

## **Christmas is Coming!**

Save the Date: September 17th

You are invited to join us as we are excited to begin our rehearsals preparing for our Christmas Cantata! We will be sharing Joel Raney's "*A Thrill of Hope*" on Sunday, December 21st and will feature our Choir and Bells of Calvary. Our rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 17th at 7 PM in the Choir Room. We will rehearse each Wednesday from 7—7:45 PM leading up to the Cantata, with the exception of Thanksgiving Eve (November 26th).

## **Back to School Blessing and Celebration of Calvary Kids**

### **Child Care Center**

**Sunday, August 24th**

Students of all ages are invited to join us at Worship to receive a blessing for the new school year and a small gift. We will pray for those who work in the field of education and have a gift just for you! And we will also celebrate the 25 Years of Ministry by Calvary Kids Childcare Center! Join us!

## **Calvary Kids Childcare Center 25th Anniversary Celebration**

Saturday, August 23rd

11 AM—2 PM

Join us for a picnic, music, silent auction, kids art show, and so much more! All current and past children, families, staff, Calvary Church families, and friends are invited to attend!

Activities will be in the Fellowship Hall and outside near the Peace Garden.



## **Fellowship Gathering**

Donations are needed for our Fellowship Gathering after Worship on August 24th. Please sign up in the hallway outside The Square. Thank you to those who provided donations in July.

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~ **Gathering in Word and Spirit** ~

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** *Be Strong in the Lord* Fettke/Page

**\*HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #110 UMH

**\*PRAYER of PRAISE**

**\*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** Ken Evans

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** **1 Samuel 17:38-50 (NIV)**

*Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.*

*"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.*

*Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"*

*David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."*



*As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.*

*So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.*

**ANTHEM** *I Will Trust in You* Williams/Barrett  
Chancel Choir

**SERMON** **"David: Daring with Goliath"**

Series: Voices of the Hebrew Scriptures  
Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

**PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE**

~ **Celebrating at the Table** ~

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

**OFFERTORY** *God Leads Us Along* Stevens  
Bonnie Snyder, piano

**\*DOXOLOGY** #94 UMH

**\*PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

~ **Going Forth in Mission** ~

**\*HYMN** *My Hope is Built* #368 UMH

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE** *Recessional in C* Wagner

\*Please stand as you are able.

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





*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

**Calvary LAMS (Limited Activity Members):** Dona Hoover, Jean Murphy, Rosalla Hollenbach, Arlene Little, Lois Hartman, Marcia Oster, Dottie Gilloway, Ruth Schaadt, Laura Goodhart, 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, Glenn 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 Reinsborugh, 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, Mary Albrigh, Lance Leidich, Fay Shiffert, Norman Goff, Vaughn Shutt, Cody Leisey\*

**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](mailto:office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org) or call 717-545-0021. A new list is compiled at the beginning of each month.*

# CALVARY CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 17th

Scholarship Committee Mum Sale  
10:00 AM..... Worship Service

### Monday, August 18th

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

### Tuesday, August 19th

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

### Wednesday, August 20th

10:00 AM.. Women's Bible Study  
..... Reveal Party  
11:30 AM..... Prayer & Devotions

### Friday, August 22nd

11:00 AM..... UWF Retreat  
..... Planning Meeting

### Saturday, August 23rd

11:00 AM—2:00 PM ..... Calvary  
..... Kids Childcare Center  
..... 25th Anniversary Celebration

### Sunday, August 24th

Celebrating 25 Years of Calvary  
Kids Childcare Center  
Backpack Blessing  
Scholarship Committee Mum Sale  
10:00 AM ..... Worship Service

### Monday, August 25th

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

### Tuesday, August 26th

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

### Wednesday, August 27th

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



## *Last Week in Offering*

### Offering 08/10/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,615  
Received: \$14,404  
Building Fund Needed: \$962  
Received: \$325

### Attendance 08/10/2025

10:00 AM: 195  
Online Worship: 112

## 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@yaho.com](mailto:dchdj@yaho.com). If you wish to sign up for the class, please contact the church office or sign up in The Square.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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. Our weekly Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM, dates to be announced later. Women of all ages are welcome. Please sign up in The Square for the Party and 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.

## Missions Committee

Do you have a heart for service? The Missions Committee welcomes new members to our meeting on Monday, August 18th at 6:30 PM in The Chapel. Questions? Contact Dyan Yingst at 717-979-4152 or Deb Prichard at 717-465-2381.

## *"David: Daring with Goliath"*

**Series: Voices of the Hebrew Scriptures**

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

**Background:** First and Second Samuel appear as a single literary unit in the Hebrew Scriptures and are considered part of the Historical Books. In the Hebrew tradition, they belong to the "Former Prophets" (Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings).<sup>1</sup> Though named for the prophet Samuel, the central character is David. Written around 930 B.C. and recounting Israel's transition from the time of the Judges to its first monarch, the Book of Samuel tells the story of David's rise to the throne from God's perspective.

David's story is one of contrasts. David, whose name from the Hebrew *dwd*, means "beloved," was the youngest of eight sons born to Jesse of the tribe of Judah. He was a shepherd, musician, poet, warrior, and king. Yet, there were times when he acted out of fear, fell into adultery, and ordered the death of another man. Still, God chose David because he was "*a man after God's own heart*" (1 Samuel 13:14). David's story reminds us that the only true king of Israel is Almighty God, who alone is worthy of trust and obedience (2 Samuel 7:22). The establishment of David's throne was a key moment in the history of redemption, for through David's bloodline the Messiah would be born to save the world. Fully God and fully man, Jesus fulfilled God's covenant with David as the eternal King whose reign will never end (2 Samuel 7:16).

**Sermon Idea:** Called by God and anointed by the prophet Samuel, David began his journey to becoming king of Judah and Israel. First, however, his character was put to the test. Armed with only five smooth stones and a sling, David dared to step forward in faith...and the giant fell. This victory was not about David's skill, but about God's power working through a person who trusted God completely. In David, we see that courage is born from faith. David dared to trust God, and no obstacle—no matter how gigantic—could stand against God's purposes.

### Sermon Application: How to be daring when facing giants.

1. **Assess the Situation:** Understand your motivation and the challenge before you through God's perspective, not just human eyes.
2. **Gather What You Need – Get Rid of What You Don't:** Use the gifts and tools God has given you. Don't wear "Saul's armor if it doesn't fit your calling."
3. **Go and Do:** Step out boldly in faith, trusting that God will empower you to overcome obstacles.

<sup>1</sup>David Dorsey. The Literary Structure of the Old Testament.