

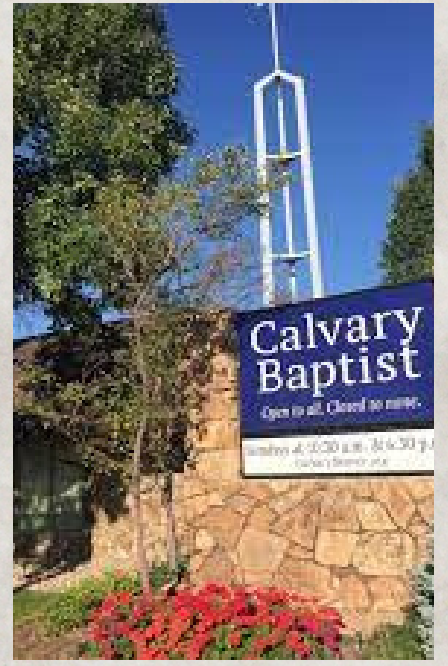
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Spirit of Curiosity

Calvary Newsletter

Check out our Wednesday midweek devotional from this week.

Listen to our sermon from October 2, 2022



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This Month



October 5, 2022

Dear Calvary family and friends,

Throughout the month of October, we are receiving the American Baptist International Ministries' World Mission Offering (WMO). Through the WMO, we join with other congregations to celebrate and support the ministries that God is using to transform the world through International Ministries' 120+ global servants, 900+ volunteers, home staff, and 250+ international partners in 70 countries.

Calvary, this year your gifts to the WMO will be given to the Global Servants our church supports:

David & Joyce Reed serve as Global Coordinators for Spiritual Care for field personnel. Building on 20 years of ministry in Mexico and service as regional consultants in Iberoamerica & the Caribbean, the Reeds cultivate a culture of health in which IM global personnel & home office staff can thrive and be effective in ministry. They offer spiritual guidance, support & presence; provide workshops & retreats on self-care, soul care, & community care practices; research and find resources to support spiritual growth and health; walk with colleagues through significant times of transition, transformation, grief & loss; and mentor global servants during their first years on the field...

Continue reading our World Mission Offering Letter from our Missions Ministry Chair Rev. Daniel Schweissing.

You can donate to WMO with the offering envelopes in the pew racks in the Sanctuary or you can use the give page at Calvary by selecting Mission offering from the dropdown menu and noting World Mission Offering in the memo box.

Fri. Oct. 14 & 15 - Evergreen Association Annual Gathering - First Baptist Church of Denver. As we attend the Evergreen Association Annual Gathering here are a few highlights we will get to experience at our Fall retreat at the Evergreen Association's Annual Gathering:

- Keynote speakers: Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri (bio) & Rev. Dr. Molly Marshal (bio).
- Pastors Anne & Downing will lead a 2-part workshop titled Responding Together Across Races and will take place on Saturday, October 15th!



If you haven't registered yet be sure to do so today. Here's the full schedule for the annual gathering! The Evergreen Annual Gathering, Navigating Changing Times: Responding Together, October 13-15 here in Denver at First Baptist Church of Denver. Here's the link to register for the Gathering. Once you register, please email Pastor Morgan so she can add your name to the list of Calvary folks attending to build out the retreat pieces to the gathering. We look forward to retreating together with folks from Calvary as we get to connect with others from fellow Evergreen Association congregations!

Cost for in person is \$30 and for livestream is \$15.

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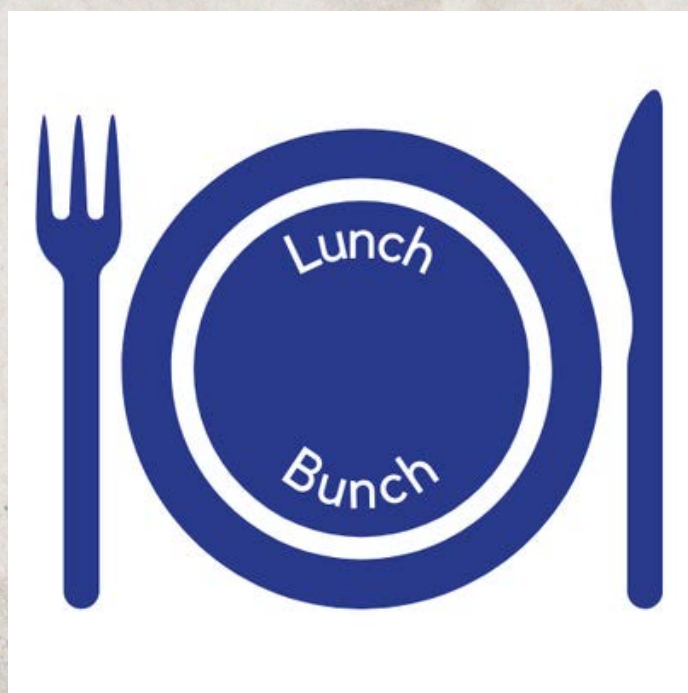
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This Month Cont.

