August 1, 2021



PURSUING LIFE UNDER THE SUN

What's Happening at Calvary

NEXT STEPS

Starting Point: For those exploring faith, new to faith or returning to church... new sessions begin August 15, 9:30am, Room 315. Join us for an 8-week small group where you can discuss the questions and concerns you have about faith. 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.

Back to School Backpack Event: Consider helping approximately 90 students prepare for the school year. This year, **only** backpacks are being collected for elementary, middle, and high school students, as Calvary Care will include gift cards so families can purchase supplies. Backpacks (unfilled) along with a note of encouragement should be dropped off at the Connection Center tables no later than Sunday, August 8.

Marriage Enrichment Elective: Whether you've been married for many years or it's just the beginning of your journey together, there is always room to grow. This elective is a great next step to strengthening your marriage! Sunday mornings September 2021 thru May 2022. Registration is limited. Visit <u>calvarychurch.org/MarriageEnrichment</u>.

Women Praying for the World will meet on Thursday, August 19, 9:30am, in Room 317. Brenda Vasquez (Tony) will share about ministry with Avant followed by a time of small group prayer for our Global Partners.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: Learn how to use your skills and passions to glorify God no matter your location or vocation. Meeting on Mondays, August 23-December 13, 6:30-9:30pm, at Lancaster Bible College. Brochures are available at the Global Ministries tables in the lobby or register at perspectives.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Calvary Church on Friday, August 20, from 12–5:00pm. To sign up, visit <u>redcrossblood.org</u>, enter the Sponsor Code (Calvary Lancaster) in the "Find a Blood Drive" box and choose a time to donate.

Bookmark reading guides for the Ecclesiastes series are available in the lobby or visit <u>calvarychurch.org/ecclesiastes</u> for information.

GLOBAL FOCUS SUMMER 2021 EVENTS

Launch of the 4th Quarterly Global Ministries Prayer Guide: Pick up your copy in the lobby to read stories of the lives and ministries of our Global Partners serving right here and around the globe or request a copy at calvarychurch.org/prayerguide.

August 1 & 8, Sunday 11:00am East Room: *Going Global!* Join us today for this 2-week elective to find out the why and how of Global Ministries. Where might you become part of spreading the Good News locally or globally?

August 15, Sunday, 11am: *Welcome the Nations Elective.* Global Ministries and The INN (International Neighborhood Network) will offer an elective on four steps to coming alongside ethnic newcomers to Lancaster. Become part of a Welcome the Nations team! Register: 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.

Lost & Found: Wallet found the last Wednesday of Spring ministry with no indentification. Contact the church office at 717-560-2341.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

LGH: Betty Adams, Jack Noel, Sue Price, Jay Stauffer

Univ. of Penn: Kellie Spruill

Family and friends of Corbit Goff who was called home to heaven on June 19.

THIS WEEK/UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

6:30pm—Family & Global Prayer, Chapel: Andrew Garner

Sunday, August 15—Communion will be observed in the worship services (GF bread/juice sets will be available at the Connection Centers)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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(Week 4, July 25)	General	Global	Building	Combined
Weekly Goal	103,850	40,850	13,150	157,850
Received	97,037	21,852	5,610	124,499
Received YTD	354,749	103,128	25,665	483,542
Budget YTD	415,400	163,400	52,600	631,400

Financial summaries for Fiscal year 2020-2021 are available at the Connection Centers.

Did You Know? The above financial information reflects new budget and giving figures for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. We've added a "combined" column showing our weekly and year-to-date progress on all three budgets, enabling you to track them individually and collectively. While any one budget will reflect a surplus or deficit on any given week, we believe showing weekly and cumulative combined totals provides a clearer overall financial snapshot. We trust you will find this helpful. Thank you, Calvary Church family, for your faithful stewardship!

Ecclesiastes: Pursuing Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 9-11 (p. 557)

The author of Ecclesiastes has searched everywhere for meaning and purpose in life. He has had moments of utter skepticism and moments of hopefulness when he saw life from a Godly perspective. Today, we will explore some conclusions about a wise pursuit of life.

Certainty in the Uncertain (9)

- Certainty (1–6)
- Uncertainty (11–12)
- Wisdom found in Contentment, Comfort, and Companionship (7–10)

Folly, Leadership, and Wisdom (10)

Sowing and Reaping (11)

- Sowing (1-2)
- Waiting (3-4)
- Trusting (5-7)
- Rejoicing (8-9)
- Warning (10)

For Discussion and Action

- 1. What from this portion of scripture encouraged you, and what has challenged you?
- 2. In what ways do you enjoy the simple pleasures of life as gifts from God? Do any of those good gifts run the risk of becoming ultimate in your life?

Ecclesiastes: Pursuing Life Under the Sun

July 4 – Pursuing Life, 1:1-11 July 25 – Pursuing Satisfaction, 6:1-8:17 July 11 – Pursuing Meaning, 1:12-2:26 Aug. 1 – Pursuing Wisdom, 9:1-11:10 July 18 – Pursuing Value, 3:1-5:20 Aug. 8 – Finding Life, 12:1-14

Thanks for joining us! To get connected, text "newhere" to **717-528-2341** or scan the OR code.







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