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On The Anvil - His Workmanship

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Perhaps we have heard or used the expression, "that person is a piece of work". Although we may have the opinion that the person referenced is a tremendous challenge, the reality is that we are all "a piece of work". According to the Scriptures, Paul states that those who have been saved by grace through faith are His workmanship, His piece of artwork uniquely created for a purpose and equipped by the Holy Spirit to do good deeds as instruments of His Glory.

What a gift and challenge to think that we are to showcase His divine artistry and love. In order to showcase His artistry in and through us, we are constantly "on the anvil" to be transformed into the people or instruments to reflect His character and image. I am convinced that the Lord has challenged me to offer as a theme for me personally, as well as to each of you, and to every ministry of Calvary this new year, to surrender to being "ON THE ANVIL" in order to be fashioned into instruments for His service. The joy and excitement of the Lord's work among us, in us, and through us is hardly describable, yet I continuously rejoice in the opportunities before us.

Thank you for the countless ways that you serve in Kingdom work and offer yourselves sacrificially "ON THE ANVIL" to be used to make a great Kingdom impact for His Glory.

Looking forward to 2026 with you.

Rev. Eddie D. Price

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SERVICE DATES & TIMES

Sundays	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Classes Worship (Childcare available)
Wednesdays	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Team Kids/Youth Bible Study (Childcare available)

JOIN US

for
Worship

WELCOME
to Calvary

All Guests:
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★ *Join Us For* ★
Sunday School
*Sundays at 9:30am
classes for all ages*

We want to invite you to join us for small Bible study group communities that are on a mission for Christ and building Christ-like relationships with each other!

★ If you have any questions please contact - Steve Brown 704-201-6676 (call or text) ★

Please reach out to the church office if you have questions about the church app, website, directory, fellowship hall, etc.

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
8:30 am until 5:00 pm

Welcome

Bailey & Amber Johnston
(Laynie & Hadley)

Joined the Calvary Family 10-12-2025
Their deacon is Wyatt Melton



Cameron & Mariah Smetak
(Cam & Anderson)

Joined the Calvary Family 10-19-2025
Their deacon is Craig Brooks

Dave & Sally Duncan

Joined the Calvary Family 10-26-2025
Their deacon is Tony Lilley



Terry Ann Brown
(Adalyn, Brooklyn, & Ryder)

Joined the Calvary Family 11-02-2025
Their deacon is Cory Martin

Almaz Asresahin
(Almany & Aliana)

Joined the Calvary Family 11-23-2025
Their deacon is Josh Manley



Rob & Kiersten Starnes
(Hannah, Rachel, & Abigail)

Joined the Calvary Family 12-14-2025
Their deacon is Dillon Hardy

John & Judy Zajac

Joined the Calvary Family 12-21-2025
Their deacon is Mike Derby



Nelson & Jan Couick

Joined the Calvary Family 12-21-2025
Their deacon is Tony Lilley

Kelly Jeffries

Joined the Calvary Family 12-28-2025
Her deacon is Cory Martin





Greetings, Calvary Family!

As we begin the new year, we are excited for all that God is doing in and through our Preschool Ministry. Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support - it truly makes a difference in the lives of our children and families.

Please take note of these important dates as we look ahead:

Mark Your Calendars

- January 21 – Transitional Kindergarten Information Meeting at 9:15 AM
- February 2 – 2026–2027 Fall Registration Opens for Current Families and Church Members
- February 9 – 2026–2027 Fall Registration Opens for New Families
- February 12 – Our First-Ever Candyland Ball (For 4s and TK classes, 6:00–7:30 PM)
- March 15 – Preschool Sunday - Preschoolers and their families are invited to join us during worship as the children share a few songs with our church family.
- April 25 – Family Fun Day - save the date and come support this ministry!

We remain grateful for the opportunity to partner with you in this vital ministry as we continue nurturing young hearts in the love of Christ.

~Jennifer Trull - Preschool Director~



LOVED | TRAINED | SENT

I hope you continue to have a season filled with love and time with those who are special to you. What an exciting season it has been in our Children's Ministry! We had the opportunity to fellowship with the community at the Fall Festival, pack Operation Christmas Child boxes with the Youth, and share in worship in Christmas at Calvary. As we start the new year, let us bring our worship to Him with the same excitement! We continue to have nursery and Team Kid each Wednesday, 6:30-7:45 and Sunday School and Kid's Worship each Sunday morning! I encourage you to make it a priority to come, bring your children as we learn and fellowship together.

