PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ILL AT HOME & RECOVERING

Tommy Ashworth, Hagan Bowen, Donna Brummett, Jennifer Byiongton, Joel & Rhea Calloway, Arlene & Jim Caywood, Donnie & Kim Castle, Toni Gibson, Mark Herndon, Mrs. Hollander, Connor, Titan & Daniel Horne, Grant & Nancy Lawson, Patty Melton, Kelly Robinson, Lula Rogers, Barbara Smith, Christine Smith, Deena Stone, Opal Vaughn, Robert Walls, Jeff Woods.

SHUT-INS & CHRONIC ILLNESS

Marlene Allen, Patsy Cumbow, Tony & Linda England, Vonda Gardner, Eddie McDavid, Billie Orrick, Betty Sproles.

HOSPITALS/NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING & REHAB

Peggy Harber, Ted Harris, Charlotte Lemons.

NON - MEDICAL PRAYER NEEDS

The LOST, Our Church, Our Country, Our Schools – students & personnel, Bob & Celeste Gailey, COVID-19, George Kasibante & Uganda Orphange. William Roberts, deployed.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
Weekly Requirements	$ 7,230.19
Undesignated – April 14, 2024	$ 6,104.00
Savings – April 14, 2024	$ 00.00

VBS is fast approaching!

Mark your calendars now for our 2024 Vacation Bible School. Children who are potty-trained from age 4 through having just finished 6th grade are welcome to attend. We will meet at 6:00 pm each evening, and conclude at 8:00 pm.

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Matthew 28:19-20

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
Our preschool for Sunday School and Worship is open.

TUESDAY SCHEDULE

12:00 Noon Sr. Adult Bible Study& Lunch (CH)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:45 PM Snack Supper for Konnect Kidz & Youth
6:00 PM Konnect Kidz & Youth Programs
6:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting (CH)
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Nursery provided

CALIBRATED

It is so wonderful to be back in the saddle again after my recent cardiac device change. After 10 years, my old device was down to its last few ounces of charge, and so they had to open me up, take it out and install a new and improved model. I thought it would be a piece of cake; just take one out, put another one in, and I'd feel the same except for the healing of the incision. Boy, was I in for a surprise.

The truth is that for the first two weeks, I felt wretched, just fatigued all the time. I couldn't figure out why I was feeling so washed out. But then I went in two weeks after the surgery for what they told me was a device check. Well, I have those every year. It usually takes 15-20 minutes, most of which is spent getting me wired up. This time it took two hours, two technicians and a physician's assistant all working together. This wasn't just a check of the device, but a calibration of the device to my particular heart condition. Apparently, when I left the hospital, the device was programmed in a general way to keep me pumping, but not fully calibrated to my specific particular heart quirks. That's why they didn't want me driving for those first two weeks; set like it was, there was a greater chance that it would mis-read my heartbeat, think I was in what they call a "drop-dead rhythm," and give me "the big shock." Wow. Thanks. I mean, you coulda *told* me, y'know. Since it's been dialed in to my personal profile, I've felt great! Lots of energy! Good to go for another decade!

There's a spiritual application in all that (you probably suspected there was). How many Christians have enough general Christianity to give them spiritual life, but they're not really dialed in to what the Lord wants to do specifically in them, for them and through them? General Christianity looks like coming to church, listening to sermons, giving of our money, trying to live and serve according to the Bible. Good stuff. But those are general matters, assignments given to us all. Dialed in, calibrated Christianity looks like talking to God constantly, hearing from Him in His Word and in the depths of our spirit about personal matters, walking according to His guidance, finding and doing His specific will for our particular lives and service, and finding and using the unique mix of skills, talents, abilities and spiritual gifts that God has wired us with. That's when spiritual fatigue gives way to spiritual energy, and drudgery gives way to excitement.

Exciting things are coming up at Calvary as we move into the Springtime. The Sewing and Stitching Ministry will be meeting after the worship service this Sunday, April 14. If you can't make that meeting and you want to be involved, please see Charli Caywood.

Our Diaper Drive will be Saturday, April 20 from 9-11 A.M. WE NEED DIAPERS, AND LOTS OF THEM. We also need people to be here on the 20th to hand out the diapers and pray with the families. Faith Ihrig is spearheading this ministry. You can give diapers to her or bring them to the Conference Room. If you would rather give money, see Faith.

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning, April 21.

Our Spring Concert will be Sunday morning, April 28. A number of our number will be bringing musical numbers (OK, that was corny) during that service.

It's a good time to be at Calvary. It's a good time to come back to Calvary. I hope to see you this Sunday.

Numbers 6:24-26,

Bro. Donnie

7	Melinda Collins	22	Jeremy Livesay
8	Gail Paquette	23	Rick Copas
14	Debbie Grills	25	Mercy Adedokun
15	Gary Coates	26	Chris Conkin
20	Laura Karnes	27	Marilyn Light
21	Tammy Whittemore	31	William Roberts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at a women's Bible study. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, "Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you're so old and it doesn't matter?" Little Bess Elkins looked up and said confidently, "I'm cramming for my finals." (Copied NewsletterNewsletter)

THANK YOU

To Calvary Church Family:

Thank you all for thinking & praying for all of us during our time of sadness of Phyllis Hunter leaving us here. Phyllis is more whole and at peace.

Thank you for cards, bibles and phone call and food you provided for us.

We love our church family!
Danny & Teresa Livesay

Dear Church Family,

I wanted to thank you all so much for your support, thoughts, prayers and other acts of Christian love shown to us during the loss of Gunnar. Also, thank you especially for the Gideon Bibles and the delicious meal you provided for us. I am so glad to have my church family as a part of my life. Blessings and love to all.

- Linda Durham & Family

Dear church family,

Words cannot begin to describe how much we appreciate all the love you've shown us through Jay's (our son-in-law's) cancer journey and homegoing. Your gifts of food, calls, visits, finances, and especially your prayers have been such a blessing to all of us. Thank you so much! We love you all!

~Curtis and Debbie , Jennifer and Cayden & all of Jay's family

I'd like to thank all the Calvary folks for the support and love shown and the prayers during the time that Lois and I were living in the American House memory care unit. I appreciated the many visits by Priscilla Little, John and Nancy Thomasson, Mikel and Bother Donnie and others and the words of encouragement from Jeff Melton. I appreciate the food from the Victory class after Lois's passing and the many people who have stopped to talk about her at church. A special thanks to Lem and Lorreta Mixon who have shown their love for us for many years as Lois's disease progressed by providing food, visits and someone to talk to. – Ralph Young

who's your ONE?

ONE person to pray for & share the gospel with. Be intentional!

Every ONE counts!