



CALVARY Connections

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2022

Getting Connected

From Pastor Matt...

We live in a very unconnected and lonely world. Despite amazing advances in technology and travel, which should make it easier for us to connect, people are more isolated than ever before. This type of isolation is leading to all manner of mental and physical health issues. We at CBC believe the church is the Body of Christ and that as we connect to one another it not only benefits our mental, physical, and spiritual health, but also glorifies God.

September is "Connection Month" here at Calvary Baptist. We are all wearing name tags so you can better initiate conversation and new friendships. We are also challenging anyone who is not already a part of a Sunday School class or small group to try one this month. It is in smaller groups where we truly find connection. We go from a face in a crowd to a familiar face that is known, loved, and prayed for. If you are already connected, look for someone or a family of "someones" who are not, introduce yourself, invite them to your class or group, and take them out to lunch. May God not only grow our church in numbers, but also in connection points, friendships, and discipleship opportunities.

In Christ,
Pastor Matt

Church Events

- **SEPTEMBER All Month:**
 - **Connection Month** *p. 2*
 - **State Missions Offering** *p. 4*
 - **Small Group Opportunities** *p. 2*
- **Sept 24th – EISB Association Meeting** *p. 4*
- **Oct 8th – Choir Recruitment** *p.3*
- **Oct 11th – Prayer & Praise Gathering** *p. 3*

September is Connection Month

Every Sunday in September is Connection Sunday.

To help newcomers and old-timers alike, please wear a nametag (available in the Lobby) every Sunday this month. It helps us all to learn the names of those in our church we don't see every week.

And to help make closer connections, please consider joining one of the many small group opportunities available. These groups not only help form community within our church, but also help us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and to be accountable to one another. We need each other to fan the flame of faith and to keep our witness bright before a lost world.

Sunday School

Sunday School and Sunday morning small groups offer classes for every age group from toddlers to teenagers, and a variety of offerings for adults. If you are unfamiliar with our Sunday School program, there is a brochure at the Welcome Center in the Lobby that describes each class and lists the teacher and curriculum.

You are sure to find a group where you feel comfortable and welcome, and each class offers Bible-based teaching to help us follow Jesus more closely. If you need some additional guidance, the Greeters can help direct you.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

Each Sunday evening approximately following the school year, a group meets for Bible Study at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. This year they will be looking at the Gospel of John verse by verse.

Steve Hayes, a seminary-trained teacher and longtime member at Calvary, digs deeply into the Word with the group to discover God's intention for believers and how we may serve in His kingdom.

Hebrews 10:24-25

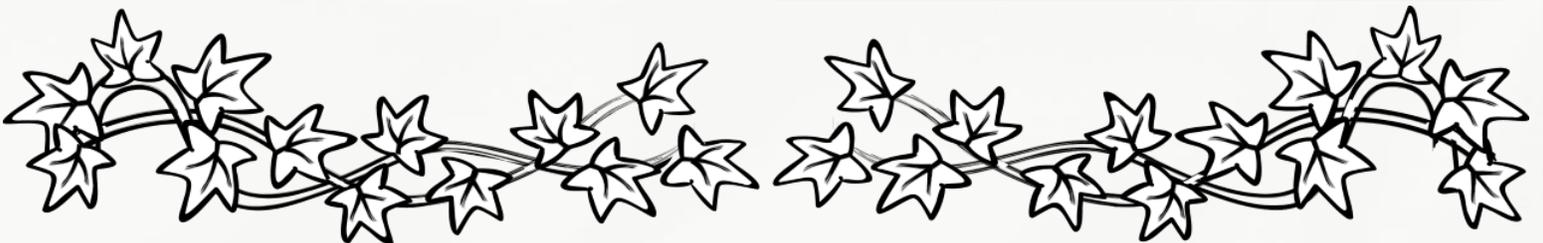
"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Chapin Home Group

A relatively new Bible study group is the Chapin Home Group, which currently meets on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm at the home of Ben and Crystal Chapin, 2942 Glen Cove, Ammon. This is a family-friendly group, kids are welcome, and a potluck meal is shared before the study, led by Ben Chapin, begins.

Men's Thursday AM Group

This group is led by Pastor Matt and meets in the church Conference Room at 6:00AM on Thursdays. They will be studying the book of Romans. The early time means that men can meet together for fellowship, prayer, and study of the Word, and still get to work on time. This keeps evenings free for family time and weekly activities, yet sets aside time for the Lord as He has commanded us.