Lunch Bunch - Thurs., October 20, The Perfect Landing Restaurant - RSVP Required.

You are invited to the next "Lunch Bunch" at noon at The Perfect Landing at 7625 S. Peoria St., 80112. Join your Calvary friends for lunch and watch planes take off and land (without needing to get on one).

If you can join us on Thursday, October 20, reserve with Nancy Hoffmaster at nbhoff2003@msn.com by Friday, October 14. As always, no program, everyone is welcome, and it's a chance to have good conversation with interesting people.





HEALING & WHOLENESS

A great space for those grieving, in transition, in need of prayer, &/or a place to be reminded God is with us in our celebrations and our burdens.

Tuesday, October 18
6:30 p.m.
Chapel only

Saturday, October 22
4:00 p.m.
Chapel & Livestream



Praise & Ritual



Volunteers needed for Trunk or Treat!

Weeks leading up to Oct. 29

Fill the candy monster in the Narthex with Nut-Free Candy

From 1 - 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 29

We have a goal of 25 trunks, so decorate your trunk and hand out candy!

If you need help decorating your trunk let Pastor Morgan know.

Saturday, Oct. 29th 2-4 p.m.



Fri. Oct. 21 - Directory Reschedule Photography Day - Youth Lounge. If your directory photo appointment was canceled on Thursday, September 8, this is your chance to get them taken. Times are 2:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. [Sign up for a spot here.](#)



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5th Sundays at Calvary October 30th

We are trying something new on 5th Sundays and we are excited for how it will help us connect with each other and engage in service. Our first 5th Sunday this program year is October 30th.

5th Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Breakfast Potluck

10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Transition time

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Scripture & Song in the Sanctuary OR community service for our VIPs or street clean-up



Sun.Oct. 09

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - nursery Open

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Church School following Word for God's Children during worship

Coming up this Fall

Sat. Oct. 29 - Trunk or Treat

Sat. Dec. 10 - Parents Afternoon Out

Youth Ministry

Sunday, Oct. 23 - Garden of the Gods - offsite. Join us for youth group from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a hike at Garden of the Gods. Wear comfortable hiking clothes, and bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Also, bring a journal and pen. Student drop-off & pick-up at church.

Ongoing

DONATIONS Needed for Calvary's Bootstraps & Blessings Ministry. B&B Ministry always needs peanut butter, tuna, crackers, water, capri Sun and nutrition bars, Bootstraps needs feminine products, new socks and underwear, and warm blankets and sleeping bags. They also need **new volunteers** too. We greatly appreciate it! Donations can be placed in the grocery cart in the coatroom or contact Pat Hagen (pwestcotthagen@comcast.net). B&B serves individuals from our community each Monday.



For Your Fridge: Save the Date! 2022

- Sept. 17 - Workday & Praise & Ritual
- Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. - Blessing of the Animals (parking lot)
- Oct. 13& 14 - Evergreen Annual Meeting Retreat
- Oct. 22 - Choir Retreat; Praise & Ritual
- Oct. 29 - Trunk or Treat (parking lot)
- Oct. 30- Fifth Sunday Breakfast Potluck & Service Day
- Nov. 13 - Commitment Sunday
- Nov. 19 - Praise & Ritual
- Dec. 10 - Parents Afternoon Out
- Dec. 17 - Praise & Ritual
- Dec. 18 - Christmas Concert
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Healing & Wholeness Services - 3rd Tuesday of the month

2023

- Jan. 6 to 8 - All Ages Retreat
- Jan. 29 - 5th Sunday Breakfast Potluck & Service Day
- Mar. 25 - Parents Afternoon Out
- Apr. 8 - Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 9, 2023 - Easter
- Apr. 30 - 5th Sunday Breakfast Potluck & Service Day
- May 28 - Pentecost
- Jun. 2 to 9 - Trip
- Jun. 26 to July 1 - Vacation Bible School
- July 30 - 5th Sunday Breakfast Potluck & Service Day
- Sept. 10 - Gathering Sunday 2023

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Open to All. Closed to None.

