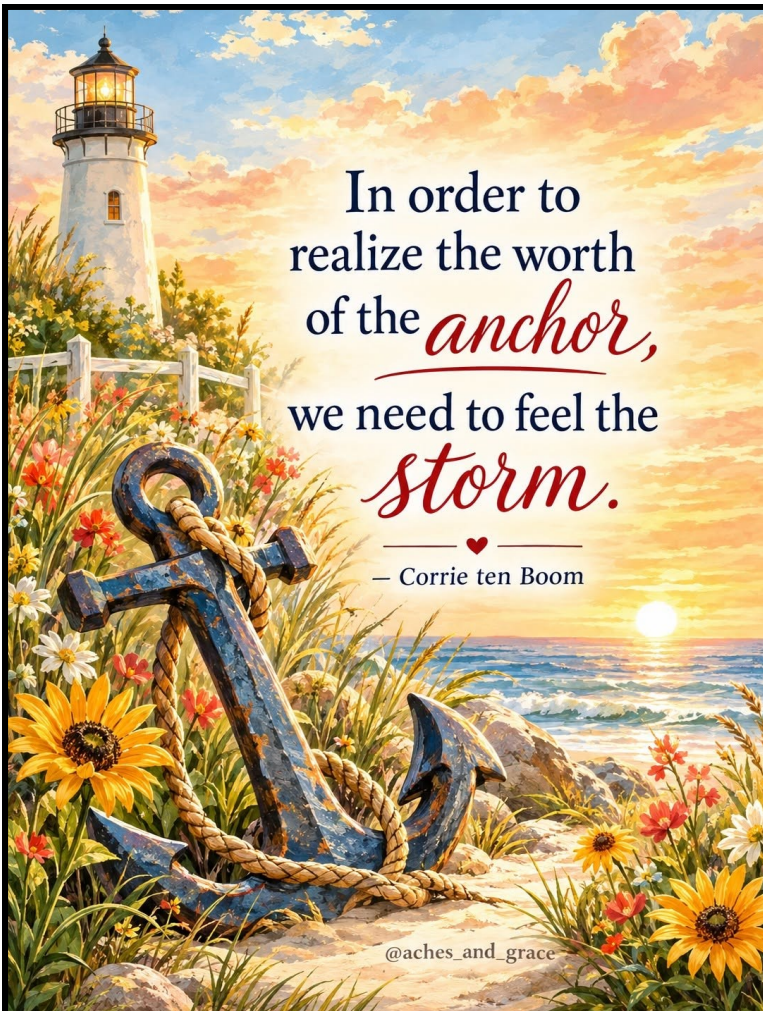


# Calvary Baptist Church Senior Saints Newsletter

September 2026



## September

### Birthdays

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 01 | Gene Neal        |
| 02 | Brenda Briggs    |
| 03 | Frances Lassiter |
| 04 | Freddi Davis     |
| 05 | Jimmy Evans      |
| 08 | Clara Harvey     |
| 11 | Carolyn Allen    |
|    | Susan Gums       |
| 12 | Lynn Medlin      |
| 14 | Terry Mason      |
| 17 | Wilbert Dahlem   |
|    | Ann Massey       |
| 18 | Joann Ricks      |
| 19 | Lynn Conner      |
| 20 | Nancy Evans      |
| 22 | Todd Arthur      |
|    | Claire Gay       |
|    | Gene Tritt       |
|    | Eure Wall        |
| 24 | Daguerrelyn Wood |
| 25 | Barbara Hammack  |
| 27 | Nan Long         |
| 28 | Celeste Simmons  |

### Anniversaries

|    |                       |
|----|-----------------------|
| 01 | Grady & Ann Massey    |
| 03 | Jim & Lois Rook       |
| 07 | Clarke & Nan Long     |
|    | Earl & Janet Taylor   |
| 15 | Gene & Claudia Neal   |
| 23 | Jack & Janie Midgette |
| 26 | Jerry & Grace Moseley |
| 27 | Elton & Mary Mullins  |

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## **Pastor Andy's Thoughts**

September invites us into a season of gentle transition. The long, warm days of summer begin to soften, and we feel the first hints of autumn's calm. For many of us, this shift mirrors the spiritual rhythm of life; moments of activity giving way to reflection, gratitude, and renewed trust in God's steady hand. Scripture reminds us, **"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1)**. As we enter this new month, may we embrace the Lord's purpose for this season with peace and confidence.

