

The Bridge

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Distance Increases Error James 4:8

Steve Farrar shares in one of my favorite illustrations that he is an excellent bowler carrying a 285 average with the perfect game being 300. He has bowled nearly twenty perfect 300 games. The catch, he adds, is that while the length of a regulation alley is 60 feet, he prefers to bowl from about 15 feet. Admittedly, he is dynamite from 15 feet and he enjoys the game a lot more. He also confesses that when he moves back to the regulation 60 feet, his average drops dramatically and the game is much less enjoyable. The reason is simple: Error increases with distance.

Clearly, one can see the parallel of our relationship with our Lord (and in all of our relationships). Closer is better. Discipleship is growing closer to the Lord so that as we live and learn, the Christian journey is much more enjoyable and filled with assurance. So, move closer, because distance increases error. What a joy to move closer with each of you on this journey. Hebrews 10:19-22 "Draw near"

~Pastor Eddie~

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WELCOME
to Calvary

All Guests:
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Calvary Baptist Church
LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
"New Building Presentation"

July 29, 2026
at 6:30 pm

SERVICE DATES & TIMES

Sundays	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Classes Worship (Childcare available)
Wednesdays	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Team Kids/Youth Bible Study (Childcare available)

Welcome to Calvary!



Tim and Michele Laney

Joined Calvary on April 12, 2026

Their deacon is Dwayne McWhirter



Bethany Sustar

Joined Calvary on May 24, 2026

Her deacon is Ben Hargette



★ Join Us For ★ **Sunday School**

*Sundays at 9:30am
classes for all ages*

We want to invite you to join us for small Bible study group communities that are on a mission for Christ and building Christ-like relationships with each other!

If you have any questions please contact - Steve Brown
704-201-6676 (call or text)

Todd and Hannah Cuthbertson (Calder and Archer)

Joined Calvary on May 31, 2026

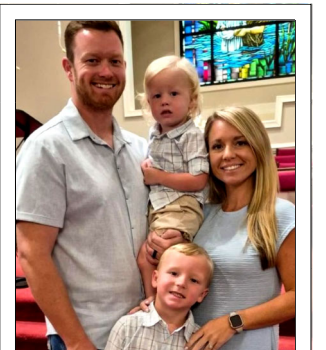
Their deacon is Chris Sparks



Hunter and Ashlyn Crook (Marshall and Cullen)

Joined Calvary on June 14, 2026

Their deacon is Marty Russell



Please reach out to the church office if you have questions about the church app, website, directory, fellowship hall, etc.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am until 5:00 pm



If you haven't accessed your or your family's profile on our online Church Directory, please do so. Please look over your information (phone, email, address, birthdays, anniversary, etc.) You can make changes if need and you can also update your profile picture.

If you have any questions, please email Kathy in the church office at Kathy.allen@cbcmonroe.org or call 704-283-2677.



Greetings Calvary Family!

It's hard to believe that CBC Preschool has already been out of school for a month! While summer is flying by, our teachers and staff want families to know they are missed and we are already looking forward to another wonderful school year together.

One highlight of the summer was seeing so many of our preschoolers at VBS! It was a joy to reconnect with familiar faces, watch them worship and learn, and see them having fun with friends. As preparations begin for the fall semester, families are encouraged to mark their calendars for some very important dates.

Open House will be held on Thursday, September 3, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Families will be able to sign up for a time slot through SignUp Genius. Additional details will be shared later this summer.

The first week of school will begin with staggered entry days on September 8, 9, and 10 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. These staggered days help students become comfortable in their classrooms, meet their teachers, and ease into the new school year.

We hope everyone is enjoying a fun and restful summer filled with special memories. Thank you for being part of the CBC Preschool family. We miss you and can't wait to welcome everyone back this fall!

~Jennifer Trull - Preschool Director~



LOVED | TRAINED | SENT

Summer is finally here! I pray you have intentional time to spend with family and friends, rest and recharge, and enjoy time in the sun. We will continue to meet each Wednesday evening for TeamKid 6:30-7:45, each Sunday for Sunday School at 9:30 with Kids Worship during service for ages 3-kindergarten; and anyone is welcome to come down front for the Children's message. Save the date for July 29th, our 5th Wednesday fun night!

If you have a heart to serve and teach in our Children's Ministry, please reach out to Emerald Johnson or one of our Children's leaders. We would love to share more and help you get plugged in.

