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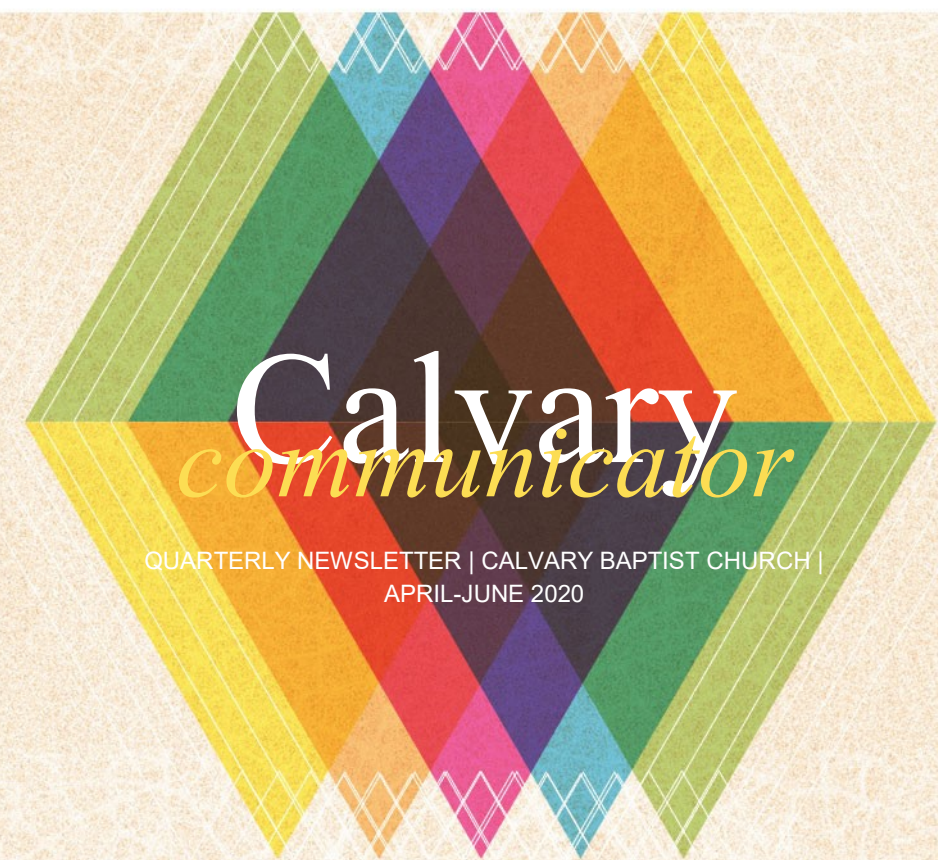
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FROM THE PASTOR...

Dear Church Family,

I am writing to you in the middle of the Corona Virus Pandemic. We have never seen anything like this before in our lives! People are dying around the world from an enemy they can't see. Our economy has collapsed. Our businesses have shut down and even our churches are unable to meet! People have been told to stay home. Our senior citizens and people with weaker immune systems are especially susceptible to this virus. It is frightening for us all!

Someone might say, "Where is God?" or "Why did God allow this to happen?"

Let me assure you that God is not surprised! He knew these days would come and He is hard at work! He is using this bad situation and turning it to something good, as He often tends to do.

It is amazing how many of our distractions have been removed. Things that might have become more important to us, God seems to be taking away (at least for a time). God has allowed this virus to affect

us financially. He has taken our sports and entertainment for a time. He has even taken all our social outlets. The saddest part is, we cannot even come together to worship Him as we are accustomed.

Have you stopped to consider how God has been preparing us for this time? With the technological inventions of previous years, we can now actually meet together and worship online. We can interact with each other through modern technologies like Skype and Zoom. It's amazing what all we can do. God is still at work during these dark days.

I believe with all my heart, He is sending a great awakening around the globe. People who know Him are getting closer and repenting, allowing Him to clean our hearts. People who don't know Him are turning to Him! We all need His help.

