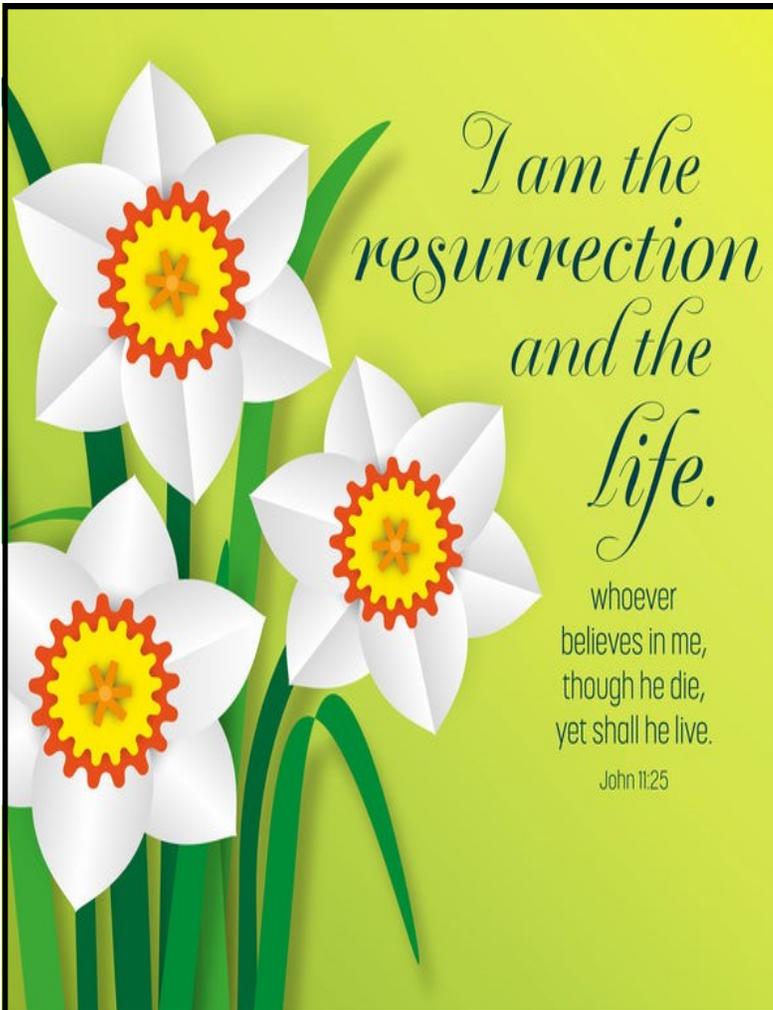
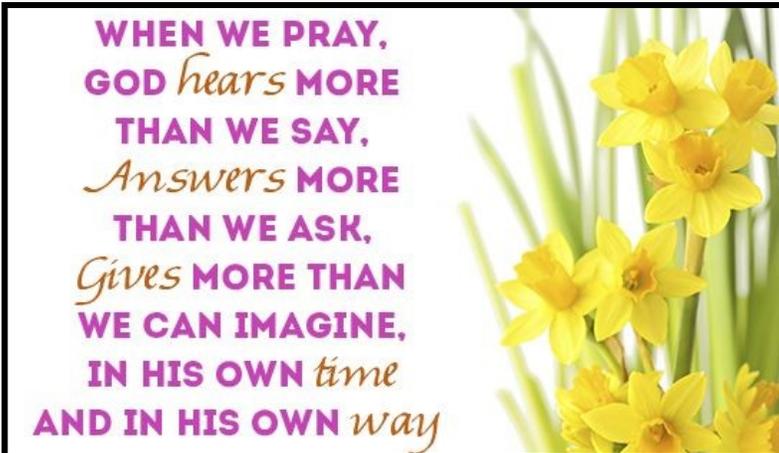


Calvary Baptist Church Senior Saints Newsletter

March 2026



<u>Birthdays</u>		
05	Brenda Vincent	H
10	Chris Conner	A
11	Seretha Pittman	P
13	David Bullock	P
15	Michelle Pratt	Y
17	Joni Wright	Y
19	Marion Wood	
21	Tina Sledge	B
28	Patty Kuroski	I
29	Brenda Hoggard	R
31	Parker McKeel	T
<u>Anniversaries</u>		
09	Jim & Barbara Carter	H
11	Jim & Betty Wallace	D
17	Don & Patsy Cook	A
18	Jimmy & Linda Evans	Y



Daylight Savings Time begins SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Daylight Savings Time ends SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Pastor Andy's Thoughts

