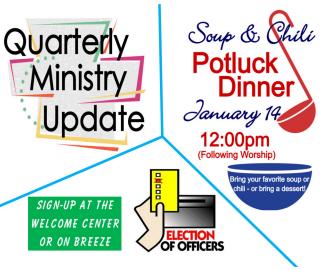
POTLUCK DINNER, ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS, AND QUARTERLY MINISTRY UPDATE



Everyone is invited to a soup and chili potluck dinner in the church fellowship hall at **noon on Sunday**,

January 14. Bring a pot of soup or chili and/or some bread, crackers, or dessert to share. Drinks and table service will be provided. Following the dinner, members are urged to stay for our annual election of church officers and the winter Quarterly Ministry Update. Please help us plan and prepare by signing up at the welcome center, on Breeze, or by contacting the church office.

WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

Donating blood is free, fast, and easy! There is no better way to give back to your community than to give a part of yourself to a patient in need. Every donation keeps families whole and may give loved ones more time together. Visit https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/122750 to sign up.

Calvary Baptist Church Blood Drive Monday, January 29, 2024 3:30pm – 6:30pm

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED! To be eligible to donate at this blood drive, your previous donation had to be prior to **December 5**.

YOUTH ARCTIC ADVANCE

Junior high and senior high students are going to the "Arctic Advance," a winter retreat January 19–21 in Burtrum, MN. They will enjoy a time of biblical teaching, worship, fellowship, snow tubing, games, and more. Pray for the Lord to be at work in each of their lives in a significant way.

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, January 27, 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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, join us for fellowship and fun at Red Robin (4625 1st Ave SE) at 6:30pm on Monday, January 8. If you plan to attend, please call or text Deb Gaeta at 319-491–7720 so she will know how many will be attending. If you want to come but need a ride, let Deb know and she will arrange for someone to pick you up.

POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

Positive Impressions is scheduled for Saturday, January 13, from 10:00am to 3:00pm in room 23/24. Invite your friends to join you in working on your favorite craft projects. 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. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Kim Nelson (319-640-9856) and bring a snack or drink to share with the group.





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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 Closed January 1 in celebration of the New Year)

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Please give contact information updates to the church office.

WINTER MINISTRY TRAINING ELECTIVES

We encourage everyone to participate in Ministry Training Electives at 6:00pm on Sunday evenings, beginning January 21. This program is intended to equip believers with practical knowledge and skills to help them become all that God wants them to be. Sign up at the Welcome Center or on Breeze.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

What's the best news you've ever heard? Did it change the way you think? Or was it something you wanted to be true but didn't dare hope?

Christianity Explored is a way of sharing the best news ever heard, and gives people space and time to think about the big questions of life. Over 7 sessions in Mark's Gospel, find out more about the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith—Jesus Christ.

Session 1: Good News

Session 2: Identity

Session 3: Sin

Session 4: The Cross

Session 5: Resurrection

Session 6: Grace

Session 7: Come and Die



MALE & FEMALE HE CREATED THEM

Male & Female He Created Them is a study on gender, sexuality, and marriage. Authored by Denny Burk, David Closson, and Colin Smothers, this study presents a biblical vision for contested issues such as homosexuality, transgenderism, and marriage. By the completion of this eight week series, readers will have a better grasp on the Bible's teaching about our identities as male and female, created in the image of God, and know how to apply Scripture to these issues in their ministries at church, home, and work.

Session 1: Creation's Warrant: Reasoning 'From the Beginning'

Session 2: Creation's Order: Sex, Gender, Nature, and Marriage

Session 3: Sin's Disorder: Exchanging the Truth of God for a Lie

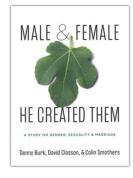
Session 4: Temptation, Desire, and Orientation

Session 5: Transgenderism

Session 6: Intersex

Session 7: Identity and Sanctification

Session 8: Sexual Sin and the Gospel





CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We express our condolences to John & Jacque Walker on the death of Jacque's sister, Sue Reisetter, on November 26.

