

Vacation Bible School

Save the dates of July 14th—18th for Vacation Bible School. At True North VBS, kids will explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. As our lessons and activities point participants toward Jesus, we will be reminded that Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust. We all have Jesus—our True North! Check out the table outside the Square for many, many volunteer opportunities before, during, and after VBS. Safe Sanctuary Clearances are required of all our Volunteers and we will help guide you through the process. Registration forms for kiddos (age 3 through completed 5th grade) are also available at the table. If you have questions, contact Becca or Savannah Slavinsky or the church office.

Scholarship Committee

During the Flea Market, the Scholarship Committee will be selling Mr. Sticky's Sticky Buns! Grab a sticky bun for breakfast while you search for treasures at the Flea Market, then enjoy lunch from the United Women in Faith Food Stand. Thanks for your support of our students!

Food Stand at the Flea Market

On May 17th, the Calvary Youth Group will be holding their annual Yard Sale. Once again the United Women in Faith will be operating The Calvary Cafe.

We are planning on having the following menu items: Hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, egg sandwiches, vegetable soup, baked potatoes, chips and assorted beverages.

There are sign up sheets in the hallway outside the Square to work in the cafe and for donations. Thank you for your help. Contact Dianne Cintron with questions at 717-805-1248.

Young at Heart Club

The next meeting of the Young at Heart Club is on Tuesday, May 13th at 12:30 PM. Dessert will be followed by an appraisal clinic conducted by Jane from Cordier Auctions. Jane is asking each attendee to bring one item from home which she will appraise with the whole group. New faces are always welcome. Contact Mary Alice Dumbauld with questions or to sign up at 717-545-7174.



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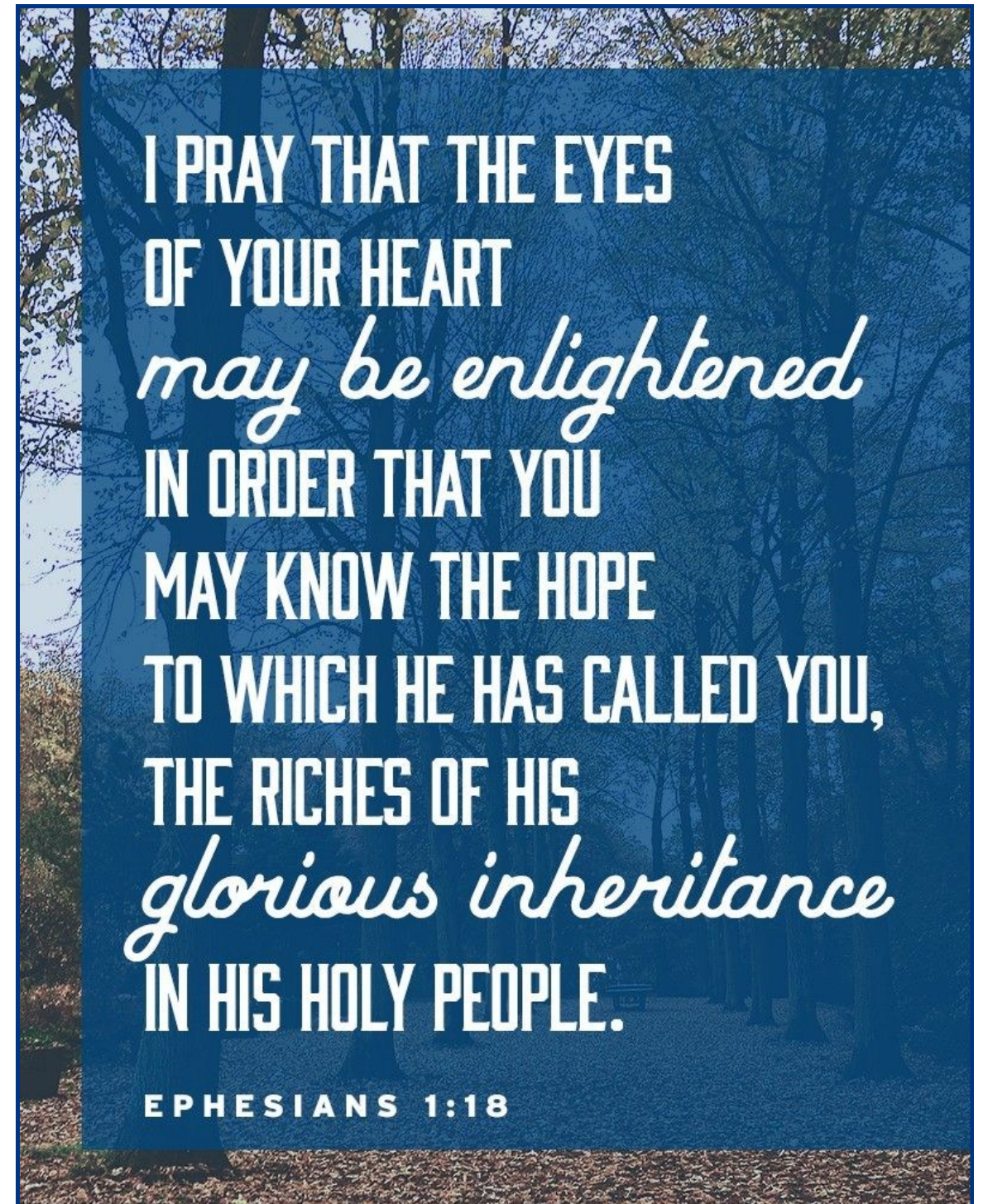
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~ Gathering in Word and Spirit ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE

