



Gather and Grow

"...faith
the size of
a mustard
seed."

"...every
good tree
bears good
fruit."

"...like
a tree
planted by
the water..."

Connection
SUMMER 2026



Gather & GROW

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Right now I can close my eyes and taste it: the fresh sweet corn cut off the cob and cooked up in an iron skillet. I would pile it on my plate right next to the green beans I had helped to break and the ripe tomatoes that my grandfather had pulled off the plants. The garden was coming in and our table was full.

There's nothing like it. Some of you know what I mean. The hard work of breaking the ground, drawing out the rows, planting, weeding and praying was literally bearing fruit...and vegetable. Produce, fresh from the garden, is better than anything I have ever tasted, even at the best farmers' markets. I think it tasted better because we knew full well what it took to get it.

What we didn't eat right away would be canned and frozen and given away. And that was a lot—usually enough to keep us in veggies for the rest of the year. Again, this required the cleaning and breaking and shelling and cutting and washing that went into preserving the bounty. But it surely was worth it! (I guess this article should have come with a “this message could induce hunger” warning.)

Growing up in dirt, the process of how food gets to our tables was pretty obvious to me. I doubt it is for everyone these days. I think we are getting better at educating folks; but understanding and appreciating are different things—the latter usually follows doing.

Summer in the church is always a time of gathering and growing. We can read these metaphors in a lot of ways but I want you to think about how so much of what we invest in the first part of the year gets gathered in during the summer. Vacation Bible School, camps and mission trips are often places where we see the fruit of our shared labors come to harvest. These provide focused times for children, youth and even adults to see what God can do in their lives. Many people have invested a lot of time in preparing for these and I would ask all of you to pray for the work that will yet be done. The pages that follow will provide a prayer list for you (it looks a lot like a calendar but it can do both things at once).

Summer is also a time for personal growth for many as we take time away from the normal pace of life and spend it with family and in search of renewal. I hope you will find time to do that as well. All of us need space to reflect and rest.

So, while I won't eat like I used to (Corn and Mater Daze at Ramsey's aside), I do look forward to seeing the gathering-in that God's work among us will provide.

*Blessings,
Monty*

Meet Our SUMMER STAFF

We're excited to welcome our summer staff who will serve with children, youth, and college students, as well as in other areas as needed. Introduce yourself when you see them around!



"I am looking forward to serving and connecting with children of our community through VBS, Creative Arts Camp, and STEAM Camp, and other programs over the summer."

Hometown: Owensboro, KY

Education: Bachelor of Music in Music Education (2026)

Morgan Booher, Intern



"I'm excited about going back to VBS this summer (this time as a leader)!"

Hometown: Russellville, KY

Education: Elementary Education major at UK (2028)

Bethany Thompson, Intern



"I am looking forward to being able to pour into others the way the Lord has poured into me."

Hometown: Ibadan, Nigeria

Education: Pre-Veterinary Medicine; minor in Chinese Studies at Murray State Univ. (2028)

Jedidah Desmennu, Ministry Associate

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we might spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting as others are in the habit of doing..."

Hebrews 10:23-25a



LETTUCEROOT
For One Another



Lettuce is wasted space on a sandwich or in a bowl. Controversial, I know; but I stand by it. The best thing I can say for it is that it provides a delivery system for salad dressing. If it wasn't so necessary, I would leave it be. "Let us" is a different matter as the writer here knows. Holding onto hope and doing good deeds are better done together. "Let us" is absolutely necessary; don't leave it be.



All the fruit and vegetable drawings you see in this publication were hand-drawn by Calvary children and youth, preschool thru high school.

Fresh this Month



Berry Blessed

As the gateway to summer, the month of June brings the crown jewel of markets- the berry. Perfectly sweet and fleeting, the berry signals summer is truly here. Much like June at Calvary, where day camps and sleep away camps take over the calendar as an official welcome to summer!

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

June

**JUNE
8-12**
9AM-12PM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PreK 4s - 5th grade | At Illumination Station VBS, we're shining a light on who Jesus really is while playing, singing, crafting and learning basic Bible truths.

**SUNDAYS
JUNE 14-
JULY 26**
6:00PM

**COLLEGE LADIES
BIBLE STUDY**





Summer Bible study for college-age ladies and we're inviting rising high school seniors to join us! Join our fabulous summer interns as they lead us through a summer Bible study. All are welcome and everything is FREE. We'll meet in different homes throughout the summer and enjoy dinner before we have Bible study. We know summer is a busy time so come when you're in town and available. Friends are always welcome!

**FRIDAY
JUNE
26**
6-9PM

**YOUTH NIGHT AT
CHAMPS**

Youth come to Champs for roller skating, mini golf, laser tag, etc. No registration required. Cost is \$20 for an all-you-can play pass for the evening.

