

Connections

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Sunday Services

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Inner Mission
10:30am Worship Service
(Livestream Available)

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:00am – 3:00pm

Friday
9:00am – 12:00pm

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Spring Forward

Don't Forget To Change Your Clock



Please give updated contact information to the church office.



MARCH 25-29, 2026

Take advantage of a variety of opportunities to get to know some of the missionaries we support and how these partners are pursuing the Great Commission mandate to go and make disciples of all nations. For a schedule of the Missions Conference activities, see the list on page 2.

WELCOME OUR MISSIONARY GUESTS:



Isaac & Beth Gilana



Dan & Esther Penney



Joe & Monica Steffek



CareNetworkCR



SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES (MARCH 25-29)

MISSIONARY GUESTS IN AWANA (Wednesday at 6:30pm)
 Missionary guests will speak to the children during AWANA council time.

"THE CATCH OF THE DAY" (Friday at 6:30pm)
 We will enjoy listening to each of our missionaries give a presentation. Then we will head to the Fellowship Hall for a delicious snack.

MEN'S/WOMEN'S PRAYER (Saturday at 8:00am)
 The missionary men will join our men, and the missionary women will join our women for interaction and prayer. Breakfast and coffee will be provided.

KID'S MORNING (K-6th Grade) (Saturday at 10:30am)
 Kids in kindergarten through 6th grade will interact with our missionaries while making crafts, playing games, sharing stories, and other activities, ending with eating lunch together.

YOUTH FUN WITH MISSIONARIES (Saturday at 5:30pm)
 Junior and senior high students will enjoy dinner, activities, and other forms of interaction with our missionaries.

POTLUCK LUNCH (Sunday at 12:00pm)
 After hearing from our missionaries during Sunday School and the Worship Service, we are inviting everyone to a potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dishes to share and enjoy a sweet time of fellowship with our missionaries and the church family.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Andrew & Katie Staab and family on the birth of their baby girl, Kyria Hesed Staab. She was born on February 17 and weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We offer our condolences to Ricardo & Nattacha Etienne on the death of Nattacha's mother, Sainte Anise Massion, on February 2.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Dear Calvary friends, thank you for the Amazon gift card! We are thankful for all of you, and we know you have been praying for us. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing you and being with you this past fall. You all have truly been a blessing in our lives, and we cherished our time together to share, talk, and also be a part of your lives. We look forward to hearing from you, and hopefully we can be with you again. In His service together,

Marty & Denise Shaw

Thank you for all of the gifts and cards! They have been so helpful as we've added Oliver to our family and have become a family of four. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Ryan & Harli Caldwell

Thank you so very much for another incredible blood drive. We registered 15 people and collected 15 life saving products. Due to you who rolled up your sleeve, we will be able to help 43 patients in need. One donor saw our drive and went directly to the center to donate, giving Calvary the credit. Wrapping up the 2025 drive, we had 23 donors, plus 5 at the center, with 84 potential lives impacted. Our next drive is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2026.

Nadene Roberts

Thank you for praying for my grandson, Jake. He is completely recovered and back to work!

Sue Lindstrom

Thank you for all of the prayers and cards after the passing of Ricardo's dad and Nattacha's mom.

Ricardo & Nattacha Etienne

Thank you all for taking time out of your busy lives to come to Dale's 80th birthday open house. Also, thank you for the wonderful and funny birthday cards you gave to Dale.

Dale & Helen Borman

Bob and I would like to tell everyone how blessed we are having such a loving church family. We thank everyone for your encouraging words, text messages, get well cards and prayers. Bob said he could feel the prayers while he was in the hospital. Please continue to pray for us during the upcoming TAVR procedure.

Bob & Kathy Kaufman

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MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service (Communion) 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Sunshine Singers 6:00pm Ministry Training	2 6:30pm Ladies Night Out	3 6:30am Elders Meeting 9:15am MUMs	4 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm AWANA, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study and Prayer	5 2:00pm GriefShare	6 6:00pm Men's Ministry "Cook-Off" Event	7 7:00pm Koinonia at the RoughRiders Hockey Game
8 (Spring Forward) 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Sunshine Singers 6:00pm Ministry Training	9 6:30pm Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting	10 6:30am Elders Meeting 9:15am MUMs Leadership Team Meeting 7:00pm Trustee Committee & Missions Ministry Meetings	11 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm AWANA, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study and Prayer	12 2:00pm GriefShare	13	14
15 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Sunshine Singers 6:00pm Ministry Training	16	17 6:30am Elders Meeting	18 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group, Adult Bible Study and Prayer <i>No AWANA (Spring Break)</i>	19 2:00pm GriefShare 6:30pm Deacon/Deaconess Committee Meeting	20	21 2:00pm Sarah Caldwell Baby Shower
22 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Sunshine Singers 6:00pm Ministry Training	23	24 6:30am Elders Meeting 11:30am Salt & Pepper Retirees Fellowship	25 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm AWANA, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study and Prayer	26 2:00pm GriefShare	27 6:30pm "Catch of the Day" Missionary Presentations and Snacks	28 8:00am Men's/Women's Prayer Breakfast 10:00am-3:00pm Positive Impressions 10:30am-12:30 Missions Event for Kids (K-6th grade) 5:30pm-8:00pm Missions Event for Youth (Jr/Sr High)
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29 Palm Sunday 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service 12:00pm Missions Lunch 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Sunshine Singers	30	31 6:30am Elders Meeting				
MISSIONS CONFERENCE						

