

AG Calvary News

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Well, one day it seems like winter is lingering on, then the next day it is like there is a rush into spring. At Calvary there are several new things happening this month. For Pastor Brian and Susan, there are several meetings with the district, local pastors, and community leaders. For Calvary, we are heading into the wonderful time where we celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Easter seems early this year, falling in Sunday, April 5th. However we still look forward to a great Easter morning of celebration at Calvary. See our morning line up to the right. Also, throughout the month of March, Pastor Brian will be ministering on the manifested presence of the Lord. This intense series will not only give us a greater understanding of his presence, but prayerfully, a greater experience of it too.

Susan Jenkins, Angie Burk, and Dawn Bullard will start this month at the Minister's Wives Retreat in Henryville, Indiana at the Wooded Glen conference and resort center. We pray their experience with the other district ladies will bless them mightily and they will return refreshed and filled with the presence of the Lord.

This is also the month of district Area Minister's Meetings. Pastor Brian and Susan, with Pastor Mike and Angie Burk will be attending the Central Area Minister's Meeting at Grace Assembly of God in New Whiteleand. Grace is in it's third new sanctuary and continues to see growth in their attendance and outreach. This year's speaker is Wayne Benson. Wayne has a long list of labors, including past president of Central Bible College, Pastor of First Assembly in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and CEO of Emerge Ministries.

Finally, March always brings about our Annual Membership Meeting. We have lots to celebrate this year—the placing of Pastor Mike and Angie at Portland, the adoption of The River in Cambridge City as a Parent Affiliated Church, the beginnings of our new parking lot, the start of our Weekly Prayer Circle, and continued strength in our finances, attendance, and outreach.

Calvary has always been a church which can see the good in every situation. It is a church that spans several generations. We truly believe we are a church placed in Union City for a definitive purpose. *"Calvary exists to demonstrate the love of God to the families of our community."* ❖

Easter Morning at Calvary Sunday, April 5th at 7:00 AM

Sunrise Service: 7:00 AM

Fellowship Breakfast: 8:00 AM

Sunday School: 9:15 AM

Easter Morning Service: 10:15 AM

Evening Service: 6:00 PM



Don't miss this year's Easter events at Calvary. We will begin the morning with traditional hymns and Bible readings at 7:00 AM. The men of our church will be fixing a fellowship breakfast for us that will start promptly at 8:00 AM. You don't have to attend the Sunrise Service to enjoy the fellowship breakfast with us.

Our regular Sunday School hour starts at 9:15 AM. Then at we will have our special Easter Service at Calvary. We know many of you will be bringing guests, friends, and family members to this service. We will do our utmost to make them feel welcome and let them know how much God loves them.

Easter is always a great opportunity to witness to your family and let them become part of your church life. ❖

Community Good Friday Service Friday, March 27th at 7:00 PM

Hosted by the Union City Minister's Association

Trinity Lutheran Church

1470 West State Road 28

Union City, Indiana 47390

This year's Community Good Friday Service promises to build upon the great services we have had over the past few years. Some of our new Pastors will be involved in this year's service and we are looking forward to hearing from them. Everyone is welcome to attend this great event.

The Union City Minister's Association has made some good progress over the past few years also. They are now involved in vital areas of our community, meet for lunch on a monthly basis, welcome new Pastors to our area, host the Community Good Friday service and the National Day of Prayer in May, and will be producing a community-wide brochure in 2015 of all of our area churches and Pastors. ❖



Pastor Brian and Susan Jenkins

It is not often I focus on giving as a topic. However, each week I watch Pastor Robert Morris from Gateway church in Texas as I exercise on the treadmill. He is emphasizing tithes and offerings at his church and I was taken by the things he said

We had used his *Blessed Life* course here at Calvary a few years back. This was the basis of what he was sharing again at his church. However, he has added so much depth to his teaching I feel Calvary needs to hear it again.

I began taking notes and praying about what to say to the congregation, then the thought occurred to me, "Why not let Pastor Robert say it?" This thought became a revelation. I could simply download his messages and show them on the screen at Calvary on Sunday nights this month.

Acting on this revelation, I began outlining what will become the new basis of stewardship for our members. We are moving our stewardship month to March to coincide with our annual membership meetings and emphasizing financial stewardship through tithing, offerings and the alms gift.

