

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
Closed on Friday

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Please give contact information updates to the church office



Our Quarterly Ministry Update is scheduled for Sunday, July 19, at 6:00pm. Members, come to be informed about opportunities to prayerfully support, helpfully serve, and actively participate in the ministries of the church. Ministry leaders, please come prepared to share about what is happening in your area of ministry. Don't miss out on this special time together as partners in the Lord's work and stewards of His gifts and resources!

SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP

Intermediate Camp (5 th /6 th Grade)	July 5–10
Junior High Camp (7 th /8 th Grade)	July 12–17
Senior High Camp (9 th –12 th Grade)	July 19–24
Junior Camp (3 rd /4 th Grade)	July 26–29

Pray for
God's work
at SVBC!

Go to www.springvalleycamp.org/camp-overview for basic information and registration. Calvary will provide a \$40 subsidy for each child entering grades 3–12 (or just graduated from grade 12) who is a regular participant in any of our church programs. Please submit camp receipts to the church office to receive the subsidy reimbursement. ***If additional assistance is needed to enable a child to attend camp, contact the church office about scholarship funds. Also, please contact the office if you would like to DONATE funds.***



SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP TRANSPORTATION

We need another driver to help transport our 5th and 6th grade campers on Sunday afternoon, July 5 and/or Friday morning, July 10. We already have a minivan that can take most of them, so another smaller vehicle would be fine. If you are interested, please contact Marla Hoy.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, you and your friends are invited to enjoy dinner and fellowship with other Calvary ladies and their friends on Monday, July 6 at 6:30pm at Olive Garden (367 Collins Rd NE). If you plan to attend, please call or text Debbie Gaeta at 319-491-7720 or send her an email at djgaeta@myctl.net so she knows how many to plan on. If you wish to carpool, let Debbie know and she will make arrangements.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR MEMBERS ONLY

The Board of Elders is calling a special meeting open to members only at 6:00pm on Sunday, July 12. The purpose of this meeting is to address a matter of church discipline.

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

Calvary Baptist Church will be hosting ImpactLife for another blood drive on Monday, July 13, from 2:30pm to 6:00pm. To be eligible to donate on July 13, your previous donation must have been before May 18. Your donation could be the blessing needed by a patient right here in our own community. Youth who are 16 or 17 years old can donate with a parent's permission. For more information or to sign up, contact Nadene Roberts or go to www.bloodcenter.org.

MEN'S MINISTRY POTLUCK AND YARD GAMES

Men, please join us behind the youth building at 5pm on Saturday, July 18 to grill and enjoy a potluck meal and play some yard games. Please bring whatever you want to grill and a side dish to share, as well as any yard games you and others might enjoy playing together. You may also want to bring a chair or blanket. For more information, please contact Shawn Hoy at 319-540-1715.

SALT AND PEPPER RETIREES FELLOWSHIP

Retirees, mark your calendars for a fellowship on Tuesday, July 28 and watch your Sunday bulletins for more information.

WATER GAMES NIGHT FOR THE TEENS

The youth group will enjoy a fun evening of water games at the youth building from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, July 29. Invite your friends! Please bring a towel, modest swimwear (swimsuit with shorts and t-shirt for the girls, swim trunks and t-shirt for the boys), and some food/drinks to share. For more information, contact Pastor Matt.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BLESSINGS

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is always such a fun week, and we had a great time with the kids again this year. We rejoice that the Lord used VBS to draw at least 5 children to faith in Jesus as their Savior. We truly appreciate all of your donations for the prize closet and for the *many* volunteers that make our VBS possible year after year. This year the children raised **\$1,106.14** for the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship in Ireland. Please continue to pray for the children who attended VBS 2026 and had many opportunities to hear the gospel throughout the week. We are already preparing for VBS 2027!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We offer our condolences to Don & Pam Winchester and the extended family on the death of Don's brother, Dean, on June 16. Please remember the family in your prayers.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Hola Assogba and his wife, AZIBA Ayawa Mawupemo, on the birth of their son, ASSOGBA Mawuko Hanniel, on May 3 in Togo. Please pray that they will be able to make progress on the immigration process, so that Mawupemo and Hanniel will soon be able to join Hola here in Cedar Rapids.



JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer [No Youth Group]	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, ABC, OR INNER MISSION 10:30am Worship Service (Communion) NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	6 6:30pm Ladies Night Out	7 6:30am Elders Meeting 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	8 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group and Adult Bible Study & Prayer	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11
5th/6th GRADE AT SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP						
12 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service 6:00pm Special Meeting for Members Only	13 2:30pm Blood Drive 6:30pm Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting	14 6:30am Elders Meeting 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Trustee Committee Meeting	15 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group and Adult Bible Study & Prayer	16 6:30pm Deacon/Deaconess Committee Meeting	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 5:00pm Men's Ministry Grilling/Potluck/Yard Games
JUNIOR HIGH AT SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP						
19 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service 6:00pm Quarterly Ministry Update	20	21 6:30am Elders Meeting 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	22 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer [No Youth Group]	23	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
SENIOR HIGH AT SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP						
26 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	27	28 6:30am Elders Meeting 11:30am Salt & Pepper Retirees Fellowship 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	29 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:00pm Youth Group Water Games Night 6:30pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer	30	31 OFFICE CLOSED	
3rd/4th GRADE AT SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP						



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| 5 Otto Sandersfeld | 19 Lillian Kemmerer |
| Reiner Sandersfeld | 21 Igiraneza Joyce |
| 7 Brienne Hoy | 24 Ella Crittenden |
| Bruce Gritten | 25 David Frey |
| 8 Beau Caldwell | Matt Slippy |
| 10 Elie Koumakou | 27 Jennifer Crittenden |
| 11 Charles Seamans | Mari Crittenden |
| Raylan Churko | 29 Glenn Prochaska |
| 12 Pat Henry | Lucy Horning |
| 15 Marlys Dengler | 31 Kirk Bredenberg |
| Allison Seamans | Norma Jacobs |
| 18 Malachi Hauptly | |
| Jessica Morris | |

INNER MISSION UPDATE!



INNER MISSION RELOCATION DURING KITCHEN REMODEL

During the remodeling of our church kitchen, we have temporarily relocated our Sunday morning Inner Mission fellowship time to Room 13-14 (also known as “the Latte Room” or to long-time attendees as “the Blue Room”).

In addition to the kitchen not being available during this project, the gymnasium also is off limits, since it is serving as a storage area and part of the construction work area. Please help us to keep children (and other curious people) from entering the gym as the work continues through the month of August.

We trust that the benefits resulting from this remodeling process will greatly surpass any inconvenience and limitations experienced during this time of construction. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Partnership Opportunities with the CareNetworkCR ESL School

As we prepare for another exciting year of ESL ministry, we are actively recruiting volunteers for both teaching and various support roles.

We are especially excited to launch a new school site this fall at Antioch Stoney Point, beginning September 1.

Our ESL ministry now serves students from around the world, while creating opportunities for churches to build meaningful relationships, share the love of Christ, and foster community connections.

No teaching degree is required—just a heart that loves Jesus and knows English. All training is provided.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact ESL Director, Greg Sharp (gregs@carenetworkcr.org), for more information.

Thank you for faithfully partnering with us as we honor Jesus Christ by helping churches more effectively meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community. Together, we continue to witness stories of hope, restoration, and transformation throughout Eastern Iowa.

Connections made through Calvary volunteers working with the CareNetworkCR ESL School have already resulted in some ESL students beginning to worship and fellowship at Calvary.

