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The Pastor's Point

Thankful For "The Gold Standard"

The "Gold Standard" is a phrase that has come to mean the absolute best or highest quality example of something, used as a benchmark to judge all other similar things. For example, a hospital may be the gold standard in healthcare or a builder may be the gold standard in building. Jesus Christ is the gold standard to every believer. Paul encouraged the believers in Thessalonica by telling them that they had become an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia, (1 Thessalonians 1:6-10). A gold standard of sort, in spite of their challenges and tainted past.

As we stand on the threshold of Thanksgiving and Christmas, my prayer is that we will be reminded that our "Gold Standard", Jesus Christ, never changes regardless of our circumstances. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever! (Hebrews 13:8) We can trust Him and be thankful for who He is and for what He has done.

Thank you Calvary Family for pursuing the "Gold Standard" and being an example to all the believers in Monroe, Union County, and surrounding areas.

~Pastor Eddie~

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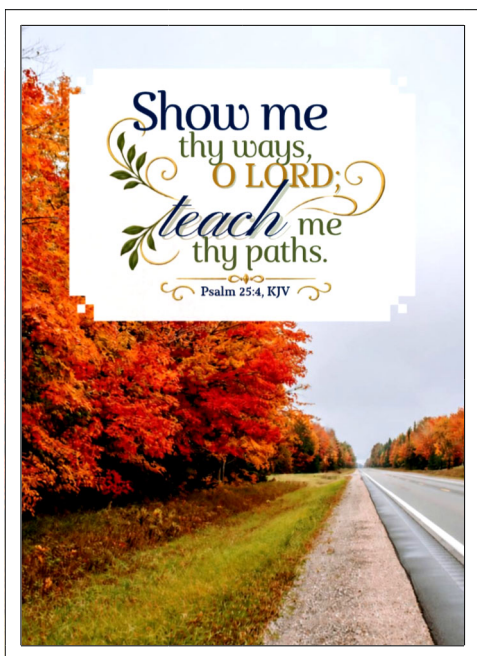
WELCOME
to Calvary

All Guests:
Please Scan and Fill Out
www.cbcmmonroe.org



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)



2026-2027 Deacon List

Please keep these Deacon's and their families in your prayers as they serve each family of Calvary.

Craig Brooks

Tony Lilley

Blake Counts

Cory Martin

Mike Derby

Dwayne McWhirter

Mike Easley

Wyatt Melton

Dillon Hardy

Daniel Morris

Ben Hargette

Chris Sparks

Bill Hooks

Chuck Teague

Wayne Keziah

Dwight Terrell

★ 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) ★

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Fall Festival

FOOD • FALL TREATS • TRUNK-OR-TREAT • AND SO MUCH MORE!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Happy Fall

Jesus Never Leaves

Fall for Jesus

GIVE THANKS

CANDY

GAMES

FAMILY FUN

Saturday, October 24

5:00PM - 8:00PM

**2518 Lancaster Hwy
Monroe, NC 28112**

★ Everyone is welcome! ★

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.



We are back in school and so excited for all that's ahead at CBC Preschool! We have lots of special opportunities coming up for our preschoolers and families, so be sure to mark your calendars!

October 21 – TOUCH-A-TRUCK

One of our favorite days of the year! If you or someone you know has a special vehicle, piece of equipment, work truck, tractor, emergency vehicle, or anything our preschoolers would love to see up close, we would love to have you come show it off that day! Reach out to Jennifer Trull .

October 22 at 9:15 AM – Coffee, Conversation & Prayer

This year, we're walking through ideas from *The Power of Showing Up* and talking about the difference our presence can make in the lives of our children. You do not have to read the book to join us! Come enjoy coffee, conversation, a short devotion, and prayer as we encourage one another in this season of parenting.

Our first conversation will focus on What It Means to SHOW UP and how simply being present and available helps our children feel safe, loved, and secure.

November 12 – Going to the Chapel

Families are invited to join us for a special preschool chapel! We love having our families worship alongside us and get a little glimpse of this special part of our preschool week.

November 19 at 9:15 AM – Coffee, Conversation & Prayer

We'll continue our *The Power of Showing Up* conversation with Helping Your Kids Feel SEEN—talking about ways we can really notice, understand, and connect with our children so they know they are known and loved.

December 10 at 6:30 PM – Christmas Program

Save the date for one of our favorite nights of the year as our preschoolers help us celebrate the joy of Christmas!

