



The Calmeth News

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Our Mission:

Through worship, education, service, and fellowship, we'll share with all people Christ's message of faith, hope and love.



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This Week at Calvary

Wednesday, February 8

6:30pm—Wednesday Night Dinner—(Roast Chicken)

Reservations required.

Please contact the church office at 703-892-5185 before 1pm.

7:15pm—Disciple Bible Study—in Memorial Hall

Saturday, February 11

10am-2pm—Parent's Afternoon Out

Look for the Squiggly Jar and Don't Forget Your Change!

This Sunday, February 12, at the 11am worship service the children will be collecting pennies (other change, and dollar bills too!) to send to The Heifer Project. Please go to www.heiffer.org if you have questions about this wonderful program. Let's collect enough to buy a cow!

Salty Dog Luncheon

The Salty Dog Luncheon serves a full lunch on the Third Thursday of the month at noon in Harris Hall. Anyone able to attend is welcome, (no reservations needed). The cost is only \$5.00 per person. Along with the lunch is a short program of community or spiritual interest.

Our monthly Salty Dog luncheon is in need some more "red apron" helpers. The kitchen crew is finding it can't quite manage without more hands and feet involved in the preparation and clean up. it's all good fun, and we'd hate to discontinue these special Third Thursdays but...

We need help!

If this is something that intrigues you, please call the church office at 703-892-5185, Randy Gracey at 703-703-920-4585, or Nancy Taylor at 703-684-8828. Thank you.

Thank you! Thank you!

Thanks to all who contributed to the ministries and ongoing costs of Calvary Church in 2011. We finished with a balance of \$59! In addition to paying all bills in full, and our contributions to denominational ministries, your faithful giving provided nearly \$10,000 to various charitable causes like hunger relief, disaster relief, etc. In addition, each month we've provided food for the local food bank, as well as doing our own food distribution. We also paid off nearly \$68,000 on our loan for the elevator addition renovations. And if you have questions about how you can make electronic contributions to Calvary, please contact the church office.

Sermon Preview

Why God's Love Succeeds!

Sports fans love to know who is undefeated! What does that mean? Statistics show that under football coach Joe Paterno, the Penn State football team had two seasons where the team was undefeated in regular season play, and he coached them to 409 victories- more than any other coach. These are tremendous records. Yet the truth is "undefeated" is a "relative" term. It's impossible to go without ever losing. It's even hard to name someone who never had a "bad season." In other words, anyone "betting" on a person or team to come out victorious would eventually have to "change their bet."

That's true in history as well. For centuries, folks could "bet" on the Roman Empire to come out victorious- but eventually that ended. You just can't count on anyone all the time! Yet the claim of the Bible and the Christian Church is that we can count on God all the time- in our lives, and in history. What does that mean? Read Romans 8: 28, 37-39, and let's talk about it Sunday.

Pastor Steve

Adult Sunday School

In the Library: Making Sense of God's Will Discussion

As a companion to Pastor Steve's sermon series, we will read Adam Hamilton's book *Why? Making Sense of God's Will*. On February 12 we will discuss "Why Is It Hard to Know God's Will?"

In Classroom 1: Holy Lands Video Bible Class

Six for Supper Kick-Off

It's time to kick off our "Six for Supper" Program of informal dinner fellowship gatherings in small groups. Groups meet in homes, at a restaurant, or even at church, and it's a great way to get to know people. Each group is determined by the coordinator to ensure mixing different combinations or people each year. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex over the next two weeks. The deadline for signing up will be Sunday, February 19.

Our kick-off for Six for Supper will be a covered dish dinner at the church on Sunday, February 26, at 6pm, in Harris Hall. At that time you will meet those in your small group. If you can't attend your group leader will contact you. Also if you have further questions, please contact Janet Kiel (703) 684-5035 or jkiel@earthlink.net.

Have something to post in Calmeth News? **Deadline is FRIDAY 12 noon** to submit your articles or announcements, please contact us by email: admin@calmeth.org, or simply call the church office: (703) 892-5185. Due to limited spacing we can only publish a limited number of articles. **Articles or announcements that are lengthy may be edited.** Thank you for keeping our family and friends up-to-date.

Family Ministries

Our preschool is needing **clean** tuna cans. Please leave them in the preschool office or the coat closet! Thanks!

In case you didn't know... Sunday school and nursery are available at the 8:30am worship service on Sunday.

Mark Your Calendar! On March 2 at 10:30am, the wonderful band Okee Dokee Brothers are coming back! Please contact Beth Posey at bposey@comcast.net if you would like information about individual or family tickets to this great show (\$5 for one, \$20 per family). Visit their website at www.okeedokeye.org

Preschool registration for the 2012-2013 school year began February 1. Registration materials and information are available on our website under preschool. Parents should plan on visiting on February 24, anytime between 10am-2pm at our Open House.

Beth Posey

Did You Know?

