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## 40 Days

There was a famous book written in 2002 that took the world by storm. It had something to do with purpose and being driven. Having never read it, it would be best to not comment on it. However, being that the month of May will mark 40 days since God's people around the world celebrated Resurrection Sunday, we have purpose and should be driven by God's love to continue to live our lives for His glory and to share the Good News as much as we can while we can.

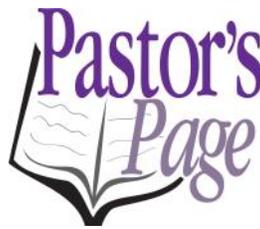
Have you noticed the wars that are live streaming in the Middle East and in Eastern Europe? Many of the people who live in those war-torn countries have lost everything. When there is nothing left to lose, "there is nothing to fear but fear itself." Coming to a place where you realize your days are numbered, and you want every day to count is actually a good place to be. Fear often cripples us into retreat instead of the field of battle. Let us be intentional with this hypothetical situation, and for some, it is not hypothetical; it is just unknown because we don't know when we are going to die. So, what if you had 40 days left to live? What would you do? Are there things on your bucket list that you just can't leave this world without completing? Realizing that death is going to happen, it is

inevitable; how would you like to conduct your life in the final days? It's a great question because it helps us to prioritize and have categories of urgent, important, less important, and forget about it. According to God's Word, the most important thing we can do in this life as Christians is to live lives of agape love. This is self-sacrificing love for the good of someone else.

You have 40 days! That's what Jonah told Nineveh. They turned their lives upside down and right-side up, in turning to the Lord. God's love is the most powerful force with no distant second. What would you do differently if you knew you had just 40 days left on this earth? Here are a few things to consider:

1. Make every attempt to heal broken relationships, starting at home.
2. Forgive everyone who has hurt you.
3. Hug your loved ones.
4. Tell someone about your faith in the Lord Jesus.
5. Be specific in your will, making sure that some of your resources will be used to promote the Gospel and missions around the world.
6. Plan your funeral to glorify God and edify those that will be there.
7. Be bold, be fearless in your faith.

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The list can go on and on, but the clock is ticking and as the hymn says, "The chimes of time are ringing out, another day is done." Another day is done means we now have 39 days left to live. Hopefully, this article will be ready for those who take it on May 5. Continuing with our hypothetical scenario, which means you will be here for the 100th anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church unless God calls you before then. What would you like to say or do for the people that will be there? Is there a note you would like to write for the coming gen-

eration? We are to resist the temptation to complain, gripe, murmur, or have a soured attitude. So let us live our days in these "last days" with agape love being rooted in Christ Jesus our Lord. For those who will follow us, let us point people to why we have enduring hope. As Victor Shepherd says, "Hope, from a biblical perspective, is a future certainty grounded in a present reality." The future is glorious for the believer. We have 40 days! Let's make the best of it.

*Pastor David*

## Calvary Baptist Church


 The logo features the number '100' in a large, bold, black font. The word 'YEARS' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font across the middle of the zeros.

ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION

## JUNE 9 10:00 AM

including a  
**Fellowship Meal Afterwards**


 The logo consists of the word 'FROM' in a small, black, sans-serif font above the word 'CURTIS' in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. The letters are contained within a stylized, black-outlined rectangular frame.

We planned. We appeared before God to present our bodies as living sacrifices to worship Jesus in Spirit and in truth. We offered lips of praise and prayers of thanksgiving that rose up like a sweet smelling savor. We overcame challenges by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimonies. Jesus gave a spirit of confirmation and acceptance by elevating our spirit to experience more of who HE IS! We have participated in faith worship that will move us to be more conformed to the image of His Son. What shall we do now?