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Learning Our History, continued

listening to story, honoring people's Belovedness, and engaging the hard truths in life.

Becky noted her learnings about racism in history started a few years ago with a fellow church member.

Pastor Morgan led a Civil Rights road trip for the youth group and Denise Wylde served as a chaperone in 2018. Inspired by



Hanging steel rectangles marked with names of lynching victims by state and county at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.



Jars of soil collected from the spots of some of the 4,300 documented lynchings of African Americans.

that trip, "a few years ago Denise Wylde and I went to Georgia and Alabama and saw a lot of those sites, [that were also seen on the youth trip]" Becky said. Montgomery, AL was particularly impactful with the National Memorial for Peace and Justice (informally known as the Lynching Memorial).

"It was overwhelming to see all those columns with lynching sites on them- included places from Colorado, Tulsa (Oklahoma) where I'm from, and Ohio and Kentucky where my ancestors and my husband's ancestors are from."

Good News

Beth Kieft organized an 87th birthday party for Betty Goding. Gordon Kieft, Cindy Ponikvar and Mary Hulst all helped celebrate. Happy birthday Betty!



Felicity Susan Nelson will be dedicated this Sunday! Please join her parents, Pastor Alice and Rev. Matt, for this wonderful celebration in Felicity's journey of faith.

An anonymous donor donated a large amount of paper used for our Orders of Worship. Thank you! We are so grateful!

Hans and Corina Farwig (David Farwig's parents) are celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary today!

Seeing all these sites sparked a mission in Becky to uncover and learn more about history that she never knew about.

A few stories that stood out during Becky's intentional learning include: Bruce (Becky's husband) has an ancestor who "owned a theatre in Kentucky, and there was a billiard room on the side of it that was only for blacks. And a white man started playing pool in that area, and an altercation occurred, and the white man was shot. And then a white mob came and strung up the black man in the theatre, and people could purchase tickets to take a shot at him."

Last summer Becky and her sister went back to Tulsa and visited the Greenwood neighborhood in Tulsa and saw hundreds of plaques where businesses had once stood. Greenwood, known as Black Wall Street, was attacked by a white mob for over 24 hours. 1,256 businesses and homes were burned while Black Tulsans were taken to holding centers for up to eight days. It's estimated up to 300 people died. "Growing up in Tulsa, I never knew about the Tulsa Massacre in 1921. While in the Greenwood neighborhood, we struck up a conversation

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(Electronic Funds Transfer)
You can sign up in the office to have a regular withdrawal from a debit /credit card or bank account.



Giving At a Glance

Last Week (9/25 to 10/1):	\$3,413
Weekly Goal:	\$14,107
YTD Gifts Received (1/1 to 10/1):	\$488,245
YTD Goal for Giving (1/1 to 9/30):	\$611,290

Scan this QR code with your camera phone to give:



Your giving makes a difference. Just as we join our hearts together in prayer and worship, we join our resources together to continue the vital ministry of Calvary. Thank you for supporting our staff, ministries, mission partners, & building costs.

In Person
During our service, you can place your donation in the offering plate at the Offertory.

Online
Click this box to make an online gift.

By Mail
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Simply text open2all to 833-303-3655

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Worship This Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost - Oct. 7, 2022

Text: Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

Preacher: Min. Brian Muir

Title: Covenant Before Command: No Fear in Love
Fifth Sermon in the five-week series: Call & Covenant

Join us this Sunday as Minister Brian offers a fresh and personal take on the Ten Commandments. In a culture where fear-based obedience is the norm, many of us wonder if love really is enough. Is fear stronger? Join us and be encouraged by God's all-encompassing love.

[Link to join via Livestream](#)

Learning Our History, continued

with a man whose family's bakery had burned down in the massacre. His family had never spoken of the painful history, but it was his mission to share it with others."

