



Calvary Baptist Church

Find Your Heart in the Heart of Towson – Join Us for Sunday Worship Service

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From the Pastor’s Study

“The Power of God’s Love”



“Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends”
John 15:13

This year, Valentine’s Day and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season, fall on February 14th. How fitting it is that a season looking toward the greatest act of love ever demonstrated should begin on a holiday celebrating the concept of love.

It has been said that, “love is a powerful thing,” but the most powerful love there is, is the one of God. His is the love that redeems, His is the love that grants eternal life, His is the love that we can count on come what may, His is the love that we are to pass on to others.

In the very cross of Christ, we find the divine megaphone through which God proclaims His love for each and every one of us. The very same love we read of and declared in the above Bible verse, “Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Jesus motivated by His great love for us laid down His life for us. This being so, let us never doubt God’s love for us. If we ever should, let us look to that cross. With this, let us seek to pass on that great love of our Heavenly Father unto others.

In dying for us, Christ put you and me ahead of Himself, let us put others ahead of ourselves, for that is the very definition of love. Let us look for opportunities to serve others in the name of our Lord Jesus. In doing so we demonstrate the love He has for all.

May God Bless each and every one,

Pastor Will

**Church Council Mtg.
February 18, 2024**



Missions Update



Outreach



Other Updates: If anyone would like Pastor Will to visit them, please call the church office at 410-825-3360.



Ash Wednesday, February 14th

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!!



President's Day, February 19th



Please use this email for Pastor Will warhough@gmail.com

If anyone would be willing to lead the Call to Worship on Sunday mornings contact Pastor Will at warhough@gmail.com or see me in church.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If anyone has any changes or corrections to their contact info for the church directory, please let me know so I can put the correct information in the directory. amy@calvarybaptist-towson.org or call Calvary's office at 410-825-3360.

February Monthly Calendar & Upcoming Events and Music Calendar

Sunday, February 4	Church Service at 11:00 AM Communion Sunday Instrumental Selection
Sunday, February 11	Church Service at 11:00 AM Recorder Choir
Sunday, February 18	Church Service at 11:00 AM Bell Choir
Sunday, February 25	Church Service at 11:00 AM Choir (or Motley Choir)



Please pray for:

Fred and Ann Ray keep them in your prayers.

Nancy Medinger keep her in your prayers.

Please pray for Israel and Ukraine and all innocent lives.

Pray for Joyce's friend Cheryl who has been diagnosed with cancer and is going to have chemotreatments.

Please pray for Penny Hounshell, the niece of Ann Earles.

She is recovering from surgery and going through chemotherapy.

Pastor Will's father-in-law and Annette's father passed away on Wednesday January 24th. Please pray for Annette and her family.

Please pray for Mike Mosman, a friend of Bruce Edwards who has pancreatic cancer. He will have a long battle ahead of him.

Dear Beloved Sisters in Christ,

Calvary would like to begin a Sisters in Christ Prayer Partnership.

The women of Calvary who wish to participate will be randomly partnered.

Sisters can celebrate each other on their birthday, maybe even get other women of Calvary to sign a card for their "Sister." Each couple can find fun ways to keep in touch with their Sister in Christ Prayer Partner. Send a card, call each other, go to dinner or lunch, whatever you would like to do, age does not matter!

If you would like to participate in the Sisters in Christ Prayer Partnership, please speak to, call, text, or email Tammy Geelhaar at 410-458-7939, tammygeelhaar@yahoo.com



Music Notes

As February arrives, we move into the season of Lent, a time of reflection, and drawing closer to our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus, as we realize yet again how much He loves us. He loves us so much that He willingly went to the cross and suffered a horrible death there so that we might never have to know what it would be like to be eternally separated from Him. We simply don't have the words to thank Him for His wonderful gift to us, the gift of eternal life. One way we express our love and thanks to Him is through music. Music is a beautiful gift He has given to us to better enable us to praise and worship Him. As always, you are joyfully invited to join in any of our choirs here at Calvary as we seek to do just that. For those who like to sing, you are welcome to be part of our Adult Choir and/ or Motley Choir. The Adult Choir usually sings either a hymn from one of our hymnals or an easy original anthem; the Motley Choir usually sings something a little more contemporary, (sometimes with drums!) Our Choir (or Motley Choir) Sundays are usually always the fourth Sunday of the month.

The Bell Choir plays handbells to the glory of God on the third Sunday of the month. Please see Drew if you would like to be a part of the Bell Choir. Music reading skills are necessary to play in the Bell Choir, however, I am happy to assist you with this if needed. Our other instrumental group is the Recorder Choir. We play our recorders to the glory of God on the second Sunday of the month. Again, if you need help with either purchasing a recorder or reading music, I am glad to help with any of that.

Come join us as we “make a joyful noise unto the Lord” through our music.

WINTER PROGRESSION

The world lies hushed and shivering in December's frosty air,
For the birds have headed southward, silhouettes of trees lie bare.
Weak sunlit days are short now, night falls so quick and deep,
And nature's voice is silenced, for her glory's gone to sleep.

January's sunshine sparkles from blue skies so cold and clear,
These chilled days sharp and icy, the first month of the year.
There comes a subtle difference, daylight slightly longer grows,
Yet sometimes January covers the world with dazzling snow.

Nature's first faint stirrings felt when February comes,
The days are waxing longer 'neath the slowly strengthening sun.
Though some days bring raw weather with its snow and ice and slush,
The winter slowly inches forth to meet spring's gentle touch.

And this is how the winter turns, with stillness cold and deep,
And yet prepares for spring once more to wake it from its sleep.
December's sun advancing now, though the shivering world lies bare.
Midst January's chill, then February brings a difference in the air.

Advancing winter comes to sing its praise to God on high,
The winter sun now inching forth, rides higher in the sky.
Late autumn brought this season that prepares the world for spring,
And bids us join its quiet song of praises to our King.

Nature's first faint stirrings felt when February comes,
The days are waxing longer 'neath the slowly strengthening sun.
Thou some days bring raw weather with snow and ice and slush,
The winter slowly inches forth to meet spring's gentile touch.

Joyce Keedy (2015)

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**Calvary Baptist Church with a glimmering blanket of snow is so pretty!
Thank you, Dave Glenn, for the picture!**



A Beautiful Little Church – by Marilyn Loft

**A beautiful little church
It's steeple standing tall
Fluffy clouds of snowflakes
Drifting down and that's not all.**

**I could almost hear music
Floating in the air
It was like God had winter beauty
And he wanted now to share.**


**Although snow storms threaten
Man as well as beast
We know that it will change
At some time the snow will cease.**

**For God gives us many stages
That are lovely seasonal trends
He challenges us with many
Of Nature's twists and bends.**

**But we do what we have to do
We go from bad to good
The beauty of a snowstorm
May have problems, It's understood!**

Just for Kicks, will be an ongoing mission. Donation boxes will be placed at both entrances of the church.

Pantry: We have restocked our pantry to all. Feel free to take as much as you need. If you would like to donate, feel free to leave non-perishable items on the shelves. The pantry is conveniently located outside the nursery room. There is a cart and plastic bags near the shelves for you to use.



Just for Kicks

The Towson Outreach Team is proud to announce a campaign to supply new or "like new" shoes for those in need.

Shoes are one of the least donated, but most requested items from shelters nationwide. At this time we are asking for donation of both men's and woman's sized shoes that are either new or "like new".

We ask that anyone who would like to make a donation please call the Community Outreach Team at 410-887-5933 or email bfoley@baltimorecountymd.gov