A Mother's Day Prayer
Children's Choir

Drennan

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#384 UMH

*PRAYER of PRAISE

Pastor Deborah Port

*PASSING of the PEACE

#370 UMH

*Please be mindful of people's boundaries as you share God's love.
Be seated as we join in singing the refrain to "Victory in Jesus."*

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him;
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Kyle Shrauder

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-2:10 (NIV)

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—



not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Deborah Port

Join in singing, *Jesus Loves Me*, as the children come forward.

ANTHEM

Thankful
Children's Choir

Burrows/Kocher

SERMON

"A.L.I.V.E. in Christ Together"

Ephesians: A.L.I.V.E. in a Fallen World

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE

Pastor Deborah Port

~ Celebrating at the Table ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Fount
Deb Benedict (8:30 AM)

Martin

Hymn Medley
Artie Williams (11 AM)

Various Composers

*DOXOLOGY

#94 UMH

*PRAYER of DEDICATION

Pastor Deborah Port

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

~ Going Forth in Mission ~

*HYMN

And Are We Yet Alive
Using alternate hymn tune: "St. Thomas, SM"

#553 UMH

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Shalom to You

#666 UMH

*POSTLUDE

Toccata

Thygerson

*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=UM Hymnal (red)

TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)

The Altar Flowers are presented:

In Memory of Eileen Page's Birthday (May 7th) and In Honor of Joanne Houck's Birthday (May 9th) by their grateful children.



The prayer of faith will save the sick. The Lord will raise them up. Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
James 5:15-16

Calvary's Prayer Ministry

Calvary LAMS (Limited Activity Members): Dona Hoover, Jean Murphy, Rosalla Hollenbach, Carl Page, Arlene Little, Lois Hartman, Marcia Oster, Dottie Gilloway, Ruth Schaadt, Laura Goodhart, Jean Thomson, Jan Crouse, Bill & Vi Stiffler, Clyde & Joann Rohland, Carol Bettinger, Paul & Dottie Danko, Bill Morris, Harold McNaughton, Pat Rowe, Vicki Restelli, Pat Hartranft, Bill & Liz Payne, Marilyn Archibald, Barbara Fritz, Priscilla Secord, Sandra Beck, Bob Santos, Glen Reed, Maxine Swink, Janice Wragg, Mary Louise Keiper

