

Connections

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Sunday Services

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Inner Mission
10:30am Worship Service
(Livestream Available)

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:00am – 3:00pm
Friday
9:00am—12:00pm
(Office will be closed on
Monday, September 4 in
observance of Labor Day.)

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Please give contact
updates to the
church office.

Country Hoedown Fellowship



Saturday,
September 16
at 6:00pm

Sign up at the Welcome Center or on Breeze

Join us for a Country Hoedown at the home of Steve & Marlene LeMont (11505 Maple Grove Road, Fairfax) on Saturday, September 16 at 6:00pm. We will enjoy pulled pork sandwiches and maid-rites, chips, pasta salad, cowboy caviar dip, and two different sweet snack mixes for dessert.

There is no cost for this event, but a free will donation would be appreciated.

Dress up in your favorite cowboy outfit and dancing boots (optional) and bring lawn chairs and/or blankets.

GRIEF SHARE

Grieving the loss of a loved one? Our Grief Share group meets weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. You are welcome to begin attending the Grief Share group at any session, as each session is “self-contained.” There is a suggested donation of \$20 for the workbook. For more information or to register, contact the church office or go online to <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/173167>.

SUNDAY EVENING MINISTRIES

Here is what you can look forward to on
Sunday evenings at 6:00pm beginning September 10!

MINISTRY TRAINING ELECTIVES

Equip yourself with practical knowledge and skills to be all that the Lord wants you to be in your various relationships and responsibilities. See the Connections insert for more information about the available classes.

KOINONIA

Young adults are invited to Koinonia. Our fellowship this fall will include a book study entitled "It Will Cost You Everything: What It Takes to Follow Jesus" by Steven Lawson. Books are available at a cost of \$10 each. Contact Travis Caldwell at 319-573-8602 for more information.

TABLE TALK FOR YOUTH

Students in grades 7–12 will be enjoying another season of Table Talk — discovering answers in God's Word through open discussions about Jesus, the Bible, and life. Contact Pastor Matt for more information.

SONSHINE SINGERS

Children in kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join the Sonshine Singers children's choir to have fun learning biblical truth through music, choreography, drama, and other creative activities. Contact Jeannette Frey at 319-396-6882 or jhux59@gmail.com for more information.

FAMILY FORUM

Thank you to our Calvary Baptist Church congregation for your many prayers, kind words, cards and memorial gifts after the passing of my dad, Bob Ask. He was a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a friend to so many! He loved his Lord, and he loved his church family. We are grateful he is now out of pain and in the presence of his Savior! A special thanks to Pastor Jay, Marlene LeMont, the deaconesses and the Kaufman's for their special efforts at the funeral.

The Tower Family

Praise the Lord! I came home from the rehab center on July 13. I am continuing out patient therapy on the left arm and shoulder. I am now walking good. Thank you for all of your prayers and cards of encouragement.

Norma Jacobs

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Ricardo & Nattacha Etienne on the birth of their daughter, Malia Tasha Etienne, who was born August 3.

Congratulations to Ryan and Harli Caldwell on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Louise Caldwell on August 21. Congratulations also to grandparents Amy and Justin Caldwell, great grandparents Ron and Marilyn Ehrle, and many aunts and uncles!

Congratulations to Garth and Briana Horning on the birth of their son, Caleb Matthew Horning, on Thursday, August 24.

Congratulations to Brad and Cara Tower on the birth of their son, Kellen Blake Tower, on Friday, August 25. Congratulations also to grandparents Ron and Jan Tower and the rest of the family.

CALVARY CHOIR

The Calvary Choir will begin another season of ministry on Sunday, September 10. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons from 4:30pm to 5:45pm. New members are welcome! Contact Pastor Mike for more information.

SALT & PEPPER RETIREES FELLOWSHIP

Join us on Tuesday, September 26 at 11:30am for a potluck luncheon and a presentation by a trio who went to India on a mission trip through Children's Relief International (CRI). CRI's mission is changing the lives of those the world calls "untouchables," but God calls "priceless." Contact Donna Voss or Nadene Roberts for more information.

DISCOVERY CLASS

If you want to become a member of Calvary or just want more information about the church, we invite you to attend the Discovery Class on Saturday, October 7, from 9:00am to noon. Please notify the church office if you plan to attend. If childcare would be helpful, let us know, and we will make arrangements to meet that need.

LIFE CHAIN

Join in a peaceful, prayerful public witness to the sanctity of human life by standing with other pro-life advocates during this city-wide event on Sunday, October 1 from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. All participants are asked to pre-register at 319-270-0054. You can contact Steve Patton at 319-551-1805 for additional information.

And people should eat and drink and
enjoy the fruits of their labor, for
these are gifts from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

Happy Labor Day!

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 No Sunday school or Adult Bible Classes 10:30am Worship Service (Communion) No Evening Activities	4 LABOR DAY <i>Office Closed</i>	5	6 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:00pm AWANA Kickoff Hot Dog Supper 6:30pm AWANA, Youth Group, and Adult Prayer 6:30pm Grief Share	7 1:00pm Ladies Bible Study	8	9 10:00am–3:00pm Positive Impressions
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September Birthdays

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| 1 Peg Moore | 9 Mel Stanard | 19 Marla Hoy |
| 2 Emberlee Tower | 13 Ephraim Staab | Madison Kaufman |
| 3 Josie Chung | 14 René Morris | 20 David Eastburn |
| Carol Hagen | 15 Amy Caldwell | Clinton Jeffers |
| 5 Charles Hollan | Diane Hill | 21 Steve Morris |
| 7 Steve Patton | Jennifer Sandersfeld | 24 Joshua Melanson |
| 8 Mike Frey | 16 Errol Caldwell | 28 Tara Volz |
| 9 Katie Hensch | 17 Andrea Smale | |

Awana Returns

The Awana clubs begin again on Wednesday, September 6, with a hot dog supper for the kids and their families at 6:00pm, followed by the regular program from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

**Register online at www.CalvaryCR.org
or on the Breeze app.**

MUMS MOTHERS UPLIFTING MOTHERS

MUMS (Mothers Uplifting Mothers)

MUMs is our very own young-moms program. We will begin on Tuesday, September 19 (registration begins at 9:00am), and we will meet every first and third Tuesday (9:15am–11:15am) through May. MUMs is open to moms whose youngest child is in kindergarten or younger, as well as expecting moms. For more information, see our brochure at the Welcome Center, click the link on the church website, or email crmums2019@gmail.com. Childcare will be provided in our Little Sprouts program. If you are a stepmom, foster mom, adoptive mom, birth mom, or any other kind of mom, you are a MOM, and you are welcome in our group!

Women's Ministry

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies Night Out is for all ladies in the church, and they are welcome to invite friends as well. We will be meeting on Monday, September 11 at 6:30pm at Red Lobster (163 Collins Road NE). If you plan to attend, please call or text Debbie Gaeta (319-491-7720) so she will know how many will be attending. If you want to come but need a ride, please let Debbie know and she will arrange to have someone to pick you up.

POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

Positive Impressions is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, 10:00am–3:00pm in Room 23/24. Invite your friends to join you in creating with rubber stamps or working on some other favorite craft project. This is an enjoyable and non-threatening way to spend time developing relationships and building bridges in order to make a positive impression for Christ on your unsaved friends and family members. Even the greeting cards or other crafts that you create for other people can be beneficial in making a positive impression on their lives. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kim Nelson (319-640-9856) and bring a snack or drink to share with the group.