CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrating

Years of Ministry

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Fall 2025

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I graduated from college with a business degree in 1989. I offer this bit of personal history as insight into how I was trained to think about outcomes. My last class in undergrad was designed to help all of us to become strategic thinkers about our future endeavors. I don't remember the name of the class now; but I do remember that we were learning about how to be consultants or experts or something with a briefcase. The class centered on the buzzwords of the 80's like mission and vision and strategies and objectives which were meant to guide our work and other words like measurables and metrics and outcomes that we were to use to determine if that work was productive.

Now in my first career, I applied all of this eagerly. I was essentially in sales; so the measurables were fairly clear. How much and how many were pretty much the only two categories. As I entered the ministry, I tried a similar approach. The 80s were still hanging around in the church as well. Church growth strategies were all about mission and vision and strategic plans. Some of that was really pretty good. Much of it was helpful and ultimately productive. But after a while, it started to feel thin. Numbers and percentages and the rest can only tell part of the story. I felt like I was missing something of the essence of what it meant to be the church.

I write all of this here to preface our theme for the fall: bright hope for tomorrow. Throughout this year we have recited and celebrated God's faithfulness to Calvary over the last century and a half. We have remembered God's goodness through the generations from our founders forward and we have considered the strength God is providing us through our life together today. In this third and final movement, we will spend some time thinking about the bright hope for tomorrow of what we will yet become.

Become is the key word. We will not talk about metrics or outcomes, per se. We will explore God's vision for us but not in ways that define objectives and map out strategies. Instead, we will listen to God's Spirit to hear how we are becoming. What are God's bright hopes for us? How do we envision what it means for us to be the church—the real essence of what God is bringing into reality through us? This is not your standard-issue vision casting. No, I am asking us to enter into worship this fall with hearts open and spirits resonating with God's transformational work in and through us. Here are some of the topics so that you get the idea:

Hope for Vision

Hope for Vocation

Hope for Transformation

Hope for Fruit

Hope for Beauty

Hope for Unity

Hope for Relevance

Hope for Continuity

Hope for Presence

Hope for Legacy

Hope for Tomorrow: The Is-ness of the Will Be

These are the things I believe God is hoping for us. As such, they are timeless. Strategies and methods change over time. My friend Scott and I submitted a final project for the aforementioned class that focused on increasing sales of compact discs in the former Soviet Union--not exactly timeless. The transformational work of God finds us in the now and not yet of God's coming kingdom and helps us to become much more than we can ever measure and far better than we could even imagine. So, let us look to the future with bright hope for tomorrow and continuing to trust in God's great faithfulness.

Blessings, Monty



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INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday September 26



6 PM Sanctuary

Local international congregations will come together in unity for a time of musical worship allowing everyone to experience their styles and honor the Lord. Calvary welcomes choirs and musicians from Ukrainian, Chinese, Swahili and Nigerian faith communities. It is offered as a part of Lexington's Sacred Music Festival.

All are welcome and there is no cost.



FALL WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

begins August 20 at 6PM in Fellowship Hall

As the pilgrims approached Jerusalem for the festival, they sang. Thankfully our forebears in the faith preserved some of their song book in the Psalms. We often call these the Songs of Ascent. There are numbered 120 to 134 in our psalter. These psalms provide us both a glimpse into the heart of worship in ancient Israel and an insight into the way of discipleship for us today. Eugene Peterson (translator of The Message) will be our guide for our journey through these songs during our Wednesday Night Bible Study this fall. We will use his book, A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society as a companion and conversation starter.

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Connect to Calvary

September 21 9:45-10:45AM Fireside Room





Whether you're new to Calvary or been visiting for awhile, we would love to share some information to help you better connect with our campus, our staff, and our missions and ministries. We'll highlight information like: how to find a Sunday School class, how to get information about events and opportunities, how you get involved in missions activities, an overview of our campus and what is located in each building, church membership, as well as introduce some of our ministers and their roles in ministry here at Calvary. Our goal is to get to know you a little better and for you to get to know Calvary a little better. Let us know you're coming using the QR code above.

