

Women's Bible Study "Reveal Party"

Women of Calvary are invited to gather on Wednesday, August 20th at 10 AM in The Square. We will be revealing the topic for our Fall Bible Study, followed by a time of devotion and fellowship. Books for the Bible Study will be available for purchase (approximate cost is \$7.00). Our weekly Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday morning at 10 AM, and will start this fall, exact date to be announced later. Women of all ages are welcome. There is a sign up sheet in The Square to RSVP for the Reveal Party and sign up for the Bible Study. For further information and questions, please contact Kathy Herring 717-503-4839, Linda Hoffman 717-599-0014, or Bonnie Krampe 717-652-5071.

Singing Opportunity

Come and sing with our Chancel Choir for 10 AM Worship on Sunday, August 17th. We will rehearse on August 13th at 7 PM in the choir room.

Contact Deb Benedict with questions at db@calvaryunitedmethodist.org or 717-379-6551.

Save The Date

Wednesday, August 6th at 5 PM
Fellowship Hall

What? The United Women in Faith will be hosting a **Covered Dish Fellowship Dinner** —**"The Festival of Salads."** This is a covered dish with only salads! Salads can be an appetizer, entrée, or dessert. Let's see how many salads we can share! August is usually hot and if you don't feel like cooking, what is better than a salad. Sign up sheets are in the hallway outside The Square.

But wait, there is more!!!

On Wednesday, August 6th at 7 PM, there will be a **"Concert on the Lawn,"** featuring the **Lower Paxton Variety Band.** This is a free event and open to the community so invite friends, neighbors and family to bring their chairs or blankets and enjoy this entertaining concert featuring local talent. Come and enjoy an evening out, tasty salads, and enjoyable music. If the weather doesn't cooperate the concert will be held indoors.

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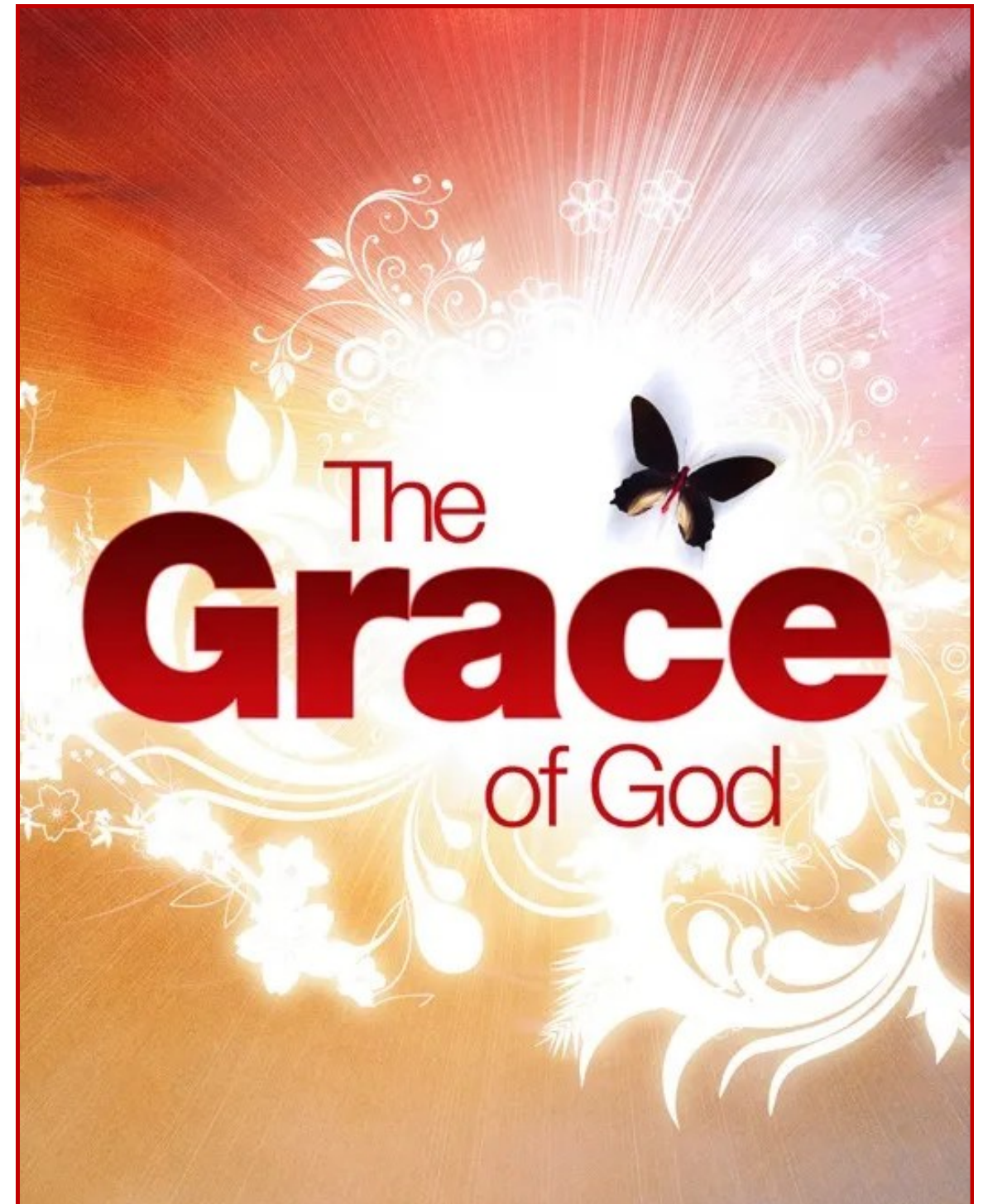
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The prayer of faith will save the sick. The Lord will raise them up. Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
James 5:15-16

