

CONNECTION

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**March 18, 2024 is the
Deadline for the April
2024 Connection**

A Word from Dr. Dan

“Spring forward” – “Fall back.” It’s a pretty simple formula for remembering the time changes. If I could put this in a spiritual context: “Spring forward in your faith and don’t fall backwards.”

The Lenten season truly is a time to try and “spring” into something different, something new. I think it’s a way to receive, yet another, fresh start at following Jesus.

If we follow the life of Christ, it starts with his baptism – his identification with the Father and the descent of the Holy Spirit. And the next thing we see is the Holy Spirit leading him into the desert to be tempted. I’ve often wondered why.

Each temptation was, in essence, a challenge to take the easy way out. Make some bread. Let the angels save you. Take me up on the kingdom of the world offer. Satan tried his best to derail Jesus from his mission.

Perhaps that is an ancillary lesson for us as well. As followers of Jesus, let’s not take the easy way out. Don’t let Satan derail you from your divine mission. Spring forward and don’t fall back.

As we journey together....

Dr. Dan

March Birthdays

Carolyn Cassidy	March 2
Malissa Lowe	March 2
Mary Ann Rusk	March 10
Shelia Hines	March 20
Don Snyder	March 24
Phyllis Maw	March 26
Dave Reinking	March 31

March Anniversaries

Scott & Denise Rush

married for 16 years March 1

Roger & Sharon Overway

married for 58 years March 19

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:

March 2	Pisgah at Calvary
March 9	Lucerne Christian at Calvary
March 16	Church of the Good Shepherd
March 23	Trinity Episcopal
March 30	Spring Creek at Calvary

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 Faith Fellowship - 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

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, March 15, 2024** to be included in the memorial list prepared for Easter Sunday. Please complete the form below.

In memory of _____

Given by _____

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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, March 15, 2024. Please turn into church office.



CALVARY LENT/HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Mark your calendars for the upcoming services:

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.

HOPE IN STITCHES *by Annette Shively*

In March, we will only meet the first 3 weeks on Thursdays from
11:00-1:00.

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 on Monday, February 5 and will meet through April 22. We are studying the book of Jonah and are learning about God's mercy in His love, kindness, and compassion towards people. We are starting to realize we all have our own Jonah stories, running from God so as not to do what He calls us to. We are also realizing that God uses broken people to complete His purpose and plans in spite of ourselves. God is truly an amazing God. There is no other like Him.

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

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. We will only meet the first 3 weeks of March due to spring break. We will be studying "The God of His Word" by Kathie Lee Gifford with Rabbi Jason Sobel.

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.

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10:00 am AA	2 <i>L&F – Pisgah at Calvary</i> 2:00 p.m. Piano Recital-LaNette Urbin
3 9:30 am Worship & Communion with Dave Reinking 7:30 pm AA	4 6:00 p.m. Race for Grace Meeting 7:30 AA	5 1:00 Women’s Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Deacons Meeting	6 6:30 Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	7 8:15 am Men’s Bible Study 11:00 Mom’s Group 7:00 Choir Practice	8 10:00 am AA	9 <i>L&F – Lucerne Christian at Calvary</i>
10 9:30 am Worship 7:30 pm AA	11 9:30 am Deb’s Bible Study 6:30-8 Deb’s Bible Study (Lute’s) 7:30 AA	12 1:00 Women’s Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Worship Meeting 6:30 Great Banquet Interviews	13 Noon - DV Task Force Meeting 6:30 Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	14 8:15 am Men’s Bible Study 6:30 Mission/Outreach Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice	15 10:00 am AA	16 <i>L&F at Church of the Good Shepherd</i>
17 9:30 am Worship 7:30 pm AA	18 7:30 AA	19 1:00 Women’s Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Session Meeting	20 6:30 Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	21 8:15 am Men’s Bible Study 11:00 Mom’s Group 7:00 Choir Practice	22 10:00 am AA Abbott Wedding Rehearsal & Set-up	23 <i>L&F at Trinity Episcopal</i> 2:30 Abbott Wedding
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 am Worship Fellowship lunch after service 7:30 pm AA	25 9:30 am Deb’s Bible Study 6:30-8 Deb’s Bible Study (Lute’s) 7:30 AA	26 1:00 Women’s Bible Study 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 5:30 Great Banquet Team Meeting	27 7:30 AA	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 8:15 am Men’s Bible Study 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service	29 <i>Good Friday</i> 10:00 am AA Noon Community Good Friday Service <i>Church Office Closed at Noon</i>	30 <i>Holy Saturday</i> <i>L&F – Spring Creek at Calvary</i>
31 <i>Easter</i> 9:30 am Worship 7:30 pm AA						