Blackaby would say, "Accept a new assignment." Join Jesus in a work He is already working on. Make the adjustments you know are necessary to join Him. He will reward you with more of Himself. Be a volunteer for Jesus! When Mary wanted to honor Jesus by going to the grave early that

morning, Jesus rewarded her faithfulness with greater revelation about Himself. Observe that mortal flesh can touch spiritual flesh. Notice that Jesus can ascend into the third heaven in His spiritual body. He could eat physical food in His new "Flesh and bone" body. He could appear and disappear bodily. His body could pass through solid objects. His body had no blood, nor did He need oxygen for breathing. The absolute zero temperature of interstellar space is no challenge to Him. The last enemy He destroys is death. "It has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. Everyone with this hope purifies himself as He is pure (1 John 3:2-3)." Don't delay, join Jesus in a new assignment now. Experience more of God in this life.

Maranatha,  
Curtis



Time is passing quickly and the kids are excited about the summer calendar. We plan to grow in the Lord as we embark on fun-filled activities this summer. Tuesday events will be geared towards learning opportunities and short trips away from the church. Wednesday events will be geared toward growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus and will occur at our church. I encourage the parents to fill out permission forms and a medical release promptly.

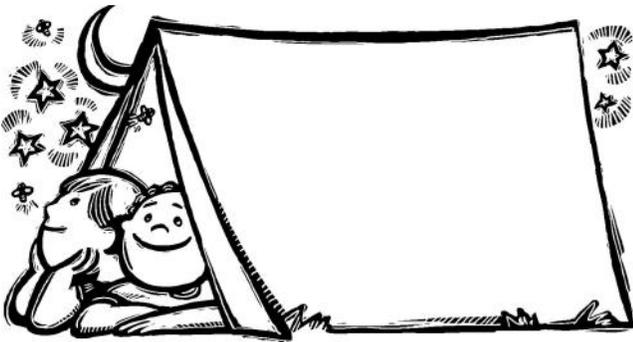
We are looking forward to the 100th Anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church on June 9th. What a special celebration that will be! We are also looking forward to Vacation Bible School on June 10th-14th (every evening from 5:30-8:00pm). We look forward to VBS because it is a prime opportunity to reach children with the Gospel. Please be in prayer for each boy and girl that will partici-

pate this summer. We want each child to believe and follow Jesus.

To give an update on curriculum, the children are studying "Answers in Genesis". Bible Drill and Awana have almost concluded. The Regional Bible Drill occurred at Wallace Memorial Church in Knoxville on April 27th and we are proud of Elizabeth for advancing to the regional drill. The final day of Awana will be May 15th. The children have memorized and studied the Word of God weekly at Awana. I pray that they will remember what they have studied and be a light in this dark world.

Lastly, I want to encourage everyone to download the CBC Erwin app. In the app, you have access to the Bible, upcoming events, children and youth events, CLC events, Calvary Cares dates and times, the homeschool co-op dates, and much more.

Alicia Smith, Children's Director



**Family Camping Trip**  
**May 31st**  
**3:00 pm**  
**Rock Creek Park**  
**See Alicia**



**VBS**  
**KICK-OFF EVENT**  
**JUNE 9 2-4 PM**



# Happy Birthday



May

2 Ellie Shelton, 5 Jim Buchanan, 8 Mary Evans,  
Allen Williams, 9 Robert Lewis, 10 Wendell  
Sullivan, 11 Ford Wilson, 12, Ron Land 14 Ro-  
land Banks, Jon Hensley, Troy Podvin, 15 Syd-  
ney Marsh, 17 Saige Wilson, 21 Edna Dempke,  
Carolyn White, Donna Rigsby, 23 Imogene  
Thomas, Alexis Whaley, 25 Emily Shelton, 27  
Mari Fanning, Phyllis Breen

## Memorial & Honorarium Offerings

*In Memory of*

**Jacqueline Graham**  
*by Shirley & Allen Rogers*

**Dr. J.W. Colinger**  
*by David Crutchfield  
to Consolidated Mission*

**Terry Rigler**  
*by Dorcas & Homemakers S.S. Class*

*In Honor of*

**David Crutchfield**  
*by Kathy Allen*



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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.

Awana  
Youth & Adult  
Bible Study  
Choir Practice

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