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Creating a Christ Centered Culture

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Filled To Fullness

Sometimes the fewest words can make the biggest impact. Trying to describe what the Lord is allowing the family of Calvary to experience is best summed up in three words: Filled to Fullness. Paul describes in Ephesians 3 this joy of blessings:

"...that you may be filled up to the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen" - 3:19-21

Easter Sunday is just one example of experiencing the abundance of our Lord's blessings. Teamwork, Prayerful Expectation, Participation, and Sacrificial giving and Sacrificial serving are to be attributed to the joy of the blessing. Each in the body utilizing their giftedness. Thank you.

Let's pray well and prepare well for the events and opportunities before us:

Mother's Day, Father's Day, Vacation Bible School, Men.s and Women's Bible Studies, Graduations, Sunday School, and each Sunday's Worship (every Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday).

HUGE CHALLENGE - MEN'S EVENT/DINNER FRIDAY APRIL 12 at 5:45pm. ASKING MEN and WOMEN of CALVARY to INVITE and PRAY FOR 125 MEN TO ATTEND.

...exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think...

FILLED TO FULLNESS

~ Pastor Eddie

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

JoMarie Gibson (01/28/24)

Recommittment/Baptism 4508 Griffith Road Monroe, NC 28112 704-441-4339

Deacon: Mike Easley

Robin Stout (02/18/24)

Recommittment/Baptism 2031 Lancaster Ave., Apt. B Monroe, NC 28112 980-210-4764

Deacon: Marty Russell

Nick & Jessica Brummer (03/17/24) Kam, Sera, & River

Baptism/Statement of Faith (for information, call the church office) **Deacon: Corey Howard**

David & Pam Caskey (03/17/24)

Statement of Faith 2061 Tara Drive Monroe, NC 28112 704-226-5981 (David) 704-242-1036 (Pam)

Deacon: Dwight Terrell

Ben & Dawn Smith (03/24/24)

Statement of Faith 200 Lancaster Avenue Monroe, NC 28112 980-328-8717

Deacon: Dwayne McWhirter

Alex & Elizabeth "Liz" Smith (03/24/24) Ezekiel "Zeke"

Statement of Faith 1417 Crescent Street Monroe, NC 28112 980-613-2896

Deacon: Josh Manley

Dereck & Chelsey Hardison (03/31/24) Kayleigh

Statement of Faith/Baptism 2508 Tara Drive Monroe, NC 28112 704-354-2368 (Derek) 704-242-4817 (Chelsey) **Deacon: Mike Easley**



PRESCHOOL& KINDERGARTEN





www.cbcmonroe.org/preschool



It was great to see over one third of our children and their families join us for Preschool Sunday. What a blessing it was to be together in worship, highlighting this important ministry! Our 3rd year is coming to an end in a few short weeks. It is hard to believe how fast the months have ticked by and how much the children have grown. We will miss their little hearts for sure!

In the meantime....

2024-25 Preschool Registration was a huge success with wait lists.
Our Easter Eggstravaganza has always been so exciting and this year was no exception.

The End of Year Celebration is scheduled for May 14th followed by the last days of school.

Graduation for Preschool and Kindergarten will be May 21st.

We cannot begin to THANK Calvary Baptist Church, its volunteers and our Preschool family for all the ways in which YOU have supported and encouraged us!

Together, we have been enormously blessed!





If you feel led to support this ministry, here are some ways to help:













We would like to take a moment to thank all of our 40+ volunteers that keep our nurseries running! We also want to extend a warm welcome to our newest volunteers that we were recently able to add to our rotations, allowing for 5-6 volunteers every Sunday and 3 every Wednesday!

Please look for a meeting announcement in the Spring of 2024 to go over any questions you have about the nursery and how it operates.

If you need anything in the meantime please reach out to Haley Brooks or me.

Thank you for your support for this ministry!

- Lindsey Howe-



















Loved, Trained, Sent

Spring is here and we can't wait for warmer weather and the beautiful blooms! We have had such a fruitful season in the Children's Ministry that has brought new faces and lots of excitement each Wednesday and Sunday morning.

We would love to have you join us. We meet Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Kids Worship (for 3 years old-Kindergarten); a nursery is available for Sunday School and service, and Wednesday evenings.

