



Calvary Baptist Church

Find Your Heart in the Heart of Towson – Join Us for Sunday Worship Service

120 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204

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Co-Pastors: Reverend Dr. William Sean Lee and Reverend Sarah W. Lee

**11:00 am Sunday
Worship Service**

Adult Sunday School

9:45 am

- Pastor Sarah's Class
- Ruth Kulkarni's Class

Wednesday Programs

Prayer & Bible Study:

- 9:30 am: Joyce Keedy
- 7 pm: Pastor Sean

Choir Practice:

- 6:30 pm: Motley Choir
- 7 pm: Handbell Choir



Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
8:30 am – 2 pm

Closed on Fridays

OCTOBER PASTOR'S COLUMN

October brings days that get shorter and a bit cooler, the beginning migration of birds to warmer nesting grounds, beautiful colors starting to paint the leaves of trees, and for Calvary Baptist Church – the Second Annual International/National Dinner on October 28th. Last year it was a great time of food, fellowship and fun, and we expect it will be this year, as well. Of course, the event is open to everyone, so please invite your family, friends, neighbors, and others to attend!

The reason we have opportunities like the International/National Dinner is because we need the encouragement of relationships with other Christians. God designed us for connection with each other. He uses the metaphor of a human body to describe how essential it is that we unite our spiritual gifts and abilities in service for God. However, we also need the deep relationships of spiritual friendship, known as fellowship, to sustain us in the living of our days for Jesus.

John Eldredge writes, “The human heart has an infinite capacity for happiness and an unending need for love, because it is created for an infinite God who is unending love. The desperate turn is when we bring the aching abyss of our hearts to one another with the hope, the plea, ‘Make me happy. Fill this ache.’ And often out of love we *do* try to make one another happy, and then we wonder why it never lasts. It can’t be done.” It can only be accomplished through a personal relationship with Christ as Savior and Lord, which leads us into healthy relationships with each other. Once that relationship with Christ is at our core, we can allow God through us and in our hearts to fill our “infinite capacity for happiness and unending need for love.” This gives us what are commonly referred to as “healthy boundaries and expectations” in relationship to others.

This is true in the spiritual family at Calvary Baptist Church, too. Ultimately our relationship with God through saving faith in Jesus is our responsibility alone. However, we can be encouraged in that relationship with Christ through affirming friendships with other Christians in our church family. Indeed, we all need to have trusted brothers and sisters in Christ to hearten us in the journey of the Christian life. In the military these relationships are called “Spiritual Battle Buddies.” This only works when we remember that only God is perfect. The rest of us are just forgiven. Ultimately only God can fill our “infinite capacity for happiness and an unending need for love.”

So, we hope all of us will strive to participate in Christian fellowship for the nurturing of our hearts and the strengthening of our faith in Christ. Indeed, as we do, we will experience Christ among us and in us!

Your Spiritual Battle Buddies,

Pastors Sarah and Sean

Lectionary Reading for October

Oct. 1: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

Oct. 8: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

Oct. 15: Exodus 32:1-14, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

Oct. 22: Exodus 33:12-23, 1 Thessalonians 1-10, Matthew 22:15-22

Oct. 29: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46

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Children and Youth Sunday Morning Programs:

- 9:45 - 10:45 One Room Sunday School for Children and Youth of all Ages
- 10:45 - 12:00 Nursery (newborn - 3 years)
- 11:15 - 12:00 Children's Church (3 years to 5th grade)
- 11:15 - 12:00 Youth Connection on the 2nd & 4th Sundays (middle schoolers)

Calvary Calendar for October and Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 1	9:45 am Finance Committee Meeting in the Adult Communication Room Communion Sunday
Monday, October 2	Calvary Church Day of Prayer – day after communion service, as a congregation praying together for the membership, spiritual growth, and programs of our church.
Saturday, October 7	10-11am Drop off Cakes for Our Daily Bread (frosted in foil pans, please)
Sunday, October 8	Pastor Appreciation Sunday Motley Choir Performs Coffee Hour after service
Monday, October 9	Church Office Closed for Columbus Day
Sunday, October 15	Sunday Worship
Saturday, October 21	9-11 am The 7th Man at 7th Man-Meeting- at Jerusalem Mills. Call for directions 443 992 5395
Sunday, October 22	Sunday Worship Meeting in Fellowship Hall after the service for Parents of Children and Youth, Teachers and Nursery Workers
Saturday, October 28	5-7 pm-Family Favorite Night - International/National Potluck
Sunday, October 29	Sunday Worship
Saturday, November 4	10-11am Drop off Cakes for Our Daily Bread (frosted in foil pans, please)
Monday, November 13	Deadline for delivering ACTC Thanksgiving Baskets to Calvary



Reminder!