Nurturing a Resilient Faith

Adult Spiritual Formation Mini Retreat

Gather with us for a morning focused on spiritual growth and navigating faith through life's challenges. We have invited some engaging guest speakers to lead workshops that cover topics such as anxiety, personal discipleship, navigating diagnosis and illness as the patient and as the caregiver, how to cope when crisis comes home, and more! We'll start with breakfast and a session with Dr. John Lepper, a licensed Pastoral Counselor and Spiritual Integrated Psychotherapist, who serves at the St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center in Louisville. Then you will have the opportunity to select two workshops to attend from our many options. All adults are welcome, so invite someone you think might benefit. There is no registration cost and childcare for birth through 5th grade is also provided at no charge.

Saturday, Oct. 18 8:30AM-12PM ROC & EB2





Register using the QR code or on our website beginning in **September**



Bring a friend, Sunday

Invite a neighbor, a friend, a family member, a fellow soccer mom/dad, a co-worker, your mailperson, or anyone else you think might desire to find a church home and community of believers. We will host a special time of refreshments on the Green Space between the ROC and the Sanctuary buildings, providing a great opportunity to gather to chat and get to know others. So extend the invitation to join you in worship (and maybe even Sunday School)! Then that evening, invite them to gather with us for our annual Fall Festival. New this year: Chili supper and a cornhole tourney! We look forward to welcoming your guests to our campus.

October 26

Early Worship 8:30AM
Refreshments on the Green Space 9:30-10AM
Sunday School 9:45AM
Traditional Worship 11:00AM

Fall Festival in the ROC 4-6PM



4-6PM in the ROC Gym

Celebrate fall with Calvary! There is something for everyone this year. Invite a friend or neighbor to come along.

- Kids Activities& Prizes
- Live music
- Chili Supper
- Cornhole Tournament

Mission Opportunities

AUG 18-**SEP 18**

BUILD A BED WORK NIGHTS Mondays & Thursdays, 5-7PM Cut, sand and stain materials and to beds for children in Lexington area

schools. Adults are welcome, as are middle school and high school aged kids with a parent or caregiver.

OCT 16 & 17 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAYS • 8AM-4PM



Help with interior trim work in a new Habitat home in Lexington. Those 16 and older are invited. Register using the QR code.

NOV

MISSION DAY 9AM-1PM

A morning of service to a Lexington non-profit that serves our community. All ages and abilities are welcome. No registration required.

Contact Chuck Powell for details or to sign-up for any of these mission opportunities.

Meet Your New Deacons



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Becky Miller



Jason Moseley



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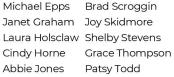


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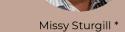
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Nancy Ristau *



Kevin Weaver



anthem from Mark Hayes and Jack Stallins and an organ solo written for our 150th year by Anna Laura Page.







Women's Ministry Bible Studies

Sunday Evening Women's Bible Study September 7 - October 19 5-7 PM in Rachel's Room (EB2, 3rd Floor)

Join women of all ages for a Bible study on Sunday evenings titled 5 Mere Christians: Binge-worthy Biographies that Show How to Glorify God in Your Work. Authors Jordan Raynor and Kaleigh Cox invite you to consider the compelling stories of five mere Christians who found joy, purpose, and success in their secular occupations and served God powerfully in the process. This six-week study is



open to all ladies, so invite a friend! Zoom option available. Sign-up on the website or use the QR code. Contact Fran Rohlfing or the church office with questions.

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study September 8 - October 20

10:45AM-12PM in Rachel's Room (EB2, 3rd Floor)

Ladies of all ages are invited to a Bible study "Luke in the Land" by Kristi McLelland. During the 7 sessions we'll study snapshots from the Gospel of Luke to see where the stories of the Bible took place. The teaching videos take participants to locations in Israel like Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus. Along the way, you'll see how Jesus, the Messiah,

brought His kingdom to earth for everybody. Sherry Johnson will lead this study. Sign-up on the website or use the QR code. Contact Kristy Hayes or the church office with questions.