Prayer Concerns: Bryce Leidich, Lorraine Brosius, Scott & Tracy Wagner, Shirley Holtzer, Joanne Paladino, Ginny Coy, Lance Leidich, Kimberly Myhre, Charlotte Cornelius, John Oster, Ronald Sheaffer, Brandan & Kelly Mehaffie, Rebecca Jacobs & Family, Roger Cooper, John Ewell, Mary Wagner, Charley Cover, Dave & Carol Mehaffie, Henry Reinsborough, Jen Koontz, Deanne & Keith Armstrong, Cole Sullivan, Jim Andre, Kimberly Moyer, Tom Stypola, Gene Baldwin, Nova Sheaffer, Tom Worthington, Charlie Sullivan, Lexi Compton, Douglas Walt, Chris Sproule, Colin Sproule, Christopher Castellani, David Walt, Brad Wolfe, Bryan Hemcher, Michelle Dougherty, David Plonski, Bobby Shindle, Dick McClure, Ron Albright, Julie March, Henry Solt, Patty McConnell, Lee Griffiths, Nancy Paine, Wendy Rose, Lauren Rodia, Rudy Yocum, Dan Sheenan, Tom Fealtman, Annie, Phyllis McGavick, Darwin, George, Elaine Milligan, Jane Taylor, Al & Hope Pietrougo, Amy Stoner, Judy Huntzinger, Marty Brightbill, Dr. Paul K. Marchetti, Donna Pope, Phil Womer, Don Ott, Judy, Avery, Mary Dietrich, Shirley Sweger, Sandra Frantz, Sarah Colding, David & Pat Ster, R.S. Garner, Susie Grubb, Kathy Herring, Stephen Miller, DeeDee Sakson, Jack & Vivian Bowers, Jill Walker, Ron Beatty, Mary Jo Zemitis, Kerry Wilson, Dennis Coffman, Justin Oster, Cindy Wertz, Larry Wright, Cindy Evans, Amy Otstott, Ronin Trimmer, Shirley Dinini, Dave Hendry, Joanne Krick, Phyllis Krouse, Anthony Myers, Carl "Marty" Pattison, Luke Wagner, Danny, Alyssa Winston, Alyce Tran, Aime Bennett, Mark Andrews & Family, Richard Martin, Hebel Family, Pat Gingerich, Rich Kochik, Anthony Myers*

Serving in Armed Forces: Andrew Hoffman, Jake Smuda, Aaron Lytle, Anthony Oswandel, Patrick McCarthy, James Simmons, Clay Burnette, Holly Dively, James Forsyth, Steven Novosel, Curtis Fetterhoff, Jackson Robinette, Joseph Swift, Cole Schiffhauer, Jake Schiffhauer, Zachary Curtis, Ian Turner, Haden Wagner

* indicates a prayer concern added or changed this week. Prayer cards can be found in the pew racks. Please complete a card and place in the offering plate. You may also email prayer concerns to office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org or call 717-545-0021. A new list is compiled at the beginning of each month.

CALVARY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 11th

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
..... (Preschool—Adult)
11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, May 12th

6:30 PM Book Study Group
6:30 PM Men's Pick Up
..... Basketball (age 25 & up)
7:00 PM Bells of Calvary

Tuesday, May 13th

9:00 AM Threads of Love
12:30 PM Young at Heart Club
6:00 PM Amateur Pickleball

Wednesday, May 14th

10:00 AM Quilters
10:00 AM .. Women's Bible Study
11:30 AM Prayer & Devotions
5:00 PM Children's Choir
5:30 PM Youth Group
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, May 16th

4:00 PM Used Book Sale
.. (use Constitution Avenue doors)

Saturday, May 17th

7:30 AM Flea Market
7:30 AM Used Book Sale

Sunday, May 18th

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
..... (Preschool—Adult)
11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, May 19th

6:30 PM Book Study Group
6:30 PM Men's Pick Up
..... Basketball (age 25 & up)
6:30 PM Missions Committee
..... Meeting



Last Week in Offering

Offering 05/04/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,615
Received: \$14,904
Building Fund Needed: \$962
Received: \$1,054

Attendance 05/04/2025

8:30 AM: 120
11:00 AM: 124
Sunday School: 55
Online Worship: 118

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 1st at 8:30 & 11 AM

Calvary would like to recognize our high school, college, and graduate school graduates (December 2024 and Spring or Summer 2025). Please provide us with the following information: name of the graduate, names of parents of the graduate, future plans (college, college major, military, job, etc.), and a photo of the graduate. Please send this information via email to office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org by Monday, May 12th. Unless you indicate otherwise, we will use the photos to make a video that will be shared via Calvary Social Media. We will only include the photo of the graduate in the video, no names.

