

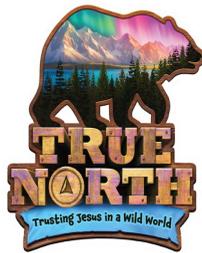
## Vacation Bible School

Save the dates of July 14th—18th, for Vacation Bible School. At True North VBS, kids will explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. As our lessons and activities point participants toward Jesus, we will be reminded that Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust. We all have Jesus—our True North!

Check out the table outside the Square for many, many volunteer opportunities before, during, and after VBS. Safe Sanctuary Clearances are required of all our Volunteers and we will help guide you through the process. Lots of donations are needed! Take a star from behind the table and bring that item to donate to VBS. Take a blue tag to purchase an item that will be used as part of our daily snacks!

Registration forms for kiddos (age 3 through completed 5th grade) are available at the VBS Table outside The Square.

If you have questions, contact Becca or Savannah Slavinsky or the church office.



## Summer Worship: July and August

Calvary will combine Worship Services this summer for 9 weeks, **beginning on July 6th and ending on August 31st.**

Our unified Sanctuary and Livestream Worship will take place at **10:00 AM on Sunday mornings.** This intentional opportunity will strengthen the connection between both worship services as we live out our vision of ***Loving Jesus, Loving Neighbor, and Building Community.*** We especially look forward to sharing in the following celebrations together:

**Outdoor Worship  
with Holy Communion:**  
July 6th & August 3rd

**Vacation Bible School Celebration:**  
July 20th

**Celebrating 25 Years  
of Calvary Kids:**  
August 24th

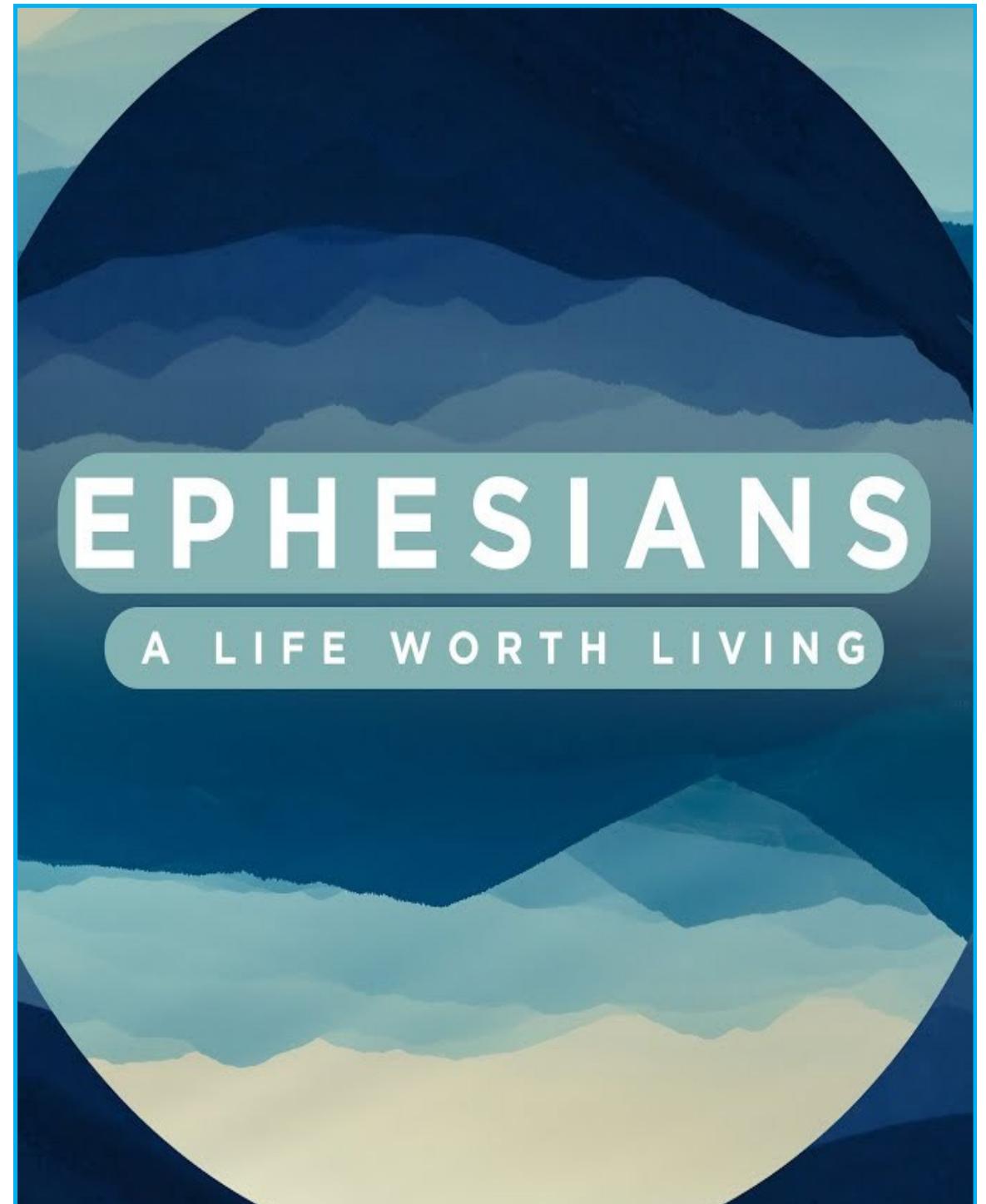
Our regular Worship Schedule (8:30 and 11:00 AM) and Sunday School (9:45 AM) will resume on **September 7, 2025.**

