



December 11, 2025

Calvary Christian

Sharing The Love Of Christ



So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. *Luke 2:4-5*

News & Events

Facts and Figures for 12/7

Attendance: 79 in Jingle Jam

Giving: Received - \$3304.40

Weekly amount needed to operate on approved budget is \$3,662.77.




Ugly Sweater Service Party!

THIS Sunday, December 14th at 11:30 AM

What's New This Year:



- We will be packing kits for Carpenter's Place guests while we set up for lunch.
- We will 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. You may bring 3 items of your own to trim your houses. We will provide: Frosting, piping bags, candy, and assorted craft supplies.

We need to know **how many will be eating lunch** and we also need to have **a count for the gingerbread houses.** 

IF you have questions, please talk to Desiree Johnson, Pam Johnson, Tricia Chen, or Joan Kahley. Deadline for gingerbread house sign up is **Thursday night.**

Christmas Eve

Please join us for a special time of worship at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service beginning at 5:30 p.m.



Current Sermon Series

The Letter of Ephesians

This week's Passage: Ephesians 4:17-24



Look on our YouTube page for previous sermons.

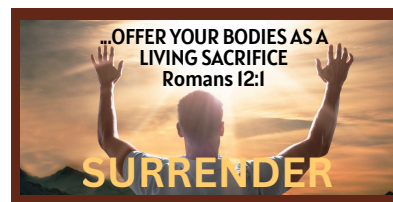


Hat and Glove Donations



THIS SUNDAY is the last Sunday to bring in your donation of hats/gloves/mittens for the children at **Constance Lane Elementary School** before winter break. Thank you for your help!

No Regrets Men's Conference



February 7, 2026
8:00 am - 2:00 pm



December's Calendar



- **December 14:** 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

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.

Christmas Caroling



Each year we gather as a group to go Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins or those in need of a little extra Christmas cheer. We will meet **Wednesday, December 17th at 5:00 pm** for a soup or chili supper for those we have to come right from work. If you do not wish to eat with us, please be here by 5:30. Our plan is to be ready to **leave by 5:45 pm**. We generally return to the building around 8:00 pm. We usually carpool but you may drive yourself. You do not have to be a professional singer, just love to sing Christmas carols!

What we need from you:

- Sign up if you will be joining us.
- Check off how many in your party will plan to eat with us.
- Let the office know by Sunday the 14th if there is anyone you know who would like to be visited by a group of carolers.
- **Be here by 5:30 pm. DRESS WARM!**



It's That Time of Year!

In order to be prepared for 2026, we have 3 important items to address.

1. Communion Set-up & Clean-up

Please sign up for Communion Set-up. We are returning to traditional communion. This does take a little more time but is easy to do. We will walk you through it and there is an instruction sheet available as well. Set-up needs to be completed by 9:00 am.

Sign-up for clean-up. Clean-up has not changed.

2. Coffee Fellowship Set-Up

Whether you enjoy coffee/tea or not, this is a time of fellowship enjoyed by many and a great opportunity to engage visitors. Please plan to start between 8:15 am and 8:30 am so coffee will be ready by 9:00 am. As always, we will walk you through it and an instruction sheet is available as well.

Sign-up is currently in the Gathering Place.

3. Church Directory

Please take the time to update your information in the directory. **YOU MUST INITIAL** by your name if you did not make any changes so that we know you **DID** view it. If you are not currently in our directory and would like to be added, please fill out your information on the **New Directory Listing sheet**.

Special Opportunity

We are going to make our own communion bread. If you have been searching for an opportunity to serve right from your own home, then this may be just what you are looking for. If interested, please contact Pam Johnson for all the details.

Small 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 is on break until after New Years.

There is a small group that meets every Sunday evening from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Ages range from mid 20's to early 70's. Watch for details on the new topic of study in the New Year.

*Childcare is provided.

Stay Updated with Calvary Notifications

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



Website



Facebook



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Ways to Stay Connected



YouTube

Wednesday Groups

Wednesday Small Groups are on break until after the New Year. Restart dates TBD

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 will continue an overview of the New Testament in the "Basic Bible Study" series by Deaf Missions when groups restart.

Men's Group 6:30 pm

The Men's class has completed the study of, "The book of Philippians" by Joby Martin. New study in the New Year TBD

Ladies' Group 6:30 pm

The Ladies' class has completed "Letters to the Church", by Francis Chan so our new study will be determined when we meet again in the New Year.



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