

Calvary Baptist Church Senior Saints Newsletter

August 2025



August Birthdays

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| 01 | Chuck Barnes | H |
| | Sallie Faison | |
| 02 | Mary Lee Daughtry | |
| 03 | Joyce Smith | A |
| 08 | Ruby Conner | |
| 10 | Buddy Farrell | P |
| | Linda Mason | |
| 14 | Vivian Barnes | P |
| | Betty Wallace | |
| 18 | Steve Mincher | Y |
| | Shirley Smith | |
| 20 | Clarke Long | |
| | Kenny Skinner | B |
| | Sandy Twisdale | |
| 21 | Betty Jenkins | |
| | Grace Moseley | I |
| | Cindy Stephens | |
| 23 | David Pratt | |
| 25 | Grady Massey | R |
| 26 | Frank Moore | |
| 28 | Earl Taylor | |
| 29 | Patsy Cook | T |

August Anniversaries

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| 01 | Linwood & Linda Mason | H |
| 02 | Bob & Lisa Patterson | |
| 04 | Lee & Tammy Gibson | |
| 05 | Frankie & Jane Butler | D |
| 06 | Chuck & Kathy Barnes | |
| 14 | David & Tina Carr | A |
| 15 | Andy & Judy Hale | |
| 18 | Jay & Cindy Boone | |
| 25 | Gene & Patsy Daniels | Y |
| 26 | David & Shelia Bullock | |
| | George & Evelyn Smiley | |
| 28 | Charlie & Joan Carter | |

Call, text, or email Linda Moore 252-678-2124,
cbcrsec@gmail.com to correct an error
in your birthday or anniversary date.

Calvary's Senior Saints Council

Carolyn Carter, Richard & Barbara Coburn,
Maxine Stutmann, Robie & Brenda Vincent

Senior Saints Co-Directors:

Linda Moore - 678-2124 & Lou Smith - 536-9404

Pastor Andy's Thoughts

As we enter the month of August, we're reminded of the steady presence of God through every season of life. Summer's glow isn't just felt in the sun—it's in the fellowship we share, the prayers we lift, and the memories we carry. Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

This month, our church family embraces transition as we bid a heartfelt farewell to Pastor Garrett, Jasmyn, Ruby and Lewis. We thank the Lord for the ways He's used them among us. May Isaiah 52:7 be their anthem: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." We will send them off with love and gratitude after the 11:00 service on August 17th with a light luncheon reception. May we continue to pray for them and look to the assurance that God is guiding their next steps.

Meanwhile, we celebrate another incredible calling—our mission team's journey to Ecuador, August 23rd-30th! These faithful servants are heading out to share Christ's love across cultures, echoing the words of Acts 1:8: "You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth." Whether building relationships, offering care, or worshipping alongside brothers and sisters, their trip reminds us that the Great Commission belongs to all generations. As senior adults, you may not all travel—but your prayers, support, and stories of faith help equip others for the journey.

Let August be a month where we hold onto Philippians 1:6—"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion." Whether in good-byes, new ventures, or quiet encouragements in our own communities, we are never too old to walk in purpose. The Lord is near, and He continues to use each of us in beautiful ways. May our hearts stay rooted, our voices uplifted, and our faith active.

Love you Senior Saints, Pastor Andy

Pray for the Ecuador Mission Team

August 23 - 30

Jeff, Vanessa, Genevieve, Jadon Petrillo,
Betty Jo Wallace, Josh Ferguson,
Andy & Allie Sloan



Information shared by email on July 20

Today, Pastor Garrett shared with our church family that he has been called back to active military duty. He will be stationed in Savannah, Georgia, and is scheduled to report on August 18. This means his final day serving as our youth pastor will be August 17. He will be preaching for us that morning. If you'd like to hear his announcement directly, it is available on our Facebook page, website, and YouTube channel. We are deeply grateful for Garrett and Jasmyn's faithful service to the Lord here at Calvary over the past two years. Their commitment has been a blessing to many, and we ask that you continue to lift them in prayer during this season of transition, returning to full-time military life and preparing for deployment to Eastern Europe. Please also keep Ruby and Lewis in your prayers as they navigate this move alongside their parents. Jeff and Vanessa Petrillo will remain in their roles leading our youth ministry, as they have faithfully done during Pastor Garrett's training period. We will have a time of celebrating and saying "see you later" for Garrett and Jasmyn coming up in the next few weeks. Please take this time over the next month to reach out to them both to share how much you love them and their children.

