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CALENDAR

September:

- 8 3:00 pm Eagles' Faith Playbook, abbreviated
- 5:00 pm Corn Roast
- 9 9:30 am Sunday School Kick Off
- 11:00 am Worship service, back to normal time
- 11 5:30 pm Session Meeting
- 7:30 pm Encouragers
- 13 9:45 am Women's Bible Study begins
- 15 9:00 am Presbytery meeting at Calvary
- 16 4:00 pm Vespers
- 17 7:15 pm Barnes/Brown small group begins
- 21-23 Youth Retreat at Harvey Cedars
- 24 7:30 pm Deacon/Deaconess Meeting
- 25 7:30 pm Women's Evening Bible study
- 26 12:00 pm Session prayer meeting

October:

- 7 12:30 pm Fellowship Lunch
- 9 5:30 pm Session Meeting
- 7:30 pm Encouragers
- 10 12:30 pm Seniors Luncheon
- 12-13 Women in the Word Workshop
- 12-14 Men's retreat
- 19 6:00 pm Kids' Club
- 21 4:00 pm Vespers
- 22 7:30 pm Deacon/Deaconess Meeting
- 23 7:30 pm Women's Evening Bible Study
- 24 Nov/Dec Calvary Connections articles due
- 26 12:00 pm Session Prayer Meeting
- 27 4:00 pm Meeting For Better Understanding

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH RETREAT

The annual youth retreat at Harvey Cedars will take place September 21-23 for junior and senior high students. For more information and to sign up, please contact Angel Gomez or Darren Bacon.

MUSIC MINISTRY

ORCHESTRA

The orchestra will resume their first-week-of-the-month participation in our services on October 7. If you would like to play with this group, whether you are an adult or child/teen, please contact Peggy Yu at peggy.yu1879@gmail.com

BELL CHOIR

The bell choir is looking for a few more members. You do not need to be a musical virtuoso, but just have a desire to worship through music and a willingness to learn something new. **Our first rehearsal of the season will be September 20 at 6:45 pm.** If you have interest or questions, please contact Ed Barnes at edwinbarnes1947@gmail.com or 215-659-1551.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018



CALVARYConnections

The Pastor's Pen by Rev. Jonathan Bonomo

Praying with Each Other

Beloved Calvary Family,

One of the reasons I wanted to do a series of sermons on prayer over the summer was because of my desire to see the Lord work in new ways among us and lead us into new things. It is my firm conviction that this will only happen if we are a people of prayer. Prayer is not something we do in place of taking action. Rather, prayer is what we do *prior to* and as we take action, seeking God's blessing to lead us, empower us, and work through us, in all that we endeavor to do.

This is why I chose to make the last sermon of the series, "Praying as the Body." I wanted to lead us into the fall season and beyond being encouraged as a body to bathe all of our activities in prayer – praying *together* as a body for the Lord's blessing to establish the works of our hands (Ps. 90:17).

So, if you are wondering what opportunities there are for you to pray with your brothers and sisters at Calvary, here is a start:

1. Morning Prayer, every Tuesday from 6 – 7 am. You don't have to be right on time and you don't have to stay for the whole time, either. Also, if this time is too early (As it sometimes is for me!), I will be happy to begin a later time of morning prayer if there is interest.
2. Every Sunday morning at 9 am, in the conference room, pastor Angel and I will be praying for the morning's activities. We welcome anyone to come join us!
3. Our Sunday Vespers Service is starting back up on September 16, and will meet on the THIRD Sunday of every month, at 4:00 pm. This is a service of *prayer*. There are readings and some hymn singing. But the purpose of those things is to focus our prayers on the Word. (Somebody preached a sermon or two on that recently.)

4. One of the purposes of all of our small groups and accountability groups are for us to *be praying* with and for each other. If you are not currently a part of one, there is more information about them in the bulletin each week. We are hoping for one or two more groups to spring up in the fall.
5. The Session has determined to bring back a focus on prayer in our fifth Sunday services. Have those on your radar and come prepared to pray.
6. If you would like to organize another prayer group of some kind in addition to the above, please speak with your elder or with me! The more we are praying together the better!

If you have uneasiness about praying in front of others, let me encourage you: I understand! But, remember, there are *no perfect prayers*, outside of the prayers of Jesus. And YET – and this is the very beauty of the gospel! – what is lacking in our prayers is *filled up* by his grace. Because of this, what matters in prayer is the sincerity of your heart, not the perfection of the words. Your relationship to the Father is a gift to your brothers and sisters, and your prayers will edify others not because of your eloquence, but because of your love for the Lord and his people.

Our Father is merciful, the Spirit prays with and for us, and Christ intercedes for us! Therefore, we can have confidence that even with all our weaknesses and struggles, our prayers rise before the throne of grace like incense. And isn't that a supremely awesome and encouraging thing?!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

ENCOURAGERS' CORNER

Everyone at some time
Needs love
Caring
Or words of
Understanding.
Reach out
And pray for and
Give a gift bag to
Edify others.
Remember to gather with us
September 11 and October 9 at 7:30 pm.

We need you. We have a place for you. We welcome you.

Catch the spirit of encouraging!

WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The women's Sunday School Class will be studying *None Like Him: Ten Ways God is Different from Us (And Why that is a Good Thing)* by Jen Wilkin during the fall semester. We meet upstairs in the church office, and all women are welcome. Feel free to come and go, and we welcome you on your Sunday's "off" from serving elsewhere. Contact the facilitator, Heather Wilson, with questions, 423-802-1497, scrapsew@gmail.com

WOMEN'S THURS. MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study resumes on September 13!

We will meet each Thursday morning at 9:45 – 11:30, beginning in the Fellowship Hall to hear a 20 minute presentation of the week's passage before breaking into our small groups. This year we will be studying Hosea and 2 Corinthians. Feel free to invite a friend!

As usual, there will be a class for children ages 2-4 years old, as well as a nursery for infants.

If you have not registered in prior years for this study, please fill out the pink registration form found on the Welcome Table, and place it in the offering plate, or call Mary Heerdt at 610-324-5439.

WOMEN IN THE WORD: A Workshop

So – have you signed up for your fall Vitamin **B** booster shot? "B" as in **B**ible booster?! You can get your Bible study "boost" for the year by participating in Women in the Word *Workshop* at Calvary, October 12 and 13. You will benefit from a concentrated "injection" of Bible study tools, practice, and rich teaching.

One of the most important "boosts" that Workshop participants get is the reminder that the Bible tells a coherent, interconnected story about God's intention to save a people for Himself through Christ. Each book and passage we'll study together fits somewhere on the timeline of this story, and our understanding of this "Big Picture" will affect our ability to carefully interpret each smaller part. Kim Monroe will model this approach for us as, during the large group sessions, she talks about the good news of God's judgment.

The **Workshop** gives Calvary women a unique opportunity to explore and exalt in Scripture with women from other congregations. In 2017, participants represented 35 different churches and 13 denominations. As women of different ages and backgrounds study and pray together, the "strengths of some become the strengths of all," for the sake of the Gospel. So – prepare for the year ahead! Get your Vitamin B (as in Bible!) booster! Brochures are in the foyer. Registration deadline is September 12. Go to womeninthewordworkshop.org for lots more details!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Fifteen years is a long time to have a Book Club, and yet, we are always looking for new additions to the group. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm, six times a year in different women's homes. Over the years, we have read a variety of books because we like to choose books that our friends and co-workers are reading. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 2 at the home of Susan Rickers. To get more information and to keep up with the group, please email Jana Dee Barnes at ejbarnes@comcast.net.

MEN'S MINISTRY

MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This new class, that started in July, will continue in September. Meeting in room 200, this class is facilitated by Jeff Stainback and Dan Wilson.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Looking for a delicious breakfast of eggs, pancakes, french toast, omlettes, or creamed chipped beef and coffee? Starting up again on Wednesday morning, September 5 at 7am, a group of brothers meet at Otto's restaurant, on York Road north of the turnpike, for breakfast, a brief scripture reading, prayer, and lively conversation. Brotherhood is a New Testament virtue; food for body and soul. Off to work at 8.

MEN'S RETREAT

The Men's Retreat will take place during the weekend of October 12 at the Inn of Hope near Hawk Mountain. The cost is \$60. See Bob Hertzog for more details and to sign up.

ADULT MINISTRY

CALVARY SENIORS LUNCHEON

Put a circle on your calendar around Wednesday, October 10. You're invited to a luncheon in the fellowship hall at 12:30pm.

We're gathering to explore ways we might meet together every so often. Our meetings may be to focus on a particular issue or topic, to take a trip to an historic site, to tour a museum, to attend a dramatic production, to take a two-day shore retreat, and to determine some way we can serve the needs of others.

We haven't determined yet what "senior" means. AARP thinks its 50 years old; not sure we need a tight definition. We're not sure either what "every-so-often" means. We're not even sure about "luncheon"; you'll take your chances when you come.

As senior members of the Calvary family, we hardly need an excuse to get together, so we encourage you to come. We will need to know how to dilute the soup, so look for a bulletin announcement with a reservation you can drop on the table in the foyer.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Becky McKay will serve as the Children's Ministry Director beginning September 1. She will oversee the ministry to children at Calvary from infancy through 6th grade, coming alongside the parents, elders, and pastors to implement the mission and vision of the church through love, education, and discipleship of the children. If you have any questions about Calvary's children's ministry, you may contact Becky by calling the church office at 215-659-0554 or emailing her at bmckay@calvary-wg.org.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday school resumes on Sunday, September 9. The youngest children, in the nursery and the Toddler class, can be taken to their classrooms, as usual, at 9:30 am. All other ages from Preschool/Kindergarten through adult will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30 am. We will enjoy a continental breakfast, hear a quick overview of Christian education at Calvary, introduce the children's and youth classes—which will then be dismissed to their classrooms, and then learn about the adult class offerings for the Fall.

KIDS CLUB

Calvary's Kids Club resumes on Friday, October 19th at 6:00 pm!

Kid's club meets in the gym, usually on the second Friday of the month, October through May, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. (*In October this year, we will meet on the 3rd Friday, October 19.*) It is for boys and girls grades K-5. Throughout the year, we will have various arts/crafts, open gym time, movie night, and more.

Parents, although you may drop your child off, you are always welcome to stay as it's a great opportunity to fellowship with one another and help make it a place where the love of Jesus can be modeled and taught. Younger siblings may attend but must be under the care of his/her parent or guardian. Questions, contact Bethany Tyson or Stephanie Kaceli

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Save the date: December 2, 2018