~Jennifer Trull - Preschool Director~



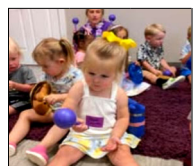
LOVED | TRAINED | SENT

I love this time of year! The newness and excitement of a brand new school year, and the weather begins to shift. We are so excited for this church year. There are lots of fun things planned and plenty of opportunities for you and your children to stay involved. We meet each Wednesday night for Team Kid, 6:30-7:35, starting with worship time together, then classes for each age! Nursery is available for ages birth-2.

On Sundays, there is Sunday School starting at 9:30 for all ages. Our curriculum aligns with the parent's Sunday School, which lends itself to great family discussion. Nursery is available starting at 9:30 and through the church worship service. During the service, any age is welcome to come down front for the Children's message, then Kids Worship follows for ages 3 through Kindergarten. Kids Worship is a place where the children will have a lesson, memory verse, craft and worship time geared to them.

October 24th, we invite you and your family to join us for our Fall Festival...save the date and invite a friend.

We look forward to a wonderful fall season. If you feel led to serve in Calvary Kids, please reach out so we can share more information with you. We can't wait to partner with you to ensure our children are loved with the love of Christ, trained in the Word of Christ, and sent out to share the love of Christ with others.



In Christ,
~Emerald~





Our Fall Bible studies kicked off with a great turnout at our fellowship potluck — so good to see everyone reconnecting! Spring 2027 registration opens in January. Watch our Facebook page or webpage for details, or reach out to a small group leader anytime.



Join us October 18 for an evening with Jennifer Rothschild and Kelly Minter on the Hope of Heaven tour! Our block of tickets has sold out, but you can still purchase tickets through the tour. Got a ticket? Let us know, we're planning a dinner together beforehand and would love to have you join us.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars — our women's retreat at The Cove in Asheville is November 12–14, 2027. More details coming soon!



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 Joey Bartlett or Wyatt Melton.



Calvary's Youth will be meeting at the Youth (Memaw's) House for October's Youth All-In on October 7th at 6:00pm. Also, the Youth will be going back to Fort Caswell on November 13-15 for their Fall Retreat. If you would like to join our Youth Ministry or have questions, please contact Tiffany Manley or Jennifer Trull.



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.

October 17th - GoodTimer's Fall Meal and Pumpkin Carving
December 5th - GoodTimer's Christmas Dinner & Movie

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 the leaves start changing, we are excited for another opportunity to serve the Lord through music. Our Worship Choir is not just a group of singers, but a ministry of people who come together to rehearse and sing to lift up the name of Jesus. As we encourage the church family and community in sharing the truth of God's word through song. Our worship choir has begun the new season and will be singing once each month and then bringing our Calvary Christmas presentation on Sunday Evening December 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We look forward to presenting "Glorious Night" including our children and students in this evening celebration of His birth.

Whether you have sung with us for years or this is your first time, you have a place in the choir if you love to sing and have a willing heart to help turn hearts toward Christ. Our Fall challenge is our "Fill the Loft" Our goal is to fill our choir loft and for this year and going into 2027. We hope to sing with joy in our hearts, praise on our lips and Jesus at the center of everything we sing. Children, each Wed join in Team Kids Worship and Praise to open your time together and students, join together in musical praise also. We will continue our new idea for Wednesday nights where our children and our students open our service with our adults in the sanctuary. Our new verse for this church year in music ministries will be Psalm 96:1. May all His creation turn to God and praise Him together. Come join us! For more information, please contact me.

~Frank Casstevens~

Worship Director & Associate Pastor of Senior Ministry

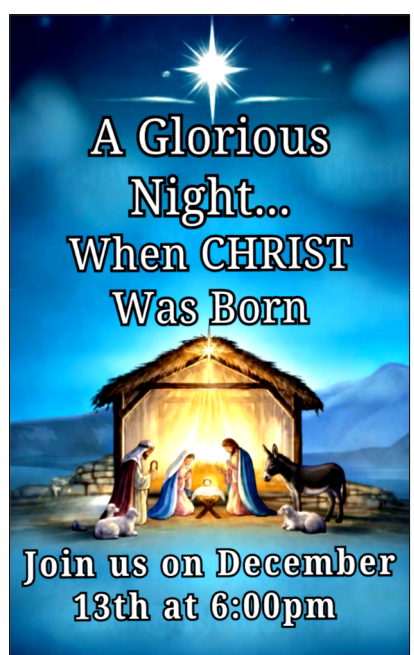
Connections Ministry

Our Calvary Connections Ministry mission is to make every guest, attendee 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 that enter the building 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.

Connections Ministry is currently preparing to welcome family, friends and community to the Calvary Fall Festival, October 24th. Connections Ministry volunteers interested in serving at the registration area during this event please let Angela, Holly or Jennifer know.

We continue to welcome volunteers to the Connections Ministry 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 (Angela Brown, Jennifer Johnston or Holly Casstevens).

