

# The Bridge

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### All I Want For Christmas

Opportunities abound for Calvary Baptist Church. Responding to those opportunities in obedience will bring joy and awe. Thank you for being open, receptive, and responsive to this call to obedience. Thanksgiving is approaching as Christmas stands in its shadows and my prayer is that we would genuinely offer thanks to our Lord for who He is, for what He's done, and for what He is doing. Three areas that will help us see, experience, and respond in obedience to Kingdom work are:

**Clarity of Identity** - security in knowing who we are in Christ.  
(John 1:12, 1 Peter 2:9)

**Content of Heart** - a pure heart full of love and committed to Jesus Christ above all else. (Matthew 5:8, Mark 12:30-31, Matthew 6:21)

**Consistency in Prayer** - intentional time with God, seeking wisdom, encouragement, developing the friendship with the Holy, living God. Departing to the 'Quiet place' as Jesus modeled. (Matthew 6:33, Mark 1:35)

**Courage in Fear that Empowers** - Deepest reverence and respect for God vs fear that debilitates, discourages, and destroys.  
(Proverbs 9:10, Ephesians 5:15-21)

The results of walking with assurance will unequivocally prepare and propel us to move forward in obedience to the many wonderful opportunities He has placed before us. What an exciting season to serve the Lord with you. From my family to you and yours, Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Oh, and all I want for Christmas is to be more like Christ.

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## SERVICE DATES & TIMES

Sundays	9:30 am	Sunday School Classes Worship (Childcare available)
	10:30 am	
Wednesdays	6:30 pm	Team Kids/Youth Bible Study (Childcare available)
	6:45 pm	



WELCOME  
*to Calvary*

All Guests:  
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## Welcome

**Chad Carden**

**Joined the Calvary Family  
July 7, 2025**

**His deacon is Wyatt Melton**



**Steve Gibson**

**Joined the Calvary Family  
July 7, 2025**

**His deacon is Chris Sparks**



**John & Danielle Massey  
(Carson & Avery)**

**Joined the Calvary Family  
August 31, 2025**

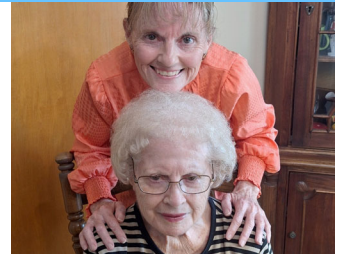
**Their deacon is Bill Hooks**



**Jessie Price  
Debbie Price**

**Joined the Calvary Family  
September 28, 2025**

**Their deacon is Ben Hargette**



★ *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**

Office will be closed Nov. 26 & 27,  
and Dec. 24 thru Jan 2nd



## Deacons

Here are your Calvary Deacons for 2025-2026. Please lift them up  
in prayer as they strive to serve you and your families.

**Dan Hinson**

**Dwight Terrell**

**Craig Brooks**

**Mike Derby**

**Dillon Hardy**

**Ben Hargette**

**Bill Hooks**

**Wayne Keziah**

**Tony Lilley**

**Josh Manley**

**Cory Martin**

**Dwayne McWhirter**

**Wyatt Melton**

**Marty Russell**

**Chris Sparks**





What a wonderful start to our 5th year! With excitement in the air, the boys and girls are off and running as they learn and grow in Jesus. We are so grateful to share in this vital ministry with each of you—your support means everything!

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**October 13 – Going to the Chapel – All Families Invited! @ 9:30 a.m.**

**October 16 – Touch a Truck – We're still looking for BIG trucks!**

**October 30 – Pumpkin Palooza & Costume Parade @ 9:00 a.m. – What Fun!**

Plan ahead now to join us for our Christmas Program on December 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Join us in helping collect items monthly for Heart for Monroe. The items for October are canned vegetables.

Thank you again for the love and support you show this ministry.

Jennifer Trull - Preschool Director



**LOVED | TRAINED | SENT**

I'm looking forward to fall, crisp mornings and breezy afternoons. We are excited about the opportunities coming up for the Children's Ministry. On October 25th we will have our annual Fall Festival! Please bring your family, invite some friends and come enjoy this time of fellowship together. October 29th will be our first 5th Wednesday of the church year.

In November, we will have our church Thanksgiving service and the children will come to the service with the family. December 14th is Christmas at Calvary. The children will have special parts in this that they will continue practice for on Wednesday nights. As always, we would love to have your children join us on Wednesday nights for Team Kid and Sunday mornings for Sunday School, and then Kid's Worship for those who are 3 years old-Kindergarten.