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~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *Bright and Beautiful (A Children's Suite)* arr. Hayes  
Robb Gehlbach, soloist

**\*HYMN** *God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us* #100 UMH

**\*PRAYER of PRAISE** Pastor Deborah Port

**\*PASSING of the PEACE** #393 UMH

*Please be mindful of people's boundaries as you share God's love.*

Please be seated as we sing "Spirit of the Living God"

*Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION** Nic Port (8:30) Corvé Ransom (11:00)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Ephesians 5:1-20 (NIV)

*Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

*But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them.*

*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:*

*"Wake up, O sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you."*

*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**ANTHEM** *Safe Within Your Arms* arr. Hayes  
Robb Gehlbach, soloist



**MOMENT for MISSION** *Cupboard at Calvary Food Pantry* Gary Bupp

**RESPONSE of FAITH**

ONE: Let us pray.

**ALL:** For this reason, we kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. We pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen Calvary with power through his Spirit in our inner beings, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And we pray that Calvary, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that Calvary may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**SERMON** *"A.L.I.V.E. – Imitators of Jesus"*  
*Ephesians: A.L.I.V.E. in Christ*  
Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

**PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE** Pastor Deborah Port

~ *Celebrating at the Table* ~

**PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** *Blessed Assurance* arr. Hayes

**\*DOXOLOGY** #94 UMH

**\*PRAYER of DEDICATION** Pastor Deborah Port

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~

**\*HYMN** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #206 UMH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Shalom to You* #666 UMH

**\*POSTLUDE** *Praise* Martin

\*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=UM Hymnal (red) TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)

**The Altar Flowers are presented:** In Celebration of Ken and Mary Alice on their 54th Wedding Anniversary by their Family.



*The prayer of faith will save the sick. The Lord will raise them up. Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.*  
James 5:15-16

**Calvary's Prayer Ministry**

**In Mourning:** Henry Solt on the passing of his sister, Jane Avate.

**Calvary LAMS (Limited Activity Members):** Dona Hoover, Jean Murphy, Rosalla Hollenbach, Carl Page, Arlene Little, Lois Hartman, Marcia Oster, Dottie Gilloway, Ruth Schaadt, Laura Goodhart, Jean Thomson, Jan Crouse, Bill & Vi Stiffler, Joann Rohland, Carol Bettinger, Paul & Dottie Danko, Bill Morris, Harold McNaughton, Pat Rowe, Vicki Restelli, Pat Hartranft, Bill & Liz Payne, Marilyn Archibald, Barbara Fritz, Priscilla Secord, Sandra Beck, Bob Santos, Glen Reed, Maxine Swink, Janice Wragg, Mary Louise Keiper