We also meet on Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 for Team Kid.

We are looking forward to participating during Easter service. My favorite week of the year is just around the corner...VBS!!!!! Please follow us or check the website for more information, how to get involved and registration, when it opens.

We can't wait for "Breaker Rock Beach"!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve alongside you and we look forward to learning and fellowship together!

In Christ, Emerald

Come join us on Wednesday Nights from 6:30pm to 7:45pm for Bible Study.

On the first Wednesday nights of the month we have ALL-IN.











Thank you so much for ALL THE MANY ways each of you are allowing God to use you to sacrificially serve within our Youth Ministry at Calvary. We appreciate all your time, gifts, and service as you serve our youth/students each week.

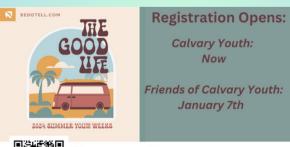
Youth Ministry Students 6th Grade to 12th Grade:





If you have any questions, please reach out to: Steve Brown: 704-201-6676

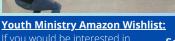
Steve Brown: 704-201-6676 Tiffany Manley: 704-690-0824 Jennifer Trull: 704-516-4013













Discover Calvary

A class for newcomers and guests to learn more about our church and the mission.



First Session: May 5th Second Session: May 12th 9:15am- Check In Children 9:30am- 10:15am We meet in Room #104
which is the
room across from
Pastor Eddie's office.

Completion of Both Sessions is Required for Membership.

Attention Newcomers, Guest, Visitors, and Prospective Members!!

Our next "Discover Calvary Class" (formerly the Newcomers Class) is coming up this month. We pray that you will put this meeting on your schedule and plan to join us for this informational class. We know that many of you are exploring and seeking where the Lord would have you SERVE and make your Church Home and Membership. The following is what we will present to you during these sessions together:

- 1. Family Introductions
- 2. Introduction of our Pastor and Staff
- 3. Brief Church History, Purpose Statement, Vision, and Beliefs
- 4. Eight (8) Doctrinal Statements
- 5. Review of All Calvary Ministries
- 6. Review of All discipleship opportunities at Calvary
- 7. What to expect from Calvary?
- 8. What are the expectations of the Church for the church members?
- 9. Requirements for Membership.
- 10. Next Steps after Membership.
- 11. How to get involved and SERVE?
- 12. Q & A

We look forward to seeing you soon. God Bless you and your family.



Church Member Covenant

As a member, I commit to the body of Christ, the church (1 Corinthians 12:27; Romans 12:4-5).

As a member at Calvary Baptist Church, I will fulfill the following expectations:

- 1. I will worship the one true God with other Calvary Baptist church members for as long as I am physically able (Hebrews 10:24-25; Romans 12:1). The goal of my regular weekly worship is to give God glory (Romans 11:36; Hebrews 13:15).
- 2. I will grow spiritually through regular involvement in groups and classes at Calvary Baptist Church in addition to regular personal devotional times. I understand the purpose of these groups and classes is building community with other believers and holding each other accountable (Acts 2:44-47; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- 3. I will serve Christ through the mission work of Calvary Baptist Church. I am created to serve others through good works (Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 4:10). I am commanded by God to make disciples of every nation, tribe, people and language through the local church (Matthew 28:16-20; Revelation 7:9). I will support the church's mission to go to the ends of the earth to share the gospel (Acts 1:8).
- 4. I will give to God abundantly and joyfully, recognizing God as the owner of all things (Proverbs 3:9; Psalm 24:1). Giving my tithe and time to God brings me closer to Him (Malachi 3:10; Matthew 6:19-24).
- 5. I will seek unity with other church members. I recognize God's design for the church is unity in diversity, and I will put the interests of others above my personal preferences (Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Peter 3:8-9).
 - I will guard the reputation of the church and submit to discipline for any sin problems in my life (Matthew 18:15-20).
- 6. I will pray for and follow the leadership of Calvary Baptist Church (Hebrews 13:17-18). I will pray privately and with the church corporately. I will pray for people to accept Christ, and I will pray for more disciples to grow.
- 7. I will sacrifice by serving first, following the servant model of Jesus Christ (Mark 10:45). I will make my attitude that of Christ and through humility make the gospel my priority (Philippians 2:5-11).