Becky was also in a family book club during the pandemic and read a lot of different books with her sister and nieces and nephews. Their discussions involved family and Oklahoma history, including their grandmother's teaching at an Indian school and the experiences of the Osage Indians depicted in the upcoming movie *Killers of the Flower Moon*. Becky's niece recommended a daily email called *Anti-Racism Daily* and the nonprofit organization *Zinn Educational Project* just to keep her thinking and learning new perspectives.

Becky soon realized that racism was present in all of this hidden history, and could be found in almost any area of her life.

After reading the book *Killers of the Flower Moon* with Calvary's Book Club, on Becky's trip to Oklahoma, she also visited Pawnee in the Osage Nation, where the movie was filmed. The Osage Indians had moved to a reservation that sat on some of the richest oil deposits in the United States. White "guardians" were required by law and appointed to manage each Osage person who possessed money from oil. Lots of criminal activity occurred including stealing money and murder. Murders of the Osage peoples followed in a "reign of terror" from 1921-1926. (To learn more, read *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, by David Grann.)

"I continue to look at things in a new light, and I keep learning, because I don't want history to be hidden," Becky said.

The day prior to Becky's presentation at Pub, Hank Wyeno (pictured above right) came to speak at Calvary. His parents were incarcerated at Camp

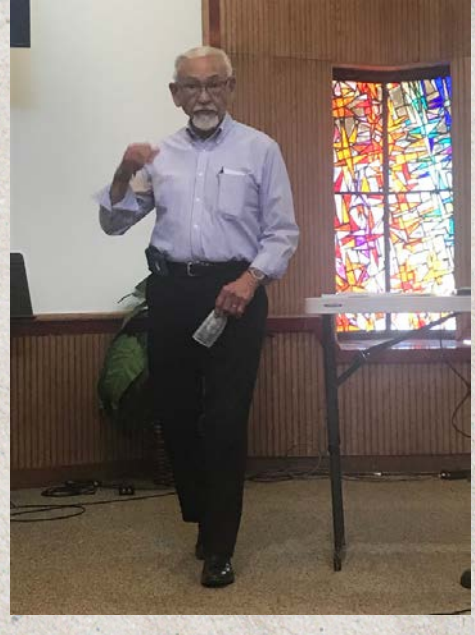
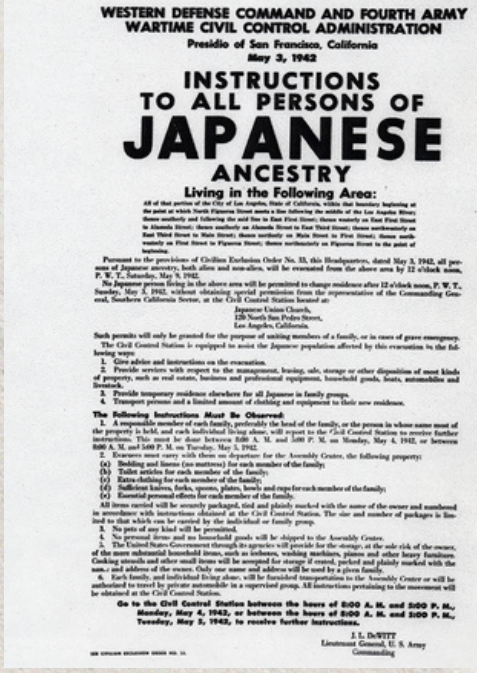
What is the Spirit of Curiosity?

During this season, we will introduce the concept of curiosity as it relates to our faith, and explore how the call to curiosity is rooted in the call of God to God's people. As we look at stories from the Old Testament, we'll see how



curiosity about our gifts and potential is what invites God to call us to new endeavors – and – curiosity is what allows ordinary people of faith like us to answer God's call instead of immediately saying "no" or "I can't do that." Curiosity leads us to liberation, freeing us from our past to the future God longs for all of us to share. And, curiosity is what continues to connect God to God's people through covenant – even in times of doubt, despair, or disobedience.

[Read about our year's theme here.](#)



Amache in Granada, CO, just one of many Japanese internment camps that were opened from 1942-1945. More than 125,000 individuals of Japanese ancestry were held at these detention sites, and over two-thirds of those imprisoned were U.S. citizens.

