Adventure

Join us for an exciting journey through time as we explore innovative inventions from the medieval era to the futuristic world ahead. Campers will discover how creativity, science, and technology have shaped human progress- and imagine the breakthroughs still to come!

[Completed 2nd thru 7th grade]

Living as Jesus Lived: Lenten Worship in 2026

For a quarter of a century, I have preached through Lent. Each year I come back to the Gospel story with a prayer to find a new and fresh way of entering into the life of Jesus. I should say that this is as much for me as it is to prepare a sermon. There is something wonderful about knowing that I can focus on the rich material of the Gospels during this season. The story of Jesus has never failed to offer something new, something I have never seen before each and every year. There is so much more to Jesus than we can ever learn. That is why I look forward to Lenten worship. These services provide us a space within the chaos of our lives to enter again into the story that continues to transform us—that continues to shed new light on the way of Jesus.

So, we will enter again this year into the life of Jesus to see how he lived and explore how we can emulate his pattern. Note the schedule for the services of this season.

I also feel like every year we just scratch the surface. These are only a few episodes in a beautifully woven story. Maybe this will just be the beginning of a new commitment to living what we experience in them.

Blessings,
Monty

February 22

Trusting God's Purpose
Matthew 4:1-11

March 1

Preaching the Gospel
Mark 1:14-15

March 8

Retreating to Pray
Mark 1:35-37

March 15

Keeping Good Company
Mark 2:13-17

March 22

Healing the Wounded
Mark 5:21-43

March 29

Entering the Chaos
Matthew 21:1-17
Palm Sunday

April 2

Silent Communion
Maundy Thursday

April 3

"Vainly They Sealed the
Dead"
Matthew 27:62-66
Good Friday

April 5

Overcoming Death
Matthew 28:1-10
Easter



Weekday Holy Week Services

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
March 30-April 1

12PM • First United Methodist Downtown
6PM Tuesday • Calvary Baptist Church

Gather for a time of worship with First United Methodist and other downtown churches at noon on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (at FUMC) and at 6PM on Tuesday (at Calvary). After noontime worship, everyone is invited to purchase a box lunch to eat with the group or on your own if your lunch hour is limited.



Maundy Thursday Service

April 2

5-7PM • Calvary's Sanctuary

The Sanctuary will be open for a self-directed experience of the holy moments in the Upper Room. One of our ministers will be at the Communion Table to serve you when you are ready. Childcare available for birth through 5th grade.



Good Friday Service

April 3

12PM • Calvary's Sanctuary

Our Good Friday service includes singing, a short message, and time for reflection. Join us as we encounter Jesus at the cross.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 5 • 8:30AM in Fellowship Hall & 11AM in the Sanctuary

You are invited to join us for Easter at Calvary as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. Children are encouraged to bring a fresh flower to help "flower the cross" for the Sanctuary.



College Sunday

April 26 • 8:30AM & 11AM

Join us for worship as our college students and young adults share about how the Lord is moving in their lives and as we recognize our college graduates. Students, graduates and their families are invited to lunch following the 11AM worship service.



College students graduating this spring (or this past winter) should complete our graduation form to participate in graduate recognition during College Sunday.

Youth Sunday

May 10 • 8:30AM & 11AM

In each of the morning worship services, Calvary's youth lead worship and we recognize our High School graduates. Breakfast for youth, high school seniors and their families at 9:45AM in the Youth Lounge.



Students graduating from high school should complete our form to participate in graduate recognition during Youth Sunday.



BIBLE STUDY

→ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Monday Mornings
April 20 - May 4
10:45AM-12PM

Women of all ages are invited to a Bible study on dealing with anxiety in a woman's world. A Zoom option will also be available. Contact Kristy Hayes or the church office with any questions.



→ COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Wednesdays
Thru April 22
7PM



College students and young adults are invited to gather for Bible study and dinner on Wednesday nights in the College Suite. Come connect with others your age who desire to grow in their relationship with God as well as build meaningful friendships. Friends are always welcome and everything is free, so extend the invitation!

→ MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Thursday Mornings
7:45-8:30AM

Men are invited to this ongoing Bible study on Thursday mornings led by Hank Ellington. Join us as we examine scripture and discuss how it leads us in our daily life. Contact the church office for more information.



ADULTS, WHY SUNDAY SCHOOL?

- Sunday School provides the opportunity to connect deeper with others in Bible study, prayer, and community.
- Sunday School provides space to discuss and grapple with matters of faith.
- Sunday School is the place to nurture your relationship with God and with others.



Sunday School meets weekly at 9:45AM. Scan the QR code for a complete listing of adult classes.

Contact Niki Hays with Questions

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

4PM
Fireside Room

6PM
Fellowship Hall

This spring Monty continues the churchwide adult Bible study on Wednesdays, "The Way of Jesus: Listening to His Heart," which explores the Sermon on the Mount. The 6PM session is available to livestream.

MISSIONS

CBF OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS



Learn more
about CBF
Missions
here.



Calvary's goal for the CBF Offering for Global Missions is \$10,000 and 100% of the offering goes directly to support the long-term presence of CBF Field Personnel serving in the United States and around the world.