In His Service, Rev. Andy Sloan- Pastor

We are the "Exennials"

We grew up in the 40s-50s-60s.

We studied in the 50s-60s-70s.

We dated in the 50s-60s-70s.

We got married and discovered the world in the 60s-70s-80s.

We ventured into the 70s-80s. We stabilized in the 90s.

We got wiser in the 2000s.

And walked firmly through the 2010s.

Turns out we've lived through NINE different decades. TWO different centuries... TWO different millennia... We have gone from the party-line telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world. We have gone from slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from handwritten letters to email and WhatsApp.

From programs on the radio, to black and white TV, and then to HDTV. We went to Blockbuster and now we watch on Netflix.

We started with manual typewriters, learned electric, proportional spacing and Selectric typewriters, got to know the first computers, punch cards, diskettes, and now we have gigabytes and megabytes in hand on our cell phones or iPad's.

We dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, H1N1 flu and now COVID-19.

We rode skates, tricycles, invented cars, bicycles, mopeds, gasoline or diesel cars and now we ride hybrids or 100% electric.

Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had!

They could describe us as "exennials"... people who were born in that world of the late 30s, 40's and 50's who had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood.

We're kind of—You've seen it all!

Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life. It is our generation that has literally adapted to CHANGE. A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, who are UNIQUE.

TIME DOES NOT STOP. Life is a task that we do ourselves every day. When you look... it's already six in the afternoon; when you look... it's already Friday; when you look... the month is over; when you look... the year is over; when you look... 50, 60, 70 and 80 years have passed!

When you look... we no longer know where our friends are.

When you look... we've lost the love of our life and now, it's too late to go back.

Do not stop doing something you like due to lack of time. Do not stop having someone by your side, because your children will soon not be yours, and you will have to do something with that remaining time, where the only thing that we are going to miss will be the space that can only be enjoyed with the usual friends. The time that, unfortunately, never returns.

The day is today! We are no longer at an age to postpone things.

Hopefully, you have time to read and then share this message. Pass it on to your best friends. Don't leave it for later.

Jules I. "Jay" Levine

**Ernie Clemmons passed this on to me, and now
I am passing it on to all of you, my best friends!**

**"But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day
is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." ~ 2 Peter 3:8**

**I was just minding my own
business, and then all of a
sudden 1975 was 50 years ago.**



15 Scriptures to Pray to Help You Speak The Truth with Love

- 1 - Thank God that He gave us our mouths, and no matter what insecurities we have about speaking to others, He will equip us. "Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue. The Lord said to him, **"Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not, I the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."** Exodus 4:10-12
- 2 - Thank God that He has and will equip you with all you need to share His Words. **"For in Him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speech and in all your knowledge."** 1 Corinthians 1:5
- 3 - Pray that you would be able to speak to others with both grace and truth as Jesus did. **"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."** John 1:14
- 4 - Pray that you would be able to speak out about God's love and the work He has done in your life. **"Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies."** Psalm 107:2
- 5 - Pray that you would speak to others exactly the way God has created you to. **"For Christ did not send me out to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power."** 1 Corinthians 1:17
- 6 - Pray that you would have opportunities to boldly share your stories of how God has worked in your life **"They triumphed over him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."** Revelation 12:11a
- 7 - Pray that your motive in speaking would be for God's approval, not for the approval and praise and social media likes of others. **"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."** Galatians 1:10
- 8 - Pray that God would give you the words to speak and the courage to say what He wants you to say. **"Pray also for me that whenever I speak, words would be given me so that I would fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel."** Ephesians 6:19
- 9 - Pray that you would be able to share God's truth with others, with love and grace. **"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."** Colossians 4:6
- 10 - Pray that the words you speak would be exactly the words others need to hear. **"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver."** Proverbs 25:11
- 11 - Pray that the words you speak would be beneficial to others. **"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who are listening."** Ephesians 4:29
- 12 - Pray that you won't speak out of anger or hurt. **"Get rid of all bitterness, passion, and anger. No more shouting or insults, no more hateful feelings of any sort."** Ephesians 4:31
- 13 - Pray that when someone speaks harshly to you, you will respond with grace. **"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."** Proverbs 15:1
- 14 - Pray that you would have wisdom about when to stay silent in conversations and when to speak up. **"But keep away from foolish and ignorant arguments; you know that they end up in quarrels. As the Lord's servant, you must not quarrel. You must be kind toward all, a good and patient teacher, who is gentle as you correct your opponents, for it may be that God will give them the opportunity to repent and come to know the truth."** 2 Timothy 2:23-25
- 15 - Pray that you would say the words that are healing to others. **"Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."** Proverbs 16:24

