

November 1, 2024



Dear Calvary Family:

The January 14, 1875 edition of the Lexington Daily Press reported that in a business meeting of First Baptist Church of Lexington a group of members withdrew from that fellowship to begin a new congregation with the blessing of those who remained. The article also stated that the new congregation would hold their first meeting the following Sunday according to Mr. R. G. Elliot. The congregation that would eventually become Calvary Baptist Church gathered for the first time on the following Sunday. Next year will mark 150 years since that momentous day.

We invite you to join us in celebrating God's faithfulness to and through Calvary Baptist Church with a series of events throughout 2025. The first of our celebrations will mark the occasion of our birth. We will celebrate Founder's Day during our worship service on January 26. The day will begin with a reception in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30AM and proceed to worship in the Sanctuary beginning at 10:30AM. The service will feature reminders of our history, the debut of a new composition for the organ and acknowledgements of the day from others in our community. However, the focus will be on God's faithfulness to us through a century and a half of ministry.

This is just the first moment in a year's worth of remembering, thanksgiving and visioning. Throughout the year, we will offer monthly emphases on various aspects of our history both in worship as well as in print and social media. We also have two major events planned for the year. We hope you will mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

We will host a Homecoming Weekend on June 21 and 22, Saturday and Sunday. The weekend will include some mini-reunions on Saturday and a catered lunch for everyone following worship on Sunday, which begins at 11AM. Look for an opportunity in early 2025 to RSVP for the lunch.


On Sunday, October 12 at 4PM, we will invite the community to a Worship Celebration that will highlight the rich tradition of music and the arts at Calvary. This performance will include both our choir and orchestra as well as a few special guests. The highlight of the day will be the performance of a new choral piece commissioned especially for our anniversary.


We hope you will join us for all of these events. You can keep up with the details as they develop and see more information on the 150th Anniversary page of the church website by using the QR code on the left. God has truly been faithful to Calvary and we look forward to celebrating God's faithfulness with you next year.

Blessings,

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