**Prayer Concerns:** Bryce Leidich, Lorraine Brosius, Scott & Tracy Wagner, Shirley Holtzer, Joanne Paladino, Ginny Coy, Lance Leidich, Kimberly Myhre, Charlotte Cornelius, John Oster, Ronald Sheaffer, Brandan & Kelly Mehaffie, Rebecca Jacobs & Family, Roger Cooper, John Ewell, Mary Wagner, Charley Cover, Dave & Carol Mehaffie, Henry Reinsborough, Jen Koontz, Deanne & Keith Armstrong, Cole Sullivan, Kimberly Moyer, Tom Stypola, Gene Baldwin, Nova Sheaffer, Tom Worthington, Charlie Sullivan, Christopher Castellani, Brad Wolfe, Patty McConnell, Lee Griffiths, Nancy Paine, Wendy Rose, Dan Sheehan, Tom Fealtman, Amy Stoner, Donna Pope, Phil Womer, Mary Dietrich, Shirley Sweger, Sandra Frantz, Sarah Colding, David & Pat Ster, R.S. Garner, Susie Grubb, Kathy Herring, DeeDee Sakson, Jack & Vivian Bowers, Jill Walker, Ron Beatty, Mary Jo Zemitis, Kerry Wilson, Dennis Coffman, Justin Oster, Cindy Wertz, Larry Wright, Cindy Evans, Amy Otsott, Ronin Trimmer, Shirley Dinini, Dave Hendry, Phyllis Krouse, Anthony Myers, Carl "Marty" Pattison, Luke Wagner, Danny, Alyssa Winston, Alyce Tran, Mark Andrews & Family, Richard Martin, Pat Gingerich, Rich Kochik, Anthony Myers, Julie Andrews, Mary Albright, Winifred Sersch, Phyllis Sills, Jean McClure, Jean Bittle, Sharon Etter\*, Michelle Dougherty\*, Billie\*, Sophia Rodriguez\*, Spencer Griggs\*, Brandi Vinck\*

**Serving in Armed Forces:** Andrew Hoffman, Jake Smuda, Aaron Lytle, Anthony Oswandel, Patrick McCarthy, James Simmons, Clay Burnette, Holly Dively, James Forsyth, Steven Novosel, Curtis Fetterhoff, Jackson Robinette, Joseph Swift, Cole Schiffhauer, Jake Schiffhauer, Zachary Curtis, Ian Turner, Haden Wagner

*\* indicates a prayer concern added or changed this week. Prayer cards can be found in the pew racks. Please complete a card and place in the offering plate. You may also email prayer concerns to [office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org](mailto:office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org) or call 717-545-0021. A new list is compiled at the beginning of each month.*

# CALVARY CALENDAR

**Sunday, June 15th**

Father's Day  
8:30 AM..... Worship Service  
11:00 AM..... Worship Service

**Monday, June 16th**

6:30 PM.....Men's Pick Up  
.....Basketball (age 25 & up)

**Tuesday, June 17th**

9:00 AM..... Threads of Love  
1:00 PM.....UWF Book Club  
6:00 PM..... Amateur Pickleball

**Wednesday, June 18th**

11:30 AM.....Prayer & Devotions

**Thursday, June 19th**

Juneteenth  
Calvary Kids Closed  
Church Office Closed

**Friday, June 20th**

10:15 AM ..... Rose Breakfast  
.....Set Up

**Saturday, June 21st**

9:30 AM ..... Rose Breakfast

**Sunday, June 22nd**

8:30 AM ..... Worship Service  
11:00 AM ..... Worship Service

**Monday, June 23rd**

6:30 PM ..... Men's Pick Up  
..... Basketball (age 25 & up)

**Tuesday, June 24th**

9:00 AM ..... Threads of Love  
6:00 PM .....Amateur Pickleball

**Wednesday, June 18th**

10:00 AM .....Quilters  
11:30 AM .....Prayer & Devotions



## Last Week in Offering

**Offering 06/08/2025**

General Fund Needed: \$18,615  
Received: \$19,398  
Building Fund Needed: \$962  
Received: \$830

**Attendance 06/08/2025**

8:30 AM: 136  
11:00 AM: 121  
Online Worship: 118

## APEST Class

Join us this summer for a 5 Week  
APEST Spiritual Gifts Class.

