



Dear Calvary Church family,

As we enter the month of June, we will celebrate our fathers on the 21st. As I reflect on my life, I thank God daily for the Godly father He blessed me with, and the impact he has on my life and my family's life. If your father is still living, reach out to him and say thank you; and for those whose fathers are no longer with us, remember the impact they played in your life, and thank God for such a wonderful blessing. I know that not everyone had a great dad, but I want to remind you that we do have a loving Heavenly Father that loves you – Galatians 4:6 states, "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba Father!'". God is truly a good, good Father.

God's Word provides us with the attributes of a godly father.

A godly father knows God. It should go without stating, but many men want their children to have a relationship with God but do not have a relationship with God themselves.

1- A godly father loves and honors his wife. It has been said that the best gift a father can give his children is to love their mother (Ephesians 5:25, 28).

2- A godly father accepts responsibility for his children's spiritual training) 1 Timothy 5:8).

3- A godly father is continually aware of his influence. Sons need male role models to show them how to become men. Dads may not realize it, but everything they do influences their children. Words alone are not enough. ~ "Church is important, so you guys go, but I'm staying home to watch football." ~ "Don't you lie to me, but tell that person on the phone that I'm not here." ~ "Stay away from drugs and alcohol, but bring me a beer and my cigarettes."

4- A godly father is consistent. Nothing confuses children more than inconsistency, either in discipline or example.

5- A godly father disciplines his children appropriately. Discipline is part of childrearing and should not be ignored or solely delegated to the wife. Hebrews 12:9-10 reminds us that earthly fathers disciplined us for our own good, and our Heavenly Father does the same.

6- A godly father will lead. The world is in desperate need of men who will lead wisely. Leadership is not domination or control. A leader is one who goes first. He sets the pace for the family by practicing what he preaches. He leads them away from the things of this world. He leads his wife as a confidant and champion. He leads his children to come to know Christ.

*Happy Father's Day,
Pastor Bruce*



"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another..." (1 John 1:7).

Calvary's Men's Ministry seeks to be a source of encouragement, fellowship, and spiritual growth for the men of our church. As we gather in prayer, Bible study, and service, we are continually reminded that God is always faithful in every season of life.

No matter the challenges we face, the Lord never changes. His promises remain true, His strength never fails, and His mercy is new every morning. Through every trial and every blessing, God continues to guide and sustain His people. 1 Corinthians 1:9 reminds us, "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His son Jesus Christ our Lord."

I would like to encourage all men of Calvary to join us during our monthly meeting and future outings, as we seek to grow closer to Christ, and support one another in faith.

Together, we can be strong leaders for our families, our church, and our community, while giving thanks for the unfailing faithfulness of God.

Thank you, and may God bless each of you,

Doug Bivens



Sunday, June 21
(No PM services)



Even though school is out for the summer, we would still like to have items brought in so that we can get stocked up for the next school year. Just please make sure items are in date. We cannot send any items that have expired. Items that we really need to stock up on during the summer: canned pastas of any kind, chicken noodle soup, vienna sausages, beanie weenies, pudding cups, fruit cups, mac & cheese.

Please continue to pray for the families that receive these bags each week. Thank you to everyone that continues to support this ministry.



There are many wonderful organizations in our community that do so much to help others. Each month we would like to highlight one of those places, and help them with certain needs they have for that month. During the month of June, we would like to spotlight **Christian Ministry**. They are currently needing clothes for the clothes closet. They especially are needing men's shorts and men's jeans, sizes 28 – 34, and men's shoes, size 13. They are also in need of diapers, sizes 4, 5 & 6.

LINC meals is also in desperate need of drivers for their home deliveries.



As we continue our study of Exodus, one thing the book reminds us of is God's gracious love for us, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Israel's joy at being freed from slavery and leaving Egypt quickly turned to fear and confusion as they found themselves pressed between the Red Sea and Pharaoh's approaching army. In their terror, the Israelites cried out to God, ultimately complaining that "it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness" (Ex.14:10-12). However, in Exodus 13:17-18 we find these words: "When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them along the road to the land of

the Philistines, even though it was nearby; for God said, 'The people will change their minds and return to Egypt if they face war.' So he led the people around toward the Red Sea along the road of the wilderness. And the Israelites left the land of Egypt in battle formation."

