



# CALVARY Connections

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## Reverberate the Word

*From Pastor Matt*

Reverb is created by an original sound, amplified electronically, that produces a series of echoes. The Bible tells us that we are not original. We all have a source, a creator. Genesis chapter one tells us that God spoke all things into existence. He is the original voice, we have been created to echo Him. The church is the body of Christ created by God to echo his message of grace and salvation to a desperate world. But what happens when the church quits shaking, when we are no longer echoing the voice of God in our world? The apostle Paul tells the church in Thessalonica, “For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and in Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so we need not say anything.”

(1 Thessalonians 1:8)

This is God’s design, that the Word of God spoken into us echoes and reverberates from our lives into our community, state, country, and world. For the Word of God to echo from you it has to get in you. How are you putting this great treasure of God’s Word into your heart and mind? My prayer for you is that you read, meditate, and memorize this great gift called the Bible, so that we may echo the heart of God to a lost and dying world.

In Christ,  
Pastor Matt

### Church Events

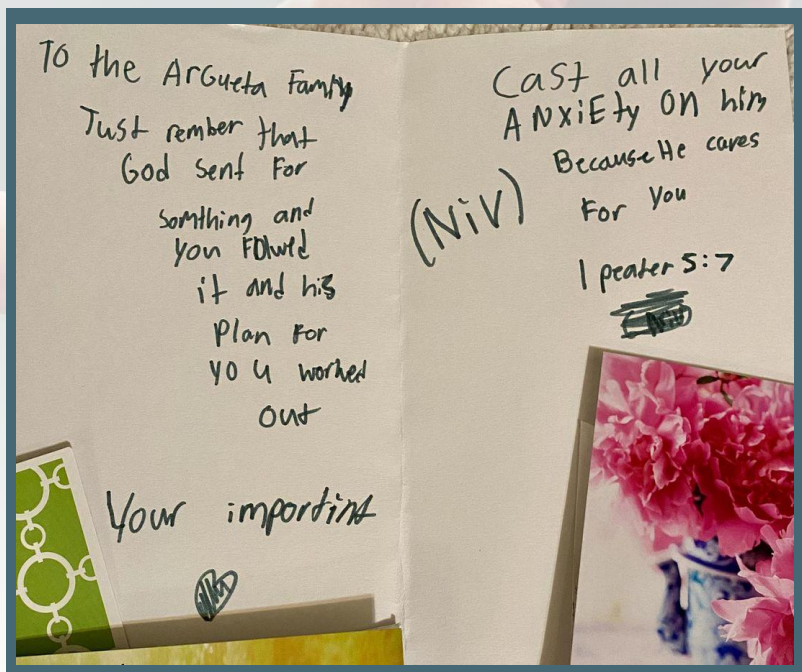
- Feb 9-10 – Marriage Conference
- Feb 17 – Senior Adults Potluck and Movie
- Feb 24 – Women’s Lunch
- Feb 24 – BEYOND Activity
- Feb 29 – Choir Practice
- Mar 1 – BEYOND Meal & Bible Study
- Mar 3 – Choir Sings
- Mar 15-17 – DNow (Youth)

# Pray for Our Missionaries

## Why Praying for Our Missionaries is Important

Each month we've been focusing on learning about and praying for one of our SBC missionary families. In January our children's Sunday School classes viewed a video, learned about and prayed for the Argueta family. Melisa Argueta shared this update on how they have been encouraged by prayers and support:

"We were chosen as the missionaries of the month of January by 'Women on Mission' [National WMU] which means that many churches are praying for us, especially women and children. It has been an amazing experience. God has encouraged our hearts in a way I couldn't explain. We received many cards like the one you see in this photo, children of preschool or school age have written us words of encouragement that have arrived just at the time we needed them most. Only God knew the anxiety that was in my heart the day we received one of the groups of cards. When I opened the envelope and began to read each one, I began to cry but with joy, to see how God is a close, personal God, who knows our hearts and uses even such small children for His glory. As you can see, this was written by a boy or



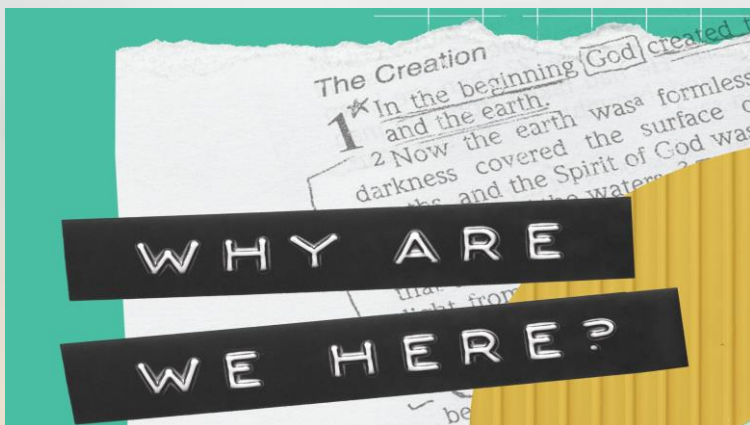
girl of approximately 5-6 years old, but they were the right words I needed to hear that day. On many of the cards the same verse was repeated: 'Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.' 1 Peter 5:7. And the message on that card says: 'Argueta Family: just remember that God sent you for something, and you followed Him and His plan for you worked.'"