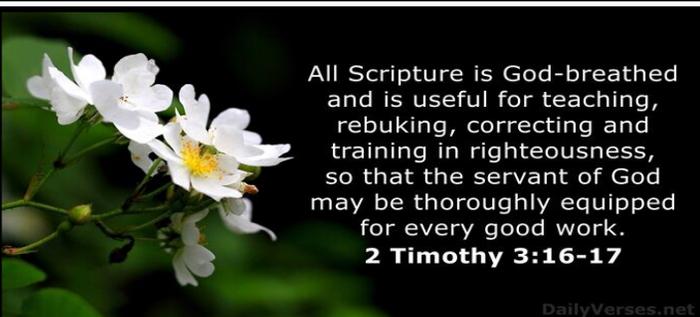
As we enter the month of March, we begin to see the first signs of spring; longer days, budding trees, and the quiet reminder that God is always at work bringing new life. For many, this season stirs memories of years gone by and gratitude for the Lord's steady hand through every chapter. Scripture reassures us, "For I am the Lord, I do not change" (Malachi 3:6). While seasons shift and life brings continual change, the character of God remains constant and trustworthy.

March also invites us to reflect on the renewing work God continues to do within us. Even when our bodies feel slower or our energy is not what it once was, the Spirit of God is still active, strengthening and refreshing our inner life. Paul reminds us, "Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16). What a beautiful promise; that God's renewing grace is not limited by age or circumstance.

This season is also a wonderful time to remember the unique calling senior adults carry within the church. Your wisdom, your prayers, your stories of God's faithfulness—these are treasures that bless younger generations. The psalmist declares, "They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing" (Psalm 92:14). Your life continues to bear fruit in ways that encourage, guide, and strengthen the body of Christ.

As March unfolds and creation begins to awaken, may your heart be encouraged by the God who brings renewal in every season. Let His peace settle over you like a warm spring breeze, and let His promises anchor your days. Hold fast to the hope found in His Word: "The Lord will perfect that which concerns me" (Psalm 138:8). He is not finished with you! His work in you is still unfolding with purpose and grace.

Love you Senior Saints! Pastor Andy



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

DailyVerses.net

FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, before me lies today
With its hours still fresh and new;
Help me to spend each one of them
In a way that pleases You.

I come asking for your blessing
As I travel through today;
And Lord, keep me from walking
In my own willful way.

Moment by moment and step by step
Please stay close to me,
For along the way are stumbling stones
That only You can see.

So I dare not make the journey
Through today alone,
For my strength is far too feeble
To make it on my own.

Then when today's journey is over
And I lie down to rest,
Lord, I'd like to hear you whisper
"My child, you did your best."

YOUR LIFE WILL BE RICHER - IF

On this day: You will make an effort to...

Mend a quarrel.

Search for a forgotten friend.

Dismiss a suspicion and replace it with trust.

Write a letter to someone who misses you.

Encourage someone who has lost faith.

Keep a promise.

Forget an old grudge.

Examine your demands on others
and vow to reduce them.

Fight for a principle.

Express your gratitude.

Overcome an old fear.

Take two minutes to appreciate
the beauty of nature.

Tell someone you love them.

Tell them again. And again. And again.

**Thank you to Robin Mincher for sharing
this poem and information that she
found in her mother's Bible.
As always, it is worth sharing!**

Pastor Charlie's Devotion

In our world today we are bombarded with promises. Promises of the next greatest thing. The greatest 5G phone and phone plan, the newest and greatest WIFI and internet plan that will make your TV, tablets and every other device like a movie theater. Promises of the latest age defying cream. Or maybe you want a new retirement plan that will place you on easy street in a few short years. And then there are promises about the newest diet plan or exercise routine where you can get thin and healthy in only 10 minutes a day. Promises, promises, promises that far too often do not live up to the hype.

But today I want you to hear what the prophet Isaiah records for us in **Isaiah 46:4**, ***“Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.”***

In this verse God makes promises that you never have to be concerned about. They are promises that will never fall short. You can completely trust the word of God. He says even to your old age and gray hairs his promises hold fast. That is good news for those of us living in the land of aching joints, failing sight, hearing aids, dentures, memory lapses and yes, gray hair. If you will take a few minutes to reflect back through life, I am confident you will find the Lord there carrying, sustaining and rescuing you from all kinds of situations you could not have handled on your own. And I know that if you continue to trust in His promises, He will carry you, sustain you and rescue you as often as needed until this earthly journey comes to an end.

No matter what age you are my friends, trust the Lord and watch what He will do.