When they were relocated to these camps, families could only bring with them what they could carry. (Pictured above is the poster with deportation instructions.) They had to leave behind houses, businesses, pets, and suffered tremendous financial losses.

John Anduri remembers Hank's presentation, "as an unforgettable hour, where Hank shocked and awed us in the Calvary Chapel, recounting how over 120,000 Japanese and Japanese-Americans were forced from their homes to live from 1942-45 in concentration camps in Amache, Colorado and on the West Coast. As he bore witness to this dark chapter in our history, I recalled that my grandfather in Sacramento, appalled by this racist crime, had quietly paid the mortgage and taxes on his imprisoned Japanese-American neighbors' house, so they would have a home to return to."

In a similar vein, Monday Night Pub has hosted Eric Cahn, a survivor of the Holocaust who shared his experience of family

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members shipped off to concentration camps, while Eric sheltered in France. David Peterson shared: "Hearing the personal account of being a 4-year old boy hidden in the basement of kind strangers for several years, reuniting with his younger sister who was hidden by other strangers, then eventually growing up in an orphanage in west Denver humanized the effects on the life for a child unlike any movie or other account I've ever seen or heard. It was bone-chilling to hear this first-hand account of the effects of one of the greatest tragedies in modern times on a real person sitting just feet away from me."

Often when this kind of history is shared, feelings arise such as shame, humiliation, or even anger that this is being discussed. But shame can be paralyzing and keep us stuck. Becky encourages us to move through the shame into learning.

"We should talk openly about it. There are so many similarities. We might not want to know our family history, but it's okay and important to talk about. There's stuff right in our backyard that we should know about," said Becky.

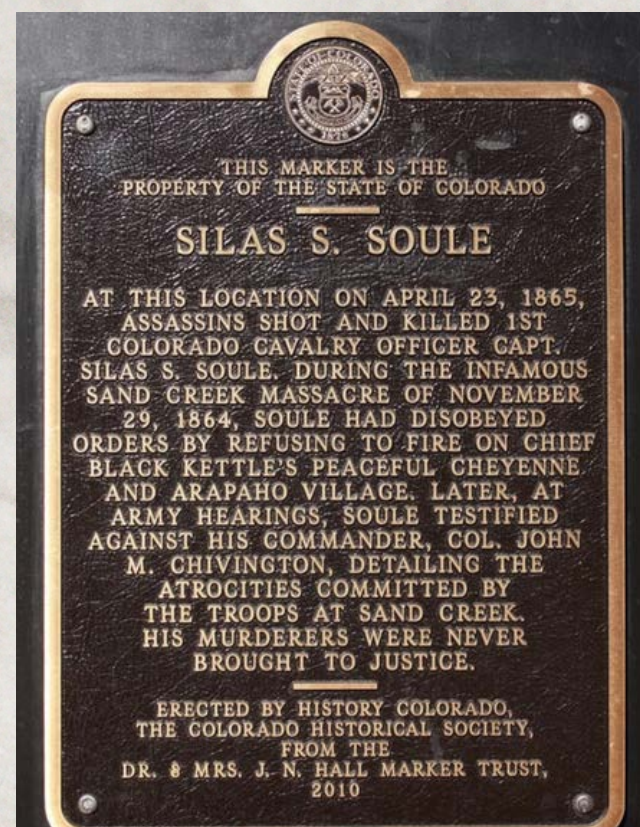
Right here in Colorado, there is so much to learn, and I (Pastor Alice) learned so much about our history here. Downtown at the intersection of 15th and Arapahoe is a plaque marking the location of the assassination of Captain Silas Soule (pictured).

Soule as a younger man worked as a "conductor" on the underground railroad, and as a Captain refused Major John Chivington's orders to massacre First Nation Peoples at Sand Creek. Major Chivington had lied, saying that the Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians were planning an attack on U.S. settlers, and this would be a preemptive strike, when in fact Chivington's planned attack was a massacre on innocent Indians. Chivington went through with the attack and one hundred and fifty First Nation Peoples were murdered on November 29, 1864. Afterwards, Soule also wrote letters to members of Congress telling the truth of that terrible day and encouraged others to do the same, prompting an investigation and ruining Major Chivington's political aspirations. Soule was assassinated on April 23, 1865.