This is also a wonderful time to remember God's faithfulness across the years. Senior saints have walked through many seasons: joyful ones, challenging ones, and everything in between, and through them all, the Lord has remained constant. His promise still stands: **"Even to your old age, I am He... I will carry you" (Isaiah 46:4)**. September encourages us to pause and celebrate the ways He has carried us, shaped us, and used our lives as testimonies of His grace.

As routines pick back up and church ministries move into fall schedules, you have the opportunity, with your presence, wisdom, and prayers, to bless the entire congregation. Many younger families and students look to you as examples of steadfast faith. The Apostle Paul's words ring true: **"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58)**. Whether through a kind word, a faithful prayer, or a quiet act of service, your influence can strengthen the body of Christ. May this September be filled with renewed hope, meaningful fellowship, and moments of sweet communion with the Lord. As the days grow cooler, let your hearts grow warmer with His promises. **"The Lord will bless His people with peace" (Psalm 29:11)**. May His peace settle deeply within you, guiding your steps and filling your days with joy. You are loved, valued, and cherished, not only by your church family, but by the God who has walked beside you in every season. **Love you Senior Saints! Pastor Andy**

## **Devotion by Charlie Carter**

### **Hard Work**

Solomon wrote in **Proverbs 14:23**, ***"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty."***

Here the writer reminds us that there is benefit in working hard. We need to remember that work was given to us by God. When God placed the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden, he could have said chill out, kick back, rest and relax, but he didn't. Instead the Bible tells us in **Genesis 2:15**, ***"The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."*** So, work is a gift. Now I know that it can sometimes feel more like a great burden, but the Scripture has a word about that as well. The Apostle Paul wrote in **Colossians 3:23**, ***"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."*** In this way all hard work brings a profit. The first profit is the joy of knowing we are serving the Lord.

The second half of this proverb is also true, ***"mere talk leads only to poverty."*** Talk will not get the grass mowed. Talk will not get the house painted. Talk will not get the report finished by the deadline. Talk will not get the ball across the goal line. Now, a lot of people "talk" a good game, but the game is won by being in it, not simply talking about it. Talk leads to poverty because it will not get the work done. Work at your job, work at home, work at church, work on your spiritual walk and you will find profit.

**God bless you my friends as you find joy  
in your labor! Pastor Charlie Carter**



## What Kind of Legacy Are You Leaving?

How many of us could pass away and someone immediately be able to point your life back to how you lived out scripture? Dolly Parton's songs made her famous, but it was her kindness, generosity, humor, humility, and willingness to remember where she came made so many people love her. As Christians, we know that no human being is perfect and only Christ should be placed upon a pedestal, but we can still recognize the beautiful reminders reflected through someone's life, and allow them to point us back to biblical truth.

