

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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Serving together in 2018

How happy is your New Year going? No doubt, by the time you get this you will have already experienced some kind of trial or difficulty. As Job says in chapter 14:1, "Man *who is* born of woman is of few days and full of trouble." A person never knows what God may ordain for them to go through for His glory and the good of His servant. So how can this New Year truly be happy? It is for certain, it will not be deep lasting joy unless it is rooted in obedience to God's Word. And with that we must turn to the words of the Lord Jesus who says in John 13:1-17 the most profound words of life. As we read the text, may God give us ears to hear the voice of Jesus calling to us to follow Him in faith and love, "Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, 'Lord, are You washing my feet?' Jesus answered and said to him, 'What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.' Peter said to Him, 'You shall never wash my feet!' Jesus answered him, 'If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.' Simon Peter said to Him, 'Lord, not my feet only, but also *my hands and my head!*' Jesus said to him, 'He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.' For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, 'You are not all clean.' So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, 'Do you know what I have

done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am. If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.'"

The beautiful words of Jesus the Master Teacher. He laid out in word and deed the path to the abundant life He promised to all who will follow Him. There are no shortcuts to the blessed enduring joy of a fulfilled life. May we look this New Year right in the face with confidence in Him. Knowing that what He has called us to is difficult on the flesh, but fulfilling to the soul. The people who washed feet in the days of Jesus were the lowest of all servants. People who score high on the SAT, the ACT, the ASVAB, and other college entrance exams, usually don't have as a goal to be a person who lands the lowliest of jobs. But this is much deeper than a great job that will assure the pocket book to be secure with abundance. This is about the pathway of those who follow in the footsteps of Jesus and find enduring joy. He tells us to "Make Disciples." He is our chief example of how we are to treat and serve one another. How can we do a better job this year in following Him? How can we become a better witness, one who serves with humility? Lord willing, we will be offering some simple training this April. Don Sunshine has a heart on fire for God's people to be a living witness every day of our lives. April 29 is the target date. The plan is to gather the Sunday school classes in the CLC for witness training. Don will bring the message for the morning service, then dinner on the grounds with some post training. The plan is no Sunday night service, but for all to seek the possibility to implement the training received.

Calvary Baptist Church has been faithful to give and support missions. By God's grace, we pray that we continue to hold the ropes for those faithful people who labor around the world fully supported by Southern Baptists. This year we have two major goals. Number 1, we want to pay the Christian Life Center off so we are debt free. Any money that would have been paid as interest can go to reaching the mission of His Church. Number 2, with some basic training that Don will give, the strategy will be to develop an outreach to reach the lost in our own county. The Christian Life Center is a wonderful blessing for Calvary. But in watching the basketball games led by our new staff member, Curtis Engle, there is a harvest of children that need to hear the Good News of Jesus. There are many who live in our county that never darken a door of any church. We want to believe God for "Our

Jerusalem" to be reached as we continue to reach the world through our missionaries. And here is the joy that we find when we humbly serve one another and reach out in obedience. What joy awaits when we see someone that we shared the Gospel with standing in the baptistery, joining the Church and becoming a vital member of His Body. Yes, it can be a very Happy New Year if we will follow the Master. Let us gird up our garments and serve His people and reach out to the lost. This is nothing new, but it is the pathway to His joy. It would be wonderful if we start now and Don comes in the spring to just fan the flames.

Serving together,

Pastor David



I want to thank the church for the gift certificate and beautiful clock. I was both encouraged and humbled in reading member's comments on my retirement card. I always felt fortunate to be able to serve God and this church in some small capacity. John Harris

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all the donations, prayers, card, gifts, and support during this difficult time. Your kindness and generosity to our mother over the years will never be forgotten. After her passing, that same kindness and generosity towards our family will always be remembered. Love, Tricia Looney & Edward Harris

The love shown for our mother and to us during this difficult time was a source of comfort, strength, and encouragement. Thank you for the lovely fruit basket. Merle Fain