Please come join us as we learn more about what it means to have a relationship with Jesus. We want to make sure each time we are gathered that children are loved with the love of Christ, trained to know and share the Word of Christ, and sent out with the confidence and knowledge to share the love of Christ.



In Christ,
~Emerald~



Small Group Bible studies will kick off again in the fall. If you were in a small group last session, please contact your group leader for more details. If you haven't been in a small group bible study at Calvary, please join us. Check us out on Facebook, the church app, or our webpage – the registration for fall studies should open in August.

September 14 – Small Group Bible Study kick-off dinner
(time and location TBA)

Week of September 21 – Small Group Bible Studies begin

We're excited to attend the Hope of Heaven Event on October 18th with Jennifer Rothschild and Kelly Minter! Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Your registration includes both your event ticket and a group shirt. If you'd like to join us, be sure to register soon before spots are gone!

Register here for payment and shirt size:

<https://calvarybaptistchurchmonr.subspla.sh/g2qm439>



Be sure to look at our website events calendar for future Men's Ministry Events. If you would like to know more or want to find out how you can participate in our Men's Ministry, please contact Cory Martin.



Calvary youth will be going to Camp Caswell soon! They will be studying the book of Daniel and learning how to shine the light of Jesus in today's culture. Please come to send the youth off in prayer at 8:30am on Monday, July 6th. Also, don't forget that we will have our July All-In on the 15th at the Trull's house.

Please be in prayer for our Impact Mission trip as we serve the Lord and others in Myrtle Beach, SC. We will be sharing about how God is always with you in all circumstances! We are excited to for the women's ministry to host another high school girls Bible study that will start in September. Details coming soon! If you would like to join our Youth Ministry or have questions, please contact Tiffany Manley.



Good Timers

Be sure to look on the website events calendar and join us for our upcoming Good-Timers Events! There will be a signup sheet before each event at the Connections Table.

August 15th - Join us for Game Night and a meal

Also, every 2nd Tuesday the GoodTimers Singers go to the Jesse Helms Center.

If you would like to join the GoodTimers Ministry or have questions, please contact Jane Terrell, Amanda Plyer, Yvonne McWhirter, or Patty Hammond.



Music Ministry

As we move through the summer months and into the fall season, we thank the Lord for His faithfulness and the privilege of worshiping Him through music. Music allows us to lift our hearts in praise and proclaim the gospel in song. Each week our Praise Team and musicians prepare to lead us in worship and encourage our entire family to reflect on His goodness as we join as the family called Calvary.



As September arrives, we look forward to a new church year of ministry filled with the Worship Choir, Praise Team and Band, Bells, Children's Choirs and Youth for the upcoming holiday season.

Our Worship Choir invites anyone who has considered becoming involved in our choir to join us. The first rehearsal dates will be announced by the end of August. Our choir leads in worship once each month. We are striving on our quest to "Fill the Loft" this fall with folks who have a heart to sing and serve with others as we lift His praise each week.

There is a place for you in the music ministries here. If you have any questions, please reach out to me in person or at Frank.Casstevens@cbcmonroe.org.

~Frank Casstevens~
Worship Director & Associate Pastor of Senior Ministry

Connections Ministry

Our Calvary Connections Ministry mission is to make every guest and member feel welcomed and loved by experiencing the warmth and kindness of the Calvary family. Our team offers the love of Christ to all by sharing a friendly greeting, guidance for those that need a helping hand, and connecting with those looking for a place to serve. This is a great ministry for those looking to share the love of Calvary with both newcomers and current members.



While during the past few months we excitedly welcomed several new ministry team members, the Connections Ministry is always looking for friendly people to serve as greeters and ushers for Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in serving on this ministry team, please stop by the Welcome Desk or contact a member of the Connections Ministry Leadership Team; Brittany Austin, Angela Brown, Holly Casstevens, and Patty Hammond.

The Connections Ministry wishes to thank everyone for their support in keeping the laminated "Welcome to Calvary" QR code cards in each pew pocket looking neat and fresh. We continue to ask all members to encourage visitors to scan the QR code and complete the online form. This supports our ministry follow-up timely with all guests.

Our Welcome gifts (Calvary logo Tumbler, clip magnet, post card with QR info codes, and pen) has resulted in many inquiries from members regarding an opportunity to purchase one. Check out the Connections Table in the foyer for more information and an interest sign up.

