August 8, 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.

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 at calvarychurch.org/welcomethenations.

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.

4th Quarterly Global Ministries Prayer Guide: Read stories of the lives and ministries of our Global Partners. In the lobby or request one at calvarychurch.org/prayerguide.

Surrendering the Secret is an 8-week Bible study in a safe, private environment for women who have gone through the trauma of abortion. The fall session begins the week of September 13. For confidential inquiries, email sts@calvarychurch.org.

Redeeming Grace is a support group for women whose marital/personal relationships are affected by their spouse/significant other's sexual struggles, providing a safe place for mutual encouragement and accountability. Bible based materials will be used as a guide toward growth and healing. Email Redeeminggrace@calvarychurch.org.

In the Wildflowers is a support group for women who have experienced the trauma and pain of childhood sexual abuse. We seek to offer a safe environment and hope for healing, joining other women on the journey to develop a personal understanding of God's love, grace and acceptance. Begins Monday, September 13, 6:30-8:30pm. For confidential inquiries, contact Beth Gregory at bgregory@calvarychurch.org.

Men's Bible Study: Join us Wednesday evenings starting September 8, at 6:30 pm, for a study in Paul's letter to the Romans. As part of a church-wide coordinated study, we will be challenged to understand how our relationship with God through Jesus Christ must be evident in how we relate to others—particularly those who are different than us. In-person or online. Information/registration at calvarychurch.org/men.

Annual Meeting: To be held Wednesday, September 8, 6:30-7:00pm.

Elder/Deacon Nominees to be presented for approval during the Annual Meeting, for 3-year terms beginning January 1, 2022:

New Elders: Freeman Chakara, Josh Beers

Re-certification (2nd term): Andy Brubaker, Daniel Rice, Andy Schall

New Deacons: Matt Bachman, John Good, Scott Danehower

Re-certification (2nd term): Doug Hershberger, Harry Eshbaugh, Jerry Shenk

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: Janice Byrnes, William Drury, Kenneth Kauffman

Les Harnish and family in the sudden homegoing of his wife, Ramona, on July 29.

Debbie Wenger and family in the homegoing of her husband, Bruce, on August 1.

Mary Kunkle and family in the homegoing of her husband, John, on August 4.

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

Thursday

9:30am—Women Praying for the World

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

Mid-week Ministries and Wednesday Family Meals will resume September 8!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Week 5, August 1) General Global **Building Combined** Weekly Goal 103,850 40,850 13,150 157,850 Received 168,657 54,843 24,972 248,472 Received YTD 523,406 157,971 50,637 732,014 **Budget YTD** 519,250 204,250 65.750 789,250

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

Did You Know? We are blessed to have an active, caring Benevolence Committee which is committed to helping those in need using principles of Godly stewardship. If you know of individuals or families who have food, clothing or other needs, please notify Angie Glick at 717-560-2341 or aglick@calvarychurch.org. It is our desire to be a blessing to others by sharing the love of Christ.

Ecclesiastes 12—Finding Life

Today we hear the 6th and last sermon on the one "Book" of the Bible that is itself a sermon. In it The Preacher tackles the most fundamental question of life— What is the meaning of life? If you've been following along in this series, you might be experiencing "sermon déjà vu." The question persists. The facts don't change. The conclusion is inescapable! But we need them all repeated and reinforced, just as The Preacher has done, because we are chronically slow learners. Today, we come to "the end of the matter" (12:13), that marks the beginning of a meaningful life!

Outline:

Aging & Dying

Sermons & Ecclesiastes

Searching & Dead Ends

Finding & Life Eternal

For Discussion and Action

- 1. What routes have you traveled down in your search for meaning in life, perhaps even as a Christian? What did each teach you? (Warning: This question will challenge your honesty and cultivate your humility).
- 2. The Preacher concludes—Remember your Creator, Fear God, and keep His commandments. Are these necessary before believing, help to explain believing, or come after believing? What does Scripture say?

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. Ecclesiastes 12:13

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









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