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>Register for VBS here!</p> 	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Last Day of School for FCPS</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Hooray!</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>PASSPORTkids Camp Meeting, 9:40AM, Children's Library</p>	<p>8</p> <p>LOGOS Golf League, 3PM Widows Watch</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Vacation Bible School, 9AM-12PM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Youth Lunch & Movie, 12PM</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>College Ladies Bible Study, 6PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>LOGOS Golf League, 3PM Widows Watch</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>Creative Arts Camp, 9AM-2PM</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Creative Arts Camp Registration is full!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>CAC Plus Day for campers in Aftercare, 9AM-5PM</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>College Ladies Bible Study, 6PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>LOGOS Golf League, 3PM Widows Watch</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Passport Kids Camp, Berea, KY</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Youth Night at Champs, 6-9PM</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>College Ladies Bible Study, 6PM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>LOGOS Golf League, 3PM Widows Watch</p> <p>STEAM Camp, 9AM-4PM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>STEAM Camp Registration is full!</p>				

THURSDAY

**JULY
16**

11:30AM

LOGOS SENIOR MINISTRY SUMMER POTLUCK

60+ | Gather at Calvary in Fellowship Hall to share summer dishes and fellowship. Email tyanna@calvarybaptistchurch.com to RSVP.

WEDNESDAY

**JULY
22**

6:30PM

YOUTH & FAMILIES LEGENDS GAME

Youth & Families | A quintessential summer night of baseball. We'll meet at Legends field and enjoy a Lexington Legends game with friends. Cost is \$12 per ticket. Please register using the QR code or in your Realm app.



**JULY
26-31**

MISSION TRIP TO ASHEVILLE, NC

Churchwide | Calvary is taking a team to help with ongoing relief and repairs from the flooding caused by storm Helene. Ages 12 and older are invited (12-18 require a parent's participation). Cost includes accommodations at FBC Asheville or hotel arrangements can be made separately if preferred. Contact Chuck Powell with questions or to RSVP.

Fresh this Month



Lettuce

Gather

In July, lettuce transcends its role as a garnish to become the main event. Gathering over a bowl of vibrant, market-fresh greens is a celebration of the 'now'—and here at Calvary, we lean into that rhythm. We intentionally slow our pace, creating the space to savor the present through meaningful mission work and the gift of relaxed, unhurried connection.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

July

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

5 College Ladies Bible Study, 6PM

6 LOGOS Golf League, 3PM Widows Watch

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8 STEAM Camp, 9AM-4PM

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12 College Ladies Bible Study, 6PM

13 LOGOS Golf League, 3PM Widows Watch

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16 LOGOS Senior Ministry Potluck, 11:30AM, Fellowship Hall

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19 Pickleball Cup, GYM 2PM, Competitive 3:15PM Recreational
College Ladies Bible Study, 6PM

20 LOGOS Golf League, 3PM Widows Watch

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22 Youth & Families Lexington Legends Game, 6:30PM

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26 College Ladies Bible Study, 6PM

27 LOGOS Golf League, 3PM Widows Watch

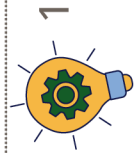
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Register for the Mission Trip here.



Passport Youth Camp, Spartanburg, SC

Mission Trip to Asheville, NC

Fresh this Month



A-maize-ing Grace

By the time August arrives, the market stalls are heavy with the "gold" of the season—sun-warmed peaches and ears of corn so sweet they hardly need the flame. As we savor these final, golden weeks of summer, we find that our connection to one another is the true nourishment.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

MONDAY

AUG
3

8AM-10PM

YOUTH KINGS ISLAND

6th - 12th Grades | The youth head to Cincinnati for a day of sun, fun, thrilling rides and more at Kings Island. Cost is \$50 for the ticket, plus lunch and snacks. Please register by July 24.



SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL
LEADER APPRECIATION
AUG
9

Churchwide | We will recognize our Sunday School leaders in worship at 11AM. During Sunday School class, each class will celebrate in their own unique way!

11:00AM

WEDNESDAY

AUG
19

5:15PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF

Churchwide | Fellowship Dinner, Bible studies and age group activities for everyone kick-off as the school year gets started.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PREVIEW

Choir members and those interested in singing for the Christmas season are invited as we reveal and preview the music for Christmas 2026! Contact Kevin Rayback or Jamie Wright with questions.

SATURDAY

AUG
22

9AM-12PM

August

SUNDAY

MONDAY




TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			 Register for Kings Island here!				1
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Choir Christmas Music Preview, 9AM-12PM
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HELP US SAY THANK YOU!



SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday, August 9th during Sunday School and both Worship Services



WE WILL RECOGNIZE ALL OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND LEADERS IN BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES

We invite each Sunday School class to celebrate their teachers and leaders that morning during class. Classes are free to choose how they'll honor those teachers and leaders- perhaps with food, or thoughtful notes, or maybe words of gratitude and special prayer. Parents, help your children and youth decide how they'll show their gratitude. We love our Sunday School leaders and we want them to know they are greatly appreciated!

