

A New Church

A
COMMUNITY OF
FAITH
STRIVING
TO

KNOW
CHRIST
PERSONALLY

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Our Vision

To **Know**
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Our Mission

Making
disciples of
Jesus Christ
for the
transformation
of the world

What a wonderful Pentecost Sunday we had, celebrating the birth of the church and the coming of the Holy Spirit with song, flames, and birthday cake! As I said in my sermon, it is no coincidence that we celebrated Pentecost the week after we listen to the Spirit's guiding to take a brave step to form a new church with Calvary Baptist Church, believing that this is the best way to bring the kingdom of heaven to earth here in our community. As with many big changes, we are feeling mixed emotions – emotions that come from our deep love for our church. This week, I've heard lots of questions about what our next steps are, and there's been a good bit of anxiety behind some of them. I understand that, and I've certainly experienced some moments of trepidation myself – especially when I have to keep replying, "We don't know...yet."

Here is what I do know: we will begin worshiping together at 10:30 am on June 4. Dr. Steve Pollard and I will rotate preaching responsibilities (and we're actually sharing pulpits with Colonial Presbyterian Church this summer, too, so you'll hear from Rev. Brent Williams three times). You can find a description of our summer worship focus on "Holy Habits" inside this newsletter. The service will be a blend of our services and will feel mostly familiar to you. You may have to scoot over a bit to make room for more folks – and isn't that a great thing! Worship will continue to be live-streamed to our Facebook page and to Calvary's YouTube channel.

We will continue to have our joint mid-week Bible study, as well as participating together in some fellowship and mission activities. In other ways, we will still function as separate churches, until we discern the best way to move forward with legalities and structure. In the next couple of weeks, our exploration (now implementation) team will offer a schedule for moving forward.

More importantly, THIS is what I know: that God has brought us to this time and place, and God will continue to guide us. I imagine the early church shared some of our feelings as they began a brand new thing, but as they focused on being who God called them to be, praying and worshiping together, breaking bread, teaching and being taught, and meeting the needs of their community, something beautiful happened – they became a family of faith, and the church grew as others saw "how good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). I am so excited to see the work that God will do in and through us as a new church!

Blessings,
Pastor Melissa



Finances

Total Budget Income for 2023: \$ 51,157.70

Jan. Budget: \$ 21,755.32	July Budget: \$
Feb. Budget: \$ 7,728.84	Aug. Budget: \$
March Budget: \$ 12,183.93	Sept. Budget: \$
April Budget: \$ 9,489.61	Oct. Budget: \$
May Budget: \$	Nov. Budget: \$
June Budget: \$	Dec. Budget: \$

June Birthdays

Jack Cooper	June	1	Easton Krawchison	June	19
Sam McCown	June	1	Tamra Sloan	June	26
Michael Agee	June	3	Violet Pruitt	June	28
Sally Crawford	June	8	Briana Nix	June	29
Jean Grady	June	14	Mary Harris	June	29



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, Posy Weddle (Michael Krawchison's uncle), Susan Wimmer (Ginny Smith's friend), Edna Mae Fisher (Melissa Scott's friend), Peggy Akers, Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister)
- Jack Cooper's friend, Gwynn, awaiting a liver transplant
- Karen Viele's sister, whose unborn child has serious health complications
- Doug Heptinstall
- Jonathan Melson
- Bob Chesmore's son, with continued difficulties following triple bypass surgery

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**.
- **Brown Bag Mid-week Bible Study:** Meets at noon on Wednesdays in the conference room & on Zoom (www.bit.ly/cabcbiblestudy). Beginning **June 21**, we will begin a five-week Aspects of Discipleship study. We will explore the hows & whys of being Jesus' disciples. The following study will be a five-part series on Tests, Trials, and Opportunities. In this unit, we will read about tests, trials, and opportunities that shaped Abraham, his family, and their faith.

Summer Worship

This summer, our worship will be focused on Holy Habits: Faith Practices That Help Us Love God and Our Neighbor, Listen to the Spirit, and Become More Like Jesus. Rev. Melissa Scott, Dr. Steve Pollard (pastor of Calvary Baptist Church), and Rev. Brent Williams (pastor of Colonial Presbyterian Church) will be preaching, so you will hear many voices throughout the summer. Each week, we will focus on a different faith practice: Sabbath, Service, Celebration, Hospitality, Gratitude, Justice & Mercy, Wonder, Prayer, Listening, Remembering, Generosity, and Engaging Scripture. We will also be providing a devotional booklet for you to use during the week as you put these holy habits into practice.

