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A Word From the Pastor...

Greetings Calvary Family!

This has been a crazy year. Who ever imagined we would live through a Pandemic? Along with that, we have seen social and political unrest like we have never seen before.

Yet, we must not forget that God is still in control! He hasn't gone anywhere. We may have taken our eyes off of Him but, He has not forgotten about us.

I am writing this the day after our first return to Wednesday night church. The crowd was small but, oh how sweet it was to get back together again!

I have been reminded many times that the word "together" is the key. The Holy Spirit grew the early church by bringing people together. This is how

God created us. We are in need of relationships. First, we need to know Him and secondly, we need relationships with others.

During Covid-19, that is what we have been missing. We need each other desperately.

Let me encourage all of you to pray about God's timing to work your way back to regular fellowship with the body of Christ.

I can't begin to tell you how much you are missed when you aren't present.

What a privilege it is to be able to come for corporate worship! Remember to make it a high priority from week to week!

Love in Christ,
Bro. Darrell Pace

Church Events

- Oct 5th—SSAL Fall Banquet
- Oct 11th—World Hunger Day/ Lord's Supper
- Oct 13th—Keenagers Get Together
- Oct 18th—CLBA Worship Celebration & Ministry Exhibition
- Oct 25th—Business Meeting
- Oct 30th—CLBA ETA Classic

Operation Christmas Child

It's the time of the year to think about Operation Christmas Child. It's one of Calvary's ways of living out the Great Commission. "Go ye therefore and help spread the Love of Jesus." Our goal this year is 500 shoeboxes. Watch for more updates coming soon.

In Christ's Love,
Maxine Wallace

Sunday School

I love Sunday School. Don't you? It's encouraging to be with people your own age to study, pray, and share together. It's so vital for all Christians.

What is so important about Sunday School?

The study of God's Word with a class of sweet brothers and sisters that enjoy sharing and working together is an integral part of our spiritual growth. Each person is important and contributes to the class. We should leave class feeling spiritually refreshed and ready for the storms that are sure to come.

Most of our adult classes are studying the book of Isaiah. It is a powerful and a frightful study. I will confess; I skipped ahead and read Lamentations first. Not good. Then I backed up and read the book of Isaiah. Jeremiah paints a dark picture of fruitless warnings to the people of Judah, Jerusalem, and the Southern Kingdom for their sins. Read to understand! You will be spellbound!

Back to Lamentations. Read about the prophet Jeremiah as he records the actual destruction of Judah and Jerusalem. Why did God judge so harshly? Because

of their unrepentant sins. Will God judge America like this?

Sunday School is about teaching Christians to love God and love their neighbors. However, it seems that Sunday School is no more until Covid disappears. Until Sunday School comes back, we must pray.

Remember these points: 1. If you are unsaved, now is the time to call on Jesus. 2. Keep the faith. 3. Have hope in Jesus Christ. 4. Share God's Word with the world.

Sunday School is the place where we learn, share, and lead. Can you think of any better reason to be in Sunday School?

Until He Comes,
Bitsey Moore

Mark 16:15

“Go ye into the world and preach the Word to every creature.”

Roger and I want to thank each and everyone of you who prayed for us during our recent battle with Covid-19. God heard those prayers and healed us. Nothing is better than Christian brothers and sisters praying for other Christians across the world.

CLC Daycares

The new school year is here—a good time for new beginnings. Pools are closing, vacations are complete, and our families are settling back in to routines of work, school, and daily commitments. The beginning of the school year brings new families, new friends and new faces to our centers.

Children in our Pre-K program are focusing on kindergarten readiness skills, such as counting, reading and writing their name, gaining spatial and body awareness, and developing their social and emotional competence. As their independence grows, they are

encouraged to explore the world around them through ongoing investigations of interest-based topics. They form strong friendships that flourish with their exponentially growing social skills and cultivate a love of learning and a love of God. Our infants and toddlers are learning about shapes and colors through fingerpainting and using their fine motor skills.

We are so excited for the upcoming Holiday season. We have so much to be thankful for in both of our centers and after-school programs.

Jamie & Angela

Keenagers

A picnic type event for the Keenagers will be on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 11:30am at the church. We will plan to meet in the shady area on the north side of the church. Tables, chairs, and a box lunch will be provided. Please bring your own lawn chairs to be more comfortable after eating.