Each new year for the past 8 years or so, I have chosen my "word" for the year. I try to keep that word at the forefront of my mind and in a word this past year was "constant". It was a reminder all year that His love and His presence is constant. I encourage you going into the new year to choose a word that you will keep as a focus for you. What's your word?



In Christ,
Emerald





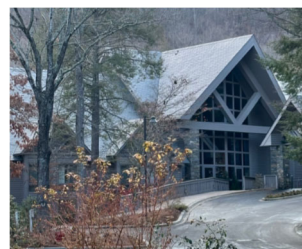
Women's Ministry



What a blessing it was to gather with nearly 50 women at The Cove in Asheville for our Women's Retreat November 21-23! From the moment we arrived at this beautiful, rustic setting nestled in the mountains, we were surrounded by God's peace and the warmth of Christian fellowship.

Speaker Christina Devlin challenged us to move beyond simply knowing *about* God to truly *knowing* Him through an intimate relationship with Christ. Her powerful teaching reminded us that intimacy with God requires intentionality making time to abide in His Word, draw close to Him in prayer, and experience His presence through the Holy Spirit. Many women shared that they left the weekend "on fire" to pursue that deeper walk with Jesus.

The weekend was filled with heartfelt worship led by Aimee Rogers, meaningful small group discussions, inspiring testimonies, and plenty of time to rest, connect, and enjoy the stunning surroundings and exceptional hospitality at The Cove. As one attendee said, "It was the perfect getaway to be reminded of God's love and desire to be intimate with ME!" If you missed this year's retreat, we hope you'll join us next time. Stay tuned for details about future retreats!



Our small group Bible studies will be back in early 2026. If you're interested in small group Bible studies for women, keep an eye on [the Women's Ministry page](https://cbcmonroe.org/women) (cbcmonroe.org/women) on Calvary's website, the Subsplash App, reach out to Heather Hooks – 704-690-0053 or Jennifer Trull – 704-516-4013, or another small group leader for more information.



Calvary's Youth have volunteered for several opportunities this past year such as Heart for Monroe and at the Operation Christmas Child Warehouse. They are looking forward to working with upcoming missions in 2026. They have a retreat coming up which is the Youth Ski Trip at Winterplace in February. Please pray for them as they continue to do His work in the community.

If you would like to join our Youth Ministry or have questions, please contact Tiffany Manley.





All men of the church are invited to join us for a special Men's Ministry Breakfast on Saturday, January 31 at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This gathering will kick off our upcoming Men's Spring Bible Studies, and it's a great opportunity to enjoy good food, connect with other men, and prepare our hearts for a season of growth in God's Word.

Come hungry, bring a friend, and start the year with encouragement and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

~Cory Martin~

Music Ministry

With the blessing of the New Year, we are excited to see our Music Ministries growing. It was such a joy to celebrate our Saviors birth with each of them presenting at our December presentation for our family and community. We are in full swing with our Children's Choirs, Calvary Ringers, Worship Choir and Praise Team and Musicians working to lift our Praise and Worship here at Calvary. We are in our second quarter seeing our new Goodtimer's Singers minister at The Jesse Helms Center in Monroe on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We would love to have any of our Seniors join us to go and show love to the residents there.

Our Choir and Praise Team will be working on our Easter Services on April 5th. There is something for everyone, and we encourage you to reach out for information on how you can be involved. Keep a song in your heart and let's bring Him Praise each time we gather. It's Because of His Love!

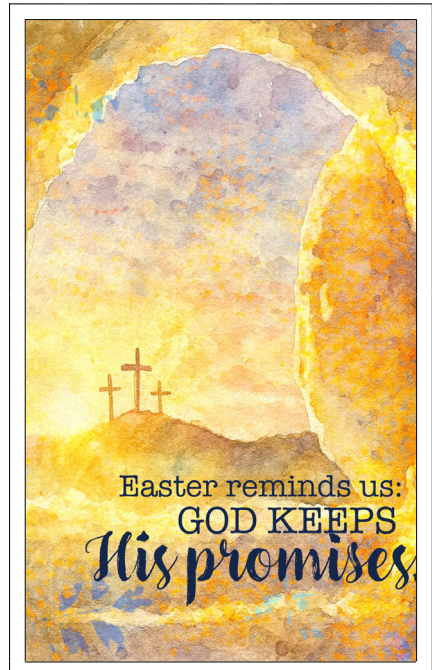
~Frank Casstevens~
Worship Director & Associate Pastor of Senior Ministry