## Youth Happenings

Our next big event for Student Ministry is DiscipleNow – a weekend of study, introspection and fun taking place March 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. The students will stay in host homes overnight according to age group and gender, participate in small group discussions, and then join together as a large group during the day.

Two more host homes are needed at this point. Students will bring their own snacks and drinks to share, and breakfast foods will be provided for serving at the host homes. All that is needed from the host family is a place where students can meet as a group and space for them to place sleeping bags and sleep. If you are interested in making your home available, please contact Pastor Tyler.

Fund raising has begun for Youth Camp. The Rock-a-Thon was a great success; if you made a pledge with one of the students, they will be contacting you for your donation. Watch for other events and ways you can support this important ministry for our youth.



## Ladies' Lunch

Saturday, February 24, 11 am  
@ Calvary Baptist Church

*Ladies*, you're invited to a time of fellowship, inspiration, and fun!

*Are* there women you see on Sunday morning, but don't really know? We'll have a fun activity to help us get acquainted. Meet someone new, or you might even learn something new about a friend you've known for years!

*Are* you abiding in Christ? What does that look like in your life? Discover as Marty McGukin shares, "Stay Behind the Plow – Learning to Abide in Christ."

*Even* though we've enjoyed some nice days, we know winter isn't over, but we also know spring will come. Get ready by creating colorful spring décor for your home. There will be a cost for the supplies for this craft project. More details will be coming soon.

*A lunch* of soups, salad, and bread will be provided. Please sign the list on the bulletin board in the church lobby, or text 208-403-2729 to let us know you're coming.







# Senior Adults

The Senior Adult activity for the month of February will be a potluck meal on Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5pm at the church. Please bring a covered dish to share. After the meal, we will enjoy a viewing of the movie "Breakthrough" in the sanctuary. If others would like to join us for the movie, you are welcome.

The film tells the true story of a St. Louis teenager who slipped through an icy lake on January 19, 2015, and was underwater for 15 minutes before resuscitative efforts were started. Although rescued, he is in a coma, and his family must rely on their faith to get through the ordeal.



## FEBRUARY ACTIVITY

Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, we will meet at Key Bank downtown (501 W Broadway) and walk to the coffee shop and Possibly Picasso. This is a fun activity where you choose a ceramic item (all kinds available, even those that would appeal to males) and paint it, picking it up later after it has been fired. You will need some money both for the coffee shop and for the painting activity, but if that's a problem, talk to Dave or Lynda.

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm, we will meet at the home of Lloyd and Britt Landon, 5231 Tildy Lane. The speaker(s) will be Todd and/or Kristie Wood. Todd is the pastor at Berean Baptist Church. We will share a meal as well, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group.

The BEYOND group meets twice a month for Bible study, meals, and fellowship through activities. It is intended for those who are "BEYOND" high school and into their 20's. If you would like to know more about our BEYOND family, please feel free to reach out. We would love to share what the Lord is doing.

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# CBC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

February 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>  
Tickets \$25 per couple

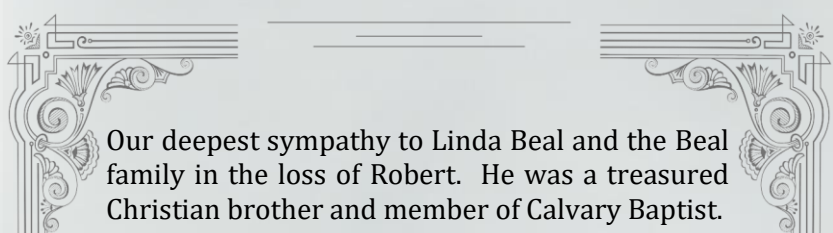
A special event this month is a Marriage Conference to be held at Calvary Baptist. This event will include a meal served by CBC Students (proceeds from the sale of tickets will benefit the Youth Camp fund).

Special guest speakers Tyler and Shelby Brown will engage participants in fun, laughter, and thought-provoking discussion as we explore ways to enrich and enliven our marriage relationships.

Don't miss this opportunity to join with Calvary brothers and sisters in seeking Christ's best for our marriages.

Friday, Feb. 9 6:30pm: Dinner served by CBC Students  
8pm: Session One

Saturday, Feb 10 9am: Session Two  
10:30am: Session Three



Our deepest sympathy to Linda Beal and the Beal family in the loss of Robert. He was a treasured Christian brother and member of Calvary Baptist.

*"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep." 1 Thessalonians 4:14*

Viewing Thursday  
Feb. 8 at Wood  
Eastside, 6:30-8pm

Service Friday Feb. 9  
at Calvary Baptist  
Church, 11am;  
viewing at 10am

No graveside service