I can't wait until I can see you all again! I love you! God Bless You! Happy Easter!

Bro. Darrell

MISSION OUTREACH TO UGANDA

I was so blessed by the time I got to spend with you all. I met so many brothers and sisters in Christ. You all welcomed me with open arms, and I am so grateful for that. Through the donations of the church and the members, "Freckled Love" is able to send 8 children to school for an entire year! How great is our GOD! Thank you for obeying Him, and loving His children.

Your Sister in Christ, Sarah Steles

Church Events

- May 3rd - Senior Adult Day
- May 12th - Keenagers
- May 10th - Deacon's Mtg.
- May 10th - WOM Mtg.
- May 16th - Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build
- May 17th - Daycare Graduation
- May 17th - Business Meeting
- May 24th - CIA Recognition
- June 9th - Keenagers
- June 14th - Deacon's Mtg.
- June 14th - WOM Mtg.
- June 15-19 - VBS
- June 19-20 - Gridiron Men's Conference
- June 27th - OCC Hamburger Meal Fundraiser

Student Ministry

John 3:16 is one of the first Bible verses I learned as a child and it is the first verse my children learned. I sang Jesus loves me to them every night as I rocked them to sleep. I wanted them to know how much God loved them.

During this Easter season, it is not about the eggs, the new clothes, etc. Many of us are praying that our lives can get back to normal. Instead of Easter egg hunts and parties, we are just hoping to be able to have drive-in church in our parking lots on Easter Sunday. I can honestly say that I am very thankful for technology that gives us the opportunity to worship in our

homes, conduct ministry through social media and video technology. I so miss hugging my children on Sunday morning and seeing our church family gathered in one building praising and having worship together. Hopefully when we do come back together, our churches will be full and God will have used this time in a mighty way to get people to remember how important it is to worship our loving and amazing God!

John 3:16 reminds us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us! We did not deserve that sacrifice, but I rejoice that there is a God that loved me so much that He

was willing to die on a cross for my sins! I am so thankful for the resurrection where Jesus defeated death. Don't you wish you could have been there that morning when the stone rolled away and Jesus walked right out of the tomb?

At Christmas, we sing and celebrate the birth of Jesus, at Easter we remember and celebrate the ultimate sacrifice that was made for us!

I am praying for you as you go through these next weeks and months. Praying for healing for this terrible virus and for spiritual healing of our world.

In His Love,
Tammy

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son so that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but, have everlasting life.”

Women On Mission

Proverbs 27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. How many times have we read these verses or heard the topic preached on? We have personal testimony of how the pandemic has upended our plans for tomorrow! Does this make you fearful and anxious? Remember that the same God who divided the Red Sea is the God of today. Tell your family, friends and strangers that God loves them and sent His Son to die on the cross for all.

We are way short of our goal for this year's Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and we need your help. Mail your envelope for fifty-five cents to 601 N Main St. or follow the link on Calvary's Facebook page to give on-line. I will come and get your envelope! Contact me at 256-415-8616 anytime. Below are a few verses that reminds us of our responsibility to missions and missionaries.

Hebrews 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Galatians 6:6 One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.

Romans 12:13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality

I encourage everyone to send cards and letters to our shut-in and residents of assisted living facilities. Below are the addresses for our local facilities.

Cottage of the Shoals
500 John Aldridge
Tuscumbia, AL 35674

Keller Landing
813 Keller Lane
Tuscumbia, AL 35674

Cypress Cove Center
200 Alabama Ave.
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

Morningside
413 Cox Blvd.
Sheffield, AL 35660

Brookdale Shoals
2904 S. Wilson Dam Rd.
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

Brentwood
2505 Alabama Ave.
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

I urge you to choose faith over fear and trust that “God has this!” Trust! Pray! Give!

In His Service,
Penny

New Website!

We have been working to update our Website with a new layout and more information. Please take some time to review the website and see what all we are up to at Calvary Baptist Church. Please let us know if there are any corrections that need to be made.