Just like the Israelites, we often become so focused on the circumstances right in front of us – on those circumstances God has led us to – that we forget the dangers He may be leading us away from. But passages like Exodus 13-14 remind us that God directs and protects His people for their good. A direct route would have been too much for the Israelites, and while the roundabout route had its own share of difficulty, it was for Israel's good and God's glory. In that difficult situation, Israel learned to fully depend on God, and the world witnessed His power.

In times of difficulty, Exodus 13-14 can remind us that the circumstances we face are only those God has allowed, not the ones He has directed us away from. It would serve us well to look to God's Word and remember that where God leads us, He will also sustain us through it – and that all he does is for our good and His glory.

Sincerely, Chris Zinicola

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Upcoming Events:

VBS June 1-5, 6:30 – 8PM

YOUTH CAMP June 15-19



"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy; You are to labor six days and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God." (Exodus 20:8-10a, CSB)

Do you often feel exhausted?

Recently when I went to my cardiologist, he said he could tell I didn't feel good and I said, "I am so tired. And I just have to go!"

He looked puzzled and I said that I like to be on the go and do. I don't like not being able to go and do as I always have. I think that is what the world says: Exhaustion is just part of life. But the Word tells us in Exodus that we are to rest – it is one

of the Ten Commandments!

One devotion I read likened it to driving a car and never stopping for gas. Eventually, your car can't go anymore. Just like a car, your body and soul needs regular refueling and the Lord calls us to do that weekly as we honor Him.

On June 20th, the Women of Calvary will be taking a day trip to Greenville, SC. We will leave the church at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be at California Dreaming in Greenville. We will then venture on to RiverPlace. We will probably leave around 5 or 6 and get back to the church around 7 or 8. Please let me know by June 7th so that I can make reservations at California Dreaming.

Upcoming for June:

June 7 at 5PM Women of Calvary meeting

June 20 at 9AM Day Trip to Greenville, SC

In Christ's Love, Robin



Greeters for JUNE

7 Mike Isaacs & Collin Barber

14 Frank & Gail McSwain

21 Jimmy & Kym Gloska

28 Bud & Shirley Dellinger

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

The pastor, staff, and congregation would like to express our deepest sympathy to Jewel Adams in the loss of her sister, Dot Russ; and to Delores Rhodes in the loss of her sister, Billie Chapman.



4th of July Cookout
Sunday, July 5th @5PM
Make plans now to join us!
Invite a friend!

The church has left the building.



If there's someone that you haven't seen at church in a while, reach out to them. Send them a card of encouragement, give them a call, make a visit. Just let them know that they are missed. Pray for them. Let them know they are loved. Sometimes people leave the church because of something that was said that hurt their feelings, and sometimes they leave because nothing was said... and that hurt their feelings. Get out of your comfort zone. Get out of the building and BE the church beyond the pews.

I ♥ VBS



Join us for VBS

June 1st – June 5th

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Invite your family & friends!
Meal served each night!

ACTS SIX

Widows & Widowers

Banquet

Saturday, June 13

3PM – 5PM

Full meal will be served.

Your deacon would like to serve you in an act of servanthood, following the example in Acts 6.

Come and spend time with your deacon, have a time of discussion, prayer, and fellowship.

Contact your deacon or the church office if you need a ride.

Entertainment will be provided.

Children's Workers for JUNE

NURSERY 10:30 AM

June 7 Linda Rickman
June 14 Tracie Kline
June 21 Shannon Wingate
June 28 Catherine Cox

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

June 7 Robin Sams
June 14 Kathy Bivens
June 21 Kim Jackson
June 28 Cathy Williams

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7:00 PM

Nursery & Preschool

June 3 VBS
June 10 Pat Lowman
June 17 Sandra Jennings
June 24 Courtney Sellers

SUNSHINE CLUB
Monday, June 22
@11:00 AM

Deacon of the Month
JEFF HAWKINS

A Look at Our Records
Tithes & Offerings

These figures reflect our General Fund amounts

May 3..... \$9,799.17
May 10.....\$7,878.45
May 17.....\$5,002.45
May 24.....\$6,359.45

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Sunday School Report

May 3..... 82
May 10..... 81
May 17..... 82
May 24..... 80

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~ CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ~

Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Friday
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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If you would like to join us for prayer,
we meet in the sanctuary on Sunday
mornings at 8:30 am. Everyone is
welcome!

