

# CALVARY FAMILY NEWS

January 2026

## Looking Back, Looking Forward

As we head into the new year I think it is appropriate to take a look back to where the Lord has taken us, take inventory where He has us at the moment, while looking forward to what our God and Savior has in store for Calvary Baptist Church in the future.

Looking back over the last year, the song “*Never Once*” that was the unofficial theme song for the 150th Anniversary of Calvary keeps coming back to me. The Lord has proven again and again that He is forever faithful. From a temporal point of view, everything has gone quite well. The building is doing fine, even getting new paint, the bills are getting paid, and we finished the year in the black. Far, far more importantly, ministry continues to go well. Our Sunday mornings are beginning with a great time of corporate prayer (if you haven’t been, we’d love to have you join us). God has brought some fresh faces to our services and I believe we are building up the body of Christ. Community Dinner continues to thrive and the Lord has provided yet again through donations galore.

So here we are. Calvary is being used for kingdom purposes. We are loving God, loving people, proclaiming Christ, and making disciples. Our facilities are being used, and folks are hearing the gospel.

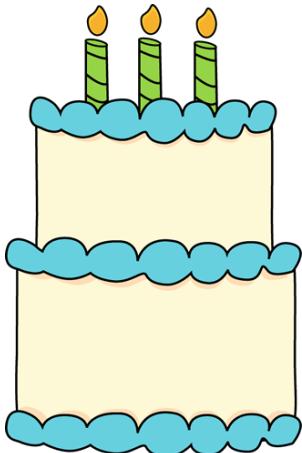
And now looking toward the future of Calvary. As we get started in our study of the book of Acts, I’m reminded that we are the continuation of the New Testament Church which means reaching our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the Earth. I believe we are doing just that through our ministries and our support of those who are also preaching the Gospel. I’m also looking forward to our Monday Night Bible Studies getting restarted soon.

One area that we need to be praying for and getting more hands on with is Celebrate Recovery. We will be starting the program from the beginning on January 8th and could use some help in prayer, promotion, and people being there for encouragement.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for your prayers and support of the ministry of Calvary Baptist and for me personally. Here’s to looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us in 2026.

Serving Him,  
Pastor Karl





## January Birthdays

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| 1  | Erelah Rosin   |
|    | Leah Reid      |
| 5  | Chris Ralston  |
| 6  | Brent Ralston  |
| 13 | Randy Damschen |
| 15 | Jim DeMastus   |
| 21 | Matt Rosin     |



**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Business Meeting**  
will be Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>,  
after our Worship Service.



**Sancity of Life Sunday**  
is January 18<sup>th</sup>.



Items for our February Family Newsletter  
are due Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.  
We appreciate your help!  
Thanks!



**Noah's Ark is the Compassion Center's Banquet**  
on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.  
The quote is:  
*"When waters rise; hope rises higher."*

*Our Basket Theme is  
Kitchen Items—*

*"Provisions for the Flood".*

*Our items are due Thursday, January 29,  
or earlier, if you would like to give  
Something to help them continue  
their ministry.*



## Becoming a Witness

### R. C. Sproul

### 1 Corinthians 3:6

The more the laity is involved in ministry, the more they want to deepen their understanding of the Word of God. The more they deepen their understanding of the Word of God, the more they want to put that understanding to work in ministry.

One thing that disturbs me about contemporary Christian jargon is the inexact use of the word witness. Too often people use the terms evangelism and witnessing interchangeably, as if they were synonyms. They are not.

All evangelism is witness, but not all witness is evangelism. Evangelism is a specific type of witnessing. Not everyone is called to be a pastor or teacher. Not everyone is called to administration or specialized ministries of mercy. Not everyone is called to be an evangelist (though we are all called to verbalize our faith). We are all called to be witnesses to Christ, to make His invisible kingdom visible. We witness by doing the ministry of Christ. We witness by being the church, the people of God.

Some of us can plant. Some of us can water. When we plant and water, God will bring an increase.

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How are you actively fulfilling your divine mandate to witness for Christ?

(Submitted from **libo** by F. S.)

## Christmas Eve at Calvary

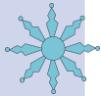
We had a great time at the Christmas Eve Dinner. The ham was very tender and moist, and the scalloped potatoes, rolls, with green beans were delicious as well. And all the desserts looked yummy!

It was fun Visiting and enjoying the decorations in Browning Hall and getting to know new folks, and checking up on friends.

On Heading up to the Worship Center to enjoy singing your own Christmas Carols, we had a good time, and some folks from the dinner joined. The Worship leaders made it easy to follow the songs and join in. The lower lighting really made the lights on the wreath, tree and nativity backdrop really pop, and set the tone for the service. The time quickly went by as Pastor Karl shared about his Christmas experiences as a kid and how tv and family traditions shaped out views and ideas on the Christmas story, which don't always follow along with what is in the Bible. tap



# JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			31 5-6 pm Community Dinner-Deli Sandwiches! 6 -9 pm New Year's Eve Party	1 New Year's Day 	2	3
4 9am Church Body Prayer 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery	5 6pm Men's Bible Study 6pm Ladies' Bible Study	6 10:30 a - 1:30pm CBC Serves Lunch at the Sr. Center!	7	8 5-6 pm Community Dinner-Tasty & Delicious! 6 pm Celebrate Recovery	9	10
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