We would love to help you take that next step in your walk with Jesus! If you have accepted Christ as your personal savior, it's time to go public with your faith. Please scan the QR code below or click the link on the church website.











DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS!

A spiritual gift is an expression of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers which EMPOWERS them to SERVE the body of Christ, the Church.

Are you interested in learning more about YOUR Spiritual Gifts?

Complete the Spiritual Gifts Assessment tool from Calvary's website.

Go to: www.cbcmonroe.org.

Click on "About Us" at the top of the home page.

Scroll down to where it says: Church Resources and click "Learn More" and you
will see "Spiritual Gifts Assessment Tool".

There are two documents there with links to the documents!

Hard copies are available from our church office.

Spiritual Gifts Assessment Tool

Survey: https://s3.amazonaws.com/bhpub/edoc/DOC-Spiritual-Gifts-Survey.pdf
List: https://s3.amazonaws.com/bhpub/edoc/DOC-Spiritual-Gifts-List.pdf

or scan these QR codes

<u>Survery</u>



<u>List</u>



God has gifted you, yes indeed! God desires that you know, and that you discover, how He has gifted you! Now, let us know what you Gifts are!



Come join us on Campus at Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:30am (classes end at 10:15am)

This is intentional Small Group Bible Study! We believe Sunday School is one of the strongest arms of Discipleship in the local church today. We have Awesome Teachers! And we have a friendly place for Everyone in the family!

We have classes for the whole family.

Children and Youth Classes:

Age 3 to Kindergarten
1 st to 3 rd Grades
4 th to 5 th Grades

6 th to 8 th Grade Middle School 9 th to 12 th Grade High School

Adults Classes:

Foundation
Community
Journey
New Beginnings
Soul Sisters

Come grow in the Lord with us!

"We Praise God and thank every single Sunday School Teacher
who sacrificially serves our Lord each and every week!
Thank you and All Glory to God!"

The Women's Ministry is currently in our spring small group Bible study session. We have 11 small groups that are meeting in various locations and at various times throughout the week.

Over 100 women registered to participate in the spring session of studies. Many of the ladies are members of or regular visitors at Calvary, but many others are guests of participants or group leaders, or they are ladies who were searching the area for churches offering small group Bible studies and found us!

Between small group sessions (we offer one in the spring and one in the fall each year), our 11 small group leaders participate in training sessions. The focus is usually discipleship, ministry, or our own personal walks with God.

As part of our training before the spring session started, we read the first half of the book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. The author focuses on drawing closer to God amid the chaos and busyness of life. Weaver discusses how to choose the "better part," just as Jesus invited Martha to do while visiting her home in Bethany. Group Leaders will finish the book in our training session late in the summer before our fall Bible study session.

Prior to the beginning of our spring and fall small group Bible studies, we have a kickoff dinner in the fellowship hall on campus. Small group leaders decorate their tables for food and fellowship with the participants in their group, and everyone brings a dish for a potluck meal. Our next kickoff meal will be in late August/early September before the fall session of small group studies begins. (Registration for fall will start in early August). Watch the Women's Ministry page or Women's Ministry Facebook page for those dates.







Also, be on the lookout for announcements about the two Ladies Dinners we have per year. These meals, usually held in January and August, are for any ladies who would like to attend. We meet in a local restaurant and spend some time talking, laughing, and eating.

Finally, we are looking forward to our annual Women's Retreat, scheduled for November 22-24, 2024. Pray about joining us in the beautiful mountains of Asheville at The Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove. Our first year attending the Cove was last year, and it was magnificent! We cannot wait to go back this fall. We typically begin registration around Mother's Day (early to mid-May).

Please check the Women's Ministry page on Calvary's website for more information.

May God Bless You, Women's Ministry Leadership Team

MEN'S MINISTRY

"Astron sharpens from, so one man sharpens another. (Proverbs 27:17))"



ENGAGE, ENCOURAGE, and EQUIP men to live Christ-centered lives.

As Christian men we were never intended to go it alone. We were designed by our Creator to connect with other Christian men to encourage, support, and inspire one another through the battles we fight, the adventures we live, and the others we serve. Men who come together with open hearts and open minds will become more like Christ through accountability, support, and fellowship with other Christian men.