### 10 Biblical Lessons We Can Take Away from Dolly Parton's Legacy Could the same be said for you also?

1. Never be ashamed of where God brought you from. Your humble beginnings do not limit what God can do through your life. **"For who hath despised the day of small things?" — Zechariah 4:10**
2. Use what God has given you to bless others. Your gifts were never meant to stop with you. **"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another." — 1 Peter 4:10**
3. Kindness will always leave a greater impression than fame. People may forget achievements, but they will remember how you made them feel. **"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted..." — Ephesians 4:32**
4. Give generously without needing recognition. Some of the greatest things we do for others may never place our name in lights, but God sees. **"God loveth a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7**
5. Remain true to who God created you to be. You do not have to become a copy of someone else to make a difference. **"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." — Psalm 139:14**
6. Do not allow hardship to make your heart hard. You can come from very little and still live with gratitude, compassion, and joy. **"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience." — Romans 5:3**
7. Work faithfully while remembering that success is not your identity. Awards, applause, and accomplishments eventually fade. What we do unto the Lord carries eternal significance. **"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." — Colossians 3:23**
8. Never underestimate the power of encouraging a child. Through her Imagination Library, Dolly helped place books into the hands of millions of children. A small seed planted today can shape an entire future. **"Train up a child in the way he should go..." — Proverbs 22:6**
9. Let your light direct people beyond you. Dolly once said, "I always ask God to just let me lead people to Him." In an interview, she explained that if people saw something good in her, she wanted them to recognize it as God's light. **"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." — Matthew 5:16**
10. Live in a way that leaves love behind. One day, each of us will leave this earth. May we leave behind more than possessions or accomplishments, may we leave kindness, generosity, faithfulness, and lives that pointed others toward Jesus. **"The memory of the just is blessed." — Proverbs 10:7**

**What gifts has God placed within YOU?**

**What kind of Kingdom legacy are you building?**

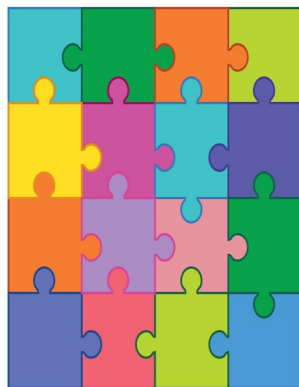
**Do you see Kingdom legacy in others? If so, tell them now what you see!**

# Senior Saints Memories



## BINGO

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| 3  | 29 | 45         | 56 | 68 |
| 1  | 19 | 43         | 50 | 72 |
| 11 | 25 | FREE SPACE | 49 | 61 |
| 9  | 23 | 31         | 58 | 63 |
| 4  | 27 | 42         | 54 | 71 |



## Did you know?

A person who loves or regularly assembles jigsaw puzzles is officially called a dissectologist. This unique term comes from the 18<sup>th</sup> century when early jigsaw puzzles were actually maps cut into pieces, originally known as "dissected maps".



## 2026 SENIOR DISCOUNTS

### RECENTLY UPDATED & CORRECTED

After checking, Sandy Walker-Barnhart (facebook site) discovered that a lot of senior-discount lists that she had recently shared were OLD information! When checking, she found that some of the discounts had changed and some actually depended on individual locations. Discounts below are some that she has now verified. **Discounts in red are some that Lou and I thought of. You may have others that you can share with us.**



#### SHOPPING

- Ross Dress for Less: 10% off every Tuesday — age 55+
- Michaels: 10% off eligible purchases — age 55+ with Michaels Rewards
- Kohl's: 15% off qualifying in-store purchases every Wednesday — age 60+

The first Tuesday of every month is Senior Day at Walgreens. Customers 55 and up who are enrolled in the MyWalgreens rewards program can get up to **20% off** their purchase, which includes everything from toiletries to snacks.

Denny's also has a discounted 55+ Menu, available whether you dine in or order online.

(AARP members can *also* claim a **15%** discount on Denny's menu items.) Heads up: Customers must show proof of age.

**Hamrick's gives seniors 60+ a 10% discount on Tuesday. WOW items are excluded.**  
**Roses in Roanoke Rapids also gives a 10% discount to Seniors 55+ every Wednesday.**

#### GROCERIES

- Fry's Food Stores: 10% off most eligible purchases on the first Wednesday of the month — age 55+
- Harris Teeter: Senior Club discount at participating stores

#### TRAVEL

- Amtrak: Generally 10% off for passengers age 65+. Some California routes offer 15% for age 62+.
- Best Western: Senior rates available for guests 55+ at participating hotels. Discount varies.
- Marriott: Senior rates available for guests 62+ at participating hotels.
- Hilton: Senior rates available for guests 65+ at participating hotels.
- Choice Hotels — including Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Quality Inn, Sleep Inn, Econo Lodge, Clarion and Rodeway Inn — offers senior/AARP rates at participating properties.