Pastor Deb will lead an APEST Class on Sundays from 8:30-9:30 AM, beginning on July 13th.

Individuals will receive a personal spiritual gifts assessment, learn to recognize gifts in others, learn the role each gift plays in the body of Christ, and gain practical application for using your gifts and working in groups. Please sign up in The Square. Reach out to

Pastor Deb with questions.



## Summer Nursery

This is a gentle reminder that Calvary does not provide nursery care from May 25th—August 31st. Children of any age are always welcome in worship. We also have a cry room available adjacent to the sanctuary, as well as Children's Worship Bulletins and Worship Bags. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

## Women's Retreat

Save the date of September 26th-28th for our Retreat in Mountain View Lodge at Kenbrook Bible Camp in Lebanon. Brochures can be found in The Square. Saturday only option is available. Join us!

## Livestreaming of Worship

In case you did not know, we are Livestreaming Worship. Please note that we reserve the right to record, videotape, and photograph our services. Your image may be used in print, broadcast, and/or on the internet. By attending our services, you agree to waive any rights or interest to control the use of your likeness in whichever media we may use. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Rose Breakfast:

### A Celebration of Women

Saturday, June 21st at 9:30 AM

Enjoy a delicious catered breakfast and enriching program by Susanna Reppert Brill on The Victorian Language of Flowers with other women at Calvary. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold in June. Contact Romney Noone at 717-756-8416 or Kay Yniguez at 717-652-2866 with questions.

## Karns & Giant Gift Cards

Do you shop at Giant or Karns for groceries? Consider purchasing a Gift Card for your future purchases. Calvary receives 5% of sales from Giant and Karns Gift Cards which is applied directly to the Building Fund to pay towards the principal on our mortgage. Gift cards are available for purchase on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month after each worship service. Thanks for your support! If you are willing to help sell Gift Cards on Sundays, please call Bill Shook at 717-315-7154.

## *"A.L.I.V.E. - Imitators of Jesus"*

Series - Ephesians: A.L.I.V.E. in Christ

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

June 15, 2025

**Background to Ephesians:** The Apostle Paul arrived in Ephesus in A.D. 52 and evangelized there for two years (Acts 19:10). Paul performed numerous miracles during this time (Acts 19:11-12), demonstrating the power of Jesus' name over demon possession (Acts 19:13-16), magic practices (Acts 19:17-19), and the worship of Artemis (Acts 19:23-41). As a result, "*the word of the Lord grew in power*" (Acts 19:20). When Paul departed, he left behind a thriving and healthy church, as noted in Acts 20:16-38 during his journey to Jerusalem. Paul's letter to the Ephesians was one of his later epistles, along with Philippians and Colossians (collectively known as "the prison letters") because he composed them from his Roman prison cell.

**Theme - Counter-Cultural:** How does the Church overcome the influence of the culture surrounding her? Paul's answer is clear: through the immeasurable power of the Living God, the Church can live *in* the culture but not *of* the culture by embracing God's grace as the source of their identity and power.

**Literary Structure:** This letter is structured into two main sections. Chapters 1-3 focus on Orthodoxy (thinking aligned with God's Kingdom). Chapters 4-6 focus on Orthopraxy (behavior aligned with God's Kingdom).

### Series Acronym

*Awakened by Grace*

*Living in Unity*

*Identified with Christ's*

*Victorious through His Power*

*Equipped to Witness*

**Today's Sermon:** We learn how to follow Jesus by aligning our thoughts, feelings, and behaviors after His example. This, "imitation of Christ," transforms our living, which impacts the world around us with the Kingdom of God.

*Imitators of Jesus live in love* (5:1-6)

*Imitators of Jesus live in light* (5:7-14)

*Imitators of Jesus live in wisdom* (5:15-20)