Children

Along with the intergenerational fellowship and mission activities this summer, which will be fun for all ages, we've got some special things planned for our children and families, as well.

- **PassportKids Camp, June 14-17:** Our third-sixth graders who are attending camp at Eagle Eyrie with us have received details by e-mail.
- **Family Greenway Walk & Shaved Ice, Sunday, June 25, 3 pm:** Join Pastor Melissa for a nature prayer walk/scavenger hunt on the Greenway & some yummy shaved ice or dole whip. We'll meet at Hang 10 (805 Winona Dr.)
- **Splashin' in the Son Party, July 23, 11:30 am -1:30 pm:** Join us for lunch after worship, and then we'll have some fun with water games!
- **Back to School Blessings, Sunday, August 6, 10:30 am:** During worship, we will have a time of blessing the children for their return to school. We'll have a special gift for each of them, too!

Youth

While our regular Sunday evening schedule is on hold for the summer, we've made plans for us to enjoy time with each other – and with other youth groups!

- **Skate Party, Sunday, June 11, 1-6 pm:** Meet at the Skate Center (Brambleton Avenue): Your cost is \$10 for unlimited skating, laser tag & skate rental.
- **Family Greenway Walk & Shaved Ice, Sunday, June 25, 3 pm:** Join Pastor Melissa for a nature prayer walk/scavenger hunt on the Greenway some yummy shaved ice or dole whip. We'll meet at Hang 10 (805 Winona Dr.)
- **Passport Camp, July 9-14:** A great week of missions, worship, Bible study, and fellowship!
- **Emerald Pointe WaterPark in Greensboro, Thursday, July 27:** Your cost is \$35, due June 25. Meet at Grandin Court Baptist at 7:30 am, return at 7 pm.
- **Serve and Play Day, Friday, Aug. 4, 9 am-3 pm:** We'll clean rivers and trails at Explore Park and then cool off with a pool party.
- **Back to School Blessings, Sunday, Aug. 6, 10:30 am:** We have prayers and a gift for you!
- **Aquapocalypse, Sunday, Aug. 13, 4-6 pm:** We'll be joined by other youth groups for an epic afternoon of water games and fun! Wear a swim suit/clothes you don't mind getting messy, and don't forget a towel!

All Age, Multi-church Fellowship

Each month, we will gather with Calvary Baptist, Colonial Presbyterian, and Westhampton Christian Churches for a time of fellowship for all ages.

- **Picnic and Praise, Friday, June 23, 5:30-7:30 pm:** Join us for a picnic dinner in the pavilion at Colonial Presbyterian Church as we celebrate together the ways God has worked during our "Love Your Neighbor" Mission Week.
- **Faith and Family Night at the Salem Red Sox, Friday, July 14, 7:00 pm:** Join us for an evening of fun cheering on the Salem Red Sox. If you sign up in the foyer (or by calling or e-mailing the church office) **by July 2**, the cost of your general admission ticket is \$11, and that includes a \$3 concession gift card.
- **Sundae Fun-day, Sunday, August 27, 3:00 pm:** We'll have a fun time making ice-cream sundaes & celebrating the ways we have seen God at work this summer.

"Love Your Neighbor" Local Mission Week, June 19-24

We're joining with other local churches to share God's love right here in Roanoke. The full schedule will be available soon, but here are some of the projects we hope you will be able to help with. Children are welcome to participate, as long as a caregiver is with them.

- **Christian Soldiers Food Pantry:** We will be sorting and distributing food, and there may be an opportunity for some landscape work, as well.
- **Keystone Community Center:** We will be working in the urban garden and helping with other projects around the center.
- **Presbyterian Community Center:** We will be sorting food donations and helping with other projects.
- **Gifts and Cards for Shut-ins:** We will be making gift bags and writing notes for our shut-ins and will deliver and visit with them that same day.
- **Preparing Lunches for Impact Virginia Mission Team:** On **Tuesday & Thursday**, we will be preparing and delivering lunches for a visiting youth mission team.
- **Rummage Sale: During the week**, we will be accepting donations, pricing, and setting up for an indoor rummage sale in the fellowship hall. All proceeds will be split between participating churches to be used for missions. We will have set times during the day and in the evening for items to be dropped off (stayed tuned for this schedule). For this sale, we will not be accepting clothing items. The sale will be held on **Saturday, June 24, from 8-12**, and volunteers will be needed that day, as well.

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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!

