

A
COMMUNITY OF
FAITH
STRIVING
TO

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Our Vision

To **Know**
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Our Mission

Making
disciples of
Jesus Christ
for the
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of the world

Listening

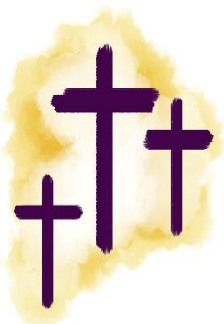
On April 14, 1963, Colonial Avenue Baptist Church was formed. On the charter is written: "The primary purpose of our church will be to seek the salvation of all men everywhere, to strive for the spiritual and moral development of its members, and to oppose evil wherever and whenever it is found." While we use different words now, our mission statement today, 60 years later is the same: to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

For 60 years, Colonial Avenue Baptist Church has been a light on this corner, working with God to make disciples – by sharing the gospel and by helping to guide our members toward closer relationships with God - and to transform the world, through the mission efforts that have been the heartbeat of our church since its beginning. As there are for all groups that are made up of humans, there have been good times and hard times, but through it all, God has continued to work in and through us. Along the way, there have been crossroads, places where the church had to make hard decisions. We are at another crossroads now, in this post-pandemic world that has changed around us and changed us. Who is God calling us to be now? Together we are listening for the answer to that question, particularly asking whether God is calling us to join with Calvary Baptist to form a new church together. If we decide that is not God's will at this time, we will continue to seek what new ways God is calling us that will help us live into our mission to make disciples and transform the world – to bring about the kingdom of heaven that we've been focused on during Lent. Our prayer continues to be that we will be indifferent – to everything except God's will.

The exploration team has put together a survey which will help them listen well to our church members as we listen together to God. In the next few weeks, the survey will be available and will be mailed to those who are unable to attend worship in person. Following this, on April 30, after worship, we will have a listening session, a time for each of us to ask questions and share our thoughts. The exploration team will also share the survey results at that time. Please plan to both fill out the survey and attend the listening session.

I recently read a prayer for the church written by Rev. Emily Swan that is included in The Rhythm of Prayer. I have begun to repeat part of the prayer in my prayers for our church: "Let us stand for Love and with Love, following the way of your Son as best we're able...Let us hear your voice and tangibly feel you with us. Let us discern your guidance. Let us abide in and with you. Show us what you're doing, so we can work together. Move where you will, when you will, in whatever way you will Come, Holy Spirit, and restore your Church."

Blessings,
Pastor Melissa Scott



Finances

Total Budget Income for 2023: **\$ 21,755.32**

Jan. Budget: \$ 21,755.32	July Budget: \$
Feb. Budget: \$ 7,728.84	Aug. Budget: \$
March Budget: \$	Sept. Budget: \$
April Budget: \$	Oct. Budget: \$
May Budget: \$	Nov. Budget: \$
June Budget: \$	Dec. Budget: \$

April Birthdays

Michael Krawchison	April	8	Katie Padfield	April	26
Tracy Shirley-McCown	April	9	Dabney Ward	April	28
Joe Dudley	April	21	Sylvia Shortt	April	29
Mary Durrer	April	26			



Prayer Concerns

- Those who are homebound or in retirement and nursing homes: Madaline Brown, Lois Burge, Jane Byrum, Virginia Draper, Mary Durrer, Evelyn Hutcherson, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Katie Wood
- Those with cancer including Barbara Kern, Paula Bailey (Reatha Linkenhoker's daughter), Posy Weddle (Michael Krawchison's uncle), Susan Wimmer (Ginny Smith's friend), Edna Mae Fisher (Melissa Scott's friend)
- Jack Cooper's friend, Gwynn, awaiting a liver transplant
- Brett Cooper, Jack Cooper's son
- Joyce Short's sister, Wanda, in nursing home for rehab
- Karen Viele's sister, whose unborn child has serious health complications
- Mary Durrer, in Lewis Gale Rehab, recovering from a stroke

Bible Study Opportunities

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** is a great way to connect with God and with our church family! We have classes for all ages and stages of life at **9:30 on Sunday mornings**.
- Young Adult Bible Study, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm: Join us at Pastor Melissa's house for dinner and Bible study! We enjoy great conversation around the table and then move to the family room for dessert and Bible study. If you're in your 20's-30's, we'd love for you to join us!

