

CONNECTION

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**February 19, 2024 is the
Deadline for the March
2024 Connection**

A Word from Dr. Dan

February. The season that we celebrate love. LOVE FOR FOOTBALL!

It really is amazing to see the fanaticism of sport. I am just as guilty as the next for this. You start finding out when the date is. You're rearranging your schedule so that nothing interferes with the game. Funny thing is, I'm too old to stay up and watch the whole game or...my team is losing so badly that I don't care.

Brother Bill and I were in conversation about this when we were in Kenya in December. Listening to all the stories of people getting up at three and four in the morning to walk for three or four hours to just get to the church conference. Others walk for days. We can't even get people out to church if the weather "might" be bad. But not too bad to go to Walmart or out to eat.

I'm not pointing fingers. There are events that I should attend that have eternal purposes and...quite frankly, I just don't want to go back out again after I've worked all day. I'm tired. But how much more would my life be enriched...how much more would my impact on the kingdom be if I would have said, "yes"?

Deb and I have watched football games on TV in Buffalo, NY, Chicago, ILL., and Green Bay, WI, where the windchills are below zero, the snow or rain is coming down so hard that no person in their right mind should be out there. But there they are. Die hard fans for love of the game.

February Birthdays

Jill Campbell	February 7
JoAnn Ross	February 7
Dave Workman	February 8
Charlie Hartsch	February 9
Jennifer Hopper	February 10
Ann Snyder	February 16
Fanchon Bunnell	February 17
Sharon Overway	February 23
Pat Reef	February 28
Rose Ann Jones	February 29

February Anniversaries

Tom & Kay Weatherwax

married for 52 years February 18

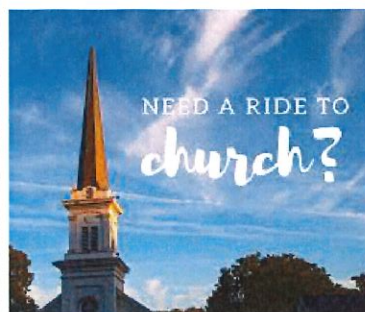
Brian & Kathy DeWitt

married for 41 years February 19

I wonder if we love Jesus that much? If we love His Church that much? I have traveled around the world and in places like Romania, Russia, Bulgaria, people stand... yes, I said stand...in an unheated church packed in like sardines in frigid temperatures...standing on a cement floor....benches for the senior saints who cannot stand long...but others refusing...resting on their homemade canes. And they stand for hours worshipping Jesus. Then they gather in a barn or a school for warm beef or chicken broth. Love of Jesus. Love of the Church. No one complains. They are just happy to be able to gather without being thrown in prison or a "re-education camp."

Perhaps we could try a little harder over nachos and dip, over pizza and wings, in a warm house with a big flat screen HD Smart TV to ask the Lord to give us an even greater passion for Him and for his Church. Certainly, we can do better than a temporal, non-eternal sporting event. Be blessed.

Rev. Dr. Dan Lute – avid fan of Jesus. Go Lion of Judah!



We would love for you to join us on Sunday!

If you need a ride to church, please call the church office at 574-753-0505. We will set-up transportation for you.

HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR TREATS

A tremendous thanks to all who have provided treats for coffee hour and joined in fellowship. If you would like to help on a Sunday, the sign-up sheet is on the welcome table in the front entrance. If you prefer to provide treats but have Deacons assemble them on Sunday morning, please let the Deacons know. We can also take donations for coffee hour treats and buy them for you. See a Deacon if you need more information or would like to provide treats with a Deacon.

CALVARY LENT/HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Mark your calendars for the upcoming services:

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 29 - Community Good Friday Service at Noon

Saturday, March 30 - Holy Saturday

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.



2024 MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

February 17, 2024 at Refuse Worship Center - Speaker: Bert Stover

February 24, 2024 at Cross-Winds UMC - Speaker: Randell Birk

March 2, 2024 at All Saints Catholic Church - Speaker: Roger Kenebel

March 9, 2024 at (TBD) - Speaker: Dan Lute

March 16, 2024 at United in Faith (Galveston) - Speaker: Bruce Vernon

March 23, 2024 at Walton Christian - Speaker: Bill Collins

March 30, 2024 at Calvary Presbyterian - Speaker: Dirk Raderstorf

HOPE IN STITCHES *by Annette Shively*

We will meet weekly on Thursdays with two shifts, 10:00-12:00 or 11:00-2:00.



Calvary,

Thank you for the Christmas cards, love & thoughtfulness. I so do appreciate it!