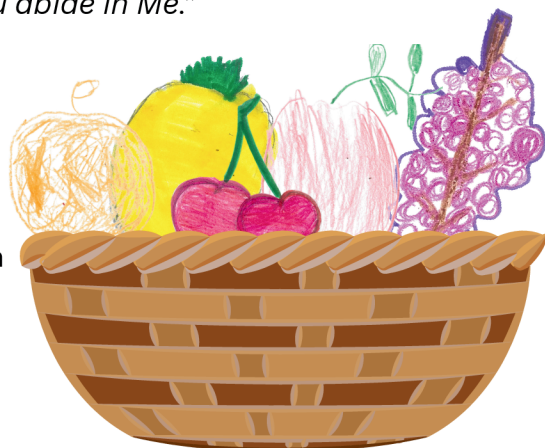


The Fruit of Abiding

Our ability to bear fruit is directly related to our proximity to Christ. Imagine how silly it would be to think a broken branch could nurture and bear fruit on its own. A branch only has life as it is connected to the plant. In the same way, how silly is it to think we can bear fruit apart from Christ, our source of life? Our focus should not be on the production of the fruit, as that is the by-product, but rather on living our lives in such a way that keeps us deeply connected to God.

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”

John 15:4



Kicks Off June 14!



Summer Bible Study

We're inviting college and young adult ladies as well as rising high school seniors to summer Bible study, Sundays at 6PM! Our summer staff will lead this study and it will provide a great opportunity to connect with others and explore the Bible together. We know summer can be busy so come when you can! Friends are always welcome! If you have any questions, please reach out to Niki Hays.



Follow our College Instagram for more info!

Sundays @6

This Bible study will meet in the homes of church members. Use the QR code to let us know you're coming and we'll send you the addresses for each week.



COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT LADIES + RISING HS SENIORS



Asheville



JULY 26-31, 2026

HURRICANE RECOVERY

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. The cost is \$120 per person and includes meals and lodging at FBC Asheville. Help us plan by registering using the QR code. Contact Chuck Powell with questions.



Calvary provides 3 free day camps in June for children and WE NEED YOUR HELP to provide every camper with a great experience! Whether you can offer a week, a day, or a few hours, we encourage you to register using the QR codes below and come serve with us.

These camps are a whole church effort!



VBS
June 8-12
9AM-12PM



STEAM
June 29-July 2
9AM-4PM



New Deacons



Thank you to our new deacon class that will begin their leadership in August, completing our 36 member deacon body.



Clockwise from top left corner: Roxie Allison, Carla Banton*, David Bowman, Renee Edington*, Jim Holbrook, Julia Hutchens, Hannah Moody*, Sandra Palmer*, Jeanne Robinson, Sue Shaw, Scott Simpson, Tope Solomon*



**first-time deacon*



Deacons at Calvary

Calvary's Deacon body is composed of 36 men and women elected by the congregation to serve in a servant-leadership capacity. Deacons serve for 3 years, with one-third of the group changing annually.

Our deacons serve in worship, help communicate information to our church family, welcome new members, build relationships with people in our congregation, offer support in times of bereavement, as well as provide leadership in matters of the church. We're grateful for the commitment each deacon makes to care for our congregation.



Deacon Ordination
August 9 at 11AM
Sanctuary



*Looking back on the time we shared together
in worship, in service, and in fellowship.*



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

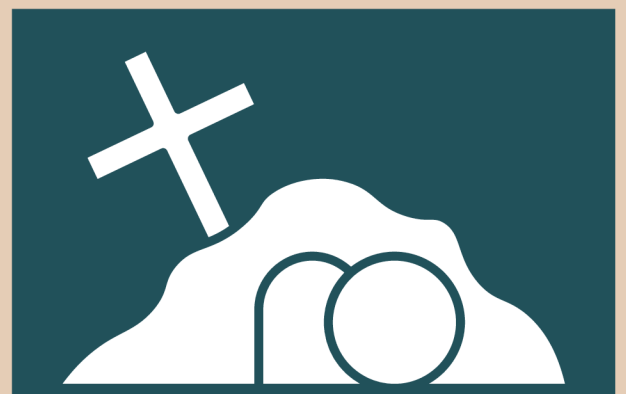


THE WAY OF JESUS: LIVING THE WAY JESUS LIVED

In worship this spring, we examined how Jesus lived and how we might model our lives after his example. Week after week we poured over the Gospels in search of a better way of living in relationship to God and to others. Our prayer became, Lord, make us more like your son, Jesus, in how we live, how we love, and how we view the world around us.

We had the honor of once again participating in joint Holy Week services with First United Methodist and other downtown churches. As well, we welcomed our church family to participate in our self-guided Maundy Thursday service and our Good Friday service.

We gathered on Easter Sunday to proclaim together, "He is risen, He is risen indeed" and to celebrate Christ's victory over death.



“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:13



**FREE EVENT!
ALL ARE
WELCOME!**



RECREATIONAL



All levels and abilities are welcome to come out and play in our round robin style RECREATIONAL tourney! We'll have people to help teach the game as well.



Our competitive division is for the more experienced pickleball teams. Bracket play determines winners who will be awarded trophies.

ANNUAL CALVARY CUP PICKLEBALL TOURNEY



Sunday, July 19th
2PM Competitive Start
3:15PM Recreational Start



Register using the QR code or in your Realm app!



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