January Birthdays

1 Patti Baker, 2 Anna Pratt, Betty Peterson, Issac Gillis, 3 Bob Thompson, Brian Gillis, 6 Timothy Graham, 9 Katlyn Higgins, 13 Sara Burke, 14 Vicki L. Pate, 17 Susan Bowman, Monro Ricker, 18 Teresa Congdon, Robert Ensor, Michael Steffey, 19 Steve Graham, Betty Frye, Gloria Casteel, 21 Linda Barrett, 22 Allen Rogers, Will Hubbard, Loretta Fritz, 25 Fanny Williams, 26 Trent Treadway, 28 Linda Bennett, Alex Malone, Laura Beth Fletcher, 29 Betty Miller, Terry Rigler, 30 Rebekah Edens, 31 Miranda Griffith

February Birthdays

1 Jason Colinger, Kiley Bennett, 2 Chuck Stanford, 3 Taylor Riecken, 4 Jacob Edwards, Courtney Mosley, Julie White, 5 Ellen Delgado, Helen Hendrix, Theodore Harris, 6 Kaitlyn Phillips, Kirsten Phillips, 7 Faith Bennett, Roland Banks, 8 Mary Gail Crawford, Joyce Miller, Robert Richardson, 9 Kris Setzer, Alean Hughes, 10 Tony Baker, Aaron Bennett, 11 Dana Campbell, 12 Dorothy Hawk, 13 Marie Tipton, 15 Cheryl Moore, 20 Debbie Gambrell, Betty Tilson, 21 Heather Higgins, Donnie Pate, 23 Steve Treadway, 24 Diana Davis, 25 Olivia Manfull, Paul Borisuk, 27 Kathy Bolson, 28 Rob Reed

Calvary Family, First, let me say "Thank You" for allowing me the opportunity to serve as CLC Director. The support given and the confidence placed in me by the church; is like a stamp of approval from Jesus himself. Together let us keep praying, keep volunteering, and keep visualizing what God could do with a church that is "sold out" to Jesus in unity. Calvary could become the church that prefers one another in love and service. The Calvary family could become a fellowship that dispels all fear by displaying openly courage and faith, lifting high the name of our great promise keeper: Jesus is the Savior of our souls, forgiver of sins, and possessor of our great hope. To Him be the glory and power and dominion forever and ever. Amen!

How is the CLC being used? Good question! In December we started basketball skills practice for ages 8-13. January opens our official league which will run through March 10th. With approximately 40 signed up, basketball will occupy the CLC on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-9 pm and Saturdays from 10 am-1 pm. Your service is requested at these games. On Saturday, Calvary members are needed for security, kitchen help, evangelism, and parking lot oversight. This is just the beginning of opportunities that will happen in 2018.

Together in the name of Jesus, we will impact our Jerusalem.

Curtis



"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and mighty things that you do not know." Jeremiah 29:11 Do you make a New Year's resolution? Maybe it is to exercise every day, lose weight, study the Bible or memorize more scriptures. All these things are great but the problem comes when a few days in you don't exercise, or you eat the chocolate cake, or you don't read or study. My goal for the past 6 months has been to pray for the children in my ministry by name every day. Many days I spend lots of time and name specific needs that I am aware of and other days I just lift up their names. But some days I forget.

Aren't you glad we serve a God who says "My mercies are new each morning." Lamentations 3:22-23 A wise friend once told me "If God asks you to feed the cows, don't try to run the whole farm." Let's focus this year on serving where God has us and using our talents for Him. God will answer our prayers as we follow and serve Him where he has called us.

Blessing on the New Year! Terri

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In Memory of Violet Fain by Gary & Pam Amos

In Memory of Johnnie Stultz by

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Linda Treadway

Phil Harding

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In Memory of Johnnie Stultz & Lois Lilley by Charles & Lynne Ray

In Memory of Dr. J.W. Colinger & Dot Barnett by Hugh & Peggy Barker

In Memory of Hilda White by David & Janna Crutchfield

In Memory of Glenn & Edna Davis & Gary Davis by Diana Davis

In Memory of Sonnie Hendrix by Helen Hendrix

In Memory of O. D. Justice, Lena Justice, & Hilda White by Rebecca Tilson

In Memory of Ruth Peterson by Linda Treadway

In Memory of Judy Bradford, Frank & Johnnie Stultz, & Clarence & Hazel Pate by

Brian, Melanie, Luke & Jacob Culbreth

In Memory of Hilda White by Phil Harding

In Memory of Johnnie Stultz by Fanchers Campground