

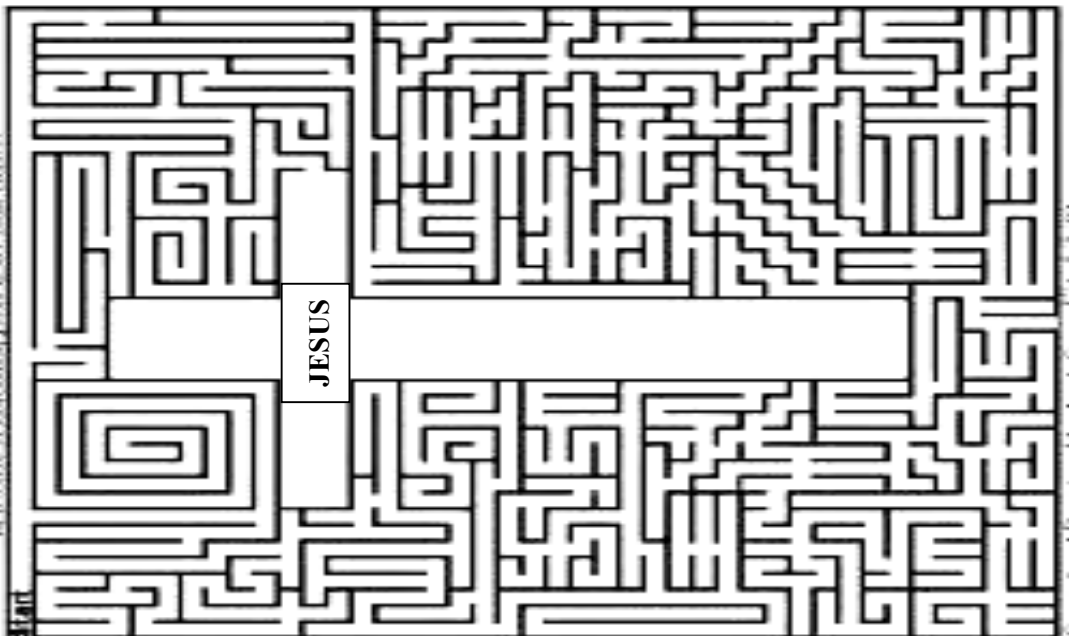


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From the Pastor –

Hello Calvary Family! What an amazing summer! From Vacation Bible School to great attendance, from special programs and great ministry to our Guests Preachers and musicians, God has really been blessing us at our church. At the same time, we have lost partnerships like South Providence Neighborhood Matters (Formerly Ministries). Yet, we have been developing strong relationships with our community partners using our space (i.e. Community Music Works) and other churches spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Why is all of this important? In a world where hate runs rampant to beat of strife, the Church has to show a different example. It may look like things can't improve but that does not mean we stop what the Lord has called us to do. Through providing relevant ministry and resources to help transform lives we can show the world that Jesus is alive and well waiting to save a world yielded to Him (St. John 3:16-7 & Romans 5:6-9). Jesus has already sacrificed so much we have no choice but to remain faithful to the end (Galatians 6:9-10).

So as you return from some much needed rest and relaxation on your summer getaways and vacations, know that you are a part of Christ's body of believers and we need you. Our community needs you. Our world needs you. We need you to serve, give and participate so that we continue to shower the world with the love of Jesus. It will not always be easy because it's Spiritual Warfare. But guess what? We have already won (Colossians 2:14-16)!

Hopefully, through the many examples shared in this issue, on our web-site, Facebook pages, twitter and others you will see what the Lord is up to and join us this Fall.

God bless you!

Pastor Jabulani McCalister
Senior Pastor

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bereaved Families: Pastor Nikita McCalister and family, E. Marvin Ketter and family

Homebound (See list on church bulletin board)

Overall Ministry of Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor and First Family

Calvary Leaders

More committed and qualified teachers for Bible Study/Sunday School/Bible Institute

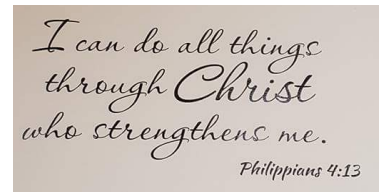
100% Tithing Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

An insert is included in this issue with opportunities to come together as we celebrate **Family and Friends Month** during September at Calvary Baptist Church! Invite your family and friends to join with us during the entire month.

WALL ART

New wall art has been added in the Fellowship Room! Thank you Sharon Burr and Sue Colantonio for the beautiful words.



RALLY DAY

Join us for our annual Sunday School Rally Day celebration on Sunday, September 10th immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. Come and learn what is new in our Christian Education Program:

- Visit our infant and toddler nursery
- Tour our Sunday School classrooms
- Hear about the new classroom curriculum
- Gather information about upcoming specialty classes
- Learn about Wednesday evening Bible Study
- Meet the Christian Education team and sign up to:
 - Lead one or more children's classes this fall (curriculum provided)
 - Read books to the children
 - Help underwrite scholarship funds for children's programming

We will also enjoy a potluck style luncheon. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite dish, salad, and/or dessert to share with the church family and friends. No peanut or tree nut ingredients are permitted. Beverages will be provided. A sign-up sheet is located on the information table in the Narthex and the serving counter in the Tomlin room.