Sincerely,

Carole Maxwell

LOAVES AND FISHES SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Loaves and Fishes provide meals for the needy as well as fellowship by many of the local area churches including Calvary . This program provides a Saturday lunch, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., all year long. Donations are accepted. Meals will be served on the following dates:

February 3	Calvary Presbyterian
February 10	Cross-Wind at Calvary
February 17	Main Street UMC
February 24	Trinity Episcopal

2024 Calvary host dates: 2/3, 6/15

Elders: Class of 2024

Steve Sims
Brian VanSoest

Elders: Class of 2025

Bill Heinzman
Terrie VanSoest

Elders: Class of 2026

Sara Overway
David Swigart

Deacons: Class of 2024

Carol Rush
Scott Sarver
Chris Williamson

Deacons: Class of 2025

Dan Reef
Kay Rottet
Ron Rottet

Deacons: Class of 2026

Jeff Goltry
Pat Reef
Buttons Smith

We want our covenant partners and any other friends of Calvary to know that there are wonderful scripture based Bible studies currently in session. We will try to keep our Connection viewers informed of what each study is studying monthly. The following is information on current studies. We welcome all who want to join a study to do so!

WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING & EVENING BIBLE STUDY *by Deb Lute*

The Monday morning and evening Bible study led by Deb Lute will begin on Monday, February 5. There are two opportunities for you to attend: 9:30 – 11:00 AM and 6:30 – 8:00 PM. We meet every other week. This study is six sessions and will run from February 5 to April 22.

Jonah

God's mercy in His love, kindness, and compassion
towards people.

Jonah may be the best known of the twelve minor prophets. Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. His story is told in numerous children's books, the famous event of the fish undoubtedly being its most memorable detail. Maybe the main reason for our familiarity with the book is that it offers a totally different kind of experience for the reader from that of other prophetic books. It starts off like the others with God calling a prophet to a particular task but becomes a story that is different and unexpected. We find a prophet who refuses to God's will!

Join us as we study Jonah and learn about God's mercy in His love, kindness, and compassion towards people. We may even find out that we are a lot like Jonah.

WOMEN'S MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY *by Nikki Reid*

The Monday night lady's bible study has had a few setbacks, surgeries, Florida visits, winter weather, night driving and of course old age. We are going to suspend our study until warmer weather and more daylight hours. We will be eager to get back to our weekly study at that time.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY *by Annette Shively*

The H.I.S. (Hope in Scripture) Women's Tuesday afternoon Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. February will be a continuation of Paul's letter of JOY to the Philippian church.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY *by Rev. Dan Lute*

Pastor Dan is doing an in-depth series on the book of Genesis called, "In the Beginning..." on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:00.

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY *by Rev. Dan Lute*

The Thursday morning men's Bible study meets from 8:15 to 9:15ish in the library. We are doing a study in the Book of Ezekiel.

2024 FEBRUARY GREAT BANQUET WEEKENDS

The Great Banquet weekends will be held as follows:

Men's GB Weekend - February 15th - 18th

Women's GB Weekend - February 22nd - 25th

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:15 am Men's Bible Study	2 10:00 am AA 5:00 pm Johnson Birthday Party	3 <i>L&F at Calvary</i>
4 9:30 am Worship & Communion 7:30 pm AA	5 9:30 am Deb's Women's Bible Study 6:30 Deb's Women's Bible Study (Lute's home) 7:30 AA	6 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Deacons Meeting 6:30 Great Banquet Team Meeting	7 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	8 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group 6:30 Mission/Outreach Meeting	9 10:00 am AA	10 <i>L&F Cross-Wind at Calvary</i>
11 9:30 am Worship 7:30 pm AA	12 7:30 AA	13 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Worship Meeting	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Noon - DV Task Force Meeting 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 AA	15 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 6:30 Foundation Mtg	16	17 <i>L&F at Main Street UMC</i>
				Men's Great Banquet Weekend		
18 9:30 am Worship 7:30 pm AA	19 9:30 am Deb's Women's Bible Study 6:30 Deb's Women's Bible Study (Lute's home) 7:30 AA	20 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Session Meeting	21 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	22 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group	23	24 <i>L&F at Trinity Episcopal</i>
				Women's Great Banquet Weekend		
25 9:30 am Worship with Andy Stout 7:30 pm AA	26 7:30 AA	27 1:00 Women's Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 5:30 Great Banquet Meeting	28 7:30 AA	29 8:15 am Men's Bible Study		