Found on Embracing Life - written by Jenn Soehlin - November 26, 2024

NOBODY'S FRIEND

My name is Gossip, I have no respect for justice.
I maim without killing,
I break hearts and ruin lives.
I am cunning and malicious
and gather strength with age.
The more I am quoted the more I am believed.
My victims are helpless.
They cannot protect themselves against me
because I have no name and no face.
To track me down is impossible.
The harder you try, the more elusive I become.

I am nobody's friend.
Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same.
I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights,
heartache and indigestion.
I make innocent people cry in their pillows.
Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip.
I make headlines and headaches.
Before you repeat a story ask yourself, is it true?
Is it fair, Is it necessary?
If not, don't repeat it!

(shared by Pasty Daniels)

Ramblings of the Ole Man

Someone asked me at the Senior Saint's cookout, and I believe it was Jerry Moseley, about what year my mama started bringing me to Calvary. I was born in 1959 and she and daddy lived in a duplex on Jefferson Street downtown. We then moved to 530 Whitaker Street, most likely in 1960, and that's when I started my trek at Calvary Baptist Church. Mama carried me in her arms to church since they didn't have but one car and daddy would be working on Sunday and had the car. I know I've said many times that I grew up here at Calvary. I have seen a lot of changes go on over the years and have seen a lot of folks come and go, not just to other churches, but go home to be with the Lord. Some of my earliest memories was the older part of the church where the office is now. The present nursery and class rooms for the little ones was the sanctuary back then. The choir loft was towards Aston Street, and there were pull walls where the counting room and the baby section is now for adult Sunday school classrooms. Then of course upstairs were classrooms for kids and teenage Sunday school. I don't recall where the Pastor's study was, or even if he had one. The parking lot was dirt and a big drainage ditch ran through it, which was the cause of many scoldings from parents after church for getting in it with your Sunday clothes and shoes on!! Where the social room is now sat Haggin's store. After Mr. Haggin's passed, Jack Parrish began running the store. May I say that was the cause of more scoldings due to us kids spending our Sunday school offering money on bubble gum and candy. Jack Parrish also had a pool table in the back of the store where my granddaddy introduced me to the game of pool unbeknownst to my mama and grandma because if they had known all heck would have broke loose. A lot of good games of pool were played in the back of that little store. Eventually the church bought the store and the house and did away with them. I sure hated to see that pool table go. The gym was built where Haggin's house was located. I remember when they built the sanctuary that we now have. Our family had moved over to Maple Street and as they were doing the framing I would pull my red wagon over to the church grounds and the carpenters would give me scrap blocks of wood. Whenever they would bend a nail I'd get them too and take them to the car shed at the house and straighten them out and use them for my blocks and

make things only a youngin would think of. I later in life went to work for Jackie Conwell, an electrician who was the lead man wiring the church. I said something about going to the church when it was being built and he asked me if I was the little boy that used to come over and pick up blocks. Of course, it was me! Funny how things work out, ain't it?!!! I learned a lot from Jackie and wound up being his lead man doing electrical and plumbing. I loved wiring houses. New plumbing was alright, but I just loved wiring. As a matter of fact, the first house I ever wired by myself is right on the corner of Oakwood and Bolling Road facing towards Bolling Road. My help had laid out on me, and Jackie told me to just rough in the boxes and switches. He said he didn't expect me to pull wire alone. I took it as a challenge and when he pulled up to see why I was late coming in, I was pulling the last of the run of wire. The house was ready for the sheet rockers. He just smiled and went on his way. I remember the parking lot being paved, and then enlarged, and then paved some more. I can remember homecomings on the grounds outside under tents and the choir singing outside. They'd drag one of the old upright pianos outside and everyone would be gathered around it singing their hearts out. Some of the best food around was served in the heat and I don't recall anyone getting sick, but everyone got full of not only food but the Holy Spirit! I remember when the original fellowship hall was built and named after Mary Ellen White. I have already told y'all how much of an inspiration she was to me after I got saved. I thought about her the other Wednesday when we were talking about Heaven. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that is where Mary Ellen is. I know that she is having the time of her eternal life with Jesus, no more epilepsy, and she is now whole! PRAISE GOD! I can't wait to see her. My mind is a flurry of memories of this place we call CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH and the people that have been here, served here, and, yes, died here!! Maybe next month, I'll have some more memories to share and let ya'll look into my mind's eye, (scary I know), love y'all!