If you have any questions, please contact Darthula Mathews (Christian Education Leader) by phone at 401-461-7507, email at info@calbaptist.org, or any of Calvary's social media platforms.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Update on Giving

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| Tithes and Offering received for the month of July: | \$11,513.00 |
| Amount needed to meet budget: | \$11,000 |
| Per Budget through July: | (\$1,739.54) |
| Open Collections: | \$750.75 |
| Pastors Fund (July): | \$1,700.00 |
| Salaries and Expenses Paid (July): | \$16,943.93 |

As a reminder, the budget that the church passed in January was a deficit budget (\$5,530) and that included receiving South Providence Neighborhood Matters' rent and telephone expense reimbursements.

Thank you to all who contributed to the deficit/Pastor's fund over the past few months. The total received as of July 30, 2017 is \$21,931. We needed \$27,500 to balance the budget and continue to pay the pastor full time for 2017 **so we are still short \$5,569.**

We received 3 proposals for the flat roof repair, have accepted Robinson Roofing, Inc.'s proposal of \$15,500. The work was completed on August 11th, and Robinson Roofing has been paid-in-full, using money received from the building fund donations and 5 months of invested fund's monthly distribution. We needed to request \$5,000 from the investment funds for the final payment

National Grid has started billing us for the Electric upgrades and this adds \$595.88 per month to their invoices on top of each month's billing for usage. This contract is for 2 years.

Thank you to all who have been faithful in their tithes and offering giving. Please continue through the summer vacation months to keep your offerings up-to-date. Our Church home's bills do not take a vacation! The below information may be helpful.

On-line tithes and offering:

Do you pay your bills on-line? If you do, you are saving the cost of stamps/envelopes and the convenience of not having to write out checks each month. If you would like to give your tithes and offering on-line, call your bank to give you a login for on-line access to your checking account. There should not be a bank fee for this service.

Once you have on-line access to your account, click on "add a bill" and follow the instructions to add Calvary Baptist Church, 747 Broad St, Providence, RI 02907 telephone #401-461-7507. When it asks for an account number, use your envelope number. If you have not been assigned an envelope number, call Martha, the Administrative Assistant at 461-7507 or email Betty Cady, Treasurer at eac811@cox.net.

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You can set Calvary Baptist Church up as a recurring payment or log in each month entering the amount you want to give. Your payments will be recorded and you will continue to get giving statements for your records.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Servant Leader Team
Finance Ministry
Stewardship Ministry



Special thanks to all of the volunteers, parents, and children who participated in Vacation Bible School “*Hero Central*”. This year we had the most Calvary volunteers than in previous years. We pray you will join us next year to help continue this ministry.

Call for Children's Sunday School volunteers. Sign up to join the Children's Ministry team and bless us with your God given talents. We are happy to work with your schedule. Volunteers are only asked to help out for one month (four Sundays) increments at a time. Training and curriculum material are provided. Please see Darthula Mathews to sign up.

SAVE THE DATE!

All youth are invited to the PrayFest and 2nd Annual Youth Group Mini Reunion Weekend to be held at the Faith Christian Center on Friday, October 13th - Saturday October 14th. See Darthula Mathews for more details.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus asked, *“What will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”* (Matthew 16:26). He was saying that nothing else can compare with the value of life itself. Christians, especially know this is true, since we believe our spiritual journey will last far beyond our physical journey. We have been entrusted with the assurance that death does not end the gift of life but is the door, to life everlasting.

John recorded the assurance that Jesus gave his disciples – and us – as the trial of the crucifixion neared: *“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also?”* (John 14:2-3)

The essence of God is love, and God’s gift of Christ came from the center of that love. Jesus gave his life because he loved us. If we, as Christians, are to reflect our loving and wonderful God and our loving, crucified, and resurrected Savior, then should not love be the basis for what we give? This type of giving goes beyond percentages, pledges, tax deductions, and all the other motivations for giving found in our culture and economic systems. It is love that produces sacrificial giving.

First, the tithe is not an appropriate standard for giving in an affluent society. The tithe is a rather easy rule to follow and, by following it, the more stringent demands of giving are ignored.

Second, God’s demands are far greater than the tithe, a 10% token of one’s possessions.

Third, the tithe, for an affluent Christian, holds no opportunity for sacrifice. The tithe in an affluent society is no more than a charitable deduction.

Fourth, the tithe talks only about money. Giving should not be tied only to money.

The essential points to keep in mind about tithing are the following:

- Everything we have is from God.
- We are called to be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.
- In responding to the challenge of Christian stewardship in every area of life, we are called to shape decisions about our personal finances, in light of God’s claim on our lives.
- Tithing can provide a biblical, practical, timely giving guideline for Christian disciples.

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(STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED)

Tithing is a discipleship issue not a fund-raising device. It is about our relationship to Jesus Christ. The question tithing raises is not “how much of the church’s budget is my share,” but rather, “how much of my income is God’s share.” We have a need to give, and the tithe is a guide in addressing that need.

Giving makes me more like God. *“God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son”*. John 3:16

In Christian Love,
Carol Hall-Walker
Stewardship Ministry



HELP WANTED:

FAITHFUL STEWARDS

YOU desire a closer relationship with God
YOU are passionate about the church and its mission.
YOU generously give of your time, talent and treasure.
YOU want to be part of a vibrant, growing Christian community.
YOU want to be a key member of Team Calvary.
Words you live by “To whom much is given, much will be required.”
YOU want a place where you feel welcome and cared for.
YOU feel the Spirit at work.

Work for the best boss you’ve ever had. He forgives all.
Benefits are the best in the business:
Abundant life
Eternal pension

Apply Within

Contact us with your pledge (see pledge cards for details)