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5 Marge Cutshall	10 Ty Slippy	21 Bill Jones
6 Athanasius Staab	11 Stephany Lykkegaard	25 Violet Johnson
Nattacha Massion Etienne	12 Michael Mulvihill	Evan Hagemeyer
8 Tenneh Caldwell	13 Andrew Staab	27 Helen Borman
9 Landen Eastburn	Colter Walker	28 Laurel Shelley

PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Reminder: If you have a child in the Primary Sunday School Class, please note that for the month of March the 1st graders will be combined with the Beginners and 2nd/3rd graders will be combined with the Juniors.

MEN'S MINISTRY COOK-OFF

Men, please bring your "signature dish" to share on Friday, March 6 at 6pm. Come enjoy food, fellowship, and friendly competition! We'll vote for our favorite entrée and dessert, then crown the winners!

KOINONIA AT CEDAR RAPIDS ROUGHRIDERS HOCKEY

Young adults, join Koinonia on Saturday, March 7 at 7:00pm for some fun RoughRiders hockey! The price is \$16.79/ticket. All are welcome—invite a friend! For questions or to RSVP, please contact Chris Brown at 319-450-0945.

BABY SHOWER

Ladies, join us for a baby shower celebrating the upcoming arrival of Travis & Sarah Caldwell's baby girl. The shower will be held on Saturday, March 21 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can RSVP at tinyurl.com/caldwellgirl. Travis & Sarah are registered on Babylist at my.babylist.com/caldwellgirl.

RECOGNITION OF ELDERNS AND OTHER CHURCH OFFICERS

On Sunday, March 22, during our morning Worship Service, we will formally commission our new Elders. We also will recognize our other church officers, to show our appreciation to those who have served for the past year, as well as those who have committed to serve for the coming year.

SALT & PEPPER RETIREES FELLOWSHIP

Retirees will meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch at 11:30am on Tuesday, March 24. More information will be coming regarding our lunch and event plans. Watch your bulletins! Contacts are Nadene Roberts or Donna Voss.

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare groups meet weekly, on Thursday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm to help you face the challenges of grief and move toward rebuilding your life. On February 26, we began another 13-week series that will continue through May 21. You are welcome to begin attending at any session. Each is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend every session or in sequence. There is a suggested donation of \$20 for the workbook. Additional information is available online at www.GriefShare.org or by contacting Carol Hagen at 319-899-4492.

CALVARY GARDENS



This spring we will be transitioning part of the green space north of the youth building into a Church Community Garden. The plots will be available starting April 15 to anyone attending Calvary. We are checking now to see how many people would be interested in a plot. We would also like to know if anyone would like to help take care of a church plot. There will be a sign-up starting this month for watering, weeding, and harvesting. For more information, please contact Rachel Truitt at 319-693-0948 or rachtru75@yahoo.com.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, you are invited to meet for dinner and fellowship at Chili's (1250 Collins Rd NE) on Monday, March 2 at 6:30pm. Invite your friends! If you plan to attend, please call or text Deb Gaeta at 319-491-7720 so she will know how many will be attending. If you want to come but need a ride, let Deb know and she will arrange for someone to pick you up.

MUMS (Mothers Uplifting Mothers)

Join us Tuesday morning, March 3 from 9:15 to 11:15 to hear from guest speakers from Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center. They will give a brief overview of their ministry and also do a talk on listening skills. As usual, there will also be snacks and an activity. If you are a mom whose youngest child is in kindergarten or younger, you are welcome to attend this Christ-centered friendship group. Childcare is provided! Email crmums2019@gmail.com with any questions. *(Please note that there will be no MUMs meeting on March 17 due to Spring Break.)*

POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

Positive Impressions is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, from 10:00am to 3:00pm in Room 23/24. Invite your friends to join you in working on favorite craft projects. This is an enjoyable and non-threatening way to spend time developing relationships and building bridges in order to make a positive impression for Christ on your unsaved friends and family members. Even the greeting cards or other crafts that you create for other people can be beneficial in making a positive impression on their lives. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kim Nelson (319-640-9856) and bring a snack or drink to share with the group.