



CALVARY Connections

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

Calvary Baptist Church
Idaho Falls, ID

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White as New-fallen Snow

...From Pastor Matt

Church Events

DNow Youth Event

March 15-16-17

Ladies' Craft Fellowship

March 1 & 15

Good Friday

March 29

Easter Sunday

March 31

One of my favorite things about winter is that, just after a heavy snowfall, either late at night or early morning, everything is covered in fluffy white. The ugly black snow has been covered, the footprints and tire tracks have been erased, and it's as if for just a moment everything has been remade. As I watch the heavy snow fall outside my office window, I am reminded of God's amazing grace. The cleansing blood of Jesus that washes us white as snow. The glorious salvation provided to us by God, which makes all things new.

Our pattern of sin and rebellion has made our life and world ugly and broken. Our deep footprints travel down wide and ruinous roads. The well-worn and rutted tracks of bad habits and addictions that seem to effortlessly steer our lives in the wrong direction. But then the gospel, the good news of Jesus, points us to our glorious Savior, who, when believed in, rains down in ever-flowing showers of grace, mercy, forgiveness, and love. The ugly is covered, the broken is healed, and from the wide road, we are led to the narrow path of truth and hope. The rutted tracks are filled in, we are made brand new.

I hope today your heart is reminded of the glorious salvation provided to us in Jesus Christ. Would you sit for a moment and ponder the overwhelming love that God has for you? Would you take time to pray a prayer of thanksgiving? Could your heart be led to remember someone in your life who needs this kind of hope? "Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

In Christ,
Pastor Matt



Youth Events



Good Friday Service

Good Friday Service will take place on Friday, March 29th at 7:00pm. And don't miss our Easter Sunday Service on March 31st. Be praying about who you may invite to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and his sacrificial death and resurrection!

No Prayer & Praise

There will be no in-person Prayer & Praise service on March 12th and 19th as Pastor Matt will be in Vietnam. Cheryl Jensen will continue to lead the online prayer meeting; if you are interested in this, please give her a call, or call the office for the Zoom link.



Disciple Now, also known as DNow, is coming up fast! This event begins Friday evening, March 15th, and goes through worship service at Calvary on Sunday, March 17th. Our DNow pastor, Brandon Tullis, will be the guest speaker that Sunday.

Students will stay in local homes (by age group and gender) where they will have periods of learning and discussion as well as games, snacks, and fun. Students, be sure to bring a sleeping bag or bedding and pillow, toiletries including towel, soap and shampoo, and a snack and pop or other drinks to share. Breakfast will be provided at your host home on Saturday morning, with other meals provided at the church.

The annual CBC Dinner & Dessert Auction has been scheduled for April 7th, the Sunday after Easter. If you have not participated before, this is a fun event for everyone and a great way for the students to earn money towards camp. Students will help prepare and serve a meal, with donations accepted for the meal, and then Pastor Matt will auction off donated desserts to the highest bidder. Competition can be fierce, so bring your favorite specialty dessert and see how much can be raised for these young people!

Camp dates will be July 14th-20th. There is a group of some 30 youth and adults who have spots reserved, but there may be a few spots left. There are plenty of opportunities to raise money for camp fees, so don't let the cost prevent you from going. Speak to Pastor Tyler if you are interested and not yet signed up.

Tuesday Student Ministry will meet for only a few more months before taking a break for summer! The last scheduled Tuesday will be May 28th; then we will resume on approximately August 13th. Even though Pastor Tyler and Tori will take a couple of weeks off for their honeymoon, Student Ministry will still meet with other leaders.



Senior Adults

The March event for Saints Alive will be dinner out after Worship on March 17th, immediately after services. We will meet at the New Hong Kong Restaurant at 1820 Jennie Lee Drive. Be sure to sign up on the list in the lobby so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.





ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Season Of Prayer and Giving
To Support North American Missions
March 23 – April 30

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. **One hundred percent** of gifts given to AAEO go to the field to support more than 2,900 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada.

Gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are used to train and resource missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Gifts are also used to create evangelism resources. New churches are being planted, hurts are being healed and lives are being transformed by the gospel because you give.

New Women's Bible Study

A new women's Bible study will be starting on Sunday, April 7th. This will be led by Marty McGukin and will meet in her home, 5610 Truscott Drive. The title of the series is "Abide – Practicing the Presence of God," and it will run for 6 weeks, through May 19th. The group will meet Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00pm, with a meal at 5pm and the study from 5:30-7:00. Plan now to join this group!



A Note of Thanks

I cannot thank our dear friends at Calvary enough for their unwavering support and generosity towards our family as we mourned Robert's passing. You embody what it truly means to be there for one another in Christ, and what a church family is all about.

Words cannot express how much love we felt, whether it was food, a visit, a hug, a call, flowers, tears, prayers, your attendance at the viewing or service, it meant the world to my family and me. The expression of your love was felt not just by me, but by the entire family. We love you all!! Thank you!!

~ Linda Beal and Family

No Men's Bible Study

There will be no Men's AM Bible Study **March 7th, 14th, or 21st** as Pastor Matt will be away. It will resume Thursday, March 28th at 7:00am.

BEYOND

The March event for **BEYOND** was a dinner and Bible study on March 1st at 6:00pm. The speakers were Todd and Leslie Pierce of **Riding High Ministries**. It was very interesting and a lot of fun.

Due to many conflicts, the March activity will not be held, but watch for more activities and get-togethers coming next month!