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.



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY



Betty McGinnis Starnes
(Mother of Nolan Starnes)

Beth Gordon Simpson
(Mother of Susan Simpson &
Rick Simpson)

Boyd Nelson Price
(Grandfather of Chad Price
& Morgan Jordan)

Edna Earle Gregg Hanna
(Mother of Rev. Ron Hanna)

WELCOME BABY

Congratulations to parents David & Abbey
Short on the birth of their son
Graham David Short

He was born on 07/11/2026
weighing 6 pounds 6 ounces and
20 inches long.

Grandparents are
Rev. Eddie & Robin Price



Congratulations to parents Brian & Tanna
Morris on the birth of their son
Jack Alan Morris

He was born on 09/10/2026
weighing 8 pounds 7 ounces and
21-3/4 inches long.

Grandmother is Helen Moore

MONTHLY MINISTRY RECOGNITION

We are excited to recognize our Church's Ministries each month. We started in September by recognizing our Calvary Preschool Staff.

October we will recognize our Women's and Men's Ministries.

November we will recognize our GoodTimer's Group and GoodTimer's Singers.

December we will recognize our Music Ministry (Choir, Praise Team/Band, Children's Choir,
our Audio/Media Team, and our Photographers)

WELCOME TO CALVARY



Welcome our newest member!

Jen Gurley

She joined Calvary on 07/05/26
Her deacon is Mike Derby

Calvary Calendar



OCT	7	Youth All-In
OCT	11	Communion
OCT	11	Discover Calvary Class
OCT	13	GoodTimer Singers at Jesse Helms
OCT	17	GoodTimer's Fall Dinner Event
OCT	18	Parent/Child Committment Service
OCT	24	Calvary's Fall Festival Event

NOV	10	GoodTimer Singers at Jesse Helms
NOV	13-15	Youth Fall Retreat at Caswell
NOV	18	Calvary's Thanksgiving Service and Meal
NOV	25	No Church Services/Activities
NOV	26	Happy Thanksgiving/Office Closed
NOV	27	Deck The Halls



DEC	4	Deacons & Spouse Dinner
DEC	5	GoodTimer's Christmas Dinner
DEC	8	GoodTimer Singers at Jesse Helms
DEC	10	CBC Preschool Christmas Program
DEC	13	Calvary Christmas Presentation
DEC	23	No Church Services/Activites
DEC	24	Christmas Eve Service
DEC	25	Merry Christmas/Office Closed
DEC	31	New Year's Eve Prayer Night

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Dates to Remember

October

2 DONALD & RENEE MELTON
 2 COLTER RUTLEDGE
 3 KYE LONG
 3 JOHN ZAJAC
 4 MARIE TRULL
 5 **DEACONS MEETING**
 5 TIM & MICHELE LANEY
 5 RICARDO FISHER
 5 JOSH JORDAN
 5 CHANCE BRANTLEY
 7 **YOUTH ALL-IN**
 7 DAVE & SALLY DUNCAN
 7 MARK BRANTLEY
 9 RENEE HENDRICKS
 11 **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 11 **DISCOVER CALVARY CLASS**
 11 FAIRIS SMITH
 12 GLORIA TERRY
 12 CHAD & LISA STARNES
 13 **GOODTIMER SINGERS AT J. HELMS**
 13 ALEX & CASIE LUTHER
 13 COOPER MARTIN
 14 RICARDO & SHARON FISHER
 14 ARMANDO & LISA GUTIERREZ
 14 ALAN SIMMONS
 14 SHEPHERD MORRIS
 15 CRAIG & HALEY BROOKS
 15 RUSSELL & JORDYN HILL
 15 ANGELA BROWN
 16 HELEN MOORE
 16 LEE HYDE
 16 SHARON FISHER
 17 **GOODTIMER'S FALL DINNER**
 18 **MUSIC ADVISORY TEAM MEETING**
 18 **PARENT/CHILD COMMITMENT**
 18 JOSH & MORGAN JORDAN
 18 JAN COUICK
 19 CODY & JAREN RICK
 19 BETTY RICHARDSON
 19 CALI MARTIN
 19 STEVE YANNETT
 20 **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**
 20 TONY LILLEY
 20 SARA HENDRICKS
 21 JAIDEN BROWN
 21 TED SMITH
 22 ALLISON & RENAE HELMS
 22 RACHEL STARNES
 24 **CALVARY FALL FESTIVAL**
 24 MIRANDA RICHARDSON
 24 HANNAH STARNES
 25 TROY MOORE
 26 ELIZABETH TEAGUE
 26 RYDER BROWN
 27 CARA LANEY
 28 BILL REEDER
 28 PRESLEY HARDY
 28 CHLOE GREENE
 29 CORY & RAGAN MARTIN
 29 LESLIE RODGERS
 30 GIANNA MALANCHA
 30 LEE & MINNIE HYDE