Offering Date: Sunday, May 17

REGISTER



6th-12th Grades
April 6-8
8:30 AM-3:30 PM

Youth are invited to spend the first few days of Spring Break serving our city as we do small mission projects with Calvary's partners around Lexington. Monday through Wednesday includes a mission project in the morning followed by lunch together and a fun activity or outing after lunch. Contact Chuck Powell for more information.



SERVE YOUR CITY - YOUTH MISSION DAYS

SPRING MISSION DAY

Saturday, April 18, 9AM-1PM

We're coming together for a day of service supporting our mission partners, The Nest (Duncan Park location) and High Street Neighborhood Center. All ages are invited to participate in jobs like painting, washing toys, organizing, yard work, and clean-up. No registration is required. Meet in the vending area of the ROC at 9AM for prayer.



GIRLS IN ACTION (GA) MISSION ADVENTURE NIGHT

March 20
6-9PM
ROC



Girls in 1st-5th grades are invited for an evening of pizza, mission learning and activities, gym time, and more. Invite a friend!



PLUG-INTO A PLACE OF SERVICE

Ongoing Opportunities Offer a Place to Connect and Serve



CLOTHED BY GRACE

Wednesdays
11AM-1 PM in the ROC

Shop with customers on Wednesdays or sort clothing donations various times during the week. Maurine Mitchell and Barbara Bowman are our volunteer coordinators for this ministry.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Select Your Day(s)

Deliver meals to seniors any day of the week as many days as desired. Calvary's assigned route takes approximately 2 hours. Susan Rayer is our volunteer coordinator for this ministry.



GOD'S PANTRY

Tuesdays & Thursdays
4:30-7PM

Sign-up for one of Calvary's shifts to help customers shop or load groceries. God's Pantry is located at St. Luke's Church on Alumni Drive. Michelle Moseley is our volunteer coordinator for this ministry.

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JULY 26-31, 2026

Calvary is taking a team to Asheville, North Carolina to help with recovery work from Helene. We'll stay at FBC Asheville or alternate hotel arrangements can be made separately if preferred. Ages 12 and older are invited. Children 12-18 must attend with a responsible adult.



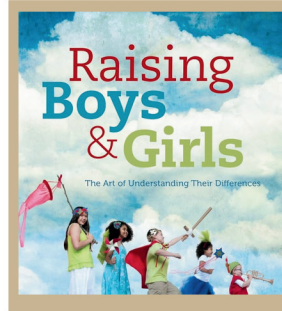
Contact Chuck Powell for details about Calvary's Mission opportunities.



NEW BABY OPEN HOUSE

*MARCH 22
12:10PM
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New and expectant parents are invited to meet our Baby & Crawler Sunday School teachers, get a tour of the baby room and preschool area, pick-up a copy of our preschool policies, and get a goody bag just for your family. No registration is necessary.



RAISING BOYS & GIRLS

*MARCH 11-25
6-7:10PM
FIRESIDE*



Parents, grandparents, church volunteers, and other caregivers of children from preschool to high school are invited to this study by Sissy Goff to learn how to better communicate, understand, and connect with kids of all ages. This study is led by Carrie Beth Tonks.



END OF YEAR BASH

It's the end of the school year and we're ready to party! All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us at Malibu Jacks for dinner (the youth ministry is providing dinner) and games (please bring money for games). Friends are welcome! Sign-up using the QR code. If you have questions, please contact Chuck Powell.

MAY 17, 4:30-7:30PM



POUND THE PARENTS

Lace up those sneakers and brush up on your trivia because bragging rights and the world's smallest trophy are on the line! Youth parents will battle it out with the youth using brains and brawn. Who will walk away victorious? All 6th-12th graders and their parents/guardians/ or other brave adults who claim them, are welcome!

APRIL 26, 5-7:30PM IN THE GYM

Road Trip- Branson Bound

Adults 55+ are invited to join us May 11-16 as we travel by motorcoach to Branson, Missouri. The trip includes 5 nights of lodging, 6 shows including David at the Sights and Sound Theater, 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners. Other shows include: Beach Boys: California Dreamin', Edge of Illusion, Haygoods, Spirit of America, and the Doug Gabriel Morning Show.

\$755 for double occupancy

\$954 for single occupancy

A \$75 deposit is due to reserve your spot. If you have any questions or would like to sign-up, please contact Tyanna White at tyanna@calvarybaptistchurch.com



AGING
FAITHFULLY
Book Study
March 22, 4PM
Rachel's Room

Would you like to grow in life-giving ways as you age? In her book, *Aging Faithfully*, spiritual director Alice Fryling offers comfort and encouragement about growing older as she explores how to navigate the journey of retirement, lifestyle changes, and new opportunities that come with aging well. Join Carrie Beth in this one session book discussion.



REGISTER

Abbey of Gethsemani Day Trip



Thursday, April 23

Our senior adult ministry will travel to Bardstown for lunch and then continue on to the Abbey at Gethsemani in Trappist, KY for a guided tour by Dr William G. Brown, a former Catholic priest. The tour is free but please bring money for lunch.

