



Dear Calvary Church family,

As our new church year begins, I want to thank all of the individuals who have agreed to serve. I know that God will bless your service if we serve with a humble heart and out of love for our Lord and Savior. I would challenge those of you who are not currently serving to seek God's guidance and jump aboard. We need you and the gifts in which God has given you to be the church that God has called Calvary to be. Matthew 9:37-38 says, "Then He said to His disciples, the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Calvary, this year, I do not want to just do church on Sunday mornings and then come back a week later and repeat the cycle. My prayer is that we will truly worship our Great God in Spirit and Truth. I'm crying out to God in prayer that He would pour His Holy Spirit out on our church in a mighty way, as we rebuke the lukewarm mentality and become zealous for Our First Love of Christ again. For this to occur, we as a church body must pray like we have never prayed before, not allowing traditions of old and compliance to derail our focus. We need to step out of our comfort zones and be prepared for the attack that will occur. God's Word tells us that we are to pray without ceasing. If we really want God to move, we need to expect the enemy's attacks to increase. Where God is moving, Satan is always trying to disrupt that movement. Knowing that when we are moving forward for the Kingdom, we all have a bullseye on our backs. I close with this – when the battle comes, we are victorious through Christ and the battle for Him is always worth the fight.

In Christ, Pastor Bruce



We'll Be Closed

IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY

**The church offices will be closed
on Monday, September 1st**



Upcoming Events for the Men's Ministry:

Just a reminder that we have rescheduled the **Men's Shoot-Out for October 18th**. We are asking if you would please save us your milk jugs or gallon water jugs. These give us something to shoot.

September 18 – 21: Men's Retreat. We do have room for a couple more to join us and we would love to have your fellowship.

October 4: The Men of Calvary will host an appreciation luncheon for all pastors within our association to say thank you for all they do. We will need all the help we can get to cook and serve those servants and shepherds.

Make sure to invite and bring someone to our men's monthly meeting as we continue to go through the book of Proverbs. I look forward to seeing you all as the Lord wills.

**Thank you and may God
bless each of you, Doug Bivens**

thank you

It seems that warmth and caring come naturally to you.

There's a kindness that is genuine in everything you do.

Calvary Baptist Church,
Thank you so much for all the love and support you have shown me and our family during this difficult time in our lives. We appreciate all the ways you have loved on us. Through your visits, the meals you provided, and other little ways you have just shown up. We will miss Charlie but are grateful for the life he lived and know one day we will see him again when we get to our heavenly home.

*Thanks for being wonderful.
Thank for being you.
Darlean Reep
and the Reep family*



As we continue our study in Apologetics, we have been examining several of the more prominent false teachings in our culture today. A common thread among them is this: the attempt to redefine who God is.

But God has not left us in the dark about Himself. Scripture reveals not only the way of salvation – though that is at the very heart of it – but also God's self-revelation to humanity. The Gospel is fundamentally the recognition of who God is and what He has done. For this reason, the believer's pursuit of knowledge is not merely intellectual but also an invitation to know Him personally and deeply. As His children, we are called to grow in our knowledge of Him so that our love for Him might deepen, our service to Him become more faithful, and our imitation of Him more accurate. As Peter states, "Be holy, because I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

Holiness is inseparable from rightly understanding God's character.

From an apologetic standpoint, spiritual maturity involves the ability to discern truth from error. The more we walk with the Lord, the more we will learn to recognize what is true about Him and what is not. False teachings lose their power when we are daily reminded of the truth of the God we love. A heart fixed on Him is a heart that is not easily swayed.

May we be a people who long to know God more – who open His Word to meet with Him, to see His heart, and to grow in our love and devotion to Him. A proper understanding of who God truly is is essential for both personal sanctification and defense of the faith. As we deepen our knowledge of God through Scripture, we are not only equipped to resist falsehood but also empowered to reflect His holiness in the world.

Sincerely, Chris Zinicola

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Upcoming Youth Events:
Homecoming Weekend:
September 27 & 28

HOMEcoming CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 27

~ Time Capsule Reveal ~

~ Meal ~

~ Special Music: Path Finders ~

Sunday, September 28

~ Special Guest ~

Brandon Blair

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Needs & News

Soup Kitchen: bread crumbs, 24x16 parchment paper, 4-lb tubs of beef and chicken bouillon powder

Volunteers are needed in several areas: to drive the CM truck on Mondays and every other Friday to local places to pick up donations; on the dock and the pantry; the clothes closet; LINC meal drivers

Bibles are needed to give out, as well

~ Men's Shoes, sizes 12 & 13 are the most needed right now; men's jeans sizes 28, 32 & 34 are the most needed

If you can help with any of these needs, please contact Christian Ministry, or Shannon Wingate will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



JOIN US FOR SUPPER

Wednesday, October 1st we will start a Wednesday Evening Meal from 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm in the fellowship hall (times are subject to be adjusted) Be watching and listening for more information coming soon.