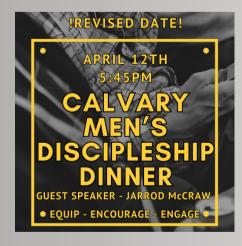
The men's ministry at Calvary exists to build men of integrity, to challenge men, and to encourage men. We are equipping them to:

Lead their families
Serve their church
Influence their communities
Impact the world
Inspire future generations

Through Sunday School, discipleship training, special events, outreach, and service opportunities, we want men to look like Christ in all they do. Christ-like men strengthen families, strong families empower the church, effective churches make the Gospel known to the world.

Get Connected

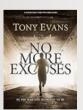
"Cultivating men to live high impact lives in their homes, church, and communities."















CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH Music Ministry



Our Music Ministries have been very busy in 2024 and continue to see His blessing us with new people joining our musical worship. It is exciting to see our Children's choirs, Worship Choir and Calvary Ringers all working on Music for the Celebration of our Risen Savior and Lord. The choir has worked hard to bring "This Is Our God" to us during this Easter Worship experience. The youth will be leading us also and we are looking at new ideas for each of these ministries. We are in our third month after forming a Music Advisory team that will help guide us as we continue to move forward with new plans and music. Our Praise Team has eight new pieces they are working on and will be sharing with the congregation over the next few months. We are also praying and planning to involve others in special music for our services going forward and other community events to be here at Calvary.

Frank Casstevens - Worship Director

Come join us on Wednesday
night's 7:45 pm
(after Bible Study) until 8:15 pm
in the Choir Loft.



Calvary Handbells



The Adult Handbell Choir meets on Sundays immediately following the morning service in the Choir Room. If you are familiar with handbells and/or you read music, consider joining us. Please contact Randi Brinker (317) 979-0860 with any questions.

If you are 4th grade or older or an adult with little to no music or handbell experience and are interested in learning to ring, please contact Randi Brinker (317) 979-0860 for more information about a Ready to Ring Beginners group. Even if you have never rung handbells or don't consider yourself proficient in reading music, that's ok, there is a place for you.

HELLO

my name is

Greeters and Ushers strive to make every guest, attender and member feel welcomed and loved by experiencing the warmth and kindness of the Calvary family. Our team offers the love of Christ to all that enter the building by offering a friendly greeting, guidance for those that need a helping hand and connection for those looking for a place to serve. This is a great ministry for families and those looking to share the love of Calvary with both newcomers and current members.

The Connections Ministry is always looking for friendly people to serve as greeters and ushers for either Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. If you are interested in serving on this ministry team, please stop by the Welcome Desk and talk to either Randi Brinker or Sandy Tarlton.

WELCOME

Do you enjoy writing cards? We would like to have you join us in Calvary's Card Ministry.

Please contact Edwina
Starnes at 704-289-6650
or email her at
edwinastarnes@gmail.com













CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY



Ralph Biven's

Alice Melton's Grandfather

Ethel Carpenter

Jim Carpenter's Wife

Vonceil Braswell

Yvonne McWhirter's Mother & Natalie Harrington's Grandmother

Ann Thomas

Allison Thomas' Mother

Nancy Farris

Dan Farris' Grandmother

Bill Rourke

Stacey Farris' Grandfather

Linda Richardson

Miranda Richardson's Stepmother

Theron Tarlton

Jamie Tarlton & Annette Luther's Father



WELCOME BABY!



CONGRATULATIONS DANIEL & TAYLOR MORRIS!