Mission Opportunity



(Chad joined the Calvary Family in July of 2025). Before graduating from Auburn University in May of 2024, Chad took a vision trip to JAARS. When he arrived outside the JAARS main hangar, Steve Russell was walking out. It was a divine appointment from the Lord. God kept working behind the scenes and in Chad's heart to make him the Aviation Management Fellow in 2025. Chad is eager to serve as the Aviation Field Support Coordinator in Waxhaw soon. In this role, he will be taking aviation parts and technical requests from overseas organizations that work closely with JAARS. Acct #102122.

<https://give.jaars.org/staff/chad-carden>



CALVARY HAS A CHURCH APP!

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For Android Users - Google App Store For iPhone Users - Apple App Store

search the Google/Apple App Store for "Calvary Baptist of Monr"

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Shan Hollis
(Sister of Bill Reeder)

Laverle Busenitz
(Brother of Merle Busenitz)

Rick Pigg
(Fiancé of Jan Ball)

Jim Keziah
(Husband of Patsy Keziah)

Dennis Deese
(Father of Nicole Funderburk)

Donna Hunter
(Grandmother of Lindsey Boyd)

Glen Mohny, Sr.
(Father of Jim Mohny)

Robert Bowman
(Step-Grandfather of Lindsey Boyd)

Ervin Massey
(Grandfather of Danielle Massey)

Jessie Price
(Mother of Debbie Price)

WELCOME BABY



Congratulations to parents Daniel and Taylor Morris on the birth of their son Shepherd Daniel Morris.

He was born 10/14/25 weighing 7 pounds and 8 ounces and he was 19-1/2" inches long.

His grandmother is Helen Moore.



Congratulations to parents Dylan and Kayla Hardy on the birth of their daughter Presley Mae Hardy.

She was born 10/28/25 weighing 7 pounds and 12 ounces and she was 21" long long.

Her grandparents are Joey and Brooke Bartlett.



Congratulations to Hunter and Bethany Rutledge on the birth of their son Callan Hunter Rutledge.

He was born 11/30/25 weighing 8 pounds and 6 ounces and he was 21-1/2" long.

His grandparents are Lynn and Annette Greene .

Calvary Calendar



JAN	1	New Year's Day - Office Closed
JAN	2	Undeck the Halls
JAN	4	Baptism Sunday
JAN	4	Grief Redeemed Gathering
JAN	11	Connections Team Meeting
JAN	11	Grief Redeemed Gathering
JAN	21	IMPACT Mission Interest Meeting
JAN	25	Communion
JAN	25	Grief Redeemed Gathering
JAN	31	Men's Bible Study Kick-Off Event

FEB	13-14	Marriage Retreat at Caraway
FEB	16	Women's Bible Study Kick-Off Event
FEB	20-22	Youth Ski Trip to WinterPlace
FEB	22	Discover Calvary Sunday Class



MAR	15	Preschool Sunday
MAR	18	Spaghetti Dinner for Youth Camp
MAR	29	Palm Sunday