In Christ,  
Emerald





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

Also, we'd like to invite you to join us for a weekend of fellowship, food, and study as we learn to discover "Intimacy with Christ" with speaker Christina Devlin at our Women's Retreat at the beautiful Cove in Asheville, November 21-23, 2025. Register on Calvary's app by clicking on Events and searching for the dates. (<https://subspla.sh/nzyncv6>)



Women's Small Group Bible Studies kicked off our Fall 2025 sessions with a fellowship dinner at Calvary on Monday, September 15. Images Used With Permission from Randi Brinker.

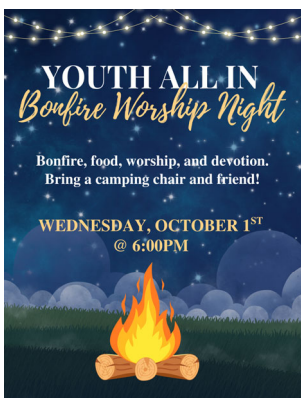


Calvary's Youth volunteered at Heart for Monroe in August. We sorted clothing donations and helped organize the storage room at The Closet.

In September, we were encouraged at our All-In Youth Night by Pastor Quintell Hill. His message encouraged us to "Run For Glory and was based on 1 Corinthians 9:24-27."

In October, we will have a bonfire and night of worship for our Youth All-In event for the month.

Also in October, over 30 of our youth will be traveling to Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain for a weekend retreat where we will hear Shane Pruitt walk us through the book of Jonah and speak on Relentless Grace. ~Tiffany Manley~





## Music Ministry

Such an exciting time for the Calvary Baptist Family Music Ministries. We enjoyed a great evening of music with the Montgomery's here in concert September 28th in our Sanctuary. Our Choir began their Fall season with rehearsals on Sept 10th. We celebrate with new choir members, a new praise band member, and others praying about what their role in music may be. Our rehearsals are at 7:45 each Wed night. Our children's choirs meet on Wednesday nights during Team Kids meetings, so there is a place for all children to be a part. Our handbells are beginning their rehearsals to be a part of our Calvary Christmas presentation. They did a great job playing for our Goodtimers social in August.

Save the date to be with us on Sunday Dec. 14th at 6:30 pm. On this evening of celebration, our Children's Choirs, Youth and Worship Choir will present "All is Well". This beautiful work will take us back to the moment when everything changed, and a Child was born. In a world that needs to find hope, love, peace and joy, we have that answer. His name is Jesus.

We are also excited to embark on a new Senior Ministry with our "Goodtimers Singers" This group will travel once each month beginning Oct. 14th to the Jesse Helms Assisted living center in Monroe, to sing and share His love with the residents there. This is open to the entire community to be a part. For more info. please see Frank C. Join the excitement and be a part of one of our music teams. Keep a song in your heart!

Frank Casstevens ~ Worship Director  
Calvary Ringer's Bell Choir ~ Contact Randi Brinker  
Calvary Children's Choir ~ Contact Cathy Morris

## Calvary Card Ministry

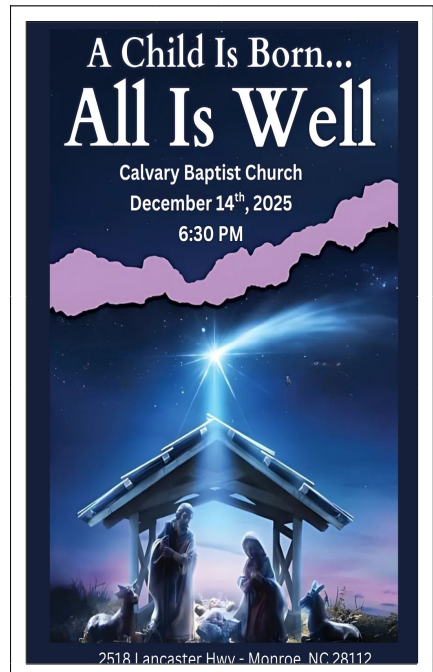
Would you enjoy making/sending cards, encouraging notes, making crafts for those in our church family? If so, we are having a Card Ministry Class on October 17th in the Fellowship Hall from 1pm to 3pm. We plan on adding craft making as well to the card ministry.

~Edwina Starnes~

## Goodtimers

Come join us! We also have fun dinner events here at the church throughout the year. Coming up on October 18th is our Mexican Dinner. Then we will be going to the apple orchard on October 28th. After that we will have a Christmas Dinner on December 6th. Please look for our events on the website and signups will be located at the Connections Table.