Is there something you've always wanted to ask about Calvary and things that happen here, but didn't know who would know the answer? Now you can ask someone, or send a note to admin@calmeth.org and we'll see if we can find the answer for you.

Q: What ages are supported in Calvary's Sunday School ?

A: We believe that all ages benefit from Christian community and learning—children, youth, and adults. Infants and toddlers learn to trust and explore through attendance during Sunday school or worship times. Our regular staff have background checks and are current in CPR and First Aid. If you'd like to volunteer in children's ministry, contact Beth Posey. For Youth Ministry, contact Kathy Barton. For Adult Sunday School information, contact Glen Colman or Maggie Hasselbach.

Q: What is this Wednesday Night Dinner I keep hearing about and seeing listed on the calendar?

A: Each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm people gather in Harris Hall for fellowship and dinner. The dinner is provided by Arlington Diner (located on Glebe Road, near the Giant Food Store) and the cost is \$5.00 per person. There is a rotating menu, and there are options for special orders as well.

Because the food is provided, we request reservations be made or changed with the church office (703-892-5185 or admin@calmeth.org) before 1pm on Wednesday afternoon. That will give us time to place the order to the diner, and ensure that we have enough for everyone that comes.

If you have any questions, or would like to know what's on the menu, please don't hesitate to ask.

Q: Does Calvary collect items for different ministries?

A: Calvary does indeed collect several items for various ministries. In the room directly below the narthex there are shelves and bins marked for different ministry opportunities. We ask that you take donations to the designated area and not leave them in the "coat closet" next to the office. Also, the preschool does collect certain items, but please check with Beth Posey for what items she needs, and where to deliver them. Thank you.

Calvary's Worship Schedule

8:30am—Worship with Holy Communion
9:45am—Sunday School (all ages)
11:00am—Worship
11:00am—KIDS Church
11:10am—Student Led Worship
1:00pm—Ghana Methodist Worship
6:00 – 8:00pm—Youth Group

Youth News

Sunday School, 9:45am - Sunday school = friends, donuts, God and fun! Be there! Meet in the preschool.

Student Worship—Worship in the Health Room after the children's time. Come, now is the time to worship!

February 12, 6pm – 8pm —Dinner and Devotion with Nancy Fearheiley. We will be making a special dinner to enjoy together! Be ready to cook up some fun! at Calvary

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, February 19—Famine Prep

Friday-Saturday, February 24-25—30 HOUR FAMINE

Saturday, May 5—Kings Dominion

Saturday-Sunday, May 19 and 20—ServFest / Change the World Weekend

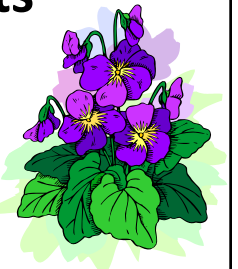
Tuesday-Sunday, June 26-July 1—CREATION

Saturday-Friday, July 28-August 3—Project SPY

For more information about youth activities, contact Kathy Barton (kathye84@gmail.com, 703-403-5870) or Christy Owens (dharveyo@aol.com)

Stewardship Bouquets

Stewardship includes giving of our time and talent as well as our treasure. As space permits we will try to list those we would like to recognize for their faithful stewardship to Calvary. This week we say "thank you" to:



- ✦ David Gardner—our new ESL Coordinator!
- ✦ Our great ESL teachers from Calvary: Jeannine Aversa, Karen Heath, and Charlotte Lindsay
- ✦ All of our Coffee Hour hosts, who provide a wonderful spread each week for us to enjoy as we talk with friends and family after church each week.
- ✦ Janet Kiel, for coordinating Six for Supper—which is a great way to get to know your Calvary family and friends
- ✦ Jeff Hall, a preschool dad, who sanded and painted five sets of new shelves for the classrooms.
- ✦ Marilyn Polinger and Lynne McDonald who bring in recyclables for our family ministries
- ✦ Thuan, our faithful sexton, who maintains and repairs and keeps our facility running smoothly
- ✦ Our wonderful Worship Leaders who help with Sunday worship each week (contact Maggie Hasselbach if you would like to participate in this ministry area)
- ✦ The fabulous Men of Calvary who provide a community Pancake Breakfast each month. Then next breakfast will be on Saturday, March 3.

As space permits we will include these "stewardship bouquets" as one way of saying "thank you." If you know of someone who should be listed, please contact the church office at admin@calmeth.org.

Prayer Corner

One Day at a Time

As we continue through 2012, find time every morning to pray to God.

"If yesterday didn't go well, just remember His interest in you is new every morning, greed as the dew on the grass. If we live each day to the full, depending upon God's loving care, life with all its hazards will come out right."

A Year for Compassion

Guideposts January Calendar 2012

"The Lord's compassion fail not...They are new every morning." Lamentations 3:22, 23.

Remember to pray every day.

You are welcome to join us at any time. We meet every **Saturday at 11am** in the Small Meeting Room

