

CONNECTION

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**January 20, 2025 is the
Deadline for the
February 2025
Connection**

A Word from Dr. Dan

I've never been one to make New Year resolutions. I'm just not disciplined enough to carry them out unless it has to do with reading books. And even then, I don't put pressure on myself like I used to. It's not that I don't have goals; it's just that I'm not sure what is on my heart anymore.

I'm at that age where I'm downsizing. I don't want more stuff that my kids will just eventually throw in the dumpster as they clean the house out. I don't want more blanks in my calendar filled in just so that I can look busy. It just makes me tired and quite honestly less effective.

I guess I'd like the year to fall somewhere between boredom and periodic surprise. The good thing is that God works mightily through both. I don't want to be like David who hung around on the top of his palace and fell into sin with Bathsheba but neither do I want to be running for my life and ask the Lord just to kill me like Elijah. Something in between, please.

I often feel like one of the quarters in that old quarter game. You know the one where you push in a quarter hoping that it lands somewhere strategically so that it pushes more quarters out. Working smarter, not harder. Or I'm that quarter teetering on the edge just waiting to fall off.

January Birthdays

Candi Sarver	January 2
Carol Rush	January 10
Terrie VanSoest	January 10
Donna March	January 12
Anita Hillis	January 21
Annette Shively	January 22
Zona Homme	January 26
Peggy Rinehart	January 29
Bill Turnpaugh	January 29
Judy McNary	January 30

January Anniversaries

Malcolm & Judy Bainbridge

married for 21 years January 17

Jim & Sue Peterson

married for 58 years January 21

Like an amoeba, one year the mass pushes one way and the next year it seems to push in another direction. It's never boring serving the Lord as long as you're paying attention to where He's moving.

So...my prayer for you this year is:

Stay uncluttered

Stay ready for whatever God has in store for you

Stay flexible to move where He moves.

Somewhere between boredom and sporadic surprise...

Blessings,

Dr. Dan Lute

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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held following the service on Sunday, January 26, 2025.

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 17. 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 17 to April 28.

Galatians

Faith and Freedom in Christ

The churches in Galatia were comprised of both Jewish and Gentile converts. Paul's purpose in writing to these churches was to confirm them in the faith, especially concerning justification by faith alone, apart from the works of the Law of Moses.

In this letter to the church of Galatia, Paul wrote to a church he had started earlier in his ministry. He wrote the letter to both warn and encourage the church in Galatia to continue following the gospel message he had preached to them, and to not believe the contradictions they were hearing from others. Paul went to great lengths to remind them that Christ fulfilled the Law and had sent the Spirit to dwell in the hearts of every believer. Therefore, reliance on the Holy Spirit, not the Law, was what saved them.

Throughout this study we will see how we can have Faith and Freedom in Christ.

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

The Monday night Bible Study Group will take a break for the winter months. The evening hours, weather and age are difficult for all to meet. We will resume in the spring.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

Remember - Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus.

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. This will start up again on Wednesday, January 8th.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES *by Rev. Dan Lute*

The Ezekiel study will start back up on Sunday, January 5th. Grab some coffee and a snack at coffee hour and meet us in the library at 10:45. We hope you will join us!

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: January 15th
February 19th
March 19th

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

Blessings,

Pastor Dan/Bill Heinzman (Elder)

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

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:

January 4	All Saints
January 11	Cross-Wind at Calvary
January 18	Main Street Community Church
January 25	Trinity Episcopal

SOUP AND SANDWICH DINNER

There will be a soup and sandwich dinner following the Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 26th. A free will offering will be taken and proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement fund. Be sure to mark your calendars!



January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i> 7:30 AA	2	3 10:00 am AA	4 <i>L&F at All Saints</i>
5 9:30 am Worship & Communion 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 pm AA	6 7:30 pm AA	7 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Deacons Meeting 6:30 GB Team Mtg	8 Noon – DV Task Force Meeting 6:30 Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	9 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group 6:30 Mission/Outreach Mtg	10 10:00 am AA	11 <i>L&F – Cross-Wind at Calvary</i>
12 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 pm AA	13 7:30 pm AA	14 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 GB Team Mtg	15 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting 7:30 AA	16 8:15 am Men's Bible Study	17 10:00 am AA	18 <i>L&F at Main Street Community Church</i> 8am-1pm GB Team Mtg
19 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 pm AA	20 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i> 7:30 pm AA	21 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Session Mtg 6:30 GB Team Mtg	22 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	23 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group	24 10:00 am AA	25 <i>L&F at Trinity Episcopal</i>
26 9:30 am Worship Annual Congregational Meeting after Service Soup & Sandwich Luncheon after meeting 7:30 pm AA	27 7:30 pm AA	28 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 5:30 Great Banquet Mtg 6:30 GB Team Mtg	29 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	30 8:15 am Men's Bible Study	31 10:00 am AA	