~Cheryl Pressley & Jane Terrell~



# CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Randy Harkey  
Step-Father of Ben Hargette

Jimmie Starnes  
Sister of Ted Smith

John Massey, Sr.  
Father of John Massey, Jr.

Timothy Cox  
Father-In-Law of Tracy Cox

# CONGRATULATIONS

Stephen and Nicole Brown  
August 31, 2025

# WELCOME BABY

Congratulations to parents Matthew and  
Lindsey Rivers on the birth of their daughter  
Madilyn Grace Rivers.

She was born 08/14/25 weighing 9 pounds and  
11 ounces and she was 21" inches long.

Her grandparents are Marty and Cindy Russell

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Congratulations to parents Dylan and Heather  
Carter on the birth of their daughter  
Hallie Nicolle Carter.

She was born 09/24/25 weighing 9 pounds  
and 9 ounces.

Her grandparents are Allison and Renae Helms.

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Congratulations to parents Tim & Lexi Quievryn  
the birth of their son  
Bryce Dominic Quievryn.

He was born 09/25/25 weighing 7 pounds  
and 5 ounces.

His grandparents are Mike and Angi Derby.





# Calvary Calendar



OCT	1	Youth All-In Event (Bonfire Worship Night)
OCT	10-12	Youth Retreat at Ridgecrest
OCT	12	Communion/Pastor Appreciation Sunday
OCT	14	Goodtimer's Singing at Jesse Helms Center
OCT	17	Calvary Card Ministry Class
OCT	18	Goodtimer's Mexican Dinner
OCT	19	Parent/Child Dedication Service
OCT	25	Fall Festival
OCT	28	Goodtimer's Apple Orchard Trip

NOV	8	Foundation Class Family Board Game Night
NOV	11	Goodtimer's Singing at Jesse Helms Center
NOV	16	Baptism Service
NOV	19	Thanksgiving Meal & Service
NOV	21-23	Women's Retreat at The Cove
NOV	26	No Church Services/Activities
NOV	27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
NOV	28	"Deck the Halls"

PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOV. 26-27



DEC	6	Goodtimer's Christmas Dinner
DEC	9	Goodtimer's Singing at Jesse Helms Center
DEC	11	Preschool Christmas Program
DEC	14	Calvary Christmas Presentation "A Child Is Born, All Is Well"
DEC	24	Christmas Eve Service
DEC	25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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# Birthdays, Anniversaries & Dates to Remember

## October

2 DONALD & RENEE MELTON  
 2 COLTER RUTLEDGE  
 2 **PRESCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
 3 JOEY MOSER  
 3 KYE LONG  
 4 MARIE TRULL  
 5 CHANCE BRANTLEY  
 5 JOSH JORDAN  
 5 RICARDO FISHER  
 6 **DEACONS MEETING**  
 8 **MLT MEETING**  
 9 RENEE HENDRICKS  
 10 **YOUTH RETREAT (10/10-10/12)**  
 11 FAIRIS SMITH  
 12 GLORIA TERRY  
 12 CHAD & LISA STARNES  
 12 **COMMUNION**  
 13 ALEX & CASIE LUTHER  
 13 COOPER MARTIN  
 14 RICARDO & SHARON FISHER  
 14 ARMANDO & LISA GUTIERREZ  
 14 DANIEL & KRISTYN MARTIN  
 14 ALAN SIMMONS  
 14 **GOODTIMER SINGERS @ J. HELMS**  
 15 CRAIG & HALEY BROOKS  
 15 RUSSELL & JORDYN HILL  
 15 ANGELA BROWN  
 16 CURTIS MOHNEY  
 16 HELEN MOORE  
 16 LEE HYDE  
 16 SHARON FISHER  
 17 **CARD MINISTRY CLASS**  
 18 JOSH & MORGAN JORDAN  
 18 **GOODTIMERS MEXICAN DINNER**  
 19 **PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION**  
 19 **MUSIC ADVISORY TEAM MEETING**  
 19 JIM & HEIDI MOHNEY  
 19 BETTY RICHARDSON  
 19 CALI MARTIN  
 19 STEVE YANNETT  
 20 TONY LILLEY  
 20 SARA HENDRICKS  
 21 JAIDEN BROWN  
 21 TED SMITH  
 21 **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 22 ALLISON & RENAE HELMS  
 24 MIRANDA RICHARDSON  
 25 TROY MOORE  
 25 **CALVARY'S FALL FESTIVAL**  
 26 ELIZABETH TEAGUE  
 27 CARA LANEY  
 28 **GOODTIMER'S APPLE TRIP**  
 28 BILL REEDER  
 28 CHLOE GREENE  
 29 CORY & RAGAN MARTIN  
 29 LESLIE RODGERS  
 30 GIANNA MOSER  
 30 LEE & MINNIE HYDE