Calvary UMC Flea Market

Saturday, May 17th

7:30 AM until 1 PM

Benefits the Calvary Youth Group

Spaces are \$10 in advance or \$12 if paid for on the 17th. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling the church office at 717-545-0021 by Wednesday, May 14th. Set-up begins at 7 AM. Vendors may not sell food, need to provide their own tables, and should check the glass doors on the day of the Flea Market to locate their space. The Youth Group will accept treasures for their table beginning TODAY until 5 PM on May 15th (place in The Chapel). Please no clothing or shoes, electronics over 5 years old, or items that just don't work. Thank you!

Livestreaming of Worship

In case you did not know, we are Livestreaming Worship. Please note that we reserve the right to record, videotape, and photograph our services. Your image may be used in print, broadcast, and/or on the internet. By attending our services, you agree to waive any rights or interest to control the use of your likeness in whichever media we may use. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Used Book Sale

Friday, May 16th from 4-7 PM

Saturday, May 17th from 7:30 AM—1 PM

All Books, DVDs, VHS tapes, Records, CDs, Puzzles, and Games are due today. All must be in good, clean shape. Please put donations in the Drop Zone. Sign up sheets to volunteer are in the hallway outside the Square. Any questions? Please call Betty Albright at 717-545-4009.

Women's Retreat

Save the date of September 26th-28th for our Retreat in Mountain View Lodge at Kenbrook Bible Camp in Lebanon. This year we will dare to ask the question, "Where is God?". Our sessions will explore where and how we experience and find God in our lives and will be facilitated by Pastor Deb. Watch for more information. If you have questions contact Bonnie Evans at 717-991-1747, Dianne Cintron at 717-805-1248, or Kathy Herring at 717-503-4839.

"A.L.I.V.E. in Christ Together"

Series – Ephesians: A.L.I.V.E. in a Fallen World

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

Background to Ephesians: The Apostle Paul arrived in Ephesus in A.D. 52 and evangelized there for two years (Acts 19:10). Paul performed numerous miracles during this time (Acts 19:11-12), demonstrating the power of Jesus' name over demon possession (Acts 19:13-16), magic practices (Acts 19:17-19), and the worship of Artemis (Acts 19:23-41). As a result, *"the word of the Lord grew in power"* (Acts 19:20). When Paul departed, he left behind a thriving and healthy church, as noted in Acts 20:16-38 during his journey to Jerusalem. Paul's letter to the Ephesians was one of his later epistles, along with Philippians and Colossians (collectively known as "the prison letters") because he composed them from his Roman prison cell.

Theme – Counter-Cultural: The Ephesian Christians lived in a society steeped in idolatry, spiritual darkness, and cultural hostility to their faith. At the heart of the epistle is the question of identity: How does the Church overcome the influence of the culture surrounding her? Paul's answer is clear: through the immeasurable power of the Living God, the Church can live *in* the culture but not *of* the culture by embracing God's grace as the source of their identity and power.

Series Acronym – A.L.I.V.E.: Each week we will utilize the acronym as a teaching tool.

Today's Sermon (1:15–2:10) explores the transformative power of God's grace that brings spiritual life where there was once death. In a world marked by spiritual brokenness and division, the message highlights that being "alive" in Christ is not an individual experience, but a collective, dynamic reality shared among believers.

Awakened by Grace (Ephesians 2:1–5; 1:18): We were once dead in sin, but because of God's great love and mercy, we are made alive with Christ. Grace awakens us to a new reality, transforming our spiritual death into life.

Living in Unity (Ephesians 1:15–16; 2:5–6; 2:10): Our new life in Christ unites us as one body, displaying love for one another and reflecting the unity that God desires for His people.

Identified with Christ (Ephesians 1:13; 1:22–23): Our identity is not rooted in our past or performance but in Christ, who has marked us with the seal of the Holy Spirit, claiming us as His own.

Victorious through His Power (Ephesians 1:19–21; 2:6): The resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead also empowers us to live victoriously over sin and fear, both now and in eternity.

Equipped to Witness (Ephesians 2:10; 1:17): God has created us in Christ to do good works, equipping us to share His grace through our words, actions, and love.