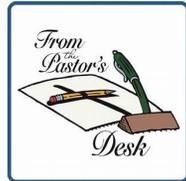




# Calvary Connection

Calvary Baptist Church

## The Pastor's Pen



I love the month of March. For me, March symbolizes the beginning of Spring and beautiful weather. It also represents the beginning of my journey into fatherhood, as my oldest child was born on Saint Patrick's Day. I am also part Irish and have felt a deep connection to my Irish roots, so Saint Patrick's day, for me has always been a day that I look forward to so that we may celebrate Irish culture. When I was in seminary, I took a class entitled "Celtic History and Theology", which had a deep impact on me. A big emphasis in the class was to simply look around and appreciate that the One who created you and me also created the birds in the sky, the animals in the field and even the tiniest blade of grass. All created by a loving God. Colos-

sians 1:16 says "For by Him all things were created, in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-all things were created through Him and for Him." It puts things



in perspective for me, when I get caught up in the hustle and bustle of life, when I get anxious or overwhelmed by distractions, to simply walk outside and allow the majesty of God's creation remind me that God is in control. If God can create something so

beautiful as a sunset or a flower growing amongst the thorns, then surely God will watch over me as well. As it is said in Matthew 6:26, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" So, as we go into the month of March, as the days get a little warmer, as the grass starts to grow a little greener and the sun begins to shine a little brighter, remember that the Creator of that landscape also created you. We are all created for a purpose, and that is to live and worship a wonderful and majestic God.

God Bless,  
Pastor Jeremy



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**MARCH 12, 2023**

## Children's Ministry Events

### AWANA Events for March:

- **March 8th: Awana Grand Prix**  
Participants Check In: 6:15 p.m.  
Races begin at 6:30 p.m. Come out and cheer for our Awana children as they race their cars!
- **March 29th: Awana Easter Celebration**  
(6:15-7:45 p.m.)

### **Coming in June!! VBS 2023:**

"Twists & Turns: Following Jesus Changes the Game!"  
Sunday, June 25th through Thursday, June 29th  
More details later!



## Invitation from WMU...

The WMU/BWC meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the church Narthex.

Each month we learn about the work being done by our missionaries around the world and how we can be a part of helping them to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

We would love to have you come and join us.

Please contact Debby Ashley if you have any questions.



## REMINDER:



### **Reminder:**

**We are updating our church directory. If you have a change in address, telephone number, or email, please let the office know so we can make all known corrections.**

## From the Deacons

Several items to report from the most recent Deacon's Meeting of February 12th. First of all, Seniors please mark your calendars - our annual Senior Appreciation Dinner returns this Cinco de Mayo (May 5). Plan on having a great meal, great fellowship and great fun! Details and invitations to follow.

Our Church fellowship breakfasts will be returning for just those months with 5th Sundays. As in the past, they will be "hosted" by the various Sunday School classes. The first "5th Sunday breakfast will be held on April 30 and will be kicked off by the Deacons. Also, just to be a little different, there will be a Sunday School "holiday" on these 5th Sundays. The breakfast will start at 10:00am. Please feel free to invite friends to "Come for Breakfast, and to Stay for Church."

As always, if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our Deacons.

# Calendar Information from the Office



## The Children's Message Schedule:

March 5<sup>th</sup> – Tara Ashley  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – Sarah Burrell  
March 19<sup>th</sup> – Melissa Humphrey  
March 26<sup>th</sup> – April Aldridge

## March Anniversaries

Keith and Judy Ponton March 11  
Jimmy & Ella Allen March 25  
Frank & Pat Napier March 31



## March Birthdays

March 1	Nancy Davis
March 1	David Martin
March 1	Teresa Moore
March 2	Joan Rothgeb
March 2	Lyla Hash
March 3	Erica Bradley
March 5	Peyton Floyd
March 6	Brenda Ponton
March 9	Paul Vestal
March 14	Wes Chaney
March 14	Bessie Smith
March 15	Aubrey Drumheller
March 16	Sharon Aldridge
March 17	Matt Campbell
March 17	Kai Humphrey
March 23	Jacob Floyd
March 24	Courtney Polk
March 25	Melissa Humphrey
March 26	Dean Bibb
March 26	Jaxon Lutes
March 29	Doris Mohler
March 29	Debbie Kogler

## PRAYER LIST

Penny Geelan	Aidan Lopez
Joyce Brown	Danielle Overstreet
Evelyn Morris	Burkes Fortune
Christine Snead	Kathy Kirby
Jerry Wert	Jeannie Cahoon
Kenneth Kidd	Jeff & Addie Stevens
Karen Drumheller	Betty Lucado
Shirley Harvey	Dreama Williams
Derek Harris	Gail Ponton
John Gordon	Jim Christian
Steve Knight	David Martin
Milinda Underwood	Cara Dean
Gloria Ashley	Carol Webb
Ruth Blackburn	Billy Smith
JoAnn Briggs	Frank & Pat Napier
Lynn Ramsey	Rev. Mike Hevener
Mark Drumheller	Frances VanLear
Diane Bridgwater	Charlotte Morris
Anson Sharpe	



## Bible Verses for March

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**“Gather to Worship  
Scatter to Serve”**



### Isaiah 61:11

“For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.”

### James 5:7

“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.”

### Psalms 1:1-3

“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.”

### Zechariah 10:1

“Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.”

### Awaiting Spring

Watching the sunrise peek through with its coral pink hues,  
The day begins quietly and peacefully.  
Sitting in my chair with my coffee and my devotion,  
I thank Him for the beauty of His masterpiece.

Birds are conversing as I start my morning walk,  
The stream is gentling trickling as I continue my trek,  
The awakening of nature around me...  
I anticipate Spring around the corner.

The hint of a warm breeze sneaks in  
Between the coolness of the morning,  
And reminds me Mother Nature is teasing me  
As I await the Spring season.

Continuing my venture back up the narrow path,  
I detect the faint fragrance of daffodils blooming &  
The freshness of earth from the recent rainfall.  
He is preparing the season to change.

As I pass by our garden plot and see the barrenness,  
I imagine Spring vegetables and green lush colors.  
Soon it will be time to plant & enjoy the bounty to come.  
I can't wait to enjoy His gift of food for our family.

His Creation wakes up and  
I see life begin again.  
His seasons remind me  
To look forward to changes.

As I am reminded of His faithfulness  
To bring about the changes of Nature,  
I know that He is faithful to be there  
For me throughout life's changes.

I remember that God is all about making things new.  
He has promised us that His Son will come back for us  
And make all things new.  
And I thank you, God, for your faithfulness and your promises.

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