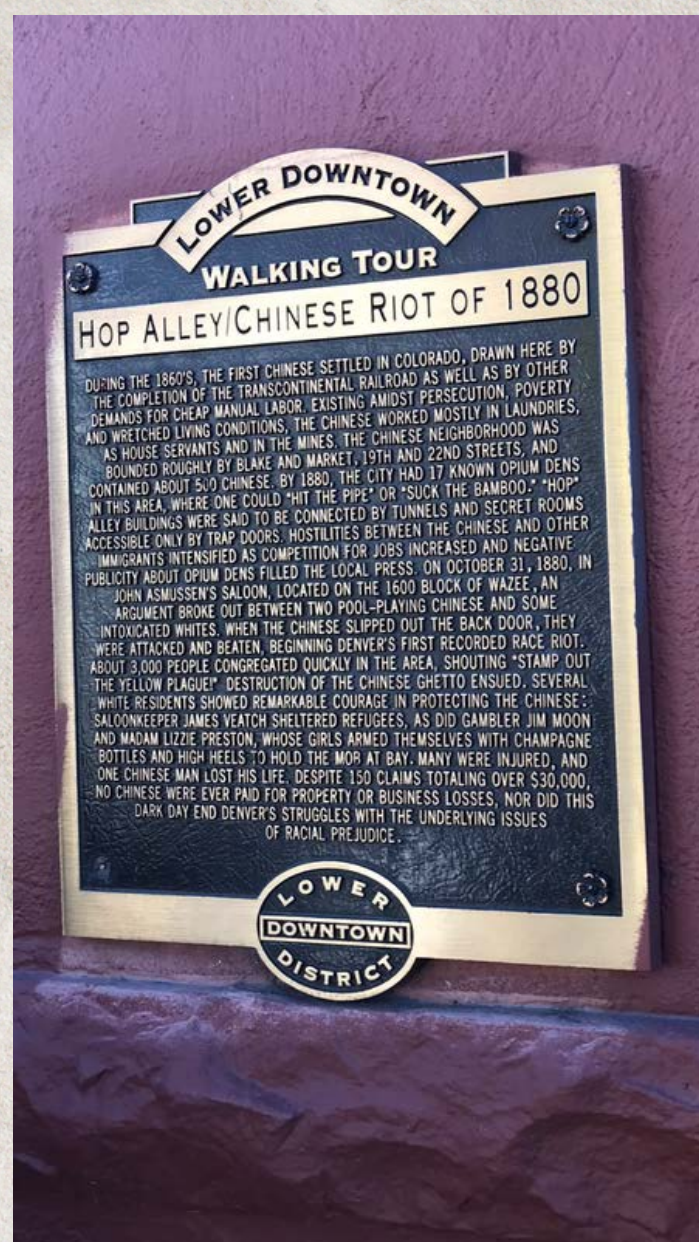
There is the story of Preston Porter - the 15-year-old who was falsely accused of murder and rape in 1900. He was held in jail in Denver, and taken to Limon where Porter was burned alive. The historical marker was placed in 2020 near the location of Denver's Old City Hall, by the intersection of Larimer and Speer.

There is also the story of the Chinese community in Denver in the 1870's. Anti-Chinese sentiments were building, and a "bloody riot" occurred that destroyed all of Chinatown's businesses. It never recovered. The Chinese Exclusion Act was passed in 1882 which banned Chinese immigration and made immigrants ineligible for citizenship. That act was finally repealed in 1943.

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The rebuilt Vernon A.M.E. church in Tulsa, where many took refuge during the Tulsa massacre.



A plaque downtown marking the Chinese Riot of 1880.

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It even becomes close as Calvary Baptist. When Calvary moved from Ogden and 24th to 16th and Downing, the move was motivated by white flight. On page 21-22 of our history book by Kathy Smiley, it reads: "Although the Calvary congregation was, by all accounts, loving and accepting Christians, as products of their times, some watched with discomfort as the neighborhood that had once been 'populated by desirable families' – desirable being synonymous with 'white' – became the home to a large black Baptist population." This is also mentioned in a Denver Five Points neighborhood history book that Becky showed at the presentation.

Despite the difficult subject matter, Becky's presentation was tremendously meaningful.