Although I mention tithing in every message I preach, and often use it as an example in other areas of Christian life, I rarely challenge our people to see it as more a part of their relationship with God, rather than the church. As a result there are several who mistakenly feel

that since they are not a member of Calvary, then they are exempt from tithing. This couldn't be further from the truth.

Amazingly, as I was looking into this subject, Pastor Holdeman, from the Lighthouse in Richmond, Indiana, showed up at our last Ministry Group loaded down with resources to promote tithing in our Assemblies. I don't need more than two or three confirmations to see what God wants to do.

It is imperative for pastors to make known to their people, on a regular basis, the benefits and blessings of tithing. Pastor Robert Morris quoted statistics that make it obvious we are not doing our jobs as pastors and robbing our people of these benefits and blessings by not constantly reminding them that the tithe is the Lord's.

Over and over again I can see people cringe when I talk about this subject, but I liken it to prayer and Bible study. Most people would naturally assume that a Christian is given over to daily prayer and Bible study. So much so that a Pastor should rarely, if ever, have to minister or teach on it. Well, we know that is not true.

We constantly have to remind our people to be diligent in their prayer lives and the study of God's Word. We also have to lay out principles that make these areas of Christian Discipline beneficial to their lives. We would not be good ministers of the Gospel if we did not do this.

"If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed."

1st Timothy 4:6, NIV.

Established saints have no problem with tithing, or giving generous offerings from time to time. They have found over the years that God is true to his Word and they want to honor God in every area of life. However some, along the way, have missed out on this truth and

continually have difficulty acknowledging God in their finances. Yes, for some it is a point of rebellion. For others, though, they have not fully understood God's ways and still believe money is a possession, not a tool.

Look at it this way: you don't really want money, you want the things that money can provide. Yet, once you learn what God can provide you begin to (or should) look at money differently. Money becomes something you invest, because of what it can produce.

I can't express all that this truth means here, and Pastor Robert says it so much better, but let me sum it up with this. All investor know money is a tool. They try to avoid spending their money on anything, if at all possible. On the other hand, they are always looking for ways to invest their resources into things that will produce a return on their investment (ROI). To do this they look at an investments top yield.

Yield is also a term farmers use. They look at how much a plot of land will yield in terms of harvest. These are principles God has built into sowing and reaping, and a farmer know them well. However, many Christians never connect this principle of sowing and reaping to their finances. They keep spending their money and never realize why they are always out of money. The short answer is: they spent it!

If we would simply quit robbing God and invest, as wise stewards, what is his into kingdom work, then the yield (ROI) would be multiplied to us. Yet, may Christians will still say, "I can't afford to tithe." This is a lie. However, as Robert Morris puts it, "You'll never be able to afford to tithe until you begin to tithe."

In times like these, the church needs to be bold. Why, because our finances are declining? No, because the believer is robbing himself of the benefits and blessings of living according to God's principles of giving. It all starts with the the Lord's tithe. ❖

