



Connections

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Sunday Services

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

Office Hours

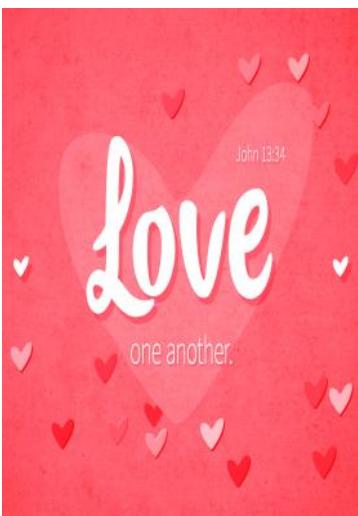
Monday through Thursday
9:00am – 3:00pm
Friday
9:00am – 12:00pm

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Please give contact information updates to the church office



Impact Life. Sign Up.

Blood Drive: Monday, February 2
Last Date to Give Prior to Drive: Monday, December 8
Talk to Nadene Roberts, visit bloodcenter.org and click "Schedule Online", or scan the QR code



SUPER BOWL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

The Super Bowl (Sunday evening, February 8) provides a great opportunity for relationship-building events. Make plans for a get-together that evening with a few friends, neighbors, or co-workers. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your relationship with someone that the Lord might want to reach through you.

KOINONIA SUPER BOWL PARTY

Young adults, please join us on Sunday, February 8, at the Smale's house (517 Rockhurst Dr SW), starting at 5pm, to enjoy food, fellowship, and football. Bring a snack or drink to share, and feel free to invite some friends!

SALT & PEPPER RETIREES FELLOWSHIP

Our first event of 2026! We **love** being together! We will meet in the gym at 11:30am on Tuesday, February 24. We will serve box lunches from Chick-fil-A. After enjoying lunch and conversation, we will meet in the sanctuary, where Forrest Voss will give a presentation about the history of Cedar Rapids and of Calvary Baptist Church. You don't want to miss this one! Please contact Nadene Roberts or Donna Voss if you have questions.

Join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00pm
Sonshine Singers for Kids in Grades K–6
Ministry Training Electives for Youth and Adults

FAMILY FORUM

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for the Amazon gift card for Christmas. What a nice surprise and a blessing. It will be useful for the many ministry expenses. Thank you as well for loving kids and sharing Jesus' love with them and helping me to equip churches to reach more kids with the gospel.

Brenda Cole

Thank you so much for your gracious and faithful support and for your care and prayers! We are truly grateful to partner in ministry with you all. Thanks also for the Amazon gift card. God bless you all!

The Rudolph Family

Thank you so much for your sweet Christmas gift! It was a lovely encouragement to me. I appreciate you and your faithful support. May God bless you this Christmas season as we pause to celebrate the coming of Jesus. May you be encouraged by the knowledge of His presence. May God open opportunities to share the Good News with others!

Rose Kirby

We do appreciate your prayers, support, and encouragement in the work of the Lord. It will be 20 years next month since we began the work here. Thank you for the Christmas gift card. It was very kind and gracious. Our daughter & grandchildren have been visiting us the last two weeks — a nice holiday, especially from the cold of Chicago.

Wayne & Sue Royce

Greetings from France! We received the Amazon gift card. Thank you very much!
Marc & Jody Van Eijden

Thank you so much for the Amazon gift card! You are all such a blessing and encouragement to us!

Bill & Karen

Thank you for the Amazon gift card! We really appreciate your care for our family.
Wellington & Tatiane Barros

Thank you to the deaconesses and the church family for thinking of me and for bringing goodies!

Janice Tomash

I did not do any baking this past holiday, a first for me at 87 years old! Can you imagine what a treat it was for me to receive such a huge platter of cookies? It was the best treat I could have received. Thank you! It has been difficult for me, a lady who has always loved to cook and to have family and friends for the holiday meals, not to cook for Christmas! Now consider how I felt when I received a huge platter of cookies — and so many different kinds! Thank you! I am grateful!

Peg Moore

So nice of you to send the beautiful and sweet goodies. Thanks for the thoughts and plans that included us. Praise the Lord!

Charles & Marilyn Seamans

Thank you so much for the beautiful peace plant delivered to me. An appropriate plant, as peace is much needed by the family and myself. Such a kind and thoughtful gift and very much appreciated from our friends at Calvary Baptist. We thank you for your prayers as we continue to learn to lean on the grace and mercy of God and are thankful that Marvin is in the presence of his Savior Jesus Christ. So grateful to God for His promise of eternal life and reuniting with Marvin in God's time.

Jeanne Grimm & Family

BABY NEWS/CARD SHOWER

Congratulations to Ryan & Harli Caldwell on the birth of their son, Oliver Dean, on January 27. We extend our congratulations also to big sister Amelia, grandparents Justin & Amy Caldwell, great-grandparents Ron & Marilyn Ehrle, and the rest of the Caldwell clan. Let's shower Ryan & Harli and baby Oliver with love and cards! If you would like to participate, insert a card/gift in the special box at the Welcome Center. Please give your gift between now and Sunday, February 15.

BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Calvary church family is invited to an open house to celebrate Dale Borman's 80th birthday on February 21 at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We offer our condolences to Jeanne Grimm and family on the death of Jeanne's husband, Marvin, on December 29.