**God bless you,
Pastor Charlie Carter**



WEEK OF PRAYER *for*
North American Missions

March 1-8, 2026

Be in prayer for our missionaries in North America
anniearmstrong.com/week-of-prayer

North American Mission Board

Let's join with other Southern Baptist to pray for North American missions and missionaries during the Week of Prayer for North American Missions, March 1 - 8. The Annie Armstrong mission offering will be taken up at Calvary during the month of April.



Palm Sunday
March 29



Easter Sunday

Outside April 5th 2026 **Bring a Chair**
on Lawn 10am Service

No Sunday School or PM Services



The Lord's Supper
Sunday, April 12, 11 am

No 8:30 am Worship Service



Calvary's 73rd Homecoming
Sunday, May 17

An Illuminating Light

Imagine trekking through the woods on a pitch-black night with only a lantern or flashlight to guide you. How would you stay on the trail? How would you know where to go? How would you keep from getting lost? The author of Psalm 119 shares some insight: **“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”** Psalm 119 :105 NIV.

God's Word refers to the written or spoken message of God, as well as the message of God revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, often called the Word. God is real. He created you on purpose, and He designed this world with you in mind. So, how can you know who He is, what He's like, and what He desires from and for you? You can know God, better understand who He's created you to be, and navigate this increasingly dark world by the light of His Word. The Word of God is like a light in your hand, illuminating truths about the story of God, the character of God, and the ways of God. It helps us understand His creation and answer difficult questions or make hard choices. The guidance found in God's Word is perfect. His story is true. His instructions are trustworthy. His promises will stand. His commands are like beams of light pointing us back to Himself. Now, notice what this verse doesn't say. It doesn't say that God's Word is a spotlight, exposing every single thing about your past, present, or future. No, God's Word is a lamp for your feet and a light on your path. And as you walk with Him, step by step, He will lead you to life.

There's the peace of God that guards your heart and the God of Peace that lives in your heart. I would rather have the God of peace any day than the peace of God, because when you have the God of peace, you get peace of God!

Dr. David Jeremiah

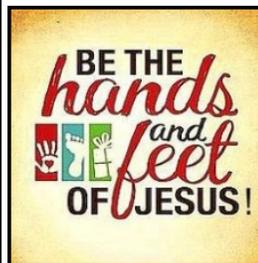
Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for being the light of the world and for being light to me. I want to share Your light but I know that I must allow Your light to search my heart and mind first, exposing darkness, negative emotions, and doing whatever transforming work You desire to do in me. So even now I just want to sit in silence, listening to this. Trusting that truly God, You are on the move. What are You bringing to the surface? Give me courage to identify and invite You into the places that I feel are hopeless or shameful. Heavenly Father we need Your light to shine in so that through us we might reflect You to the world. Thank You for being the light, Jesus. Amen

This was the devotion and prayer shared by Maxine Stutmann at the Bingo / Chili Lunch. We hope that you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed hearing it.

Make a difference....

Let's be kind.....

A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner asked him. While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it. When he finished painting, he received his money and left. The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a nice check, much higher than the payment for painting. The painter was surprised and said “You've already paid me for painting the boat Sir!” “But this is not for the paint job. It's for repairing the hole in the boat.” “Ah! But it was such a small service... certainly it's not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant.” “My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened: “When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. “When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip. “They did not know that there was a hole. I was not at home at that time. “When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole. “Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing. “Then, I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole! “You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your 'small' good deed.”



Moral of the story

So no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the 'leaks' you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone. Along the way, you may have repaired numerous 'boat holes' for several people without realizing how many lives you've saved.