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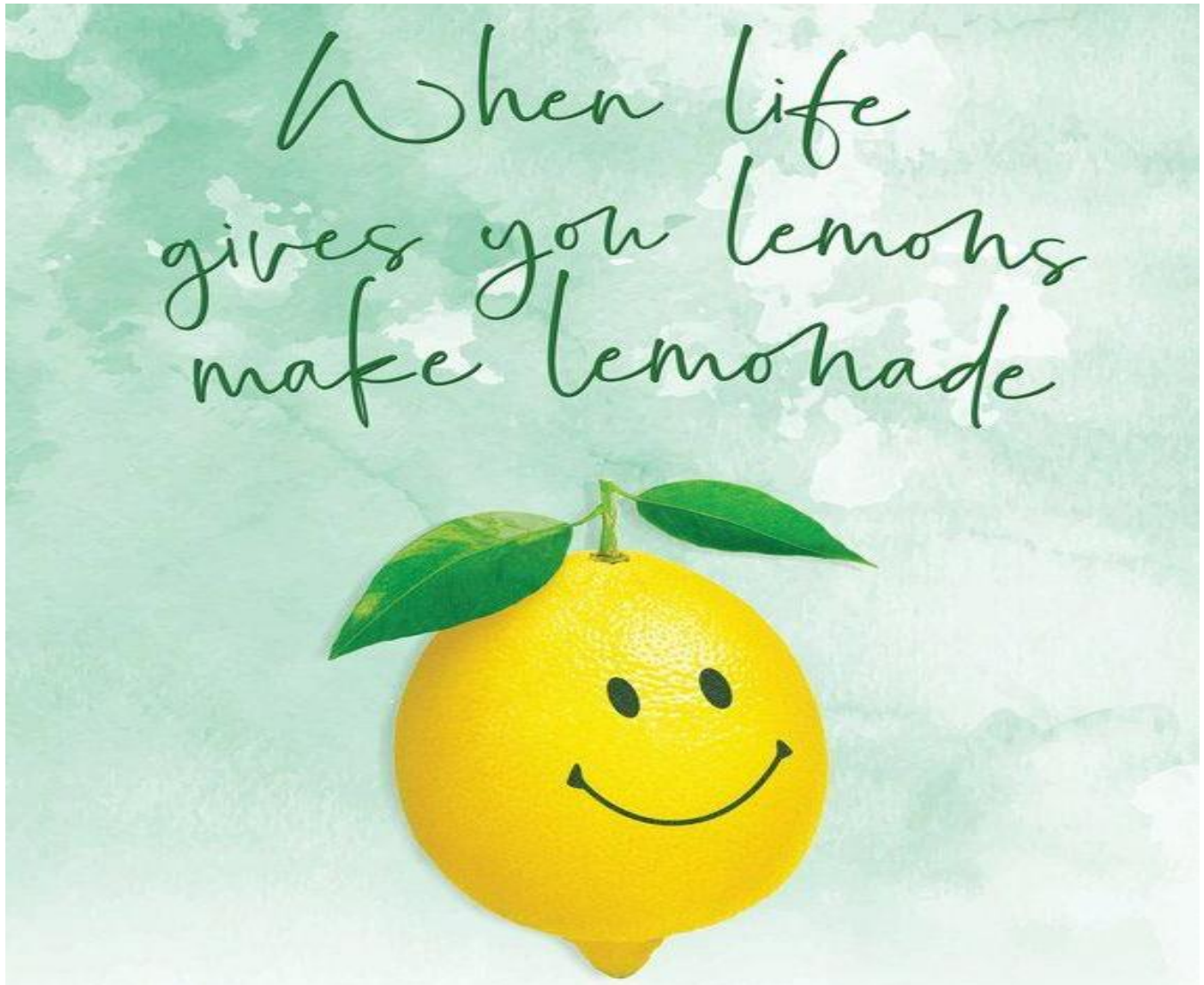
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THE MESSENGER

“In that day shall messengers go forth...” Ezekiel 30:9

JUNE 2026

Welcome, Summer!



DID YOU KNOW THAT THE SMELL OF LEMONS REDUCES STRESS?
ISN'T IT LIKE GOD TO USE SOMETHING SOUR FOR OUR GOOD?

God works in all circumstances – both good and bad – for the ultimate benefit of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. *Romans 8:28*