



# CALVARY Connections

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
IDAHO FALLS – JANUARY 2024

## LIVING A LIFE FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

*From Pastor Matt...*

Church Family,

In the new year I challenge you to remember to the power of prayer. I sat down with my family on January 1st, and we all listed the most important thing we wanted our family members praying for us in 2024. The Christian life is not an individual sport. We need the support, encouragement, love, rebuke, and most importantly, prayers of our family, friends, and church.

So, I greatly encourage you as a new year begins, don't just set goals, but make a prayer list for yourself and share it with others. As your Pastor I would love to pray for you in the next year. I invite you to email me ([mmcgukin@yahoo.com](mailto:mmcgukin@yahoo.com)) how I can pray for you in 2024.

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (*Ephesians 3:20-21*)

In Christ,

Pastor Matt

## Church Events

- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – NEW YEAR'S DAY
- Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – Ladies' Craft Night
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Night Bible Study Resumes
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> – Student Ministry Resumes; Prayer & Praise Resumes
- Jan 11<sup>th</sup> – Men's AM Bible Study Resumes
- Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – First Step Class
- Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – BEYOND Bible Study and Meal
- Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – Saints Alive Dinner Out



# Youth Events

Happy New Year!

Student Ministry starts up again on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45. This includes food, snacks, games, worship and Bible study. Come on up to the Oasis (Youth Room at the church) for a great time of fun and fellowship.

The second annual Rock-a-Thon will take place on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 8pm to 8am on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Students should already be gathering sponsors to help raise money for camp this summer. We will need rocking chairs, too. Talk to Pastor Tyler if you can help in this way.



We have lots of activities lined up for the next quarter. These will be posted on the church bulletin board too.

Friday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm: Dinner and Bible study at the home of Ralph & Karen Lentz, 7824 N Riverfront Drive. Speaker: Marty and/or Matt McGukin. Please bring a side dish to share.

Friday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm: Dinner and Bible study, also at the Lentz home. Please bring a side dish to share. Speaker: Jennell Faulkner will be sharing about "The Nest," a pro-life pregnancy clinic supporting women with unexpected pregnancies. Feel free to bring friends or family members.

Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2pm: Coffee Shop, then Possibly Picasso painting. We will meet at Key Bank at 2pm, then walk to our destinations. Please bring money for coffee and art, but if you are tight on resources, reach out. The Lord provides for His children!



Make plans to attend our **CBC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE** Feb. 9-10. Registration is \$25 per couple; all proceeds go to our Student Ministry for Summer Camp.

*Giveaways, panel discussion, fun, laughter, and great encouragement for your marriage!*

Friday, Feb. 9 7pm: Dinner served by CBC Student Ministry  
8pm: Session One  
Saturday, Feb 10 9am: Session Two  
10:30am: Session Three

# CBC Senior Adults



In January, the Senior Adults will have Sunday Dinner Out on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month. Plans are still underway, but keep an eye on the bulletin board, a sign-up sheet will be up soon.

A special Valentine activity will be taking place in February. More details will follow soon!



# First Step Class

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> – 9:45AM

If you have been attending Calvary for some time but have not yet become a member, this class could be for you. Pastor Matt will lead the class and discuss who we are as a church, what it means to be Southern Baptist, and what our basic beliefs are. It also affords an opportunity to ask questions you may have had in the back of your mind.

If you are a member and know someone who might benefit from this class, help get the word out. There is a notice in the bulletin that they can take home as a reminder, as well.

