

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 — Closed
Please note the change
for our summer hours.

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Please give contact information updates to the church office.



Vacation Bible School

June 15–19, 9:00am–11:30am

Children ages 4 years through 6th grade are invited to come for an exciting week of learning from God's word through Bible lessons, music, crafts, games, snacks, and more! Emerald Crossing is rooted in Psalm 23, helping kids move from anxiety to peace by trusting the Good Shepherd. Each day, kids explore a verse from Psalm 23 and a story from David's life, learning that God leads, protects, provides, and stays with them always. **It's a powerful journey that gives kids confidence to face life with faith, knowing they're never alone. Register at www.CalvaryCR.org.**

Our VBS offering this year will help reach Irish kids with the gospel through Child Evangelism Fellowship of Ireland.

For more information, you can contact the church office or call or text Roxann Von Lienen at 319-361-0215 or email rvonlienen@imonmail.com.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children are a gift from the Lord! (Psalm 127:3) You have an opportunity to enjoy these precious gifts by serving in the nursery on Sundays or volunteering at VBS. Visit the Welcome Center to sign up for nursery or contact Roxann Von Lienen to learn about opportunities at VBS! Don't forget to join us Sunday, June 14 at 6pm to pray and prepare for VBS!

HIDDEN GEMS DONATION DRIVE

We will host a donation drive May 31–June 7, to provide quality items for Hidden Gems, the resale shop that supports our local ministry partner CareNetworkCR. Begin to set aside items like gently used or new clothing, shoes, jewelry and other accessories, and home décor. See more information at www.hiddengemscr.shop. Possessions that are no longer meeting a need for you could become blessings for people in need in our community.



At 9:00am on Sunday mornings, from May 31 through August 30, youth and adults will gather in the sanctuary for "Understanding the Old Testament," a video series by Paul Benware. Most Christians don't have a clear understanding of the pattern, unity, or progression of the Old Testament. The Old Testament doesn't have to be mysterious or confusing. Dr. Benware offers a chronological approach to give you a bird's-eye view of the Old Testament and reveals important details and emphases. If you want a better understanding of the whole Bible, this *Understanding the Old Testament* video series is the place to start. **"The New Testament Scriptures will never be properly understood by a person if the Old Testament Scriptures essentially remain a mystery to him."** — Dr. Paul Benware

10:30am: Pastor Jay's sermon series for the summer will be about prophetic warnings in the Bible. We also will have presentations by global ministry partners Nathan & Carey Statezni on June 21 and Sasha & Elizabeth Morozov on June 28.

Family Forum

GRADUATION PARTIES

Celebrate with our 2026 graduates at their graduation open houses.

Tessa Slippy: Saturday, May 30, 2–4pm, Calvary Youth Building

Levi Hanna: Sunday, May 31, 5–7:30pm, The Grand Lodge at Camp Tanager

Abigail Hauptly: Sunday, June 7, 2–5pm, Noelridge Park Creekside Pavilion

Sandra Tokpa: Saturday, June 13, 2–4pm, Calvary Fellowship Hall

BABY SHOWER FOR JENNA SEAMANS

Ladies, please join us Saturday, June 13 from 10am–noon in rooms 13/14, as we shower Jenna Seamans with love and celebrate the upcoming birth of baby boy Seamans. Jenna is registered at <https://my.babylist.com/baby-jenna-seamans> as well as Amazon and Target. Please be so kind to RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/27wtvwb> so we can make preparations for the event.

BRIDAL SHOWER FOR TIA SLIPPY

We are excited for Tia Slippy's engagement to Trey Steffenson! Ladies, please join us for her bridal shower on Sunday, June 14 at 2pm at Creekside Bible Church (1410 44th St, Marion). You can find Tia's registry at Amazon and Target. If you are unable to attend the shower but would like to give a card, there is a special box at the Welcome Center.

CARD SHOWER FOR SUE LINDSTROM

Sue Lindstrom is turning 80 this June — what a beautiful reason to celebrate! Instead of a traditional birthday party, a wonderful friend suggested something especially meaningful for Sue, who has spent so much time blessing others through her card making. We would love for you to help shower Sue with love, encouragement, and birthday wishes by sending her a card to brighten her special day. We know it would mean so much to her. Let's help make Sue's 80th birthday extra memorable with a mailbox full of love & celebration! Cards may be mailed to Sue at: 2330 Prairie Hill Dr, Marion, IA, 52302.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to parents Travis & Sarah Caldwell, grandparents Justin & Amy Caldwell, and the rest of the Caldwell family, on the birth of Samantha Kay, on Saturday, May 16.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We offer our condolences to Pat Hollan and family on the death of her husband, Chuck Hollan, who entered the presence of the Lord on May 9.

We offer our condolences to the family of Burton Rodman, who passed into the presence of the Lord on May 12.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

I have officially started in my new position helping with CEF curriculum. God is doing great things through our missionaries! Thank you so much for continuing to faithfully and generously support me! You have been a wonderful encouragement to me!

Rose Kirby

Thank you for your generous gift to the ministry of The Navigators on college campuses in Cedar Rapids. Your faithful partnership with us is what makes our ministry of discipleship possible. We are grateful to God for you! May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Jordan Ralston

Thank you for the donations received during the Good Friday service. The gifts are a great investment in Hope Community Development Association. We see daily the impact of your gift in our life change program as men learn to make better decisions, get involved in a local church, and grow in their relationship with Christ.

