

CONNECTION

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**February 17, 2025 is the
Deadline for the March
2025 Connection**

A Word from Dr. Dan

From the Farmer's Almanac, (next to the Bible, the most accurate and infallible work known to man), the early Roman calendar did not have the months of January and February. They were known as "dead days" because nothing major happened due to the weather. Politicians went south for the winter and the military took some time to regroup and restock.

Julius Caesar came along and revamped the calendar for a more accurate counting and January was formed from the god, Janus, and February was formed from Februa, a festival that focused on a ritual time of reflection and cleansing.

February is generally a time for celebrating love and massacres (St. Valentine's Day) but perhaps we should take a page from the man who created the Caesar Salad and Caesar Dressing and take some time to reflect and cleanse.

Reflect on the people we love that God has so graciously put in our lives. Reflect on how we are loved or have been loved, especially during those unlovable times. Reflect on those who seem to be unlovable that God is calling us to love. Hard to do...without the Holy Spirit enabling us.

I have often spoken this to people who have died or to those that I will be leaving by way of moving or by way of short-term ministry or relationships, "My life is better because you have been in it." True statement of

February Birthdays

James Weaver	February 1
Jill Campbell	February 7
JoAnn Ross	February 7
Tim Roth	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
Debbe Shaffer	February 23
Pat Reef	February 28
Rose Ann Jones	February 29

February Anniversaries

Tom & Kay Weatherwax

married for 53 years February 18

Brian & Kathy DeWitt

married for 42 years February 19

reflection.

I'm reflecting on the fact that I haven't seen any "Happy Massacre" cards at the Dollar Store lately. Unfortunately, there are too many people groups who celebrate this inhumanity to man by offering candy to each other on such days of reflection. God help us. May we never see such things in our stores.

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God." (1 Jn. 4:7)

May you have a reflective and cleansing February.

Blessings,

Dr. Dan

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.

WORSHIPPING GOD *by Cindy Heinzman*

What does the Bible say about “how to worship God”?

The Bible provides various insights into how to worship God, emphasizing both the attitude of the heart and the actions of worship. Here are some key points:

1. ****Spirit and Truth****: In John 4:24, Jesus states, "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." This highlights the importance of sincerity and authenticity in worship.
2. ****Heartfelt Worship****: In Matthew 15:8-9, Jesus quotes Isaiah, saying, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." True worship involves more than just outward expressions; it must come from the heart.
3. ****Praise and Thanksgiving****: Psalm 100:4 encourages believers to "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise." Worship often involves expressing gratitude and praise to God.
4. ****Obedience****: In 1 Samuel 15:22, it is stated, "To obey is better than sacrifice." Worship includes living a life of obedience to God's commands.
5. ****Community Worship****: Hebrews 10:24-25 emphasizes the importance of gathering together with other believers for worship, encouraging one another in faith.
6. ****Worship Through Music****: Ephesians 5:19 encourages believers to "speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit." Music is a powerful expression of worship.
7. ****Sacrificial Worship****: Romans 12:1 urges believers to "offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God." Worship involves dedicating one's life to God's service.

Overall, worship in the Bible is multifaceted, involving personal devotion, community, praise, and a lifestyle lived in accordance with God's will.

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 began our new study Galatians: Faith and Freedom in Christ on Monday, February 17. It is not too late to join. If you are interested in attending the morning or evening study, contact Deb.

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

The Monday night Bible Study Group will take a break for the winter months.

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 at 8:15 in the library. We are doing a study in the Book of Ezekiel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES *by Rev. Dan Lute*

Pastor Dan lead an Ezekiel study after the service. Grab some coffee and a snack at coffee hour and meet us in the library at 10:45. We hope you will join us!

Elders: Class of 2025

Bill Heinzman
Terrie VanSoest

Elders: Class of 2026

Sara Overway
David Swigart

Elders: Class of 2027

Jeff Overway
Scott Rush

Deacons: Class of 2025

Dan Reef
Kay Rottet
Ron Rottet

Deacons: Class of 2026

Jeff Goltry
Pat Reef
Buttons Smith

Deacons: Class of 2027

Judy Bainbridge
Tim Roth
Chris Williamson

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

We will continue holding the prayer meetings once a month. It gives us an opportunity to spend some time in prayer -which is desperately needed. Below are a few of the scheduled dates, where we can gather to pray for each other, for the lost, for our nation, or just pray through the scriptures to hear God's voice.

Time: 6:30-7:30

Place: Sanctuary

Dates: February 19th
March 19th

We hope that you can join us and invite someone to come with you.

Blessings,

Pastor Dan/Bill Heinzman (Elder)

LOAVES AND FISHES SCHEDULE FOR 2025

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 1	Calvary Presbyterian Church
February 8	Faith Fellowship Church
February 15	Church of the Good Shepherd
February 22	Trinity Episcopal

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>L&F at Calvary Presbyterian</i>
2 9:30 am Worship & Communion 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 pm AA	3 7:30 pm AA	4 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Deacons Meeting 6:30 GB Team Mtg	5 6:30 pm Genesis Study 7:30 AA	6 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group	7 10:00 am AA	8 <i>L&F at Faith Fellowship</i>
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				Men's Great Banquet		
16 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 pm AA	17 <i>President's Day</i> 9:30 am Deb's Women's Bible Study 6:30 Deb's Women's Bible Study 7:30 AA	18 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Session Mtg	19 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg 7:30 AA	20 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group 6:30 Foundation Mtg	21	22 <i>L&F at Trinity Episcopal</i>
				Women's Great Banquet		
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