## November

3 ANNETTE LUTHER  
 3 NORA AUSTIN  
 3 **DEACONS MEETING**  
 4 TERRI SMITH  
 6 JEFF & SANDRA BATSON  
 6 LINDA MCCARVER  
 6 KIERSTEN STARNES  
 7 MARTY & CINDY RUSSELL  
 7 BRIDGETT BURKE  
 8 **FOUNDATION GLASS GAME NIGHT**  
 9 PATRICK & LISA MORTON  
 10 ANGI DERBY  
 10 WYNTER ALLMAN  
 11 CHASE MORRIS  
 11 **GOODTIMER SINGERS @ J. HELMS**  
 11 MILEY HEDENSKOG  
 12 BLAKE COUNTS  
 12 ROXANNE BRUMMER  
 13 CHELSEY HARDISON  
 13 RAGAN MARTIN  
 14 A.J. PARSEK  
 14 BRAILYNN PATTERSON  
 14 EMERY HOOKS  
 15 SUTTON MELTON  
 16 LARRY BRINKER  
 16 **BAPTISM SERVICE**  
 16 **MUSIC ADVISORY TEAM MEETING**  
 17 IZZY SPARKS  
 18 CLIFF & MADISON BOON  
 18 EMERALD JOHNSON  
 18 **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 19 ALLISON THOMAS  
 19 DAVID FUSS  
 19 JEFF BATSON  
 19 MARTHA LUKEY  
 19 **THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MEAL**  
 21 **WOMENS RETREAT (11/21-11/23)**  
 22 MONTY & JESSICA REA  
 22 HOLLY CASSTEVENS  
 22 KAMDYN LANEY  
 23 AMBER YOUNTS  
 23 CARMEN JEFFRIES  
 24 MARK & JEAN BRANTLEY  
 24 JOSH MANLEY  
 24 RYLAN BROOKS  
 25 DARRELL MORRIS  
 25 DIANNE HELMS  
 26 **NO CHURCH SERVICE/ACTIVITIES**  
 27 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**  
 27 DAVID & STEPHANIE TOMBERLIN  
 27 VERLEY SCOTT  
 28 ANN BUSENITZ  
 28 **DECK THE HALLS**  
 30 HAYVEN HARRINGTON  
 30 TYLER YOUNTS

## December

1 AVA STARNES  
 2 KEN & FRAN BATSON  
 4 SEASON LONG  
 5 DILLION & KAYLA HARDY  
 5 CORY MARTIN  
 5 **DEACON/SPOUSE DINNER**  
 7 HOPE ELMORE  
 7 SCOTT LANEY  
 9 TANA RADOSEVIC  
 9 TAYLOR MORRIS  
 9 **GOODTIMER SINGERS @ J. HELMS**  
 10 RYLANN KEZIAH  
 11 **PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROG.**  
 12 BEN SMITH  
 12 JENNIFER JOHNSON  
 12 **STAFF CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
 13 HALLIE BOON  
 13 SERA BRUMMER  
 13 **CHOIR BREAKFAST/REHEARSAL**  
 14 KAMERON BRUMMER  
 14 **CALVARY CHRISTMAS-ALL IS WELL**  
 16 PATTY HAMMOND  
 16 **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 17 DAVID AMMONS  
 17 MARICELA PATTERSON  
 18 MERLE & ANN BUSENTIZ  
 19 LINDSEY BOYD  
 20 ALLISON HELMS  
 21 LEIGH ANNE DENNIS  
 21 **MUSIC ADVISORY TEAM MEETING**  
 22 PETE & DONNA GODFREY  
 22 REESE MARSHFIELD  
 22 ROBERT MCCARVER  
 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 27 MARK & MARTHA LUKEY  
 28 KAYLYN HARGETTE  
 28 KEN BATSON  
 28 KRISTYN MARTIN  
 29 LYNN STIKELEATHER  
 31 ASHLEIGH GRIFFIN  
 31 SAYLOR HARDY