Nancy Hoffmaster said she "was grateful for Becky's personal story as she has searched to overcome early examples of racism in her hometown of Tulsa. Her comments opened the way for all of us to share our stories of horrendous memories of harsh racism that seemed "natural" at the time – many in the 1940s, 50s and beyond. It was an eye-opening hour of shame, but also of hope."

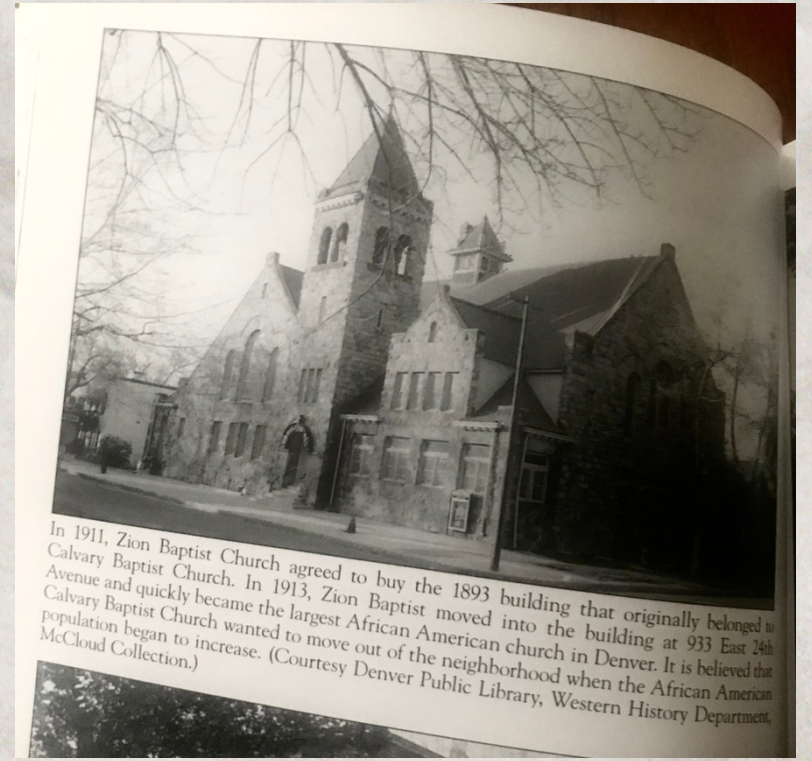
Lynda Pelton shared: "I appreciated the Pub discussions after her presentation and how we all can learn from each other's experiences. Hopefully we will continue to have these learning opportunities."

Becky gave Monday Night Pub participants some questions to think about, such as what history in their community is new to them or uncomfortable? Or if they knew someone who took a stand even though it was uncomfortable at the time? Becky suggests places like ancestry.com and the very handy tool of Googling to learn more about our own history.

History can be very painful to learn about. We wish we didn't know, or wish it didn't happen, or perhaps wish we didn't feel such emotions as shame or anger. But education is crucial in not repeating our history and healing racial wounds.

Becky says, "it is important to know our history as a family, church, community, and nation—the good, the bad and the ugly—to discuss it openly and honestly, and use it to do better in the present and future."

If you'd like to join others in exploring racial justice or how racial justice connects to our faith journey, please connect with the field trips of the Facing Racism Alumni Cohort, programs by Interfaith Alliance of Colorado, or joining Tuesday Prayer and Study. ☪



The page in the Denver Five Points Neighborhood history book that details the white flight in Calvary's choice to move to the 16th and Downing location.



The Facing Racism Alumni group organized a walking tour of the Five Points neighborhood.



A mural in Tulsa.



A mural in Tulsa.

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Prayer List

Newly Updated Calvary Concerns & Friends & Family Concerns

Your request will be removed two months from the date listed unless requested otherwise. You may send updates to Pastor Alice.