Youth

- During April, we will meet for dinner and discipleship on **April 16 and 30**, from 5-7 pm.
- Final payments for Passport Camp are **due April 23**. Thanks to the generosity of our church at the dessert auction, the final payment is only \$90. If you need to make a payment plan, please let Pastor Melissa know. Also, we never want finances to prevent our children and youth from participating, so we can arrange for scholarships if they are needed. Please don't hesitate to reach out!
- For more information about camp, e-mail, text, or call Pastor Melissa. Also, check out the camp's website: <https://passportcamps.org>.

Children

- We're only two months away from PassportKids Camp! The final payment of \$25 for all those attending is **due April 23**.
- Did you know that Easter lasts 50 days? On the church calendar, we spend the days between Easter and Pentecost celebrating the new life Jesus brings! If you'd like some simple spiritual practices to do with your family during this time, check out: <https://bit.ly/cabceasterpractices>.

Branan G. & Gay F. Thompson Scholarship Applications

It's that time of year again! The Branan G. & Gay F. Thompson Scholarship is available to all CABC college students (high school seniors that are graduating & returning college students). As always, priority is given to students that are members of our church, but application is not strictly limited to such. Please contact the church office for an application & return it to the church office **by April 17** for consideration by the Finance Committee. Thank you and we are proud of all the upcoming graduates & returning students!

Invitation from Calvary: Men's Breakfast

Joint Men's Breakfast: The men of Calvary Baptist and Colonial Ave Baptist are invited for pot luck style breakfast on Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 AM in the dining room of CABC. If you would like to attend, please bring a dish that you can share. Please join us for some food and fellowship!

Paper Back Book & Magazine Collection

Calvary Baptist has invited us to participate with them in an ongoing collection of reading materials for the Roanoke City jail library. Paperback books and magazines are needed. There will be a box in the foyer for your contributions. Magazines do not need to be current. Fiction and nonfiction books for adults and teens are desired. Neither hardcover books nor spiral books can be used. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Missions

During Lent and Easter, we focus on our local missions efforts and partnerships, sharing information about these partners and collecting an Easter offering that helps support our local missions projects. If you wish to give, please mark your check or envelope as Easter or Local Missions offering.

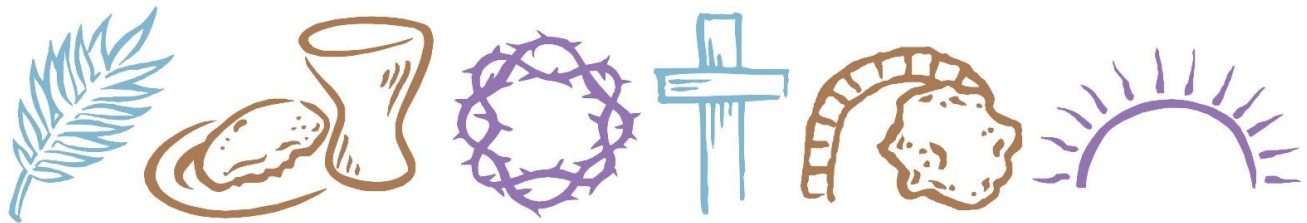
Church Council Meeting

Church Council will meet on **Sun., April 16**, at 3 pm. Reports should be sent to the church office by Tues, April 11.

Holy Week

During Holy Week, the week that begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter, we focus on the last week of Jesus' life, remembering his great love for us, love that died rather than allow us to be separated from God by sin, love that conquered death so that we might live. Please join us as we remember Jesus together!

- **Palm Sunday, April 2:** We will have a palm processional during worship as we cry out "Hosanna!" Following worship, we will have an Intergenerational Journey Through Holy Week lunch, with activities for all ages. Please plan to join us for fellowship around the table as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 6:** Join us at 6:00 pm for Maundy Thursday dinner, followed by communion and worship around the tables as we contemplate Christ's death.
- **Good Friday Nature Walk, April 7:** Join us as we walk through the Mill Mountain Wildflower Garden and meditate on Jesus' love and sacrifice. We will have prayer guides for children, youth, and adults. Bring a picnic lunch and meet at CABC at 11:30 to carpool.
- **Easter Sunday, April 9:** We will join several area churches for a community Son-Rise service at the MLK, Jr. Bridge at 7:00 am, followed by Sunday School and worship at our normal times as we celebrate the Resurrection.



Holy Week Schedule

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Easter
Blessings