Don't forget to set your clock back before you go to bed on Saturday night November 4
Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, November 5

New By-laws of 2017

The church voted on September 17th to fully accept and implement the proposed new By-laws of 2017. A few changes were made to the previous By-laws, but the main changes came as we now have two bodies for ministry in carrying out the work of our Lord at Calvary Baptist Church. We have a Church Council that is made up of two components, the Trustees and the Directors of Programs. The other body of ministry is that of the Deacons. While the Church Council will coordinate the ministries of Calvary, the Deacons will be extensions of the Pastor's ministry of caring for the congregation.

Prayerfully we now are asking members to consider the open positions that have been created by the changes. Going forward, please keep all the church leadership in your prayers as they lead Calvary along with the Pastors.

I would like to especially thank Drew Wright, Terry Duncan, Fred Ray and Susan Edwards, who along with myself made up the By-laws committee.

If you need a copy of the new 2017 Church By-laws, please see.

Pastor Sarah

Song of the Solar Eclipse



O sun in your glory
Eclipsed by the moon,
Your Creator adoring
Midst strange mid-day gloom,
Though new your face darkened,
Just your corona that glows,
Yet still would you hearken
To the anthem that flows
And races the heavens,
The universe fills,
The bright anthem given
God's glory to tell!
And though you're new shaded,
Gone into eclipse,
You're still celebrating,
Your purpose is this:
To Praise your great Maker
Though your brightness grows dim,
Celebrate your Creator,
And glorify Him!

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**Parents of Calvary's Children and Youth,
Teachers, and Nursery Care Workers**
Please try to come to a brief meeting on
Sunday, October 22nd

After the worship service in the Fellowship Hall

Important **information** and upcoming **news** will be discussed !!

Please don't be left out !!! Hope to see you !!





Family Favorite Night International/National



Saturday, October 28th 5-7pm

The International/National Dinner is church wide fun!! We invite you to bring a dish (pot luck as we Baptists say) from your country of origin or a favorite family dish. We will also have fun things for the kids. Please use the sign up sheet to let us know what you are bringing. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Edwards or Pastor Sarah. See you then!



ACTC Thanksgiving Baskets

Please return your completed Thanksgiving Baskets to CBC and place downstairs on the "outside counter" no **later than Monday, November 13th**. The goal for Calvary is 65 baskets!

Please include ONLY the following items in each basket:

- 1 can sweet potatoes/yams (23-29 oz can)
- 2 cans meat/main dish (example: beef stew or chili-15-24 oz cans)
- 1 large can fruit (20-30 oz can)
- 4 cans vegetables (example: green beans, peas or corn (15 oz cans)
- 1 cranberry sauce
- 2 pkg. macaroni & cheese
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 cake or brownie mix
- 1 bag or box of stuffing mix
- 1 lb. bag or box of rice

Please do not put money or gift cards in bags.

TIPS FOR PACKING

1. Pack large cans on bottom & lighter items on top.
2. If possible use a Reusable Grocery Bag OR a double brown grocery bag inserted in double plastic bag.
3. Mark bags as COMPLETE or INCOMPLETE

Stores participating in the ACTC Thanksgiving Basket Drive:

Giant Supermarket (Across from the fairgrounds)
2145 York Rd.,
Timonium, MD
410 308-3868
Kimberly Carr – Manager
Lynne Freeman \$TBD

Giant Supermarket (across from the Drumcastle Center)
6340 York Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212
410-377-2673
Judy Simon, Manager \$TBD

ShopRite
37 Aylesbury, Rd., Timonium, MD 21093
410-308-8700
Steve Starzynski – Manager \$TBD

Call the store to see when bags will be available