

CONNECTION

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**June 23, 2025 is the
Deadline for the July &
August 2025 Connection**

A Word from Dr. Dan

For the last month or so I have been working with the elders on new signage for the church. If you've been here forever, you know where things are and how to get there. If not, you're lost. It's a big building. It's a great example in the physical realm that speaks to the spiritual.

We often assume that when people come to church that they know where to go, what to do, what to say, how to act. It's like having someone over for supper at your home. There's a bit of discomfort. Where do I sit? Is this generally where someone else sits? Would I be taking their favorite place? Will I upset the hierarchy of the table placements? Do I wait for everyone else before eating? Will they say a prayer? Where's the bathroom? Ahhh.... its just easier to stay home where I know the rules. Safe but not healthy.

So, what do we do? We make it as easy as we can for people to feel at home. Add some decorative signs to let people know where to go to meet their needs, to feel love and cared for.

Marvin, Natalie, and little M₄ (Marvin the 4th) have graced us with their presence for a number of months but sadly will be moving south to be near family. Having a little guy in church, watching him learn to walk, and a smile that just warms your heart...that will be sorely missed. But I'm so thankful that Marvin and Natalie gave us chance...this church of mostly senior saints (old).

May/June Birthdays

Gary Enders	May 1
Tonji Johnson	May 9
Mike Campbell	May 12
Bill Jones	May 13
Cheryl Glaser	May 18
Natalie Abernathy	May 26
Dean Johnson	May 31
Brad Marchese	June 1
Cole Rush	June 4
Chris Williamson	June 4
Valerie Putsey	June 6
Karen Pettet	June 8
Steve Reed	June 9
Marilyn Montgomery	June 12
Scott Sarver	June 19
John Hillis	June 25
Mark Muehlhausen	June 29
David Morrical	June 30

May/June Anniversaries

Mike & Jill Campbell

married for 41 years May 26

Bruce & Cheryl Glaser

married for 53 years June 11

John & Anita Hillis

married for 55 years June 13

Danny & Pat Reef

married for 57 years June 30

They told us that their heart is breaking as well because this felt like home. As it should. But when they first arrived, they didn't know anyone or how we "did" church. It was a good reminder to me that we have to be sensitive to guests who visit our church home.

I'm praying as we move into the months of May and June that we might have opportunities to invite someone to our home. Yes, the one Deb and I live in, but also to our church home.

The last thing we want is lost people still feeling like they're lost.

Serving Him Together,

Dr. Dan

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: May 21

June 18

July 16

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

Dr. Dan Lute/Bill Heinzman (Elder)

Ladies' Lunch

Calvary is hosting a ladies' lunch on **Saturday, May 17**, from 11:00 to 1:00. The lunch will feature a baked potato bar, fruit kababs, a dinner roll and dessert along with fun games and great fellowship time. The cost is \$10. There will be a sign-up sheet beginning Sunday, April 27.

Mark your calendars and join us for good food and fun!



PHYSICAL EXPRESSION OF WORSHIP *by Cindy Heinzman*

Have you ever wondered why people raise their hands, clap, shout and sing in church? If you're anything like me, there have been moments in my life when I've asked the question "what are we doing and why?" The Bible includes various physical expressions of worship that reflect reverence, devotion and praise to God. Here are some examples:

1. Lifting hands: In Psalm 63:4 David expresses worship by lifting his hands to God. This act symbolizes surrender and openness to God's presence
2. Kneeling and Bowing: Kneeling is a common posture in worship, as seen in Psalm 95:6, where it says "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker"
3. Dancing: Exodus 15:20-21 "And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea." This shows that joyful movement can be a form of worship
4. Clapping and shouting: Psalm 47:1 "Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy". The Psalmist encourages clapping and shouting for joy to God.
5. Prostration: In Revelation 7:11, the angels fall on their faces before the throne of God, which signifies deep reverence and submission

6. Singing: Many Psalms, such as Psalm 100:1, call for joyful singing as an expression of worship, emphasizing the importance of music in praising God

These expressions can help us to learn humility, surrender, adoration and devotion. It's important to note that physical expressions should be appropriate for the context and should not be disruptive or distracting. While the Bible encourages physical expressions in worship, it's important to balance these expressions with other aspects of worship such as prayer, scripture reading and teaching

Elders: Class of 2025

Bill Heinzman
Terrie VanSoest

Elders: Class of 2026

Sara Overway
David Swigart

Elders: Class of 2027

Jeff Overway
Scott Rush

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:

May 3	Calvary Presbyterian
May 10	Pisgah at Calvary
May 17	Cross-Wind at Calvary
May 24	Trinity Episcopal
May 31	Spring Creek at Calvary
June 7	Center Presbyterian at Calvary
June 14	Cross-Wind at Calvary
June 21	Church of the Good Shepherd
June 28	Trinity Episcopal

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

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!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY *by Dr. Dan Lute*

Dr. 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 study will run through May, then Dan will be taking a break through the summer and will start up again in September.

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

Dr. 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. This study will run through May, then Dan will be taking a break through the summer and will start up again in September.

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.

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group 11:30 National Day of Prayer Service	2 10:00 am AA	3 <i>L&F at Calvary</i>
4 9:30 am Worship & Communion 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 AA	5 5:30 pm Race for Grace Meeting 7:30 AA	6 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:00 Deacons Meeting	7 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	8 8:15 am Men's Bible Study	9 10:00 am AA	10 <i>L&F Pisgah at Calvary</i>
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 AA	12 7:30 AA	13 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:30 Session Meeting	14 Noon - DV Task Force Meeting 6:30 Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	15 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group 6:30 Foundation Meeting	16 10:00 am AA	17 <i>L&F Cross-Wind at Calvary</i> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Ladies Luncheon in library
18 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 AA	19 7:30 AA	20 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group	21 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting 7:30 AA	22 8:15 am Men's Bible Study	23 10:00 am AA	24 <i>L&F at Trinity Episcopal</i>
25 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Ezekiel Study 7:30 AA	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> Church Office Closed 7:30 AA	27 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 5:30 Great Banquet Meeting	28 6:30 pm Genesis Bible Study 7:30 AA	29 8:15 am Men's Bible Study	30 10:00 am AA	31 <i>L&F Spring Creek at Calvary</i>

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship with Robert Walter & Communion 7:30 AA	2 5:30 pm Race for Grace Meeting 7:30 AA	3 10:00 am AA 2:30 Alanon 5:30 Senior Dance Group 6:00 Deacons Meeting	4 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Pregnancy Resource Mobile Unit 7:30 AA	5 8:15 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 Mom's Group	6 10:00 am AA	7 <i>L&F Center Presbyterian at Calvary</i>
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29 9:30 am Worship 7:30 pm AA	30 7:30 AA					