- John Anduri – foot pain is a bit better; noticeable when walking on a hard surface (8/9)
- Tim and Leigh Bessey, tested positive for COVID (9/25)
- Jo Ann Bowes, eye surgery soon (9/27)
- Prayers for Brad Casey to eat, stay clean, get transportation, to set up life, and work (9/14)
- **Shawn, Gregg, Emily, and Leslie Elliott -- and the extended Elliott / Haddox families. Shawn's mom passed away Monday from brain cancer. Shawn attends Calvary's scrapbooking group occasionally. (10/6)**
- Betty Faille – recovering from a fall (8/21)
- Marvel Fisher – moved to skilled nursing at Holly Creek (8/5)
- **Brenda J.R. Goodman- beginning a new job as a hospice chaplain, prayers for this time of transition as well as preparing the Ramay house to be sold (10/6)**
- Linda Jagger's friend Jack who struggles with aphasia (word-finding difficulties) (10/6)
- Linda Jagger's friend Crystal who has rare cancer in the appendix and all of her intestines; will have surgery to have intestines removed and then new ones transplanted (10/6)
- prayers for Judah, who is having hernia surgery next week and would like prayers for safety and recovery (9/23)
- Gary Johnson- still struggling with possible infection (9/28)
- Beth Kieft's grandson Cayden home from the hospital (9/16)
- Gary Kieft's girlfriend, Hannah Bergström, for suffering near-death and hospitalization (9/27)
- **Jane Lorimer – spine degeneration, cervicogenic dizziness – prayers for doctor's guidance to relieve pain and help the dizziness (10/6)**
- prayers for recovery and safety for Tom and Sylvia, Diana McGahan's brother and SIL, whose house was directly hit by Hurricane Ian (9/27)
- **Ken Pinkham, diagnosed with trigeminal neuralgia (severe pain on right side of face) (10/6)**
- Karen Pinkham's sister Shirley, heart health complications (9/23)
- Earlene Ramay - surgery to remove basal cell carcinoma this past Tuesday (10/6)
- Patty Redifer, knee replacement coming up (9/27)
- Sandra Shreve's neighbors, Bob and April, have resurgence of cancer (9/27)
- **Sandra Shreve in the passing of her friend and colleague John DeSalvo on Sept. 28 (9/30)**
- Sara Sieker, recovering from elbow surgery (9/7)
- Linda Jagger's friend, Ron Wiley as he continues to slowly recover, and regain strength. Pray for wisdom for the doctors who continue to provide follow up care. Pray for him & wife Jeanine to gain God's wisdom as to if & when he can return to Uzbekistan. (9/16)

Student of the Week

Thurbil Bile

Ongoing Calvary Prayer

John Anduri
Babu Bachu
Norma Briola
Phyllis Bennett & Lee Shultz
Pat & Harry Crandall
Jeanine Crane
Cory Crile
Mae Finney
Betty Goding
Allie Hulst
Kay Knight
Laylay Landers
Nadou Lawson
Kim Lenz
Nell Nation
Kathryn Phurrough
Les Redifer
Mildred Smith

Very Inspiring Person of the Week

Ray Schramm

In Long-Term Care

- Dick Ashworth
Mail to: Stephanie Kawamura
11665 Flower Mound Way
Parker, CO 80134
- Helen Cheatham
14301 E. Arapahoe Rd. Rm 313
Centennial, CO 80112
- Andy Gibbs
5240 S Shalom Park Cir.
Apt 1225
Aurora, CO 80015

Hospice Care

Ollia May Snowden (since 8/8)

In Hospital/Recovering from Surgery

Gregg Blew- triple bypass this past Friday

Earlene Ramay - basal cell carcinoma removal

Birthdays This Week

Oct 7-14

8 - Cory Crile

8- Felicity Nelson

8 - Pat Hagen

13- Room Bile

Active Duty Military Personnel

- Staff Sgt. Jack Young, Fort Bliss, El Paso, TX
- Captain Marcus Walker, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan
- Major Jennifer Friedel, U.S. Air Force Reserves, CO
- Chaplain Capt. Sarah Mather, U.S. Air Force Reserves, CO
- Daniel Windham (Vic & Esther Adelgren's grandson); Staff Sgt. Colorado Army National Guard Unit – Military Police (now moved to Golden, CO)
- Kevin Dickinson (Beth & Roger Dickinson's son) Air Force in Colorado Springs, CO.
- Cole Christian, 2nd Lieutenant, USAF, Columbus, MS- great-grandson of Nancy and Bob Hoffmaster
- Sr. Airman Robby Wright, U.S. Air Force- stationed at Air Force Academy, Medical Laboratory Tech (new member)