Ramblings of the ole man Robert Matthews

Being a little older than Robert, my memory goes a little further back to when the Haggin's store and home were actually my grandparent's, Robert & Ethel Faucette's, store and home. That is why I always say that I am home when I am at church for more than one reason.

Linda Moore



Bingo & Snacks **Tuesday** **August 5, 1pm** **in the Social Room**

Please sign up by Wed., July 30 to attend.

This is always a fun event. It will be cool inside the church, and it is a good way to spend an afternoon with friends!

Annual **Ice Cream Social** **Thurs., Aug. 21** **6:30 pm in the Gym**



Sign up by Wed., Aug. 13

Entertainment provided by Eddie Twisdale and friends In the Gospel / Country Group

Volunteers are needed to make ice cream and provide other desserts. A sign up sheet is on the Senior Saints bulletin board.

Shopping, Touring & Lunch **Smithfield, VA** **Thurs., Sept. 18** **leave at 7am**



Smithfield, Virginia, is primarily known as the "ham capital of the world" due to its famous Smithfield ham and the Smithfield Foods company, one of the world's largest meat processors. Beyond ham, Smithfield boasts a rich history, picturesque Main Street, and a vibrant arts scene.

\$5.00 for tours plus Dutch Treat Lunch

A menu will be sent to all that sign up by September 1 so you will know the amount you will need to pay for the trip.

Walking will be required on this trip.

All women are invited to join us for
"The God You May Not Know"

by Dr. David Jeremiah

10 Week Women's Bible Study

Facilitated by Freddi Davis

Every Thursday beginning Sept. 4 - Nov. 6
6pm in the Social Room

Sign up on the Deacons bulletin board by Sun., Aug. 17 if you want a \$10.00 book ordered for you.

Everyone is invited to the
OCC Shoebox
Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, August 5
at 6:30 pm Upstairs



August Collection

Tablets, Notebook Paper, Crayons
& Larger Scissors or anything you find on sale
We will begin packing boxes for ages 2-4 in August. Any items for that age will be appreciated.

Business Meeting - August 10
following the 6pm Evening Worship Service

Motions:

- 1 - To approve the 2025 - 2026 Nominating Committee report
- 2 - To approve Sheila Davis, Tom Marshall, Kelly Massey, Chris Moseley & Vanessa Petrillo to serve on the Youth Pastor Search Committee.
- 3 - To approve Tim Davis, Brian Massey & Bob Patterson to serve as Deacons reducing the current number of deacons from 12 to 10 due to current membership, and the limited availability of men willing to serve.



Check the Senior Saints' bulletin board in the back hall for information and sign up forms. It is very important that you sign up for events so proper preparations can be made. A waiting list will be available if we have to limit reservations. You will be moved to the regular list if space becomes available.

Brighten their day with
a card, call or visit.



Family of Rev. John Alford
4905 Sandhurst Road, Trent Woods, NC 28562
Former pastor of Calvary passed away on July 25.

George Mark Smiley - 523 Oakwood Avenue
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870 Having surgery to remove a cancerous kidney on Aug. 22

David & Sue Rhodes - 133 Mina Street
Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870

Parents of Leslie Ezzelle were visiting Calvary and now both are experiencing some health issues. They also became great grandparents on July 15, and **Glenn & Leslie Ezzelle, 618 Virginia Street, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870** became grandparents with the birth of Sawyer Michael Spruill.

Congratulations to all on this blessed event!

Please lift up all of our shut-ins in prayer.