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Giving Thanks for the Gift of God

It's hard to believe that another football season has come and gone for Unicoi County. It was a great season and we give thanks for Coach Rice, his staff and all the players. Going to the games on Friday night with family and friends and getting to watch Jonathan will be greatly missed till next year. Time has gone by so fast. It was yesterday when I was holding Jonathan in my arms, as I watched him take his first breath, and my heart fluttered in ways that I had never known. God gives such amazing gifts. Our family has much to be thankful for with the innumerable blessings He has bestowed upon us. The gift of life is precious. For those who are facing their first Thanksgiving and your first Christmas without your loved one, may God give you His special grace and comfort. As a preacher of the Gospel, the question comes to mind, how can God's great blessings and gifts mean so little to so many? It's a mystery that God would send His only Son, as He was rejected by His own. The gift of all gifts, the cost, immeasurable! The Christmas song that Janna and I sing from time to time has a clear message that says,

*"No room, only a manger of hay,  
no room, He is a stranger today,  
no room,  
here in His world turned way,  
no room."*

*No room, here in the hearts of mankind,  
no room, no cheery welcome could find,  
no room, surely the world is blind. No room.  
No room, only a manger of hay,  
no room, He is a stranger today.  
No room,  
here in His world turned away.  
No room."*

And the then chorus says,

*"Angels, in heaven up yonder,  
watch with amazement and wonder  
to see the Son of the Highest treated so.  
No room, no room, no room."*



God in His infinite wisdom gave. As the Scripture makes clear in Galatians 4:4, "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law." His timing is as perfect as it is providential. He is working His plan to save all that will receive the gift of His Son. That's why we give to the Consolidated Missions Offering. And this is how it is given: 60% goes to Lottie Moon, 20% goes to Annie Armstrong, 10% Golden State Tennessee State Missions, 5% Baptist Children's Home and 5% World Hunger. This is how we reach the world with Good News that Jesus saves! This is how people who have never heard can find the answers to life and for the first time they can have the greatest gift of all, the gift of salvation that comes from God.

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The first Christmas gift, was His Son wrapped in swaddling clothes. There is no greater gift than to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

So as we gather for the Thanksgiving Holiday, let us be found giving thanks for the Gift of Christ. Our Christmas Eve service is always a special time to come together and sing Christmas Carols, and then engage in the essence of what Christmas is all about as we take Communion. The gift of love from heaven wrapped and delivered

to pay for our sin. Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year. Hoping to see you Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day.

From our family,

*Pastor David, Janna, Jonathan, Daniel, Anna,  
Nathanael, Elizabeth and Malachi*

Merry Christmas!



Greetings, Calvary family.

It's time for another update from the student ministry.

For our November event, we bought and boxed items for Operation Christ-

mas Child. For our December event, we'll go ice skating in Bristol.

On Sunday mornings, we're working our way through the doctrine of the church. We've talked about the nature of the church, the characteristics of a faithful church, the mission of the church, various ministries of the church, the officers of the church, and now the government of the church. It'll still be a few weeks yet before we finish.

On Sunday nights, we're still working our way through Romans. We're currently in Romans 8, which some have said is the greatest chapter in the New Testament. We've seen the sinfulness of the human heart, the inability of the human to save themselves through law, and the ability of the guilty to be forgiven through faith in Jesus.

On Wednesday nights, we're working our way through the first collection of the Psalms. We're currently in Psalm 11. We've seen God's faithfulness to his covenant and his covenant people, and we've seen how humans should respond to adversity, which includes trusting in God for deliverance and remaining obedient in the midst of persecution.