#### ONE OF THE BEST DEALS FOR SENIORS

U.S. National Parks Senior Pass    Age 62+    • \$20 annual pass    • \$80 lifetime pass

#### RESTAURANTS — ASK BEFORE YOU ORDER!

Many restaurant senior discounts are determined by the individual restaurant or franchise rather than being a nationwide company policy. Depending on the location, senior specials or discounts may be available at places such as:

Wendy's, McDonald's, Burger King, Taco Bell, KFC,  
Arby's, Chick-fil-A, Sonic, Subway,  
Krispy Kreme, Whataburger



**Ask the cashier or waitress before ordering or paying if they offer senior drinks or discounts.**  
**Your local restaurant may offer something even when the company doesn't have a nationwide senior discount.**  
**Use AARP & AAA card discounts, if possible.**  
**Also, schools in the area are selling discount cards.**  
**You may want to check those out to find more discounts.**

## 2026 Roanoke Valley Aging Expo



REFRESHMENTS



GAMES



HEALTH  
SCREENINGS



DOOR  
PRIZES



EXHIBITS



Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>



9:00am - 1:30pm



Kirkwood Adams Community Center  
1100 Hamilton St.  
Roanoke Rapids, NC

Meet Calvary's Senior Saints at 8:40 am  
outside the Center. Lunch will be provided.  
Transportation will not be provided. No cost.  
Sign up on the Senior Saint's bulletin board.

## OCC STEW SALE

**Saturday**  
**October 10**  
**\$12.00 per quart**



Jerry Moseley's Stew

Pick up at 44 Vance Street between 10 am to 12 noon.  
Place your order on the bulletin board at church.

Money goes towards shoebox postage which  
includes a Bible and the 12 lesson book, The Greatest  
Adventure, for each child who receives a shoebox.



Thank you for your past stew sale  
orders, financial contributions, and  
the many items that you have  
donated. Your \$ donations have  
been used to purchase many items  
to go in the Operation Christmas  
Child shoeboxes for kids this year.

## Shoebox September Collection Toys for Boys & Girls ages 2 - 14

### OCC Shoebox Meeting

**Tuesday, September 1**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Upstairs in OCC Storage Rooms**

**Anyone who would like to help  
pack boxes is welcome to attend.**



## **Senior Saints**

### **Pizza & Salad Lunch**

with Guest Speaker, Ashley Bobbitt-Rook  
Jo Story Senior Center for Active Adults Supervisor  
**Tues., Sept. 22, 12 noon in Social Room**  
**Cost: \$5.00 Deadline: Sun., Sept. 13**

Remembering our much loved Senior Saints who  
passed away during our 2025 - 2026 year.

*Jerry Hedgepeth*

*Joyce Wiggins*

*Gwen Powell*

*George Seais*

*Warren Braswell*

*Mary Rose*

*Betty Cook*

*Jim Carter*

*Martha Wilson*

*Henry Simmons*

*Clint Jones*

*Marlene Goodall*



We can't know why the lily has so brief a time to bloom in  
the warmth of Sunlight's Kiss upon its face before it folds its  
fragrance in and bids the world good-night to rest its beauty  
in a gentler place. But we can know that nothing that is  
loved is ever lost, and no one who has ever touched a heart  
can really pass away, because some beauty lingers on in  
each memory of which they've been a part.

Ellen Breneman (shared by Patsy Cook)

## 2026 - 2027 Senior Saint's Booklet

Please let us know if your address or phone numbers have  
changed in the past year. Also, let us know if we may not have  
your birthday or anniversary, or if it has been listed incorrectly in  
the newsletter. We do appreciate having current information to  
share in our booklets. Information will be needed by Sept. 13.

### Senior Saint's Council

We are very pleased to announce that Charlie and Joan Carter  
have agreed to join us on the Senior Saints Council. Other mem-  
bers are Carolyn Carter, Linda Moore, Lou Smith, Maxine Stut-  
mann, and Robie and Brenda Vincent. We will be meeting in  
September to plan activities for the 2026 - 2027 church year.  
Please write down and give any suggestions that you may have  
to either one of the council members. We do appreciate your  
input and your participation!