MS. MILLIE LOU BORN 04/07/24 10:08 AM 7 LBS 13 OZ 20 IN LONG







GRANDMOTHER - HELEN MOORE

Calvary Calendar



Apr 1 - Church Office Closed

Apr 4 and 5 - Fellowship Hall CLOSED for cleaning and floor waxing

Apr 8 - Deacon's Meeting

Apr 12 - Men's Discipleship Dinner

Apr 16 - Finance Committee Meeting

Apr 20 - Goodtimer's Luau

Apr 21 - Music Advisory Team Meeting

May 5 - Discover Calvary Class #1 of 2

May 5 - Sunday School Leaders Appreciation Lunch

May 5 - VBS Meeting after Worship

May 6 - Deacon's Meeting

May 11 - Goodtimer's Narroway Trip

May 12 - Mother's Day & Parent/Child Dedication

May 12 - Sign-up starts for November Women's Retreat

May 19- Music Advisory Team Meeting

May 21 - Preschool Graduation

May 21 - Finance Committee Meeting

May 27 - Memorial Day

May





Jun 3 - Deacon's Meeting

Jun 5 - MLT Meeting

Jun 16 - Father's Day

Jun 16 - Music Advisory Team Meeting

Jun 16 thru Jun 21 - VBS Week

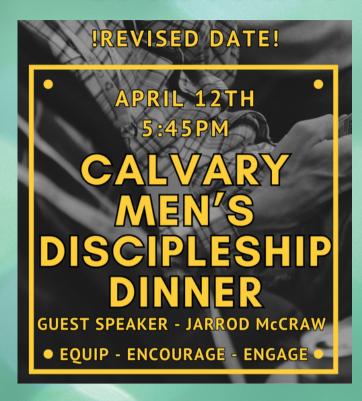
Jun 21 - Churchwide Cookout

Jun 23 - VBS Sunday

Jun 18 - Finance Committee Meeting

Jun 22 - Goodtimer's Cookout

UPCOMING CALVARY EVENTS





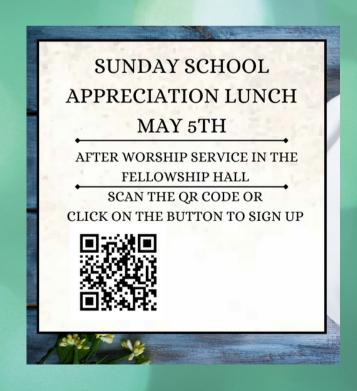


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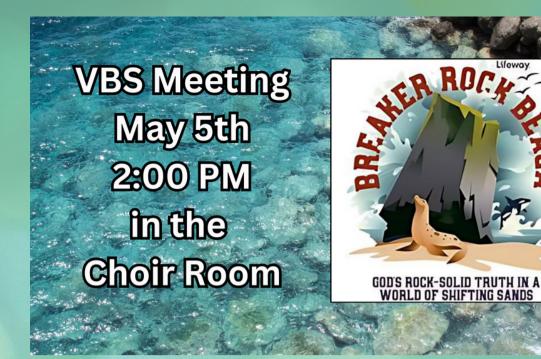


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Join us for the next Goodtimer's Trip to

NARROWAY PRODUCTIONS

MAY 11TH, 2024

SIGN-UP IS LOCATED AT THE CONNECTIONS TABLE IN THE CHURCH LOBBY OR ON-LINE.

> COST PER PERSON IS \$25.00 (SPACE IS LIMITED)



SIGN UP SOON SO WE CAN PLAN ON CAR-POOLING

?QUESTIONS? CONTACT CHERYL PRESSLEY OR JANE TERRELL

WE WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 10:30 AM AND TRAVEL TO THE SHOW WHICH STARTS AT 12:00 PM (DINNER IS INCLUDED IN THE SHOW).
WE PLAN ON BEING BACK AT THE CHURCH AROUND 5:30 PM

PARENT CHILD DEDICATION

May 12th, 2024



MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Wednesday-June 5th

from 5:45 to 6:45pm in the Fellowship Hall

More information at www.cbcmonroe.org

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Dates to Remember

April

- 1 EASTER OFFICE CLOSED
- 1 Ted & Fairis Smith
- 3 Chuck & Monica Teague
- 5 Nick Brummer
- 5 Acre Medlin