Calvary Family Prayer & Praise Night

A past highlight in Calvary's worship has been our Prayer & Praise Nights. We will be resuming this special event on **Tuesday, October 11th**. Pastor Tyler is planning a time of special music and congregational singing, interspersed with prayer and Scripture readings. Don't miss this unique opportunity to worship and praise our great God together with brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Choir Resumes!



Many of us will rejoice at the news that choir will resume under Pastor Tyler Penalber. On Saturday evening, October 8th at 6pm, there will be a Choir Recruitment night so that Pastor Tyler can gauge the interest and participation for Christmas choral music. There will be light refreshments, listening to potential musical choices, and some singing.

Tyler will also determine the best time and day for regular practices, so you will want to cast your vote. If you have participated in the choir in the past, or if you'd like to try it, please come on October 8th!

Youth News

The fall season has begun, and Tuesday Youth Night is happening! A change has been made from previous years, in that youth can arrive at the church as early as 5:45 to play games, have a slice of pizza or a bag of popcorn and just hang out.

Then at 6:45 the students can dig into the Bible lesson with Tyler, Porsha, and the other youth leaders. Don't miss this time to connect with other students in a great Christian atmosphere. Bring your friends!



Operation Christmas Child News

During VBS this year, the children made crafts to be included in OCC shoeboxes. They enjoyed the crafts and wanted to take some of them home for themselves. Jeannette shared each night something about OCC as the kids worked on their crafts.

They made 75 large popsicle stick bookmarks decorated with stickers; 143 "worry stones" (acrylic gems decorated with nail polish and heated so that the paint crackled); 27 crosses decorated with buttons or beads, bearing the message "God Loves You"; and 100 steel washer necklaces painted with alcohol ink.

To read more about Operation Christmas Child, go to this link:

samaritanaspurse.org/?s=operation+christmas+child

To see how you can participate, ask Jeannette Hartung, our Area Coordinator and a member here at Calvary.

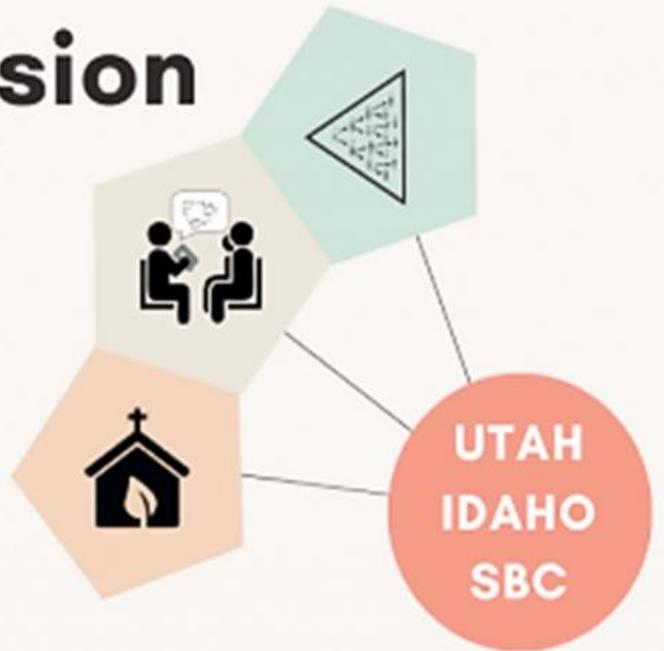


Utah-Idaho Vision

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

September 2022

Surrendered To Jesus Christ,
U&I Together Are
Churches **Sharing** Christ,
Churches **Starting** Churches,
Churches **Strengthening** Churches



- This year's State Missions Offering emphasis is focused on our State Convention vision approved by the messengers at our October 2021 annual meeting. We are challenged to be surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ daily as we seek to share the gospel, strengthen all our churches, and start new churches. **100% of the funds from the State Missions Offering fund our collegiate ministries across our region, our disaster relief ministries, sharing Christ, strengthening churches, and starting churches.**

UTAH-IDAHO GOAL: \$95,000

CBC GOAL: \$1,200

Together, we can make a difference as we partner in praying, giving, and sharing, as we seek to expand God's kingdom right here at home!

Eastern Idaho Southern Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 24th, 10am-11am

The Annual Meeting of our local Southern Baptist Association will be at South Fork Outdoorsmen Church, 4116 E 230 N, Rigby, Idaho, on September 24th beginning at 10:00am. Lunch will be served. If you would like to attend but were not voted in as messenger, you are still welcome, but please let Pastor Scott Plath know (208-270-6293) so that they can prepare enough food for all those who attend.

