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A Word From The Pastor...

Hello Church! We are starting a new year! Not only did we start a new year, but we also started a new decade! Have you given any thought to the future? What will you do in 2020 and beyond? What will you attempt? What gains do you hope to make? What improvements would you like to see in your life?

Maybe you haven't given it a thought at all. I'd like to challenge you to spend time in prayer, asking God what He wants to change in your life this year. He has a plan for every one of us. If we don't seek His plan, how can we be successful?

Ask God to help you accomplish something amazing for Him! Ask Him to show you and guide you. Then, listen for

His answer and respond by being obedient!

Grow closer to God through renewed prayer, Bible Study, and church attendance.

Be a servant of Christ and a steward of the Mysteries of God! Give God your time, talents, and tithes and offerings. He will use them for His glory!

Live in a relationship with the God of Heaven! If you do, you will not have to fear the rumblings of the world around you!

How will you live in 2020?

Love in Christ,
Bro. Darrell

A Note of Thanks...

Happy New Year! We wanted to send a note to thank you and The Master's Crafters for the nice bags and clothes they gave us to take to the people in our area of the world. What a blessing. We praise God for you all and your help through that ministry.

Bro. Mike & Mary Wallace

Church Events

- Jan 8th – WNM Start Back
- Jan 12th – Deacon's Mtg.
- Jan 12th – WOM Mtg.
- Jan 12th – PM Service at 1st Tuscumbia
- Jan 14th – Keenagers Lunch at AllSteak
- Jan 19th – Sanctity of Life Sunday
- Jan 19th – Business Mtg.
- Jan 20th – Church Council Mtg.
- Feb 2nd – Superbowl Fellowship
- Feb 9th – Deacon's Mtg.
- Feb 9th – WOM Mtg.
- Mar 1st – Area Wide Prayer Rally
- Mar 8th – Deacon's Mtg.
- Mar 8th – WOM Mtg.
- Mar 15th – Business Mtg.

A Word From the Student Director...

Happy New Decade! 2020 is here!

I can't believe it! What a blessed year at Calvary!

Let's start the year off by praying and asking for God's direction for our church! I have said so many times, that Calvary is the best kept secret in town and I want everyone to know how amazing and genuine our fellowship is. Let's share that throughout all of Tuscumbia and Sheffield! God definitely has a plan for us and we need to seek His will and listen to His plan for our future.

Along with looking to reach others outside our walls, we must focus on our own spiritual growth. Our goal is discipleship! We must seek to mature in Christ by developing a daily walk with Him. All of us get so busy in our world, that we forget to take care of our own spiritual needs.

Vacation Bible School is June 15-19, 2020! Be praying about where God would have you serve!

Sunday School

We would like to encourage everyone to join us during the Sunday School hour for that Small-Group connection that we, as Christians, so desperately need. Our averages for the months of October, November and December were 84, 101, and 90, respectively. We can't wait to see how God uses our small groups and grows our church during the 2020 year ahead. We hope to see you there!

We recently started a new men's Prophecy class taught by Roger Moore and a new women's Unity class taught by Christa Stanley. God is already using these classes to grow our church.

The "Class with a Purpose" will begin a new Sunday School series in January. They will be studying the Book of Acts through the Eye Witness Bible Study. Please join us if you are not in a Sunday School class already!

I love the way The Message Bible explains Romans 12:2.

"Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."

Let's give God our best by seeking His will in 2020!

Both our Students and our College/Career groups attended amazing conferences over the Christmas break.

Xtreme for our students was one of the best student events that I have attended.

The speakers and worship were awesome! Our students were able to see some of their favorite bands perform. We had a great time with Little Bear Creek Church who went with us!

Our College/Career group attended Passion in Atlanta, Georgia. It was the most amazing conference this year. One venue (Mercedes Benz Stadium) filled with thousands of young adults. It was awesome to see that many people in one place singing at the top of their lungs to our Almighty God. There is hope for our future! God is not done with us yet!

Blessings in 2020!

In His Love,
Tammy Segars
Director of Students

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ESV

Keenagers...

Tuesday, January 14th

Our Keenagers (55+) will be traveling to Cullman on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, to eat at All Steak. All Steak is a restaurant that many of you have enjoyed over the years. While they have a variety of different choices on their menu their signature orange rolls keep people going back year after year. In recent years they moved from the upper story of the bank and are now located in a stand-alone building with easy access.

We look forward to more of our senior adults joining us for good food, fun, and fellowship as we plan for 2020. We will depart from the church at 10 AM with Krista Stanley driving the van. If you have any questions please let me know.