CALVARY HAS A CHURCH APP!

SCAN THE QR CODE AND DOWNLOAD CALVARY'S CHURCH APP TODAY.

For Android Users - Google App Store For iPhone Users - Apple App Store

Search the Google/Apple App Store for "Calvary Baptist of Monroe"

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY



Cecil Brooks
Father of Pam Caskey and
Brother of Carole Wilson

Bill McWhirter
Brother of Dwyane McWhirter

Jimmie Gospodarek
Mother of Robyn Lyemance

Faye Gathings
Grandmother of Bill Hooks

CONGRATULATIONS



Logan & Kaylan (Hedenskog) Kirkpatrick
May 30, 2026

WELCOME BABY



Congratulations to parents Tank and Leslie
Rodgers the birth of their son,

Jeb Avery Rodgers

He was born 05/20/26
weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces,
and 20-1/2" inches long.



Congratulations to parents Wyatt and Alice
Melton on the birth of their daughter,

Grace Elizabeth Melton

She was born 06/22/26
weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces.



Calvary Calendar



- JUL 4 Independence Day
(Office closed July 4th and 6th)
- JUL 6 - 10 Youth at Caswell
- JUL 14 GoodTimers Singers at Jesse Helms
- JUL 26 Communion
- JUL 29 Long Range Planning Committee
New Building Presentation

- AUG 2 Baptism Service and
Calvary's Anniversary Sunday
- AUG 2 - 7 IMPACT Mission Trip
- AUG 9 Discover Calvary Class
- AUG 11 GoodTimers Singers at Jesse Helms
- AUG 15 GoodTimers Game Night/Dinner
- AUG 30 Deacon Ordination Service



- SEP 3 Preschool Open House
- SEP 7 Labor Day (Office closed)
- SEP 8 Preschool begins (staggered days)
- SEP 8 GoodTimers Singers at Jesse Helms
- SEP 14 Women's Bible Study Kick-Off
- SEP 21 Women's Fall Bible Studies begin

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Dates to Remember

July

- 1 COLTON LANEY
- 1 BEN & DAWN SMITH
- 2 DEBBIE FIJAN
- 2 LAURA GRIMM
- 2 BRIGHTON MORRIS
- 2 JAY PATTERSON
- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
(OFFICE CLOSED ON THE 6TH)**
- 5 DWIGHT TERRELL
- 5 BILL HOOKS
- 5 ANDERSON REA
- 5 JAREN RICK
- 6 YOUTH AT CASWELL (6TH-10TH)
*GROUP PRAYER AT 8:30AM 7/6***
- 6 EMMA YOUNTS
- 7 CAROL HINSON
- 8 EDWINA STARNES
- 10 CATHY MORRIS
- 11 JOEY BARTLETT
- 14 TRAVIS CRATER
- 14 GOODTIMERS AT JESSE HELMS**
- 15 YOUTH ALL-IN AT THE TRULLS**
- 15 BLAKE & MORIAH COUNTS
- 15 OLIVIA YANNETT
- 17 WELLINGTON & AGNES BROWN
- 18 JUSTIN & JENNIFER TRULL
- 21 MIKE & JEN HELMS
- 21 CHRIS HARRINGTON
- 21 PEARL HANNA
- 22 STEPHANIE TOMBERLIN
- 23 CALLIE HOWARD
- 23 ALEX LUTHER
- 24 ALAN & REBECCA SIMMONS
- 25 CHUCK TEAGUE
- 26 KAREN HEATH
- 26 COMMUNION SERVICE**
- 26 BRITTANY AUSTIN
- 27 RICK MARSHFIELD
- 29 PETE GODFREY
- 29 WAYNE KEZIAH
- 29 LONG RANGE PLANNING
COMMITTEE NEW BUILDING
PRESENTATION**
- 29 KIDS 5TH WEDNESDAY FUN NIGHT**
- 30 JUSTIN TRULL
- 31 DARRELL & CATHY MORRIS
- 31 CJ STIKELEATHER
- 31 AMBER JOHNSTON

