



November 20, 2025

Calvary Christian

Sharing The Love Of Christ



News & Events

This Sunday is **fAmiLy** Sunday



This service is for the whole family so please bring your children into the service. There will not be Kids Worship. The nursery will be open but not staffed.

Facts and Figures for 11/16

Attendance: 81 in service & 18 in kids worship including volunteers

Giving: Received - \$6651.37

Weekly amount needed to operate on approved budget is \$3662.77.

Well Done Sponsors!



Because of your generosity Crossroads is now FULLY SPONSORED! Thank you for investing in the lives of these children so we can speak the name of Jesus into their young hearts.

Faith Promise Update

As of this week we have received pledges for \$16,730 for our missions. Thank you!

Your Kindness is Appreciated!

A big **THANK YOU** from Kathy Brogren to whomever cleaned up communion for her last Sunday. That was so thoughtful of you.

Current Sermon Series

The Letter of Ephesians

This week's Passage: Ephesians 4:15-16



Look on our YouTube page for previous sermons.

Upcoming Fall Events

- November 23: Church Decorating 12:30 pm
- November 29: Christmas Movie Night 5:05 pm
- November 30: Donut Sunday!

December's Calendar



- December 1: Praise & Prayer 6:00 pm
- December 7: Jingle Jam & Kid's Christmas Party & DONUTS!
- December 9: Secret Pal Ornament Exchange 6:00 pm
- December 14: Rock Christmas Party & Ugly Sweater Party 11:30 am-1:30 pm
- December 16: Ladies' Night Out & Cookie Exchange @ church. Dinner provided.
- December 17: Christmas Caroling 5:45-8:00 pm
- December 24: Christmas Eve Service 5:30 pm

For more details see page 2 of this Newsletter

Closer Look



November 23rd Church Decorating

Sunday, November 23rd, starting at 12:30 in the afternoon we will kick off the holidays by decorating Calvary inside and out. There are jobs for everyone and plenty of trees to decorate. Come join the fun. A chili/soup lunch will be available at 11:30 am or you may go out for lunch and return by 12:30 ready to go!

December 7 JINGLE JAM!

THE DYNAMIC DUO YOU HAVE COME TO LOVE AND ENJOY ARE BACK FOR ANOTHER GREAT JINGLE JAM. JOE AND ZACH ARE HARD AT WORK GETTING THINGS READY FOR JINGLE JAM AND THIS YEAR IT IS AN EXTRA SPECIAL EVENT. SO, GRAB AN INVITATION FROM THE CONNECTION CENTER TO INVITE BOTH YOUNG AND OLD TO A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION THAT YOU WON'T SOON FORGET.

PIZZA PARTY AFTERWARDS!



Baby It's Cold Outside!

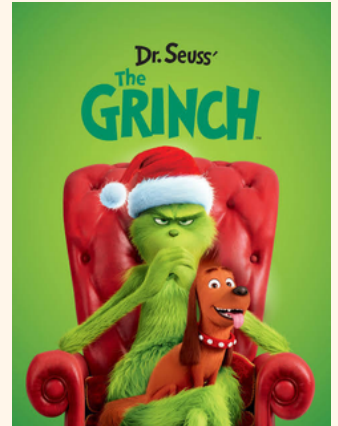


Constance Lane Elementary School, where Melissa Englin teaches, is in need of warm hats and mittens for many of their children who do not have adequate winter clothing.

We will be collecting hats and mittens/gloves through November and December. Thank you!

November 29th Christmas Movie Night

What better way to get into the holiday spirit than to watch a great Christmas movie. The whole church is invited to watch 'The Grinch'. Bring a friend and a snack to pass and join us at 5:05 pm for FRESH popcorn and a movie! A good cozy blanket is also a great thing to grab.



LADIES' NIGHT OUT & COOKIE EXCHANGE DECEMBER 16TH



This **Ladies Night Out** will be a special holiday **TREAT!** We will gather at the usual 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a pasta dinner from Lino's that Kathy Brogren is providing. *(But a small donation would be a sweet gesture!)*

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

1. **Bring 2 dozen** finished cookies or candies.

(If you want to bring a few extra that we can serve as dessert that would be great!)

After dinner we will get a chance to select 2 dozen cookies or candies to take home.

2. **Please sign up** so we have a count for dinner

That's it! Just come have fun.



Ugly Sweater Service Party With a Twist!



Our annual Ugly Sweater Service Party is **Sunday, December 14th at 11:30 AM**

What's New This Year:

- Instead of games and trivia, we'll be packing kits for Carpenter's Place to bless their guests in need.
- We'll still enjoy our classic **Ugly Sweater and Ugly Centerpiece competitions**
- After the project is completed and contest winners are announced, stick around to build gingerbread houses together.

Sign-Up Details

- Sign up at the Connection Center to help us plan for lunch.
- If you plan to stay for the gingerbread house build, please sign up on the second sheet. Sign up as a team. Any individuals will be paired up to make a team.

For more information, talk to Desiree Johnson, Pam Johnson, Tricia Chen, or Joan Kahley. We can't wait to fellowship, serve, and celebrate the Christmas season with you!



Life Groups

Sunday Groups

Kid's Worship Check-in Opens @ 9:50 am

PreK-5th Grade: Join us every Sunday morning for a fun and age-appropriate class centered around the Word of God. Right now, we are spending a year going through God's Big Story. Students should be checked in by a parent or guardian at the registration desk before they head back to the classroom.

The Rock 11:30 am

The Rock is on break except for special activities until after New Years.

Middle/High School Group
The Rock meets Sundays for lunch and small group study.



Sunday Evening Small Group 5:30 pm

Evening group will take a break after 11/30 until after New Years.

There is a life group that meets every Sunday evening from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Ages range from mid 20's to early 70's. They are doing a 5-week study on Judges. This week we are looking at Judges 13, 14, 15 and 16, the life of Samson.

*Childcare is provided.

Stay Updated with Calvary Notifications

Text 'connect' to 815-645-0050 for updates and notifications about church activities.



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Wednesday Groups

Wed evening groups will take a break after 12/10
Midday group will take a break after 12/17

Mid-day Bible Study 12:30 pm

The Mid-day Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch at **noon** to enjoy added fellowship time before the Bible study begins at 12:30.

Signs of Servants 5:00 pm



The S.O.S. small group is interpreted for the deaf, but **all are welcome**. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. We are beginning an overview of the New Testament in the "Basic Bible Study" series by Deaf Missions.

Men's Group 6:30 pm



The Men's class is doing a book and video series facilitated by Bob Johnson. The study is called, "The book of Philippians" by Joby Martin.

[Click here to watch a trailer](#)

Ladies' Group 6:30 pm



The Ladies' class is going through a great book, "Letters to the Church", by Francis Chan.



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