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Moved With Compassion

Dear Calvary Baptist Church,

As you take a moment and look over the Calvary Cares Ministry Report, please take a moment and give God praise for the great things He has done. The four year overview is a snapshot of a lot of hard work that the team would call a labor of love. Consider being a part of this ministry in prayer, support, and service. Matthew 9:36 is a well known passage that we pray will stir all our hearts. "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Please read the following report and come join us.

Pastor David

Calvary Cares Mission 4 Year Report

Calvary Cares Mission is a ministry established by Calvary Baptist Church in March 2022, dedicated to serving the residents of Unicoi County. Operating from the old VFW building at 648 S. Elm Ave., the mission is

staffed by more than 20 committed members. Together, they work to provide support and assistance to the local community, striving to meet the needs of their neighbors.



Services Provided

Calvary Cares Mission distributes food and clothing to individuals and families in need on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The mission offers a grocery store experience, allowing each family to choose the foods that best suit their preferences, which helps minimize food waste. For those unable to visit the mission site, team members deliver food directly to their homes. In emergency situations, families are met at the mission by staff, ensuring timely assistance. The mission also extends its outreach by delivering food to the local jail and nursing homes, broadening its impact within the community.

Calvary Cares Mission has served a total of:

Households*	5,627
Individuals*	14,406
Age Groups:	
0-17	3,159
18-59	6,743
60+	3,855

*Includes an average of the first eleven Give-Aways.

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We have helped in other ways:

- Christmas gifts for families
- Helped supply furniture and appliances
- Helped with heating and electric bills
- Helped provide transportation
- Bought gasoline

We have formed a partnership with other organizations to reach the community:

- Second Harvest
- Tennessee Compass

TN 211

Department of Human Services

Expenses:

Food	\$117,782.81
Non-Food*	\$ 26,706.16
Utilities	\$ 6,075.92

*Some nonfood expense included repairs/renovation of apartment

Donations are crucial to the continued success of Calvary Cares Mission.

STUDENT MINISTRY

In Christ: Ephesians 1-2

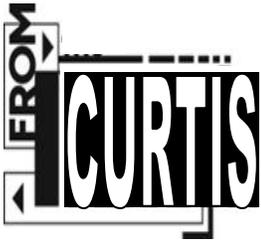
I help out with a discipleship group college students, and we have been working our way through Paul's 13 Letters. As we were digging around in the book of Ephesians our group was struck at the number of blessings Paul describes because of our Union with Christ in just the first two chapters of Ephesians. Here is a simple breakdown— this list should cause us to, as the song says, “sing like never before.” Also, be encouraged, there are still young folks out seeking the Lord; to know Him better, and to share the Gospel.

Chapter 1

- v.3 – **in Christ** we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing from the heavenly places. Paul will then list several of those blessings.
- v.4 – **in Christ** we were chosen to be holy and blameless.
- v.5 – **in Christ** we were adopted as sons and daughters in God's family
- v.6 – **in Christ** we are blessed by the glorious grace of God.
- v.7 – **in Christ** we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- v.9 – in Christ the mystery of God's will has been made known to us.
- v.10 – **in Christ** all things will be united in the fullness of time.

- v.11 – **in Christ** we have an inheritance, one that is incorruptible.
- v.12 – **in Christ** we are able to worship and praise to His glory.
- v.13 – **in Christ** we have been sealed with the promise of the Holy Spirit.
- v.19 – **in Christ** we have the immeasurable power of the greatness of God.
- Chapter 2
- v.5 – **in Christ** we have been made alive; we were once dead in our sin.
- v.6 – **in Christ** we have been placed in the heavenly places with Him.
- v.7 – **in Christ** will find the immeasurable riches of God's grace and kindness toward us.
- v.10 – **in Christ** we were created for good works.
- v.13 – **in Christ** we have been brought near by the blood of Jesus; we were once far away.
- v.14 – **in Christ** we find reconciliation, breaking down a wall of hostility.
- v.15 – **in Christ** we have been created as a new man or woman.
- v.18 – **in Christ** we have access to the Father (mediator).
- v.21 – **in Christ** we grow in holiness.
- v.22 – **in Christ** we are built into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

-Pastor Reuben



John MacArthur says, "We are dead 'IN' trespasses and sins not because of sinful acts committed, but as a direct result of our sinful nature."