March 2015 Calvary Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SPRING QUARTER BEGINS Missions Sunday Calvary Radio No. 259 - 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Presence of the Lord 1 of 4 Robert Morris Video 1 of 3 - 6:00 PM	2 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 9 March Calvary News Mails Minister's Wives Retreat	3 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM UCCHS Sectional (A) - 6:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM	4 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Foundations of Apologetics - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 10 - 9:00 PM	5 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM The River Bible Study - 7:00 PM Ellis Moore (B)	6 First Fridays - 5:15 PM UCCHS Sectional (A) - 6:00 PM	7 Men's Fraternity - 9:00 AM Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 8 - 6:30 PM UCCHS Sectional (A) - 7:30 PM Calvary TV No. 10 - 9:00 PM
8 Calvary Radio No. 260 - 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Presence of the Lord 2 of 4 Assisted Care Service - 2:00 PM Robert Morris Video 2 of 3 - 6:00 PM	9 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 10	10 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM Diana Cornell (B)	11 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Chamber of Commerce Meeting - 12:00 PM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Foundations of Apologetics - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 11 - 9:00 PM	12 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM The River Bible Study - 7:00 PM	13 Pat Smith (B)	14 Men's Fraternity - 9:00 AM UCCHS Regional (A) - 10:00 AM Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 9 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 11 - 9:00 PM Eugene Welch (DB)
15 Calvary Radio No. 261 - 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Presence of the Lord 3 of 4 Robert Morris Video 3 of 3 - 6:00 PM	16 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 11 Area Ministers Meeting - 6:30 PM (Grace Assembly in New Whiteland) Steve and Donna Burk (A)	17 Pastor's Ministry Group - 11:00 AM (Lighthouse in Richmond) Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM	18 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Local Pastor's Lunch - 12:30 PM Foundations of Apologetics - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 12 - 9:00 PM	19 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Chamber of Commerce Banquet - 6:00 PM Susan Jenkins (B)	20 ISOM	21 ISOM Men's Fraternity - 9:00 AM Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 10 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 12 - 9:00 PM Ovie Trey (DB)
22 Calvary Radio No. 262 - 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Presence of the Lord 4 of 4 Membership Meeting - 6:00 PM Burtch and Ruby Durbin (A)	23 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 12	24 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM	25 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Foundations of Apologetics - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 13 - 9:00 PM	26 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM The River Bible Study - 7:00 PM	27	28 Men's Fraternity - 9:00 AM Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 11 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 13 - 9:00 PM Mike and Chere Sanders (A) Marilyn Emerick (DB)
29 Palm Sunday Calvary Radio No. 263 - 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:00 AM Pastor's Prayer Team - 10:00 AM Worship Service - 10:15 AM Days of Triumph Worship and Communion - 6:00 PM	30 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 13 April Newsletter Production Day	31 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM April Newsletter Mails Eunice Paschal (B)	1 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Foundations of Apologetics - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 14 - 9:00 PM	2 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM The River Bible Study - 7:00 PM	3 First Fridays - 5:15 PM Good Friday Good Friday Service - 7:00 PM (Trinity Lutheran Church)	4 Men's Fraternity - 9:00 AM Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 12 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 14 - 9:00 PM
5 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - 7:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast - 8:00 AM Calvary Radio No. 264 - 8:30 AM Sunday School - 9:00 AM Easter Service - 10:15 AM New Hope, New Life, New Day Evening Service - 6:00 PM	6 Pastor's Weekly Blog No. 14	7 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - 6:30 PM Men's Fellowship - 6:30 PM	8 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM Chamber of Commerce Meeting - 12:00 PM Senior's Bible Study - 12:30 PM Foundations of Apologetics - 6:00 PM Calvary TV No. 15 - 9:00 PM	9 Hoosier Place Seniors' Café - 11:30 AM The River Bible Study - 7:00 PM	10 Landon Dickmann (B)	11 Men's Fraternity - 9:00 AM Worship Practice - 5:00 PM Weekly Prayer Circle No. 13 - 6:30 PM Calvary TV No. 15 - 9:00 PM



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Easter at Calvary

Sunday, April 5th

March 2015

Weekly Service Schedule

Sunday

Christian Education 9:00 AM
 Pastor's Prayer Team 10:00 AM
 Worship Service 10:15 AM
 Evening Service.....6:00 PM

Tuesday

Men's Fellowship.....6:30 PM
 Ladies Bible Study6:30 PM

Wednesday

Evening Service.....6:00 PM

Saturday

Weekly Prayer Circle6:30 PM

DVD's, CD's and MP3's are available of our services free of charge upon request. Forms are available in the foyer.

If you would like to receive this monthly newsletter in the mail each month, just let us know. It is also available in PDF format to your email. It's free!

Calvary Radio
Sundays at 8:30 AM on Joy FM 88.9

Ladies Regional Spiritual Encounter

Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 AM

Lighthouse
2339 West Cart Road
Richmond, Indiana 47374

Registration forms are available in the foyer. The cost is \$20.00 per person before March 29th. For ages 13 and older. See Susan for more information. ❖

Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 PM

Elk's Club
318 North Columbia Street
Union City, Indiana 47390

Tickets may be purchased from any chamber member for \$22.50 (members) and \$27.50 for (non-members). ❖

Calvary's Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, March 22nd at 6:00 PM

2015 Membership Roster
2015 Budget Review
2015 Trustee Elections
2014 Income and Expenses

This year's Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday night, March 22nd at 6:00 PM.

Several things have been placed on hold pending decisions by the Indiana District of the Assemblies of God as they review upcoming changes to the General Council Bylaws after the 2015 session in Florida this August.

Legal changes are never fun, but necessary in perilous times like these. If you are a member, be sure to attend. ❖

Calvary TV
Saturdays at 9:00 PM on KISS TV 5