I read a fascinating book that I'd recommend to you. It's called the Atheism of the Early Church by

Rushdoony. It's a quick and easy read. In the Roman empire, Christians were accused of atheism, incest,

and cannibalism. It's not just because Christians didn't worship the gods and goddesses common to Greco-Roman mythology. It's also because they didn't view Caesar as Lord. Instead, Christians outright said that Christ was Lord. Because of this obvious threat to Roman religion and politics (which always go hand in hand), Christians became severely persecuted. Faithful Christians are being targeted today for the same reasons. If we're faithful to the Scriptures, we're a threat to religion and politics in America (and across the world). That's why public enemy number 1 is "Christian nationalism." The word Christian threatens secularism, humanism, and paganism, as well as any other common religion. The word nationalism threatens anarchism, globalism, and imperialism. I don't know what the future holds, but I suspect it'll be more destruction before reformation. No matter what may come, keep the faith. Christ is Lord, and he'll conquer his enemies. The worst they can do is kill us, but even then, all they're doing is sending us to Christ and the saints in heaven. That's still a win for us.

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FROM  
**CURTIS**

Calvary, Thank You!

This goes out to the entire Calvary Baptist Church family. The Thanksgiving season is here once again. I wonder what people, in general, are thankful for. Number one on everyone's list should be, who? \_\_\_\_\_! Followed by spouse, parents, children, church, health and a long list of other good things. But don't forget to thank God for the negative things also. Anxieties, troubles and hardships can be used by God to get our attention when we have lost our focus. God cares about character building. He wants genuine volunteers to take a step of faith, which may be uncomfortable. Faith unleashes God's provision which allows us to experience God in a life changing way.

So, be thankful for every opportunity to exercise faith. "For faith rests on the past. Love sustains the present. Hope motivates the future!" "These 3 remain..." (1 Corinthians 13:13)!

My heart and prayers are with those who have lost loved-ones this year. As they embrace their first Thanksgiving in the absence of that dear soul whom they loved, may God grant them the comfort, insight, discernment and perception to survive the emptiness and the loneliness of heart!! Only Jesus has the answers! Pray as an intercessor for those people God has placed in your life and allow God to enjoy the sweet smelling savor of prayer!

Curtis



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your love, prayers, cards, texts, acts of kindness and food as we walked with our mother/grandmother through her last days.

We love and appreciate each our you and are blessed to call you family.

Thanks again,  
Richard, Tony & Missy





# Happy Birthday



**November**

1 Alicia Smith, 2 Anna Huggins, Larkey McInturf, 4 Betsy Kearney, 6 Greg Clark, Boone Reed, 8 Renea Rogers, 10 Andrew Edwards, 11 Bridgett Collins, Laurel Land, 13 John Harris, Jachini Sifford, Pam Street, Amy Huskins, 14 Debby Steffey, 15 Jon Manfull, 16 Vickie G. Pate, 17 Pam Buchanan, 18 Blake Edney, Jerry Lusk 19 Donna Engle, 20 Lyndsey Blankenship-Brackins, Paul Dempke, Jeff Griffith, Jean Foster, 21 Marianne Steffey, Hunter Smith, 25 Alaina Edens, 26 Lucas Smith, Tracy Garland, 29 Mikayla Treadway

**December**

1 Malachi Crutchfield, 2 Jonathan Crutchfield, Fay Greenwell, 6 Kelly Rice, 10 Scott Charles, 11 Ella Manfull, 14 Jim Crawford, Ethel Griffith, Sharon Gryder, 16 Amanda Huggins, 21 Gene Frye, Nancy Griffith, 23 Rob Davidson 27 Rita Edwards, 28 Becky Trotter, Chuck White, 29 Faye Adkins, 30 Patty Treadway, 31 Ned Silvers, Dan Stack,

## Memorials & Honorariums

*In Memory of*

**Bernie Jones**

*by Gary & Pam Amos  
to Consolidated Missions  
by Kathy Allen*

**Betty Jean Baker**

*by Dorcas/Homemakers Class*

*In Honor of*

**Pam & Gary Amos**


*by Diana Davis  
to Consolidated Missions*



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Service times at  
*Calvary*

**SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.

Sunday School  
Morning Worship  
Evening Worship  
Youth Bible Study  
Calvary Kids

**WEDNESDAY**

5:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

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Youth & Adult  
Bible Study  
Choir Practice

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