Calvary's Prayer Ministry

At Church Camp: Brady Domingos (Camp Nawakwa Staff); Jack Hoover (Wesley Forest Staff); Colin Yniguez, Nate Miller, and Ali Shrauder (Wesley Forest Campers); Kristen Baker, Kristin Hoover, Leah Acri, Tim Miller, Cristin Kaveney, Torree Robertson, and Kelley Price (Wesley Forest Volunteers)

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, 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, Kimberly Myhre, Charlotte Cornelius, John Oster, 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, 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, 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 Otstott, Ronin Trimmer, Shirley Dinini, Anthony Myers, Carl "Marty" Pattison, Luke Wagner, Alyssa Winston, Alyce Tran, Mark Andrews & Family, Richard Martin, Pat Gingerich, Anthony Myers, Julie Andrews, Winifred Sersch, Jean McClure, Sharon Etter, Michelle Dougherty, Billie, Sophia Rodriguez, Spencer Griggs, Brandi Vinck, Nick Drawbaugh, Douglas Walt, David Walt, Thomas Kough, Tavian Plonski, Matthew Beam & Family, Patricia Ritchie, Kathy Oberdorff, Larry Solt, Judi Kochik, Don Ott, Janice Scheid, Eric Scheid, Linda Gates, Mary Albrigh, Lance Leidich, Fay Shiffert*, Charlie Leidig*

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, 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 or call 717-545-0021. A new list is compiled at the beginning of each month.*

CALVARY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 27th

Scholarship Committee Mum Sale
8:30 AM APEST Class
9:30 AM Summer Chancel
..... Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Worship Service
(Communion Training Immediately following Worship)

Monday, July 28th

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

Tuesday, July 29th

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

Wednesday, July 30th

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

Sunday, August 3rd

Outdoor Worship with The
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Scholarship Committee Mum Sale
8:30 AM APEST Class
10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, August 4th

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

Tuesday, August 5th

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

Wednesday, August 6th

11:30 AM Prayer & Devotions
5:00 PM The Festival of Salads
7:00 PM . Lower Paxton Township
..... Variety Band



Last Week in Offering

Offering 07/20/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,615
Received: \$17,559
Building Fund Needed: \$962
Received: \$1,957

Attendance 07/20/2025

10:00 AM: 276
Online Worship: 111

GriefShare

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13 week group, you will receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

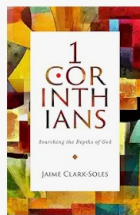
A GriefShare support group is a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Pastor Doug Compton will begin Calvary's 13 week GriefShare class on Thursday, September 11th at 6:30 PM. The class will conclude on Thursday, December 18th (no class on Thanksgiving). Please contact Pastor Doug directly with any questions at 717-599-6246 or dchdj@ yahoo.com. If you wish to sign up for the class, please contact the church office or sign up in The Square.

GriefShare

SUPPORT GROUP

Monday Evening Bible Study

This fall, the Monday Evening Calvary Book Study Group will be reading and discussing *1 Corinthians -- Searching the Depths of God* by Jaime Clark-Soules. The group will meet for six weeks beginning on September 29th, with classes running from 6:30—8 PM. Suggested donation for books is \$15. Sign up sheets will be available in The Square later this summer. Please contact John Packer with questions at jwpackercpa@comcast.net or 717-576-5984.



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.

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.

Shoe Drive

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a summer shoe drive **August 3rd—24th**. During these dates, please place your gently used shoes, boots or sandals in designated bins at the Drop Zone. The collected shoes will be taken to Mission Central and distributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network to developing nations to help impoverished people. Contact Dyan Yingst with questions at 717-979-4152.



“Limping into the Light: Transforming Jacob into Israel”

Series: Voices of the Hebrew Scriptures

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

July 27, 2025

Background: **Genesis** functions as the historical and theological introduction to God's treaty with Israel on Mount Sinai (as found in the Book of Exodus). Genesis highlights the most important part of God's relational story of grace: the fulfillment of His covenant blessings from Adam to Noah to Abraham. **The story of Abraham** begins the second half of the Book of Genesis (Chapters 12-50), which focuses on the patriarchs and matriarchs of the nation of Israel. **Abraham's story flows into that of his son Isaac, and from Isaac to his son Jacob.** These chapters highlight dysfunctional family trees, the trials and triumphs of each, and the blessing of God's grace working through each family. Likewise, Genesis reveals the promise of God to Abraham coming true through the sons of his grandson **Jacob**, for it is from these 12 sons that the tribes of Israel come into being: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Joseph, and Benjamin.

Genesis 32:33-32. Jacob's life was characterized by deception and conflict, involving his brother Esau, his father Isaac, his father-in-law Laban, and even himself. As he prepared to cross the Jabbok River back into Canaan, the land promised by God to Abraham and his descendants, Jacob realized that he could no longer avoid a confrontation with Esau. Standing on the brink of a spiritual crisis, Jacob intentionally sent his wives, maid-servants, sons, and all his possessions across the river, choosing to remain alone. However, Jacob's decision to stay behind was not an act of avoidance, but rather a deliberate choice to face what he could no longer evade.

Sermon: Jacob stayed behind to confront what could no longer be avoided: God, his conscience, and his past. In a long night of wrestling, Jacob and God struggled together with the burden of Jacob's life choices, fears, and unhealed wounds. God, in His grace, met Jacob in his vulnerability – not to overpower or wound him – but to accompany him through the struggle toward transformation. The limp Jacob carried after the long night was not from divine harm but from the holy work of healing. *God's Grace doesn't wound; it heals...and sometimes the work of healing hurts.* Jacob limped into the light of a new day transformed and with a new name, “Israel.” His next step awaited him across the river: reconciliation with his brother.