Events







LOGOS Senior Ministry for adults 60+

Ale 8 Plant Tour Thursday, September 18 9:45AM-2PM

See behind the scenes of Kentucky's favorite soda at the Ale 8 plant in Winchester. There will be opportunities for shopping in the gift shop and then lunch following the tour. No cost except for lunch.

American Sign Museum in Cincinnati Thursday, October 16

Come join us for a stroll down memory lane through signs! The Sign Museum has everything from Burma-Shave to Art-Deco Neon. Lunch following the museum. Cost is \$15 for museum entrance plus lunch at Greyhouse Tavern.

Tour of Holiday Junction at Cincinnati's Union Terminal Thursday, November 20

Get in the holiday spirit with a tour of Holiday Junction. Besides trains (of which there are 300 rail cars and 50 locomotives) there is also a Lego display. Lunch following the tour. Cost is estimated to be \$15 for entrance plus lunch.

Please email tyanna@calvarybaptistchurch.com to register.

Faithful Families Workshop

October 8 & 15 6-7:15PM in the Fireside Room

Learn with other parents how to incorporate faith practices in your daily life to grow closer to God as a family. Over the two sessions, you'll start putting tools in your kit to help you on this journey as we use Traci Smith's Faithful Families resources. Cost is \$5. Register using the QR code. Contact Carrie Beth Tonks with questions.



College Wednesdays

Begin on September 3 7-9PM in the College Suite (3rd floor EB1)

We welcome back our college students on Wednesday nights this fall! Gather with us for dinner and Bible study as we kick off an 8-week study "A Fruitful Life: Discovering Jesus' Invitation in the Sermon on the Mount." Invite someone to join you as we deep dive the Bible. We'll also have some off-campus fun throughout the semester, so follow us on Instagram for up-to-date info! @calvarybaptistcm

Scan to view the College Ministry's Instagram





Youth Backyard BBQ

Middle School Backyard BBQ & Bible Study Sunday, October 5 5-7PM at the Powell Home

All middle school students are invited to meet at Chuck's for dinner, outdoor games, and Bible study.



High School Backyard BBQ & Bible Study Sunday, October 19 5-7PM at the Powell Home

All high school students are invited to meet at Chuck's for dinner, outdoor games, and Bible study.

Christmas Boxes for Appalachia

Wednesday, November 5 6-7PM in Fellowship Hall

Help create Christmas boxes with small gifts to brighten the season for children, teens, and seniors in southern Kentucky. Visit the link in the QR code for general Christmas box guidelines.







CROP WALK

Wednesday, September 24 6:30PM, Meet in the Chapel (EB2)

During this annual Calvary tradition, kids and their families "Walk Because They Walk" for food, clean water, medical care, and more. Funds raised in support of the CROP Walk help our local community as well as communities around the world. Students 1st-12th grade and interested church members are invited to walk around the street blocks around Calvary.



Youth D-Now Weekend Retreat

November 7 - 9

Students in 6th-12th grade are invited to Calvary's annual D-Now Weekend featuring worship, a speaker, Bible study, games, food, Main Event, and more! Cost is \$75. Register by October 12. Contact Chuck Powell with questions.



LOOKING BACKAT Summer

SUMMER AT CALVARY IS ALWAYS AN ADVENTURE



Summer provides so many opportunities to gather together to learn, grow, serve, and have fun!

THANKS FOR JOINING US THIS SUMMER!



YOUTH LAKE DAY



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So many life-giving friendships have been forged here at Calvary over the last 150 years. Through serving alongside one another, ministering to one another's needs, and growing deeper in faith together, we find ourselves connected by our faith in Christ as well as our desire to share life with others.

Homecoming Weekend was full of "I've missed yous" and plenty of hugs. There were many sweet reunions between friends who reminisced about their days together at Calvary. What a beautiful testament to what the Lord has done, and continues to do through the ministry of Calvary Baptist Church.





Thanksgiving Lunch

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 12PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Celebrate and give thanks for the Calvary family at the annual Thanksgiving Lunch. No cost or ticket required.





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