HELLO!

New Members!

The Pastor, Staff, and Congregation would like to welcome Gloria Mozley, Elaine Hoffman, Lakyn Altizer, and Arnold & Cindy Sinko into our church family.



"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After making purification for sin, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High. Hebrews 1:3

A perfect reflection of God's glory and the exact expression of God's nature – Jesus. The one who sustains all things by His Word. Oh how blessed we are that he loved us so much that he went to that cross to make atonement for our sins in that we were purified through His blood. Take time today and every day to give Him praise!

Upcoming in September:

September 4 – 7: Beach Retreat to North Myrtle Beach. Leaving the church at 10am on September 4.

September 14 at 5pm: Women of Calvary meeting in the fellowship hall. Please bring items for the Backpack Ministry (please see Sabrina Brooks for suggestions).

Looking forward:

October 5 at 4:30pm – Women of Calvary and the Men's Ministry groups will meet in the fellowship hall for a time of snacks and fellowship. Please bring a goodie to share.

October 5 at 5pm: Women of Calvary meeting in the fellowship hall.

October 11: Women of Calvary Breakfast and Craft Day Please join the Women of Calvary as we complete the Bible Study, **Heaven – When Faith Becomes Sight** by Jennifer Rothschild. Facilitated by Tracie Kline. Monday nights starting on **October 6 from 6:30 – 8pm.** Please see either Robin Sams or Tracie Kline if you plan to attend so we can order you a Study Guide.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions 704-530-3322.

In His Love, Robin Sams



Greeters for SEPTEMBER

7- Sid & Faye Eurey

14- Jimmy & Kym Gloska

21- Frank & Gail McSwain

28- Pat R & Debbie Sherrill



BACKPACK MINISTRY NEEDS

spaghetti o's, ravioli, vienna sausages, soup (*chicken noodle or tomato is preferred*), beanie weenies, chicken or beef ramen noodles, applesauce, mac & cheese cups, mashed potato cups, fruit cups, cereal, pop-tarts, instant grits, instant oatmeal, cheese crackers, juice boxes or juice pouches, Little Debbie-type snack cakes, cookies

*Thinking of You
with Sympathy*

The Pastor, Staff, and Congregation would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Darlean Reep in the loss of her husband, Charlie Reep; to Cathy Williams in the loss of her husband, Sonny Williams; and to Brenda Bowen in the loss of her husband, Nick Bowen.



Coming up in October...
~ TRUNK OR TREAT ~

We will need lots of candy for this event, so please start watching for those sales and special deals. There will be a tote for donations coming soon!

Children's Workers for SEPT

NURSERY 10:30 AM

Sep 7 Linda Rickman

Sep 14 Tracie Kline

Sep 21 Shannon Wingate

Sep 28 Catherine Cox

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 10:30 AM

Sep 7 Robin Sams

Sep 14 Kathy Bivens

Sep 21 Kim Jackson

Sep 28 Cathy Williams

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7:00 PM

Nursery & Preschool

Sep 3 Samantha Zinicola

Sep 10 Pat Lowman

Sep 17 Sandra Jennings

Sep 24 Courtney Sellers

SUNSHINE CLUB

**Monday, September 22
@11:00 AM**

Deacon of the Month JEFF HAWKINS

A Look at Our Records

Tithes & Offerings

*These figures reflect our General
Fund amounts*

Aug 3..... \$9,931.58

Aug 10.....\$5,561.24

Aug 17..... \$5,225.24

Aug 24.....\$3,058.85

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Sunday School Report

Aug 3..... 80

Aug 10..... 83

Aug 17..... 87

Aug 24..... 81

STAFF DIRECTORY

Bruce Brooks.....Lead Pastor

Chris Zinicola.....Youth Pastor

Jerry Saine.....Worship Leader

Leann Osborne.....Administrative Sec.

Kim Bost.....HR/Financial Secretary

Samantha Zinicola....Facilities Manager

~ 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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prayer

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

SEPTEMBER 2025