Posted by Kindness is Free

Rambling's of the Ole Man

As I was out and about on my job, I went by a field that had a couple of donkeys in it. Seeing them made me remember a situation I saw firsthand years ago that I thought was hilarious when I worked for Mr. B. You all know what I do, now and then. I chase people over delinquent accounts and also collect payments. This time, I was on a payment run, so it's a little different atmosphere. What I mean by this is it affords you a more relaxed time to talk and look around, because you ain't worried about dogs, being cussed out, and possible shootings!!! On this particular afternoon I don't know what led up to the confrontation between these animals but trust me when I say it must have been a good one for what I witnessed. I was in an area that some of you may know, especially you senior folks from the county. It's called Crowell's Cross Road on old Highway 125. The house I was at had a pond in the pasture in the side yard. As I was leaving, I heard a commotion and I stopped on the path and started looking for the noise I was hearing. To my surprise it was a small herd of cows and a donkey. Now I am familiar as to why folks keep donkeys with other animals due to donkeys hating coyotes. They will kill one without remorse but this was something I'd never seen before. This donkey and this cow for whatever reasons had taken a dislike to one another and I mean a DISLIKE to the point that they fighting! I mean the cow was charging and trying to butt the donkey and the donkey was rearing up and biting at the cow. Now me being me and loving a good fight, I sat there and watched. I wanted to see who would win and I was also trying to figure out what set them off. (You know how it is, being nosy.) Well, this combat continued on for quite a bit, tit for tat until the donkey got a hold of the cows ear with his mouth. The cow was bellowing and the donkey was holding on with a death grip just shaking his head. By this point these two had separated themselves from everyone and worked their way to the pond's edge. Well try as she may, the ole cow just couldn't shake the donkey loose while still bellowing. I reckon having this thing gnawing on it's ear had to be quite painful. She turned towards the water and began to push the donkey backwards into the water. I never thought of a cow being able to strategize but here are the key steps to do it effectively.



Number one was to define a clear objective, (get said donkey off it's ear). Number two was to analyze the situation (here we are at the ponds edge and I have the resources which I can use within that framework). Number three was to develop a plan (we are going swimming), and number four was to execute and adapt (now here's where it got good!) The cow like I said began to push and push until they were neck deep in the water, but still the donkey held on. People, I sat and watched that cow take that donkey clean out of sight under the water for what seemed like at least two to three minutes. I thought these two had drowned when all of a sudden the donkey popped up and headed for the bank; then the ole cow slowly appeared and started behind. When she got out of the water and while the donkey was heading out into the pasture, she raised her head and bellowed so loud as if telling the donkey, "I told you, you were going to get off!!" The donkey never looked back and disappeared out of sight. This was the beatin'nest thing I ever saw!!! I would have loved to have found out what set that battle off.

Rambling's of the ole man - Robert Matthews



Don't these girls have beautiful smiles?
Do you happen to recognize the stuffed animals?
These two girls received their shoeboxes from Calvary!

Thank you for the gifts from Panama. Darleen and Mia are very happy. Blessings, may God bless you abundantly.



March Collection
WOW Toys
\$s for
Soccer Balls
Stuffed Animals

OCC Shoebox Meeting
Tuesday
March 3
6:30 p.m.
Upstairs in OCC Storage Rooms

Anyone who would like to help is welcome to attend.



Dutch Treat Lunch at Ralph's BBQ Restaurant
followed by browsing
at Riverside Mills in Weldon

Thursday, March 19, meet at Ralph's at 11 a.m.
Please signup by March 15
so we will save a space for you for lunch.

Easter Jubilee
at the
Rudy Theatre & Lunch at the Robbin's Nest
Thursday
April 16



Leave Calvary at 9:30 a.m.
Cost: \$47.00 - 25 tickets
Sign up and pay by March 29.

Ecuador Fundraiser
Saturday, April 4
Pick up at 10 am
at Calvary Baptist Church



Pound of pork - \$10.00
Pint of slaw - \$5.00

Orders can be placed by calling the church office, 252-537-9828, or signing up on the bulletin board.
You can pay in advance in the church office or pay when you pick it up.

Proceeds will benefit the 12 member Ecuador Mission Trip Team.

Calvary's Senior Saints Council

Carolyn Carter, Maxine Stutmann,
Robie & Brenda Vincent
Senior Saints Co-Directors:

Linda Moore - 252-678-2124 & Lou Smith - 252-536-9404



Check the Senior Saints' bulletin board in the back hall for information and sign up forms. It is very important that you sign up for events so proper preparations can be made. A waiting list will be available if we have to limit reservations. You will be moved to the regular list if space becomes available.

Upcoming Senior Events

Sunday, May 3 - Senior Adult Recognition Sunday
Thursday, June 11 - Patriotic Cookout
Thursday, July 16 - Fish Fry
Thursday, August 27 - Ice Cream Social

Please reserve these dates on your calendar now.

Congratulations to our Senior Saints that have arrived and continue to strive in their 90's!

Pray for them as some of their days may not always be good days, but they are blessed days!

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| Barbara Shearin | Jane Gorris |
| Sleepy Brame | Mary Lee Daughtry |
| Anna Wayne Tritt | Barbara Barrett |
| Eure Wall | Dacey King |
| Nancy Evans | Gene Tritt |
| Vivian Barnes | Claire Gay |
| Katherine Faison | Martha Wilson |
| Billy McKee | Earl Whitley |
| Jim Carter | |

They are listed in order of youngest to oldest. Please let us know if others need to be added.