4-5 FELLOWSHIP HALL CLEANING

- 7 Hunter & Bethany Rutledge
- 7 Jace Neese
- **8 DEACONS MEETING**
- 8 Robert & Linda McCarver
- 8 Marty Russell
- 8 Bradley Patterson
- 10 Skylar Trull
- 11 Tony & Tricia Lilly
- 11 Molly Bartlett
- 12 MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP DINNER
- 12 Liz Smith
- 12 Monty Rea
- 13 Beth Simpson
- 15 Cheryl Yannett
- **16 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**
- 17 Andrew & Heather Blackwelder
- 17 Robin Price
- 17 Joyce Aycoth
- 17 Henry Howe
- 18 David & Pam Caskey
- 18 Jan Ball
- 19 Jonathan & Brittany Plyler
- **20 GOODTIMER'S LUAU**
- 20 Harold & Becky Sistare
- 20 Lexie Starnes
- 21 MUSIC ADVISORY TEAM MEETING
- 21 BABY SHOWER-KATIE BRANTLEY
- 21 Larry & Janice White
- 21 Leo Grigston
- 21 Dillan Penegar
- 22 Bo Blackwelder
- 22 David Blackwelder
- 24 Ben & Beth Hargette
- a . Duamala MaCladalin
- 24 Brenda McGlothlin
- 26 Chris & Laura Grimm
- 27 Lynn Greene
- 29 Carter Manley
- 30 Holden Keziah

<u>May</u>

- 2 Wayne & Debbie Keziah
- 2 Matt & Season Long
- 2 Danika Moser
- 4 Alex & Liz Smith
- 4 Elaine Penegar
- 4 Addison Helms
- 5 DISCOVER CALVARY CLASS #1
- 5 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP APPRECIATION LUNCHEON
- **5 VBS MEETING**
- 5 Corey & Ashley Howard
- **6 DEACONS MEETING**
- 6 Jimmie Gospodareck
- 6 James McGlothlin
- 6 Marleigh Trull
- 7 Tyler Howe
- 9 Cody Mohney
- 9 Patsy Keziah
- 10 Mike Boyd
- 11 GOODTIMERS NARROWAY TRIP
- 12 MOTHER'S DAY
- 12 PARENT/CHILD DEDICATIONS
- 14 Tyler & Amber Younts
- 14 David & Angela Ammons
- 14 Barbara Firestone
- 16 Landon Burroughs
- 19 BABY SHOWER-HALEY BROOKS
- 19 MUSIC ADVISORY TEAM MEETING
- 19 Reese Price
- 19 Abbey Price
- 19 Cindy Russell
- 19 Kannon Laney
- 20 Lynn & Annette Greene
- 20 Chris Sparks
- 20 Clara Farris
- 21 PRESCHOOL GRADUATION
- 21 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
- 22 Ethan Morris
- 23 Daniel Farris
- 24 Verley & Rachel Scott
- 25 Brody Patterson
- 26 Agnes Brown
- 26 Emily Sparks
- 27 Dalton Harrington
- **27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED**
- 28 Mike Easley
- 28 Jennifer Trull
- 28 Tricia Lilley
- 28 Knox Laney 30 Patrick Motron

- <u>June</u>
- 1 Elijah Price
- R DEACONS MEETING
- 3 Mark & Susan Medlin
- **5 MLT MEETING**
- 6 Becky Sistare
- 7 Dan & Carol Hinson
- 7 Bob & Wendy Gagatch
- 7 Sylvia Boutwell
- 7 Jessie Tarlton
- 8 Amanda Plyler
- 9 Yvonne McWhirter
- 10 Henry Underwood
- 11 Mike Derby
- 12 Bill & Heather Hooks
- 12 Jim & Betty Richardson
- 13 Gary & Cheryl Pressley
- 14 Jay & Maricela Patterson
- 14 Iris Williams
- 14 Pam Caskey
- 15 Rev. Ron Hanna
- 16 FATHER'S DAY
- 16 Dawn Smith
 17 VBS BEGINS (17TH-21ST)
- 17 Stacey Farris
- 17 Krew Laney
- 18 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
- 18 Tyler & Jill Grigston
- 19 Alex Smith
- 20 Brandon Morton
- 20 Hunter Rutledge
- 20 Lucas Ammons
- 21 VBS ENDS WITH CHURCH -WIDE COOKOUT
- 21 Dwight & Jane Terrell
- 21 Ron Dennis
- 23 VBS SUNDAY
- 23 Theo Howe
- 23 Maliyah Helms
- 24 Brenda Pressley
- 25 Dwayne & Yvonne McWhirter
- 25 Chris & Natalie Harrington
- 25 Landon Boyd
- 28 Armando Gutierrez
- 30 Josh & Tiffany Manley
- 30 Steve Brown

Guest Connect Give

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS SUCH AS ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, COMMUNION, BAPTISM, DISCOVER CALVARY CLASSES AND MORE!