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Sunday School News

I hope you are safe and well. I cannot wait until the day we can worship together again in Sunday School and Church.

While we await God's perfect timing, we are living in turbulent times. Ominous clouds of worry, anxiety, fear, and disdain are hovering over us. Tossed and battered by the strong winds of the Corona Virus. We are thrown into an unknown realm where we have never traveled before. It is frightening! What are we to do? Reach for our Bibles and pray, pray and pray for God to intervene and stop this pestilence.

One of my favorite Bible verses, I constantly quote to myself is short, simple and powerful against Satan when he wants me to be afraid. Psalm 56:3 says, “What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.” It works every time.

Another favorite verse is also from Psalms 46:1 which reads, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in troubles.”

Aren't you glad that we have a wonderful God who loves us, cares for us, and is with us in all circumstances of life including the Corona Virus?

King of Kings, Lord of Lords is He! Wonderful! Gracious! Faithful in all things! Always! During this time, remember, “This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

It's His Day—He made it. We can rejoice in the blessings that come from Him. He knows what we are going through and He is walking with us. Stay safe. Stay healthy!

In His Name,
Bitsey Moore

Keenagers News

In January our Keenagers traveled to All Steak in Cullman for lunch. Our van was completely full and many drove their cars. We had about 30 in attendance and enjoyed some great fellowship. The famous orange rolls did not disappoint.

In February we traveled to Savannah, TN to visit and eat at The Outpost. I had never heard of this place and appreciate Pete Black's recommendation. You will find everything from homemade fudge, hats, shirts, handmade crafts, and canned spice peaches at reasonable prices. While some of their shops were closed for the winter, many enjoyed watching a talented wood carver use a chain saw to make great art. We had 17 in attendance and everyone was very complimentary of the food and scenery.

In March, after two months of traveling we decided to stay closer to home and enjoyed lunch at Newbern's in Florence. We had 27 in attendance and Newbern's never disappoints. The food, fellowship and friendly atmosphere was great.

As you are well aware, we will not be able to make any plans for the month of April because of the “shelter-in-place” restrictions. However, we are praying that this pandemic will soon pass and we can continue enjoying good Christian fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our current plan is to go to Tracy and Kristy Humber's home in May. They have graciously agreed to host the Keenagers at their home on the river. It is a beautiful setting which they have deemed “Paradise.” From the pictures I have seen, it holds true to its name. Our visit there will not be on a Tuesday but on a Saturday. More info will be shared at a later date.

Thanks to all who have joined in these outings. Again, if you would like to recommend a place for us to go, please let me know. We would love to have more of you take advantage of the opportunity to get to know your church family even better. God bless you as we navigate the unknown ahead of us. Just remember “God is already there.”

Love in Christ,
Faye Pendergrass

Children In Action

Hi CIA's! Wow things changed quickly! I pray that you remember this verse from

Isaiah 43:1b He says, “Don't be afraid, because I have saved you. I have called you by name and you are mine.”

Memorize this verse and quote it when you are afraid!

Social Distancing doesn't allow us to meet but you always need to be mission minded. Below are the missionaries that we would be learning about and praying for in class. Please pray for them daily. We pledge each week....

As a member of Children in Action, I will pray missions, give to mission, learn about missions, and do missions through the power of Christ.

April – Pray for Don and Mary Alan (names changed) who are workers in the Middle East. You can encourage them by sending a card to this address:

Don and Mary Alan
c/o International Mission Board
PO Box 6767
Richmond, VA 23230

I am mailing you an information sheet about the Alans and the Bible study for April.

May – Pray for WorldCrafts - a fair-trade ministry that helps impoverished people in more than 20 countries learn how to make items that can be sold to give them an income and then they can hear and learn about the hope of eternal life.

If social distancing is still in effect in May, I will mail you the Bible study and information sheets about WorldCrafts.

I am praying for you and ask that you pray for each other. I love you and we will be together soon!

Mrs. Penny