We express our condolences to the family and friends of Ruta Tekeste and her son, Buruk Mehari, who both went home to be with the Lord on December 1.

We express our condolences to Mark & Debra Hopkins on the death of Mark's father, Gary Hopkins, on December 19.

We express our condolences to Kevin & Lisa Powell on the death of Kevin's sister, Susan, who went to be with the Lord on December 21.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Thanks so very much for the Thanksgiving basket. This enabled us to have many family members enjoy our day thanks to God's grace and your support. God bless everyone involved with this service to all the shut-ins and their families.

Thomas & Gloria Thune and family

Thank you for the prayers for our family during the time of illness and passing of John's dad. Also the prayers for John's brother, Jimmy, and our son, Ryan. We appreciate our church family so much!

John & Jacque Walker

Thank you for the gift card from Amazon. We will definitely be able to use that. We appreciate your thinking of us at this time of year.

Dan & Esther Penney

Thank you Calvary Church and deaconesses for the beautiful plate of fruit and cookies. The Lord is so good! Beverly Danielsen

Many thanks to the deacons, deaconesses, and church family for all the acts of kindness you have shown to me. Thanks for cleaning snow off my car, picking me up when the weather is cold or snowy so I can get to church, treating me to dinner or lunch on Sunday or an evening meal during the week, visits to my home to encourage me and pray with me and so many other acts of kindness and Christian love. Thanks for the Christmas tray of cookies, candy, and fruit delivered to me by Jerry & Cindy Frey this Christmas season. You have all been such a blessing to me, and I thank and praise God for you every day.

Clint Jeffers

The abundance of Christmas cookies delivered a few days ago has been such a treat! A special "thank you" to all who were a part of that project—baking, packaging, and delivery! My prayer is for God's blessings on each of you.

Peg Moore

Thank you all so much for the pretty plate of cookies and fruit you prepared for me. The array of cookies were pretty and all have been good. The fact that they are all gone is proof of how good they are. The people of Calvary Baptist mean so much to me, and I consider you my family. Without all of you, I would be very lonely. With my LOVE to all of you, **Joe Novak**

Thank you so much for remembering us with a gift card. We so enjoyed being at your conference last March and re-connecting with so many of you there. Thanks again for blessing us!

Dean & Cindy Lindgren

Thank you for the cards and all the expressions of love and concern following the loss of my husband, Rollyn. It is so good to be part of the loving family at Calvary Baptist Church.

Marlene Aswegan

Thank you for the memorial gift. I donated it to the Salvation Army in Waterloo/Cedar Falls Red Kettle Campaign in memory of my mom.

Lil & Bob Kemmerer

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Please update your church directory phone number for Bev Danielsen to (319) 333-4429.

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
· ※	1 Happy New Year CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2	9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Awana, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study and Prayer	1:00pm Ladies Bible Study	5 · **	5:30pm Koinonia Christmas Party
7 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service	8	9:15am MUMs 7:00pm Committee and Ministry Team Meetings	9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Awana, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study and Prayer	1:00pm Ladies Bible Study	12	10:00am – 3:00pm Positive Impressions
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Quarterly Ministry Update	Meeting	Regular Meeting	Group, Adult Bible Study and Prayer		"Arctic Advance"	Weekend for Youth
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January Birthdays

- David French Bahati Mutabazi Sophie Nyagazura Sondra Smale
- Ricardo Etienne
- 3 Ryan Hale
- Daniel Hunter
- 5 Ioe Novak

- 6 Steve Hagemeier Myah Pettit
- 7 Curt Clayberg **David Sanders** Morgan Walker
- 11 James LeMont
- 12 Steve Anderson Toby Slippy
- 14 Colleen Abodeely Audrey Hill
- 16 Jeannette Frey
- 17 Marlene Aswegan Aiden Hale Alex Lykkegaard
- 18 Marilyn Seamans Don Winchester
- 21 Samantha Balson Deborah Borum
- 23 Rob Kaufman
- 26 John Lewis
- 27 Sandra Tokpa
- 29 Ayisha Elichme **Judy Potter**
- 30 Jared Bourne