In Christ,
Faye Pendergrass

Daycare Dish

Happy New Year from all of us at the daycare!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a restful break. We are so excited to begin the new decade with our students and their families. We are looking forward to the 2020 school year. Our batteries are recharged and we are ready to settle into our routines again. It's been another engaging season of exploration and experiences in our classrooms as we said goodbye to 2019 and welcome in 2020. Our teachers have been busy too, furthering their professional development through online workshops. These workshops enable us to continue to grow and give the best care to the families we serve.

We would like to take the time to express our sincere gratitude from the bottom of our hearts to each and every person at Calvary Baptist Church for your continued support over this ministry. There are many goals that we know we could not achieve without your support and cooperation. We look forward to your continued support for our future endeavors.

*"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things become new."
2 Corinthians 5:17*

Angela & Jamie
Daycare Directors



Women On Mission

Spiritual Growth will be the focus of our studies for January and February. Please make plans to attend our January meeting as we make our mission plans for the year. We meet the second Sunday of each month at 5 PM. We encourage women of all ages to join us! Our meeting consists of a Bible Study, missionary emphasis and prayer time for our missionaries who have birthdays on that day. We also participate in local and foreign mission projects.



Children In Action

Children in Action will be kicking off the New Year on Wednesday, January 8th at 6:15 PM. Children in Action is for children K-6th Grade. In January we will be Caring for the Children: Florida Baptist Children's Homes. In February we will be Pursuing Cambodia with God's Love.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Wow! God is so Good! Thank you Calvary Baptist Church family for your giving spirit and for your love for missions! We exceeded our goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year. You gave \$6,840.14. I am so excited to see how God will use us for His kingdom work this coming year!

Together God's love and the Good News is shared. Each week as we gather to seek God's direction as to what and how He is working, we are amazed and speechless.....ONLY GOD. Oswald J. Smith stated, "The Light that shines the farthest shines the brightest nearest home." This has proven true for ministry opportunities this past Fall.

First, a mission trip to Calvary Campus, Blackey, Kentucky in October where six served a delicious fish fry to a low income apartment complex, fish dinner to the missionary family which consisted of gluten free for some, and a bean soup lunch for an antique show. The hospital auxiliary was provided prayer pillowcases and the local school was provided with school supplies. In addition, Calvary Campus Ministry was provided with clothes, pillowcases, and backpacks including filler items.

Additionally, Calvary Baptist Church supported missions in so many other ways...

- 550 t-shirt jump ropers were created for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry in addition to salvation bracelets, sewing cards, sewing kits, craft kits, and other filler items.
- 100 t-shirt jump ropes, dolls and pillowcase dresses were sent to Africa
- Several items for a Nazareth Baptist School Christmas Bazaar in Israel were provided
- 100 salvation bracelets for Kentucky

We are so humbled and thankful that God has provided for numerous local mission opportunities as well...

- Prayer pillow cases were provided for AlaCare Hospice which serves North Alabama counties.
- Book pillows and note organizers for Helen Keller Hospital were provided.
- Clothes, coats, socks, gloves, hygiene kits, blankets and meals were sent to Sheffield Sunrise Center.
- Hygiene kits were provided for LaClinica Christianna (a free clinic).
- Formula for Colbert Caring Center was donated.
- Blankets and pillow for Colbert County Animal Shelter were donated.
- Potholders and bags for Mission-Q were provided.
- Apple Cider and hot chocolate was given out for the Tuscumbia Christmas Parade.
- Reindeer bags for Cottage of the Shoals residents were delivered; and 15 residents were sponsored for Christmas.
- Complete Thanksgiving meals for the Sheffield Homeless carwash were provided.
- Christmas Joy baskets for the elderly were provided.
- We hosted a Master's t-shirt jump rope making party for a Waterloo youth group and leaders.
- Blankets, stuffed animals, and word search books were delivered Christmas Day for Keller Landing residents.
- Prayer pillowcases for those who were critically ill were delivered.
- Yarn and material for Woodmont Salvation Doll ministry were donated.

God not only provided these local mission opportunities, but, He also has provided amazingly for the ministry team. We were able to enlarge our work space by adding the adjacent room thanks to the Calvary men who worked so diligently to take down the wall and helped us move and organize the room. Many items were donated to sell. Thanks to the ones who donated items and the ones who sold and delivered the items. This money is used to repair machines and purchase larger items.

God blesses tremendously. This ministry covets your prayers and support. We cherish the opportunity to serve The Master. Together we can share His love to those He puts in our paths. We would love for you to join us. We meet each Thursday at 9 AM at the Southside Campus.Only God.....



Mark Davis, church planter, with children wearing their pillowcase dresses. Mark stated that about 600 professions of faith were made.

Children from playing with their t-shirt jump ropes...



Calvary Out & About...