August

- 1 TYLER GRIGSTON
- 1 KATHY ALLEN
- 2 NIKOLA RADOSEVIC
- 2 BAPTISM SERVICE**
- 2 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**
- 2 IMPACT MISSION TRIP (2ND-7TH)**
- 4 REV. RON & PEARL HANNA
- 4 MONICA TEAGUE
- 4 ANGIE REEDER
- 4 WYATT MELTON
- 5 CHANCE & KATIE BRANTLEY
- 5 ROB & KIERSTEN STARNES
- 5 SMITH WILSON
- 5 CLAY LUTHER
- 7 MIKE & DEBBIE EASLEY
- 7 REV. EDDIE PRICE
- 7 MADISON BOON
- 8 AVERY MASSEY
- 8 DEREK HARDISON
- 9 DISCOVER CALVARY CLASS**
- 11 RENAE HELMS
- 11 GOODTIMERS AT JESSE HELMS**
- 12 BILL & ANGIE REEDER
- 13 NICK & JESSICA BRUMMER
- 13 JOY HEDENSKOG
- 14 IVY GRIGSTON
- 14 CLIFF BOON
- 14 MORGAN MEDLIN
- 14 TERRY ANN BROWN
- 15 GOODTIMERS GAME NIGHT**
- 16 JILL GRIGSTON
- 16 GREYSON HELMS
- 17 LARRY & RANDI BRINKER
- 17 DILLON COX
- 17 CHLOE MARTIN
- 17 CODY RICK
- 20 LOGAN RUSSELL
- 21 LISA MOORE
- 22 JESSICA GREENE
- 23 AYDEN COUNTS
- 23 HUNTER BOYD
- 24 DANIEL MORRIS
- 24 RIVER BRUMMER
- 26 LUKA RADOSEVIC
- 27 WYATT & ALICE MELTON
- 27 JOEY & BROOKE BARTLETT
- 27 MIKE & LINDSEY BOYD
- 27 DEBBIE PRICE
- 28 SHELBY PARSEK
- 28 BILLY WILLIAMS, JR.
- 28 KAILANI MARSHFIELD
- 29 JOHNNY & GLORIA TERRY
- 29 CHRISTOPHER MOORE
- 30 DEACON ORDINATION IF NEEDED**
- 31 MACKENZIE JEFFRIES
- 31 TATE GRIFFIN

September

- 2 LIBBY UNDERWOOD
- 3 PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**
- 4 ANNETTE GREENE
- 4 MARK LUKEY
- 5 LISA STARNES
- 5 EZEKIEL "ZEKE" SMITH
- 6 DAVID & KATHY FUSS
- 7 NATALIE HARRINGTON
- 7 LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)**
- 7 COREY HOWARD
- 8 PRESCHOOL BEGINS**
- 8 TROY & LISA MOORE
- 8 JOEY & DINA MOSER
- 8 PEARLINE EURY
- 8 WILDER JORDAN
- 8 GOODTIMERS AT JESSE HELMS**
- 9 CHAD PRICE
- 10 HALEY BROOKS
- 11 BAILEY & AMBER JOHNSTON
- 11 JEANETTE JOHNSON
- 11 LYNNE THOMAS
- 12 JIM RICHARDSON
- 12 LEVI HEDENSKOG
- 13 KATIE KEZIAH
- 13 HENRY STOUT
- 14 BOWEN BROOKS
- 14 VENITA CRATER
- 14 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY KICKOFF**
- 15 MATT & JESSICA GREENE
- 18 DAVID TOMBERLIN
- 19 STEVE & CHERYL YANNETT
- 19 HAROLD SISTARE
- 19 KALLIE MARSHFIELD
- 20 ALEAH COUNTS
- 21 HANNAH CUTHBERTSON
- 21 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN**
- 22 TRAVIS & VENITA CRATER
- 22 WELLINGTON BROWN
- 23 JOSH & CARMEN JEFFRIES
- 23 HUNTER & ASHLYN CROOK
- 23 EMERY SIMMONS
- 23 CRAIG BROOKS
- 23 JEANETTE GOWER
- 24 NOLAN & EDWINA STARNES
- 24 CHRIS GRIMM
- 24 SANDY TARLTON
- 24 SKYLAR TARLTON
- 24 PAM WILSON
- 25 BROOKE BARTLETT
- 26 FRANK & HOLLY CASSTEVENS
- 26 JOHN & JUDY ZAJAC
- 27 MARSHALL SPARKS
- 29 JAMES & BRENDA MCGLOTHLIN
- 29 CHERYL PRESSLEY
- 29 BEN HARGETTE