Dr. Robert Pannier, Executive Director, Hope CDA



JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30pm Ladies Night Out at Mandarin Spice Asian Grill	2 6:30am Elders Meeting	3 6:30pm Youth Group Summer Birthday Party 6:30pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	4	5	6 9:00am Discovery Class
7 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service (Communion) 2:00pm Abigail Hauptly Grad Party at Noelridge Park Creekside Pavilion NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	8 6:30pm Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting	9 6:30am Elders Meeting 7:00pm Trustee Committee & Missions Ministry Meetings	10 6:30pm Youth Group and Adult Bible Study & Prayer	11	12	13 10:00am Jenna Seamans Baby Shower 2:00pm Sandra Tokpa Graduation Party
14 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service 6:00pm Prayer & Prepare for Vacation Bible School	15	16 6:30am Elders Meeting	17 5:30pm Youth Group Pizza & Game Night at Creekside 6:30pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	18 6:30pm Deacon/Deaconess Committee Meeting	19	20
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:00am-11:30am						
21 Father's Day 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	22	23 6:30am Elders Meeting 11:30am Salt and Pepper Retirees Fellowship	24 6:30pm Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	25	26	27
Youth Trip to XJ Conference in Chicago						
28 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	29	30 6:30am Elders Meeting				

June Birthdays



2 Donna Jentink
3 Jim Roberts
7 Carol Lehman
Kyler Tower
Adeline Winchester
9 Terry Stephenson

11 Daniel Frey
Kenzie Hanna
15 Garry Dobbe
Karen Lorenzen
19 David Shelley
22 Gabriel Caldwell

Fadoly Zoffoun
23 Sue Lindstrom
Brady Tower
28 Ryan Caldwell
29 Art Nichols
30 Joyce Fleischacker

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Join us as we learn from the book of Job this summer, beginning Wednesday, June 3, 6:30pm–8:00pm. The world teaches us to revolve our actions, thoughts, and beliefs around ourselves. “It’s all about you!” we are encouraged to think. In the world’s philosophy, we become the author and hero of our story. But the Bible teaches a different view, one where another hero — the actual Author of life — takes center stage. In the book of Job, God asserts his preeminence and displays his power. This eight-session video series with Francis Chan explores the overriding truth that we exist not for ourselves but to glorify the God who deserves all worship and praise.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, you and your friends are invited to enjoy food and fellowship together with some other Calvary ladies and friends at 6:30pm on Monday, June 1 at the Mandarin Spice Asian Grill (1412 Twixt Town Rd, Marion). If you plan to attend, contact Deb Gaeta so she knows how many will attend. If you need a ride, let Deb know and she will arrange for transportation.

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, June 6, from 9am–noon. Please notify the church office if you plan to attend. If childcare would be helpful, let us know.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Anyone in the youth group with a summer birthday will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 3. On June 17 the youth will meet at Calvary at 5:30pm and then travel to Creekside Bible Church in Marion for Pizza & Game Night. The group will return to Calvary at 9:00pm. There is a cost of \$5 for this event.

XJ — EXPERIENCE JESUS

We have a group of six youth and adults going to the Experience Jesus conference at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago June 22–27. At XJ, we want students to have an encounter with the Living Christ. We want them to KNOW Jesus more deeply, LOVE Jesus more passionately, and SHARE Jesus more generously! They will be equipped to share the gospel, and then they will go out on the streets to share the good news with others before they are sent home to share the good news with their friends. Please pray for these students and adults over the coming weeks. **If you would like to help cover the costs of this trip, please label your offering “XJ.”**

SALT & PEPPER RETIREES FELLOWSHIP

We will meet at 11:30am on Tuesday, June 23. Watch your bulletins for more information.

IMPACT LIFE SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

We will partner with ImpactLife for another blood drive on Monday, July 13 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm. To be eligible to donate at this blood drive, your previous donation must have been prior to May 18. Appointments are required! Contact Nadene Roberts or visit bloodcenter.org to sign up.

SUMMER READING OPTIONS

Summer is a wonderful time to check out the offerings in the church library. Whether it is a chance to slow down from a busy schedule, or to seek relief from a hot day, books are a great way to spend a little (or a lot of) time stimulating your mind!

Check out these new additions!

Children

- Cybersquirrels (Dead Sea Squirrels #13) – Mike Nawrocki
- Arlo and the Keep-Out Club – Betsy Childs Howard
- Arlo Takes Off – Betsy Childs Howard
- Charlie and the Preschool Prodigal – Ginger M. Blomberg

Adult Fiction

- Harbor Pointe (Hope Harbor #12) – Irene Hannon
- The Second Story Bookshop – Denise Hunter
- On Living Stone – Heather Kaufman
- Hope’s Enduring Echo – Kim Vogel Sawyer
- A Silken Thread – Kim Vogel Sawyer
- The Christmas Catch – Toni Shiloh
- Guilty Until Innocent – Robert Whitlow



2026 SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP

5th/6th Grade Camp
July 5–10

7th/8th Grade Camp
July 12–17

High School Camp
July 19–24

3rd/4th Grade Camp
July 26–29



REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Each week students will be challenged with the following:

- * To know what they believe and why;
- * To be equipped and prepared to resist temptations;
- * To develop deep convictions about their faith;
- * To be able to share their faith.

Camps are for the grade the student will be going into. Early registration discount ends June 1, and there is a multiple-child registration discount if you are sending 3+ children.

Registration and payment may be made online at www.springvalleycamp.org/camp-overview. **Calvary will provide a \$40 subsidy** for each child entering grades 3–12 (or just graduating from grade 12) who is a regular participant in our church programs. Please submit camp receipts to the church office to receive a reimbursement. ***If additional assistance is needed for a child to attend camp, please contact the church office about scholarship funds.***