

CALVARY CALLER

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SUNDAY

9:45 A.M.- Bible Study & Children's Programs

11:00 A.M. -----Morning Worship

6:30 P.M. -----Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY

6:00 P.M. -----AWANA

6:30P.M. -----Prayer Meeting

7:30 P.M. -----Choir Rehearsal

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Praying April Showers Bring A Harvest

Have you noticed, some of the "Old Timers" have their yards tilled and are just chopping at the bit to plant their gardens. It's that time of year to get the ground ready for planting and trusting God with a harvest. There was a missionary that used to say, "We are looking for ships to come in that we never sent out, and we are looking for a harvest that we have never planted." Without a doubt Tommy Bennett would be shocked if he never plowed, planted, or watered but had the best garden in Unicoi County. But better still, God has given Tommy the health, the skill and the know-how to work the land and see what happens when he follows the law of sowing and reaping. The Scripture is full of examples that teach God's people the principle and nature of plowing, sowing and reaping. Such as, Jeremiah 4:3, "For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: 'Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns.'" And then in Hosea 10:12, "Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you." Then Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:6-8, in the context that God's people are to labor together in unity for the sake of the kingdom for the souls of all people that can be reached, and says: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor." Dr. Reiner has been writing much about the health of the church, or the lack thereof, and what "We" can do about it. And simply put, it's time we rolled our sleeves up and get to work!

The Staff of Calvary has been meeting and discussing how we can follow through with the training we received for the Will Graham Festival that will be taking place April 27-29. We want to implement outreach in our own county. One of the

things we are planning is some in-house training to sharpen the tools God has given us. Don Sunshine will be here Sunday morning April 29 and will lead, train, and direct us through the Sunday school hour (5th Grade and up) and bring the message that Sunday morning. We will have a catered dinner in the Christian Life Center with some training to follow. This will be for encouragement and vision casting to reach our own community for the cause of Christ. The timing of this is perfect because it was on April 30th 2017 when we dedicated the Christian Life Center to the Lord and one year to the date we will be hosting a special dinner for us to strategize on reaching our own people. We need to grow, we want to be reaching people as we plow, plant the seed of the Gospel and water in faith that God will do what only He can do, save the souls of the lost! This could be a turning point for Calvary Baptist Church as far as outreach is concerned. May the Lord grant us the strength, the "Want To," the desire to see the opportunity we have right here at home. So please be in prayer about this event this spring. It is very possible that "April Showers will bring May flowers" if we are faithful to do our part that God has made clear in His Word. We are praying that this event will help us have some serious pre-VBS outreach. This year's theme for VBS is "**Game On.**" Sports is a wonderful platform to share the Gospel. Sports Evangelism has been used by God to bring in untold numbers into God's kingdom. What we want to do, however, is have much outreach into our community leading up to VBS and then we want serious follow-up to continue to water the seed that has been planted. It sounds like a lot of work, and that's because it is! Calvary has the finest facility in the county, we have transportation that is second to none, we have the Gospel seed and it is time we plant all over and everywhere we can. The Staff are all in unity on this outreach to the community. We ask you to be in prayer, and come to church, stay for dinner as we give God Praise for our first year of the Christian

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Life Center and prepare to "send out some ships, plant and labor together in unity" while we trust God for the harvest!

Laboring Together in Unicoi County,
Pastor David

ETERNITY
Make a Difference

NO ROLE PLAYING!

How would your life change if you could naturally and easily share your faith with 1 person EVERY DAY?

What if on some days it was 2 or 3 or 5 people?

YOU CAN and it's easier to do than you think!

Come and experience a **TOTALLY DIFFERENT** approach to sharing Christ.
* The M.A.D. Live Event *

donSUNSHINE ministries
"until the whole world hears"

Sunday, Apr 29th - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Including lunch)
Calvary Baptist Church - 540 Adams Street; Erwin, TN
A love offering will be taken for the speaker

I Thessalonians 4:13 "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope."

Paul tells the Thessalonians not to get caught up on sorrow like those who have no hope. Paul desired to help them to perceive, to understand spiritual life and to have insight into the mysteries of God. Why? One good reason is: their faith would be strengthened by a more complete knowledge of God's word. Along with greater faith, they would display a more stable life and exhibit courage that transcends this physical life. Wisdom of this kind would enable the Thessalonians to give a good answer to the world when questions arise concerning life and death. Our Easter celebration is an open door opportunity to challenge and educate those around us by correcting Hollywood's misinformation, in hope of snatching a few from the fire.

Christians; the world over, have hope because of the resurrection of Jesus, our Messiah. Jesus, the one and only god-man, was born into a world of spiritually dead souls. He is the only person ever born of a woman, who already possessed the spiritual life in himself. All people since Adam have been destined to experience death and resurrection, then after this, judgment and punishment for all eternity. John 1:14 tells us "the word became flesh and dwelt among us." Jesus left heaven and stepped into this spiritually dead world to carry the sin burden

and the death sentence to the cross. With God's holiness satisfied he then exercised the power of his spiritual life to rise from death. Jesus promised all followers resurrection and the rewards of Messiah. Again take note of this statement, "all people will experience resurrection. But, only those who are in Christ will be with Him." (John 14:3) When the women came to the tomb early on that first Easter morning, they came expecting to touch death. The stone rolled away and the empty tomb was circumstantial evidence to a new spiritual reality. Like a play on words, with a touch of irony, the angels questioned, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5) Spiritual life for all eternity was now a reality in the realm of man. Luke tells us in verse four, "they were perplexed, as are we much of the time. The power of the resurrection in every believer reaches back to change their past. It also, reaches forward to guarantee their future. Lord help us speak this message of the cross to a spiritually dead world. Jesus, truly it's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to you. Our hearts overflow because we have been restored through this gracious gift of spiritual life.