November

1 CULLEN CROOK
 2 **DEACONS MEETING**
 3 ANNETTE LUTHER
 3 NORA AUSTIN
 3 JENNIFER FUGATE
 4 TERRI SMITH
 6 JEFF & SANDRA BATSON
 6 LINDA MCCARVER
 6 KIERSTEN STARNES
 7 MARTY & CINDY RUSSELL
 7 BRIDGETT BURKE
 9 PATRICK & LISA MORTON
 10 **GOODTIMER SINGERS @ J. HELMS**
 10 ANGI DERBY
 10 WYNTER ALLMAN
 11 CHASE MORRIS
 12 BLAKE COUNTS
 12 ROXANNE BRUMMER
 12 KARL HELMS
 13 **YOUTH FALL RETREAT/CASWELL (13TH THRU 15TH)**
 13 CHELSEY HARDISON
 13 RAGAN MARTIN
 14 BRAILYNN PATTERSON
 14 EMERY HOOKS
 14 MICHELE LANEY
 15 **MUSIC ADVISORY TEAM MEETING**
 15 SUTTON MELTON
 16 LARRY BRINKER
 17 **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**
 17 IZZY SPARKS
 18 **THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MEAL**
 18 CLIFF & MADISON BOON
 18 EMERALD JOHNSON
 18 MILEY HEDENSKOG
 19 ALLISON THOMAS
 19 DAVID FUSS
 19 JEFF BATSON
 19 MACY FUGATE
 19 MARTHA LUKEY
 20 ROB STARNES
 20 JANICE LOWERY
 22 MONTY & JESSICA REA
 21 HOLLY CASSTEVENSON
 22 KAMDYN LANEY
 23 AMBER YOUNTS
 23 CARMEN JEFFRIES
 24 MARK & JEAN BRANTLEY
 24 JOSH MANLEY
 24 RYLAN BROOKS
 25 DARRELL MORRIS
 25 DIANNE HELMS
 25 **NO CHURCH SERVICE/ACTIVITIES**
 26 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
 27 DAVID & STEPHANIE TOMBERLIN
 27 VERLEY SCOTT
 27 **DECK THE HALLS**
 28 ANN BUSENITZ
 28 JAMES DEESE
 30 HAYVEN HARRINGTON
 30 TYLER YOUNTS
 30 CALLAN RUTLEDGE

December

2 KEN & FRAN BATSON
 4 **DEACON/SPOUSE DINNER**
 5 **GOODTIMER'S CHRISTMAS DINNER**
 4 SEASON LONG
 4 MARIAH SMETEK
 5 DILLION & KAYLA HARDY
 5 CORY MARTIN
 6 KATIE DEESE
 7 HOPE ELMORE
 7 SCOTT LANEY
 8 **GOODTIMER SINGERS @ J. HELMS**
 9 TANA RADOSEVIC
 9 TAYLOR MORRIS
 10 RYLYNN KEZIAH
 10 JUDY ZAJAC
 10 **PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**
 12 **WORSHIP CHOIR BREAKFAST AND DRESS REHEARSAL**
 13 **CALVARY CHRISTMAS-GLORIOUS NIGHT**
 12 BEN SMITH
 12 JENNIFER JOHNSON
 13 HALLIE BOON
 13 SERA BRUMMER
 13 LAYNIE JOHNSTON
 14 KAMERON BRUMMER
 15 **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**
 16 PATTY HAMMOND
 17 DAVID AMMONS
 17 MARICELA PATTERSON
 17 ARCHER CUTHBERTSON
 17 MARSHALL CROOK
 18 MERLE & ANN BUSENITZ
 19 LINDSEY BOYD
 20 ALLISON HELMS
 20 **MUSIC ADVISORY TEAM MEETING**
 21 LEIGH ANNE DENNIS
 21 ALIANA ASRESAHIN
 21 ALMANY ASRESAHIN
 22 PETE & DONNA GODFREY
 22 REESE MARSHFIELD
 22 ROBERT MCCARVER
 23 **NO CHURCH SERVICE/ACTIVITIES**
 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**
 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
 27 MARK & MARTHA LUKEY
 28 KAYLYN HARGETTE
 28 KEN BATSON
 28 KRISTYN MARTIN
 29 LYNN STIKELEATHER
 29 NEALY FUGATE
 31 **NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER NIGHT**
 31 ASHLEIGH GRIFFIN
 31 SAYLOR HARDY