Join us April 5th for our Easter Sunrise Service

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Dates to Remember

January

- 1 Dwayne McWhirter
- 1 Kelly Burke
- 2 Karen Keller
- 3 CJ & Lynn Stikeleather
- 3 Minnie Hyde
- 3 Alexis Helms
- 3 Addie Crater
- 3 Nolan Starnes
- 3 Carson Massey
- 4 Baptism Sunday**
- 4 Grief Redeemed Gathering**
- 4 Dan Hinson
- 4 Kindley Hargette
- 4 Brett Medlin
- 4 Kelly Jeffries
- 5 Kaitlyn Laney
- 7 Grant Bartlett
- 7 Ryder Price
- 8 Bethany Rutledge
- 8 Jacqueline Howard
- 8 Matt Long
- 9 Brian Morris
- 11 Connections Team Meeting**
- 11 Grief Redeemed Gathering**
- 13 Rev. Eddie & Robin Price
- 13 Ethan Hooks
- 13 Savannah Martin
- 14 Gary Pressley
- 14 Morgan Jordan
- 15 Henry & Libby Underwood
- 15 Renee Melton
- 15 Jamie Tarlton
- 16 Daniel & Taylor Morris
- 16 Tiffany Manley
- 17 Carley Moore Davis
- 17 Isaiah Scott
- 18 David Caskey
- 19 Donald Melton
- 20 Candice Trull
- 20 Donna Godfrey
- 20 Hollis Harrington
- 21 Brittany Laney
- 22 Selah Jordan
- 24 Carolyn Moore
- 24 Madelyn Hill
- 25 Grief Redeemed Gathering**
- 25 Communion**
- 25 Frank Casstevens
- 26 Dawn Powell
- 27 Smith & Carole Wilson
- 27 Dave Duncan
- 27 Waylon Boon
- 27 Katie Plyer Brantley
- 27 Kayleigh Hardison
- 29 Lisa Morton
- 29 Tanner Melton
- 31 Kayla Hardy
- 31 Men's Bible Study Kickoff**

February

- 1 Mike & Pam Wilson
- 1 Ashley Howard
- 1 Kacey Laney
- 2 Jean Brantley
- 3 Lisa Gutierrez
- 3 Rachel Scott
- 4 Fran Batson
- 4 Mike Helms
- 4 Sally Duncan
- 5 Dillan & Elaine Penegar
- 5 Aubrey Howard
- 5 Everette Sparks
- 6 Steve & Angela Brown
- 6 Merle Busentiz
- 7 Tripp Plyler
- 8 Dina Moser
- 9 Tyson Manley
- 9 Heidi Mohny
- 10 Chad Starnes
- 11 Emma Yannett
- 13 Sandra Batson
- 12-13 Marriage Retreat**
- 14 Steve & JoMarie Gibson
- 16 Women's Bible Study Kick-Off**
- 16 Brett & Morgan Medlin
- 19 Jenna Johnson
- 19 Mabel Smith
- 20 Ron & Leigh Anne Dennis
- 20 Brenda Brown
- 20 Evie Sparks
- 20-22 Youth at Winterplace**
- 22 Discover Calvary Class**
- 21 Jamie & Sandy Tarlton
- 22 Mike Wilson
- 23 Derek & Chelsey Hardison
- 23 Rebecca Simmons
- 23 Beth Hargette
- 24 Selah Helms
- 26 Axton Rea
- 26 Gavin Melton
- 26 Haven Jordan
- 27 Carole Wilson
- 27 Danielle Massey

March

- 1 Dillon Hardy
- 1 Mercy Helms
- 2 Aden Helms
- 2 Jessica Brummer
- 3 Jane Terrell
- 3 Ny'el Scott
- 4 Debbie Easley
- 4 Jeff "Tank" Rodgers
- 6 Ashton Helms
- 6 Russell Hill
- 9 Mike & Angi Derby
- 10 Kelly Price
- 10 Reagan Marshfield
- 11 Alice Melton
- 12 Nora Jordan
- 12 Jen Helms
- 13 Chris Moore
- 13 Harper Mae Rodgers
- 14 Chad & Kelly Price
- 14 Kathy Fuss
- 14 Josh Jeffries
- 15 Preschool Sunday**
- 16 Chris & Emily Sparks
- 16 Racquel Fisher
- 16 Matt Greene
- 17 Randi Brinker
- 17 Jeff & Leslie Rodgers
- 18 Spaghetti Dinner for Youth Camp**
- 18 Aubryn Helms-Rea
- 19 Tripp & Amanda Plyler
- 20 Rhett Younts
- 20 Debbie Keziah
- 21 Sam Griffin Starnes
- 21 Jo Marie Gibson
- 21 Kaelyn Laney
- 22 Jason & Joy Hedenskog
- 23 Stephen Fisher
- 24 Casie Luther
- 24 Cameron (Jr.) Smetak
- 25 Olivia Bartlett
- 25 Heather Hooks
- 26 Wendy Laney
- 26 Hudson Crater
- 28 Angela Ammons
- 29 Jessica Helms-Rea
- 29 Palm Sunday**
- 30 Scott & Wendy Laney

*April 5th Easter Sunrise Service