

CONNECTION

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**March 24, 2025 is the
Deadline for the April
2025 Connection**

A Word from Dr. Dan

Happy Shrovetide! What in the world are you talking about, Dr. Dan? You may know it by its other names such as Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras, Carnival or Pancake Tuesday. It is the day before the official start of the Lenten season.

“Shrove” is from an Old English word, “shrive” which means to “absolve” or “to cleanse from sin.” It is a day of preparation before Ash Wednesday and is characterized by repentance and self-examination.

But it is also a time to eat rich and fatty foods (hence Fat Tuesday) before one either gives them up as a disciplined act of contrition or simply strives to eat without excess for the next forty days.

It reminds me of a funeral. Celebrating and grieving at the same time. Celebrating the abundance of grace and mercy that is bestowed upon me from God – the riches of this world. Grieving over my misuse of such things – my taking advantage of such things and needing to reorient my thinking so that it once again pleases the Lord.

I’m singing a song for Ash Wednesday (Lord willing and my lungs can handle it) called, “Return to Me.” The chorus is an appropriate beginning to the Lenten Season.

March Birthdays

Carolyn Cassidy	March 2
Malissa Lowe	March 2
Annabelle Emmons	March 7
Mary Ann Rusk	March 10
Shelia Hines	March 20
Don Snyder	March 24
Jayce Lee	March 26
Phyllis Maw	March 26
Marvin Abernathy	March 28
Dave Reinking	March 31

March Anniversaries

Scott & Denise Rush

married for 17 years March 1

Roger & Sharon Overway

married for 59 years March 19

“Return to Me, with all your heart,
The source of grace and mercy.
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.”

But not before I get a few donuts in me....

Blessings on your journey,

Dr. Dan Lute

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

We hope you will join us Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for our Ash Wednesday service as we begin our journey through the Lenten season.

2025 MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

March 8th at Cross-Wind UMC - Speaker: Gary Butcher

March 15th at All Saints - Speaker: Joe Martindale

March 22nd at Refuge Worship - Speaker: Jeff Allen

March 29th at United Faith Galveston - Speaker: TBD

April 5th at Church of the Nazarene - Speaker: Chris Hipshire

April 12th at Walton Christian Church - Speaker: Bruce Fultz

April 19th at Calvary Presbyterian - Speaker: TBD

KENYA PRESENTATION & MEAL

Most of you have received the report from Bishop Herbert Wakesa and Pastor Fred Wakesa from West Kenya, so I shall not repeat those things except to say, "Thank you, Lord" for the great and glorious kingdom results of our service to His people."

For those of you who would like to know more and to celebrate with us, there is a combined church presentation with a follow-up supper together on the evening of Sunday, March 16th. The presentation will be from 5-6; supper beginning shortly after. Please sign up if you will be in attendance.

If you cannot attend but want to still be a generous partner with this ongoing ministry, you can donate to the Elizabeth Ferguson World Mission Fund. The donations will be going toward the purchase of a vehicle (van or large vehicle) for Christ Engrafted Ministries. Any amount would be appreciated.

Lastly, just another "thank you" for your financial support as well as the time to go and minister to our brothers and sisters in Christ who so desperately need the help. Please keep me in your prayers about further trips and opportunities.

Blessings,

Dr. Dan Lute

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 couple 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: March 26th (**Note date change**)

April - No Prayer Meeting

May 21st

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

Blessings,

Pastor Dan/Bill Heinzman (Elder)

SEEK MY FACE *by Cindy Heinzman*

Psalm 27:4

"One thing I ask from the Lord; this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple."

Seeking the face of God signifies a deep desire for a personal and intimate relationship with him. Here are some key aspects of what it means to seek God's face:

1. **Desire for Presence:** A longing to experience God's presence in one's life, to feel close to Him, and to encounter His love and grace.
2. **Spiritual Intimacy:** Seeking God's face involves pursuing a deeper understanding of His character, will and purpose, aiming for a more profound spiritual connection with Him.
3. **Prayer and Worship:** This pursuit is often expressed through prayer and worship-activities that foster communication and communion with God.

Overall, seeking God's face is about cultivating a sincere and ongoing relationship with Him. I love David's prayer in verse 7 of *Psalm 27* which says: *"Hear my voice when I call, Lord, be merciful and answer me. My heart says of you 'Seek His face!' Your face, Lord, I will seek."*

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!

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

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!

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.

EASTER FLOWERS

This year we will beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday with Easter lily plants. Your purchased lily may be taken home after the service or can be donated to be shared with our shut-in members, which will be delivered by a Deacon.

The cost is \$25.00 per plant. These can be given as a memorial of a loved one.

Flower order forms must be turned in to the church office **no later than Friday, April 4, 2025** to be included in the memorial list prepared for Easter Sunday. Please complete the form below.

In memory of _____

Given by _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

Total # of Flowers _____ Total Amount Due \$ _____
(\$25.00 each)

Please fill out the form above and enter the amount accompanying this form. Make checks payable to: Calvary Presbyterian Church

Deadline: Friday, April 4, 2025. Please turn into church office.



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:

March 1	Calvary Presbyterian Church
March 8	Lucerne Christian at Calvary
March 15	Cross-Wind at Calvary
March 22	Trinity Episcopal
March 29	Spring Creek at Calvary



March 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 9:30 am Deb's Women's Bible Study 5:30 Race for Grace Meeting 6:30 Deb's Women's Bible Study (Lute's home) 7:30 AA	4 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:00 Deacons Meeting	5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service 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 – Lucerne Christian at Calvary</i>
9 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 pm AA	10 7:30 pm AA	11 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 GB Interviews	12 Noon-DV Task Force Mtg 6:30 Genesis Study 7:30 AA	13 8:15 am Men's Bible Study	14 10:00 am AA	15 <i>L&F – Cross-Wind at Calvary</i>
16 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 5:00 Kenya Presentation & Meal 7:30 pm AA	17 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 Genesis Study 7:30 AA	20 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group	21 10:00 am AA	22 <i>L&F at Trinity Episcopal</i>
23 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 am Worship with Andy Stout Fellowship Meal after the Service 7:30 pm AA	24 7:30 pm AA	25 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 5:30 GB Meeting	26 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting 7:30 AA	27 8:15 am Men's Bible Study	28 10:00 am AA	29 <i>L&F – Spring Creek at Calvary</i>
30 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 am Worship with Dave Reinking 7:30 pm AA	31 9:30 am Deb's Women's Bible Study 6:30 Deb's Women's Bible Study 7:30 AA					