

Mary's Testimony December 12

What's Happening at Calvary

NEXT STEPS

Baptism Class: Have you been baptized since you've became a believer? Join us TODAY to talk about taking steps in that direction. 11:00am in Room 359.

Kid's Church: In the 11:00am service, kids in K-4 will be dismissed prior to the message.

Christmas Series: Humanly speaking, the birth of Jesus was humble, lowly and ordinary. But through each unique testimony on His birth from Isaiah, Mary, Jesus, the Angels, the Church and even Heaven, we will come to realize it was nothing short of *Glorious*.

Christmas Services: Join us for our Christmas services to be held on Thursday, December 23, 7:00pm and Friday, December 24, 4:00pm and 6:30pm as we celebrate Christ's birth! Please visit <u>calvarychurch.org/christmas</u> to RSVP and to sign up if you are interested in the various serving opportunities during these services.

• Calvary Kids classes will be held for children born on or after September 1, 2017. Please RSVP for your children at <u>calvarychurch.org/christmas</u>.

Sunday, December 26: On the Sunday following Christmas, there will be no 8:00am worship service. ABFs and Student Ministries will not meet, and there will be no classes for children in PreK- 6th grade.

Women Praying for the World will meet on Thursday, December 16, 9:30am, in the East Room. Johanna Spangenberg will share about ministry with Ambassadors for Christ followed by a time of small group prayer for our Global Partners.

Offering Envelopes for 2022 are available in the lobby across from the Chapel. If you do not have or no longer need envelopes, please let us know at a Connection Center or call the Church Office.

I'm In! We have serving opportunities available during the Sunday 9:30 and 11:00 hours in Early Childhood for adult assistants in our 2 and 3 year old classes. Don't miss the wonder of helping these little ones learn about our great God! Stop by a Connection Center, email Sharon at ssmith@calvarychurch.org, or visit calvarychurch.org/imin for more information.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Make a difference this season! Calvary will be holding another Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, January 7, 12–5:00pm in the gymnasium. To sign up, visit redcrossblood.org, enter the zip code (17601) in the red 'Find a Blood Drive' box, then choose Calvary Church to save your spot.

Did You Know? As we approach year end, we have an opportunity to thank the Lord for His many blessings through our stewardship. Here are some potential giving options to prayerfully consider: Reduce Capital Gains through Gifts of Appreciated Stock, Gifts of Retirement Assets from an IRA, Insurance Policies that have outlasted their original purpose, IRA Charitable Rollovers, Charitable Gift Annuities or Beneficiary Designation Gifts. These ideas, and others, can be explored with your financial advisor. Our Business Manager, Dave Hostetter, is also happy to assist you. Email to dhostetter@calvarychurch.org.

We're so glad you've joined us today!

We hope you have been warmly welcomed by the Calvary family. We pray God uses this service to inspire and equip you on your journey of *PURSUING LIFE IN CHRIST!*If there is any way we can serve you, please let us know.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

LGH: William Ellsoos, Linda LeBoon, Paul Thompson, Lillie Stauffer UPMC Lititz: Al Reist

Tim & Valerie Moore and family in the unexpected homegoing of Tim's father in Florida on November 30.

Doug & Diana Wiker as Doug's brother was called home to heaven on December 2.

Elizabeth Anderson and family in the unexpected homegoing of her daughter, Camryn Colucci, on December 5. Camryn was a student at Liberty University, VA.

Andy & Brooke Balmer and family as Brooke's father, Chris McMahon, went home to be with the Lord on December 7.

THIS WEEK

Sunday

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am—Worship Services, Main Auditorium and Live Stream (9:30, 11:00) **Tuesday**

7:00pm—Grace & Hope Addiction Recovery Group

7:00pm—Faithful & True Meeting (call Randy to connect, 717-314-9114)

7:30pm—C4 Young Adult Gathering, Main Auditorium

Wednesday

3-4:30pm—Loss of Spouse Support Group

6:30pm—Global & Family Prayer, Chapel

6:30pm—Student Ministries, GriefShare 7:00pm—Worship Ministries Rehearsals

7:00pm—Worship Ministries
Thursday

9:30am—Women Praying for the World

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(Week 23, December 5)	General	Global	Building	Combined
Weekly Goal	103,850	40,850	13,150	157,850
Received	122,103	39,766	10,312	172,181
Received YTD	2,467,218	756,546	197,098	3,420,862
Budget YTD	2,388,550	939,550	302,450	3,630,550

Financial summaries through Nov 30 are available at the Connection Centers.

Weather Closings and Delays: Our primary means of communication is by phone (717-405-3844) or website (<u>calvarychurch.org</u>, look for the alert bar). Information will also be posted at <u>facebook.com/calvarychurchpa</u> and <u>twitter.com/calvarychurchpa</u>. On Sundays and Wednesdays, information will also be announced on WDAC 94.5 FM, WJTL 90.3 FM and WGAL TV.

Glorious: Mary's Testimony

Luke 1:46-56 (p. 856)

When the angel announced to Mary that she would conceive and give birth to the Son of God, she went to find comfort, guidance and wisdom from her relative Elizabeth. During their time together, Mary's soul and spirit burst forth with a Glorious song about God her Savior. Her words, flowing right from her heart, provide us the perspective we need no matter what circumstances we may be facing this Christmas season.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, (1:46-47)

for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; (1:48)

for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. (1:49)

He is Mighty, Holy, Merciful, Strong (1:49-55)

Mercy – Fear Him (50)

Exalts – Humble (52)

Fills – Hungry (53)

Helps - Servant (54)

Scatters – Proud (51)

Brings Down – Mighty (52)

Sends Away – Rich (53)

Reflection and Action:

Is your faith, like Mary's, personal, settled and God-centered?

Does your testimony and understanding of God line up with Mary's?

Thanks for joining us!

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