We offer our condolences to Ricardo Etienne and family on the death of Ricardo's father, Anselot Etienne, on January 12.

We offer our condolences to Judy Potter and family on the death of Judy's husband, Terry, on January 25.

SAVE THE DATE!

There will be a baby shower for Travis & Sarah Caldwell on March 21 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can RSVP at tinyurl.com/caldwellgirl. Travis & Sarah are registered on Babylist at my.babylist.com/caldwellgirl.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Nathan & Stephany Lykkegaard
2701 160th Rd
Yale, IA 50277

Fred & Donna Aljets (missionary partners)
295 South 19th St Ct
Marion, IA 52302

CALVARY GARDENS

This spring we will be transitioning part of the green space north of the youth building into a Church Community Garden. The plots will be available starting April 15 to anyone attending Calvary. We are checking now to see how many people would be interested in a plot. We would also like to know if anyone would like to help take care of a church plot. There will be a sign-up starting this month for watering, weeding, and harvesting. For more information, contact Rachel Truitt at 319-693-0948 or rachtru75@yahoo.com.

February

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service (Communion) 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Sonshine Singers 6:00pm Ministry Training | 2 2:30pm Blood Drive | 3 6:30am Elders Meeting 9:15am MUMs 6:30pm Ladies Night Out | 4 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:00pm Deacon/Deaconess Committee Meeting | 5 | 6 10:00am Terry Potter Visitation 11:00am Terry Potter Funeral 8pm–9am Awana T&T Girls Overnigher | 7 |
| 8 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service 5:00pm Super Bowl Outreach Activities 5:00pm Koinonia Super Bowl Party at Smale's | 9 6:30pm Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting | 10 6:30am Elders Meeting 9:15am MUMs Leadership Meeting 7:00pm Trustee Committee and Missions Ministry | 11 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Prayer Meeting, Youth Group, and AWANA | 12 | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day 10:00am–3:00pm Positive Impressions |
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February Birthdays

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| 1 Cara Tower | 15 Josh Balson | 25 Quentin Gaeta |
| 2 Kim Nelson | 16 Allie Melanson | Thomas Thune |
| 8 Don Stephenson | 19 Mavis Charles | Nikole Von Lienen |
| 10 Nathan Lykkegaard | Toby Horning | 26 Fanta Caldwell |
| 11 Chad Smale | 20 Ray Buck | 27 Justin Caldwell |
| 12 Tyler Seamans | 21 Dale Borman | Kevin Powell |
| 14 Diana Bredenberg | 24 Diane Perry | |



BRIDGEHAVEN'S "BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG"

Our church continues to partner with Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center to acknowledge the value of all human life. You are invited to check out a Bridgehaven baby bottle at the Welcome Center, take it home, and place it in a prominent location where it can serve as a reminder to pray regularly for the Lord's work through Bridgehaven. Fill the bottle with coins, cash, or checks payable to Bridgehaven, and then return it to the church by Sunday, March 1.

1. Sign out a baby bottle from the Welcome Center
2. Fill it up with money as you pray for Bridgehaven
3. Bring the bottle back by March 1

For more information about Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center, visit www.bridgehavencr.org

PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

If you have a child in the Primary Sunday School Class (1st–3rd grade), please note that for the months of February and March the 1st graders will combine with the Beginner Department and the 2nd and 3rd graders will combine with the Junior Department. This will give teachers Andrew & Katie Staab a few weeks off after the birth of their baby girl.

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face the challenges of grief and move toward rebuilding your life. We are offering a special session that specifically addresses the loss of a spouse, meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2pm–4pm. We will begin the full 13-week series of GriefShare on Thursday, February 26, 2pm–4pm. You are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. There is a suggested donation of \$20 for the workbook. More information about GriefShare is available at www.GriefShare.org or by contacting Carol Hagen at 319-899-4492.

SAVE THE DATE

We will have our annual Missions Conference March 25–29. This is always such a sweet time of encouragement for our missionaries and provides opportunity for us to get to know them a little better. There are events planned beginning on Wednesday evening. Watch the Sunday bulletins and the March *Connections* newsletter for upcoming information.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, you and your friends are invited to enjoy food and fellowship with other Calvary ladies and friends at 6:30pm on Monday, February 2 at Leonardo's (2228 16th Ave SW). If you plan to attend, contact Deb Gaeta so she knows how many are coming. If you need a ride, let Deb know and she will arrange for transportation.



POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

Positive Impressions is scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 10:00am to 3:00pm in room 23/24. Invite your friends to join you in working on favorite craft projects. This is an enjoyable and non-threatening way to spend time developing relationships. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Jeannette Frey (319-654-4260 or jjhux59@gmail.com) and bring a snack or drink to share with the group.



MOTHERS UPLIFTING MOTHERS

Our next MUMs meeting is Tuesday, February 3. Moms whose youngest child is in kindergarten or younger are welcome to attend this Christ-centered friendship group. Childcare is provided! Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 9:15am to 11:15am. A typical meeting includes a potluck style brunch, an activity or game, a speaker, and time to build and strengthen relationships. Email crmums2019@gmail.com with any questions.