We will have horseshoes, corn-hole games, etc. as well as prizes. This should be a lot of fun and social distancing will be respected. Please call or text Fay Pendergrass (423-596-1185) by Sunday, October 11th if you plan to attend so that the meals can be purchased.

I look forward to seeing all of you and enjoying the fellowship.

Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

Thank you all so much for your willingness to give. Calvary Baptist Church was able to collect **\$1,538.97** for the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering this year. This offering helps the Alabama Baptists fund their Disaster Relief efforts, Church Planting, the Alabama WMU, Children's Missions programs, Church Revitalization efforts, and many more Partnership Missions.



The Master's Crafters

Pandemic....God provides for missions....The Master's Crafters work from home.

March 5, 2020 was the last day for the Master's Crafters to meet together prior to the Covid-19 social distancing order. But the Lord's work and blessings never stopped. It just took a different look. God blessed while some gathered and delivered supplies, some cut and sewed, some pressed, packaged and delivered.

Although The Master's Crafters worked at home during the pandemic, God provided the following opportunities:

Locally...

- ♦ 2923 face masks (Helen Keller Hospital, Nursing Homes, Individuals)
- ♦ Added sleeves to 100 surgical gowns for Covid-19 workers at Helen Keller Hospital
- ♦ Participated in Calvary's WOM to send cards to each client at local nursing homes and for drive-by parade

Kentucky...

- ♦ Collected dried beans
- ♦ 125 face masks delivered
- ♦ 100 prayer pillowcases
- ♦ 15 totes/boxes of clothes/coats

We are so thankful for Tracy and Christie Humber as well as David and Penny Hites for loading and delivering these items to Calvary Campus Ministry in Letcher County, Kentucky. The mission family was so appreciative because their ministry has been very limited.

Foreign...

- ♦ OCC
 - ◇ 500 jump ropes
 - ◇ Made wash cloths and bears
 - ◇ Collected crayons, balls, toothbrushes, coloring books
- ♦ Guatemala
 - ◇ 34 hygiene packets
 - ◇ \$100 donation for supplies

Many items have been made at home like bears, caps, jump ropes, and book pillows. We are looking forward to meeting together and praising God as He continues to bless.

Mission-Q

Mission-Q continues to evaluate how we can conduct our event November 20-21, 2020. We have decided to move forward in discussions with sponsors and teams. We are praying that we are able to conduct our event in 2020. Please be in prayer for Mission-Q 2020.

Mission-Q has been actively providing assistance to individuals and groups in need. We have provided the following assistance during the first eight months of 2020.

Anonymous family: \$250

Sara Steles, Independent missionary to Uganda: \$250

Building Believers in Christ, Guatemala: \$250

Global Hope Missions, Jose Prado: \$250

WMU Backpacks: \$250

Alabama Baptist Children's Home: \$250

We are blessed to be able to minister to those in need through Mission-Q. Thanks for your prayers and help with Mission-Q. May God bless you for participating in this ministry.

Alan Nix

Student Ministry

I cannot believe September is almost over! When I wrote my summer newsletter, I was anticipating being able to delay our summer plans but carry them out at some point. What is summer without camp, activities, swimming, etc. At first, I was so disappointed but, God began to show me new ways to find our "new normal." Our youth brought their lawn chairs to my house on Wednesdays and we had Bible Study in the front yard. It ended up being a great summer. God has done an amazing work in many of our students. I am so proud of the commitment these students have made to further our ministry. Please pray as we have challenged them to reach out to their friends at school and get them to come and be a part of what God is doing on Wednesday nights at Calvary.

From time to time, I walk our Children's Department and Preschool areas. It makes me so sad to see empty rooms where boys and girls were learning about Jesus! I miss our boys and girls. We have dropped some fun things off to them and had some visits (social distancing of course), but I miss them being in our building! With that said, we will be making a plan as we begin to look at starting back more ministry opportunities soon. Please know that we are looking at ways to social distance and providing a safe environment for our Student Ministry areas.

After meeting with my youth/student leadership, our students will not be attending Winter Xtreme this year. I let this be a student led discussion and decision. We will be starting some fellowships that will provide a safe environment for our students.

I will also be meeting with our Children's Advisory Committee on ways we can provide a couple of fun, safe children's activities. Movie night, and some other fun things will be coming soon.

My favorite season will be here before you know it. Christmas! I love the story of the birth of our Lord. It changed everything for us for eternity.

In His Love,
Tammy