Jesus said the things which defile a man come from the heart. Thanks to Adam, we are all born with this sinful nature. MacArthur says that the little two letter word "in" reveals the sphere in which unregenerate sinners exist. The spiritual stronghold on their life requires spiritual weapons such as the "sword of the Spirit" to tear down the walls of separation. Paul tells us we all walked according to the course of this world. But God, who is rich in mercy loved us enough to include those who will believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. He decided this plan of action before the foundation of the world. The living souls of believers would

be made spiritually alive with Jesus. Then, "He raised us up together, made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6." Notice the past tense aspect of the verbs used by Paul! Be careful not to overlook the "togetherness: of these statements. At the moment of salvation, we join all other believers in being raised from spiritual death and we are given a seat with Messiah in heaven. Why? God desires for us to praise and glorify the exceeding riches of His grace for all eternity. He also desires us to know how secure we are in this present world by stating our position as being in heaven in Christ Jesus. No wonder Paul says nothing can snatch us out of His hand. "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are 'IN' Christ Jesus...(Romans 8:1)"

Curtis



In "The War On Children", John MacArthur writes, "As God's people, we need to teach our children God's Word; train them in righteousness;

participate in every aspect of their lives; give them wise and biblically based guidance; and above all, give them our extravagant love." What an opportunity we have at Calvary Baptist Church to love children and point them to Jesus! Our children enjoy coming to church and we want to take every opportunity to tell them the good news of Jesus. The children's department needs your help. We need volunteers to help with VBS and our quarterly rotations. If you feel led to help, please contact me. It is of vital importance.

Emerald Crossing VBS will be from June 7-12th. We want children to understand how they can receive eternal life through repentance and faith in Jesus. We will be

studying truths as follows: I can be a child of God and have the Lord as my shepherd; I need the Lord to lead me on the right path through His Word; I can turn to the Lord for comfort when I am feeling anxious or afraid; I can have an attitude of gratitude; I need to be on the lookout for God's goodness and mercy. I encourage you to study Psalm 23 and pray for the young minds that will also be studying Psalm 23 this summer.

We will be having a VBS meeting on March 15th for anyone interested in helping with VBS. We will also be having a Parent's Night Out on March 20th from 5-8pm. Please review the CBC Erwin app for updated schedules and activities. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Peace to you all,

Alicia



Happy Birthday



March

1 Don Banks, 4 Caroline Podvin, 5 Darren Ricker, 6 Juanita Engle, 7 Merle Fain, 9 Logan Rice, 12 Dianne Davison, Raben Reed, 16 Pam Amos, 18 Blake Bennett, Karen Edwards, 20 Russell Miller, Janna Crutchfield, 21 Leonard Bowman 22 Jane Burgner, David White, Sam Dalton, 24 Steve Blankenship, 25 Carol Whaley, Adam White, 27 Jason Podvin, 28 Draven Ricker, 29 Linda Treadway

Memorial & Honorarium Offerings

In Memory of

Hugh Barker
Lori Sparks

Bill Gray
Sheldon & Tina Roark to Building Fund
Tommy & Phyllis Bennett to Playground Fund
Gary & Pam Amos to Calvary Cares

Jean Bowman
David Crutchfield
George & Rebecca Knox

Lee Rigler
Sheldon & Tina Roark to Building Fund
Buck Foster
Gary & Pam Amos to Calvary Cares

Ellen Delgado
Gary & Pam Amos to Calvary Cares

Vange Bailey
Jim & Mary Crawford to Consolidated Missions

In Honor of

Faye Adkins
Jim & Mary Crawford 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

6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Calvary Kids
Youth & Adult
Bible Study
Choir Practice

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