

March 21, 2021

What's Happening at Calvary

NEXT STEPS

Membership Classes: For those interested in formalizing their relationship with Calvary Church . . . the next Membership Class series is April 11, 25 & May 2. Choose either 9:30 or 11:00am. Register online at calvarychurch.org/membership.

Starting Point: For those exploring faith, new to faith or returning to church ... an 8-week series begins April 11 at 9:30am. Register at calvarychurch.org/startingpoint.

Kid's Church: During our 11:00am service, children in grades K-4 will be dismissed prior to the message.

Easter & Good Friday: Join us as we celebrate Good Friday (April 2: 7pm) and Easter Sunday (April 4: 8, 9:30 & 11am). This year, we are offering two locations to worship in-person on Easter Sunday: the main auditorium and a simulcast in Fellowship Hall. Children's classes will be offered for Nursery thru Pre-K. There will be no ABFs or Student Ministries. Please let us know which services you will attend by signing up at calvarychurch.org/easter. This will help us maintain appropriate capacity at each service.

• To volunteer to serve in Guest Services or Children's Ministry, use the above link.

Happy Birthday Pastor Crichton! Eric Crichton, former Senior Pastor at Calvary Church, turns 100 on April 3rd. We will be celebrating this milestone in-service next Sunday, March 28. If you would like to encourage Pastor Crichton with a card or letter, his address is 502 Elizabeth Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.

A BIG thank you to David & Cheryl Rowley as they complete 46 years of ministry as Calvary Global Partners and transition to retirement. This journey of faith and perseverance included church planting, teaching, and leading French organizations. They have brought people to Christ, discipled believers, taught and nurtured children, youth, adults, lived in 15 homes, 8 cities, and raised 3 children. If you would like to send the Rowleys a note, their address is: 111, rue d'Oxford, Cowansville, QC, J2K 2M2, Canada.

The Nominating Committee is identifying candidates for the role of elders and deacons. Learn more about the process and submit your suggestions online at <u>calvarychurch.org/nominating</u>.

Marriage Enrichment Elective: Are you ready to take your marriage to the next level? Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30am, September 2021 through May 2022. Taught by Pastor George May and Pastor Barry Ferguson. Registration is limited. For more details and online application go to <u>calvarychurch.org/MarriageEnrichment</u>.

GLOBAL FOCUS SPRING 2021 EVENTS

March 27, Saturday, 9-11:45am: Love the Nations Zoom Workshop

An interactive Zoom session on ministry to ethnic newcomers to Lancaster including an understanding of Islam since many ethnic newcomers are Muslim. Register at: calvarychurch.org/lovethenations

March 28, Sunday, 11am-Noon: Welcome the Nations Workshop, Room 320 Elective on steps to coming alongside ethnic newcomers to Lancaster. Register at: calvarychurch.org/welcomethenations

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: Alan Kent Smith

Ron Dague, Doreen Frill and family in the homegoing of wife and mother, Betty Dague, on March 11.

Dianne Paparo, Alex, Allie, Andrew and Johana as their husband and father, Michael Paparo, was called home to heaven on March 12.

Mike Peavy and family in the homegoing of his wife, Anchan Peavy, on March 17.

THIS WEEK

Sunday

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

9:30am—Study & Share Women's Bible Study by video at calvarychurch.org/women

6:30pm—Grace & Hope, visit <u>calvarvchurch.org/graceandhope</u> for info to join

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

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

Wednesday

3:00pm—Loss of Spouse GriefShare

6:30pm—Weekday Worship (online)

6:30pm—Family & Global Prayer, Chapel

6:30pm—Student Ministries, DivorceCare & DC4Kids, Griefshare, Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Studies: Study & Share, Lazos (Spanish)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(Week 37, March 14)	General	Global	Building
Weekly Goal	95,000	44,000	19,000
Received	83,296	25,081	4,380
Received YTD	3,804,811	1,299,498	417,226
Budget YTD	3,515,000	1,628,000	703,000

Financial summaries thru Feb 28 available at Connection Centers.

Did You Know? Staff and leadership are deeply grateful for your unwavering stewardship throughout the challenges of the past year. Because of your faithfulness, all our ministries, despite having to make numerous adaptations, have found new and creative ways to reach people so the seed of the Gospel continues to fall on the good soil of receptive hearts! As the situation improves globally, pray that we as a church family would remain obedient, loving disciples and disciple-makers locally and around the world!

On the Inside

I'm Distracted, John 6:22-71 (p. 891)

Life is filled with distractions. But the things that distract aren't necessarily wrong or bad. It's often just a matter of what we ultimately prioritize. In John 6, Jesus challenges His followers to pursue what endures instead of what is temporary.

The Crowds Prioritize the Temporary

"you are seeking me because you ate your fill of the loaves" (6:26)

"Do not work for the food that perishes" (6:27)

Jesus Points them to the Eternal

"whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life" (6:47-48)

"to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (6:68)

For Discussion:

Are we intentionally pursuing distractions?

How am I making God my daily priority?

Current Series: On the Inside - John

March 7: Introduction March 28: I'm Grieving, John 11:1-44
March 14: I'm Confused, John 3:1-15 April 4: I'm Doubting, John 20:1-29
March 21: I'm Distracted, John 6:22-71 April 11: I'm Broken, John 21:1-23





Watch Live on the *My Calvary* App, Facebook or calvarychurch.org/live *Calvary Guest WiFi password: Pursuing Life*

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*Sign language, Spanish translation and WDAC FM 94.5 broadcast at 11:00am