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» FROM THE
Youth
Pastor »

Hello Church family! I hope this caller finds you doing well! I am hoping by the time this gets published all over the cold weather is gone, and we are enjoying a beautiful East TN spring. I love this time of year because all of the plants and flowers start to bloom. Everything sort of dies out in winter, and then in spring the plants come back to life, vibrant and full of color. It is a very fitting picture of the whole Easter weekend. Jesus comes, lives his life, dies on the cross, and thankfully raises from the grave on the third day.

There are so many amazing things that I love about Easter, but I think one of my favorite things is the hope that is found. Easter reminds me that the story isn't over. I am reminded of the story in John 20, where the disciples are locked in a room because they are afraid of the Jews, and then BAM Jesus appears. I also find it quite humorous that the first thing he says, is "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). He pops in the locked room and says don't be afraid have peace, and I can only imagine what I would be doing in that situation. I wouldn't know whether to be afraid, excited, scared, etc. In my mind I picture the disciples being ecstatic. John takes off his tunic and is running in circles spinning it around. Andrew is so excited he pees his pants a little. I mean, the Bible doesn't say any of this happened, but this is the picture that runs in my head. Instead in verse 20, it says that the disciples were overjoyed. I truly believe the reason they were overjoyed is because this amazing story they

were a part of that was ended abruptly, was no longer over. I mean think about it. For 3 years they were in Jesus' inner circle. Every miracle, every crowd, every teaching they were a part of. Then all of a sudden, he is arrested, beat, crucified. Story is over! I can't imagine the intense emotions they were experiencing, but thankfully scripture describes the joy they felt when they realized the story wasn't over! So let's find a takeaway for us in this story. Many of us have certain areas of our lives that we have locked away because we think the story is over. We can't see how God could possibly bring about any good from this situation. Whenever we think about it or talk about it, we are flooded with several different emotions. We experience hopelessness, despair, embarrassment, and shame just to name a few. But just like the disciples had to trust that Jesus truly showed up in that room, we have to trust Jesus to show up in our story as well.

So let me end by encouraging you to invite Jesus into your story. A simple prayer of, "Jesus show up in my life, like you showed up in the disciples' lives. I trust you with the ending; I just need you to show up." Praying for you as you learn that your story isn't over, because Philippians 1:6, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

In His love,
Ciralsky family



**VBS
2018**
June 3rd - 8th



2018 Children's Camp
Tuesday, June 19 - Friday, June 22

Memorials & Honorarium
To Christian Life Center/Building Fund

In Honor of Steve & Sharon Gryder by Alean Hughes

In Memory of Barbara Grubb by Suzy Hughes

In Memory of Dr. Billy Graham by Allen & Shirley Rogers

In Memory of Patti Dingus by Gene & Sally Ramsey

In Memory of Joe & Lois Lilley by Sheldon & Tina Roark

In Memory of Sonny & Helen Hendrix by Sheldon & Tina Roark

In Memory of Barbara Grubb by Gene & Betty Frye

In Memory of Juanita Shuffler by The Dorcas Class

In Memory of Annie by John & Floy Harris

In Memory of Helen Hendrix by

The Dorcas Class

Tommy & Phyllis Bennett

Gene & Sally Ramsey

In Memory of Ernest Hammons by

Leonard & Jean Bowman

Ray & Jo Ann White

David & Jane Burgner

John & Floy Harris

Mildred Silvers

Phil Harding

Linda Treadway

The Dorcas Class

Allen & Shirley Rogers

JoAnn Cole

To Consolidated Mission Fund

In Memory of Helen Hendrix by Jim & Mary Gail Crawford

To Youth Fund

In Memory of Helen Hendrix by Jean Thompson



1 Lee Rigler, 2 Amber Bennett, 4 Martha Bryant, 5 Bryson Crawford, 7 Sally Ramsey, 8 Charlie Noakes, 10 Jerry Bennett, Patrick Callahan, 13 Nick Rogers, 14 Sue Collins, 15 Margaret Little, 16 Phil Harding, Eli Gillis, 17 Phyllis Bennett, 18 Jean Bowman, 19 Heather Lloyd, Lisa Jones, Iva Lee Gray, 20 Marie Broyles, 21 Carson Moore, Angela Shelton, 22 Steve Gryder, Pat Long, Shirley Rogers, Clark Fletcher, 23 Cooper Ciralsky, Steve Hahn, 24 Susie Jenkins, John Tipton, Garrett Barnett, 26 Andy Bennett, Buzz Jones, 27 Ethan Harris, Anita Lantz, 30 Gina Podvin, Joanne Bailey, Glenna Faust, Anna Lee Atkins, Zee Brehmer, Linda Bryan, William Fletcher



1 Olivia Looney, 2 Ellie Shelton, 3 Ralph Bryan, 5 Jim Buchanan, William Little, 8 David Rogers, Allen Williams, 9 Robert Lewis, 10 Wendell Sullivan, 11 Ford Wilson, 12 Edith Street, 14 Roland Banks, Jon Hensley, Troy Podvin, Ray Chateaufeuf, 15 Sydney Williams, 17 Saige Wilson, 20 Kay Allen, 21 Edna Dempke, Carolyn White, Don Pfaender, Donna Rigsby, Patricia Looney, 23 Imogene Thomas, Alexis Whaley, 24 Sophia Seltzer, 25 Ben Banks, Emily Shelton, 26 Seth Jones, 27 Mari Fanning, Phyllis Breen, Kevin Moore, 30 Sue Jones