Registration will begin on March 24, Please email tyanna@calvarybaptistchurch.com to register.

The Abbey of Gethsemani is a school of the Lord's service, a training ground for brotherly love. Following Christ under a rule and an abbot, we Trappist monks lead lives of prayer, work and sacred reading, steeped in the heart and mystery of the Church..



Mark Your Calendar

PDO Registration Opens for Summer & Fall

Calvary's Parents Day Out and Preschool offers fun and learning for children 3 months thru 5 years. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30AM-2PM. You can learn more on our website or by scanning the QR code.

February 16: Registration opens for summer and fall for current PDO families and active Calvary participants

March 2: Registration opens for summer and fall for the community

Outdoor Adventures Loading

You might have noticed something new has been in the making down at High Street Neighborhood Center (HSNC), one of Calvary's strategic ministry partners. New playground equipment and turf is being installed to replace 25 year old equipment and mulch that was causing upkeep and drainage challenges.



Calvary member, Dave Bowman, helps install playground equipment for the 0-2 years playground space. Additionally, this space includes musical instrument stations as well as a slide and a mini playhouse.

Spearheaded by HSNC's Board of Directors, this project sought to create two playspaces (0-2 years and 2-5 years) that would engage children in outdoor, creative play. Some of the improvements include more durable and permanent equipment, sun shades, and outdoor turf. Additionally, both play spaces have a concrete space, a track and a sidewalk, for children to utilize for the ride-on toys like bikes and scooters.

This project was funded through funds saved by the Center as well as private donations. The HSNC Board would like to thank Calvary members who helped with the install, as well as those from FUMC and UK's Tri Delta sorority. You can read about HSNC's mission at highstreetneighborhood.org.

Calvary Members on the HSNC Board include: Sandra Palmer, Sam Todd, Shelby Stevens, Katie Henderson, Lisse Lawson, and Rebecca Price.



Have you heard about Calvary's newest partnership? Beginning April 1, we will welcome the YMCA to our facility. With the closing of their High Street building, the YMCA is partnering with us to host 15 of their exercise classes in the aerobics room on the second floor of the ROC. They will offer classes as early as 6AM, from Yoga to Zumba and everything in between. These classes will be free of charge to all ROC members as well as active Calvary participants. A full schedule of classes offered will be available on our website in March.



NEW STAFF



Meet Calvary's new Business Administrator, Marty Lautner. Marty handles all things financial and comes to Calvary with a wealth of knowledge in non-profits. For questions about giving, including e-giving, please contact Marty by calling the church office.

Celebrating Faithful Service

For more than 30 years, Carrie Beth Tonks has served families with children and more recently she has taken the lead with congregational care. It would be impossible to calculate just how many families have been impacted by Carrie Beth's ministry here at Calvary. However, the fruit of her ministry is both plentiful and evident.

"I was impacted by Carrie Beth's ministry years ago, and now getting to see my son be part of that too, even briefly, has been really meaningful," said Ashley (Horne) Million. "It's a cool reminder of how her influence has stretched across so many families."



Though she will be missed as she moves into retirement, her impact and how she made our children feel will be long remembered. "Mrs. Carrie Beth is a joy to have at church. She makes me feel comfortable, and she also makes church very special and engaging for me," said Teddy Oladele (5th grade). "I'm very grateful to have had her as my children's minister."

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for one more hearty but not frozen family fun fellowship with food and fabulous games to celebrate Carrie Beth's next chapter. Come and enjoy snacks and activities and say thank you to Carrie Beth for her ministry at Calvary.



Retirement Celebration for CARRIE BETH TONKS

Sunday, April 19th 3PM, Fellowship Hall



Snapshots of the season
TOGETHER

We had no shortage of opportunities to gather together over these last few months. From age-graded activities like the youth group's Disciple Now event to churchwide events like our annual Thanksgiving Lunch, we welcomed one another into community and fellowship. We're grateful for the ways in which our church family participated, served, ministered, and came alongside one another to encourage and spur one another on.



Annual Thanksgiving Lunch



College Friendsgiving



Winter Youth Summit



LOGOS Bunco & Chili



Youth Disciple Now

CHRISTMAS AT CALVARY

Annual Traditions Ground Us in the Midst of the Hustle and Bustle

There are many holiday traditions you can count on at Calvary; traditions that both bring us together and remind us that Christ is the center of the season. Traditions like Calvary's Christmas Project, Christmas Eve Worship, Gaudete Sunday, the children's Bethlehem Morning, and Sunday School parties, coupled with newer traditions like our Longest Night Service and Christmas caroling to our Home Reach seniors, bring meaning and purpose to what can often seem like the busiest season of the year.



Connect to Calvary



**SUNDAY,
MAY 3
9:45AM**



*Contact Niki Hays
with Questions*

- We invite guests and new members to come learn more about Calvary and ways they can connect.
- Learn about Sunday School classes, mission and service opportunities, navigating our campus, and church membership, plus meet our ministers.
- We hope to get to know you a little better and help you get to know Calvary a little better.

*Scan the QR code
to register and
let us know you'll
be there.*



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