

October 21, 2022

Spirit of Curiosity

# Calvary Newsletter

Check out our Wednesday midweek devotional from this week.  
Listen to our sermon from October 16, 2022



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## Tomorrow

**Updating the Church's Crismons - October 22 @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Boardroom.**

Your Worship Team needs your help updating our crismons. Deanna Geldens will lead those in attendance to fix some of the wiring, reset some of the shapes, and make sure the crismons are ready for our Hanging of the Greens service on November 27! If you plan to join please email [Deanna - deannabgeldens\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:deannabgeldens@gmail.com)

Thanks to all who come to help us prep for the holiday season.



**Praise & Ritual - October 22 @ 4 p.m. - Chapel. & Livestream.**

This month's theme at our monthly contemporary service is REST. If you are exhausted, tired, burdened, or need a reminder that is **okay to rest**, this is a great service for you. It may be the only service where you are encouraged to nap in church! Please join us.

**Fri. Oct. 28 – Men's Group sponsors Colorado Alzheimer's Association - 10 a.m. - noon – Youth Lounge.** The Men's Group is sponsoring a representative from the Colorado Alzheimer's Association who will discuss topics about the disease, in the Youth Lounge at 10 AM, Friday 28th. The program is open to all Calvary Baptist members and guests at no cost. Pastries and beverages will be provided. Please reserve a spot(s) by emailing David Peterson at [davcpeter \(at\) gmail \(dot\) com](mailto:davcpeter@gmail.com) or by signing up one of the Sundays before the event at a table in the Narthex.

## Next Week

**Baptist Film Fanatics - October 28 @ 6 - 8 p.m. - Boardroom & Zoom.**

Fri. Oct. 28 – Baptist Film Fanatics “Tenet” Discussion – 6:00 p.m - Board Room and Zoom. Ben Carroll will facilitate a discussion of the film “Tenet,” available for rent on Amazon. Bring your own snack or takeout meal to enjoy during the discussion. Contact Diana McGahan for the Zoom link.

### 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

### Why the change to 5th Sundays?

At Pastoral Planning Retreat we tried to be mindful of multiple needs and requests along with the awareness of folks' bandwidth and energy level. And since we wanted to try to utilize time creatively and not disrupt schedules too frequently, 5th Sundays seemed like a good option. Several ministry colleagues do things after worship on 5th Sundays, but we weren't sure after worship would work with families who need to get home or folks who are used to less time on Sundays.

For the potluck there is no designation in what people bring based on last names, like our potluck lunches. Whatever breakfast item sounds delicious is what you're invited to bring (it's hard to go wrong with breakfast food).

If worship is something you need, you will head to the Sanctuary for Scripture and Songs led by David and Denise.

The service portion will be street clean-up and a creation for our VIPs. We shall explore this change together!

### Trouble the Water Discussion- Take Two! - Sat. Oct. 29 @ 10 a.m..

Join us for a discussion of chapters 13-23 of *Trouble the Water: A Christian Resource for the Work of Racial Justice*. We are meeting via Zoom on Saturday, October 29 at 10 a.m. PT, 11 a.m. MT. This discussion is facilitated by the leaders of the Anti-Racism Team of the Euro Caucus.

Join Zoom Meeting here:  
Meeting ID: 817 0853 8277  
Passcode: 212562



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**Volunteers needed for Trunk or Treat!**

**Weeks leading up to Oct. 29**      **From 1 - 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 29**

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

## New Member Profile: Ryan Robinson

We are starting a new Calvary communications feature of our new members. Get to know Ryan who joined on October 2!

**What do you do during the day, or what is your current employment?**

I work as a Facility Services/Project Coordinator in the healthcare industry.



**What is one of your favorite childhood memories?**

I always enjoyed spending time with my immediate and extended family at my grandparents house with all the Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. We had some great times and lots of good food.

**What's your favorite food or dish to eat?**

I enjoy Thai (especially spring rolls), Chinese, Tex-Mex, and really good BBQ with all the amazing side dishes that go with it.

**What are some of your current hobbies?**

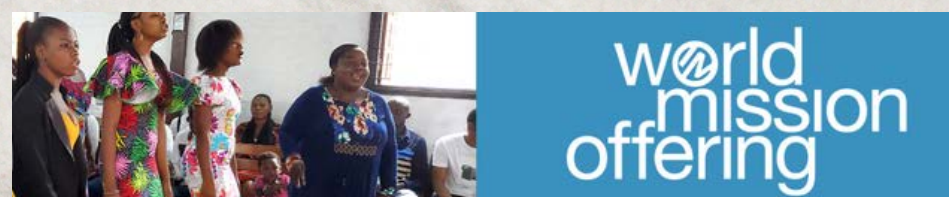
I play piano and organ, and I enjoy shopping for deals at estate sales, thrift stores, flea markets, and even online. I work on finding and rescuing vintage and high end vacuums to make sure they get restored and/or placed in a good home for many more years of service (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle ♻️). I have been the go-to guy in my family and among my friends for vacuums since I was in my teens.

**How long have you been living in Colorado and what is your favorite part about living here?**

Next month I will have lived in Colorado for 10 years. My favorite things are the dry climate, plentiful sunny days, tap water that comes from snowmelt and the beautiful mountains.

**Why participate in Trunk or Treat?**

It's a great chance to create a safe way for children and families to go trick or treating. More than that, it is a meaningful way of connecting with our neighbors in the surrounding area. If you're decorating your trunk, it's also a great fun way to connect with fellow church members. Join us and invite your friends and neighbors for this fun event. Decorate your trunk using a trunk decorating kit or donate individually wrapped candies without nuts. Let Ms. Angela know if you'd like to decorate your trunk. Candy can be dropped off in the Candy Monster in the Narthex.



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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.



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Next Month

Sundays Nov. 6, 13, and 20 - **Connections Class - Boardroom**. This class is for our regular attenders or new members and helps them get to know Calvary’s ministries, people, and history (just to name a few) a bit better. The times of the class are: Nov. 6, 9-10:10 am - Boardroom Nov. 13, 11:45am - 1:45 pm, Nov 20 - 9-10:10 a.m. MT. To sign up, please email Pastor Morgan (mfletcher(at)calvarydenver(dot)org).

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(at)comcast(dot)net. B&B serves individuals from our community each Monday.



Children Ministry

**Sun.Oct. 23**  
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

**This 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.



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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# Evergreen Annual Gathering Recap

by Rev. Alice Horner Nelson

Last Friday and Saturday, I had the pleasure of attending my first Annual Gathering with the Evergreen Association. Evergreen is our regional affiliation within American Baptists. Since this was Calvary's first year with Evergreen, I saw everything with new eyes. Despite being a stranger to many people there, I felt welcomed warmly into the Evergreen family.

One highlight was participating in an ethnic caucus and the consensus model for the first time which are the two main structures of Evergreen decision making. There are four ethnic caucuses within Evergreen: black, hispanic, asian, and euro. I went to the Euro Caucus. In our caucuses, we reviewed the budget, clarified any budget questions with Rev. Doug, and talked about where we saw God in our places of ministry.

In our caucuses we engaged the consensus model. On each matter on the agenda, we had to demonstrate our support or disagreement. If we hold up one finger, we agree completely. If we hold up two fingers, we can see pluses and minuses but don't want to block the issue. If we hold up three fingers, we strongly disagree and can't support. In those spaces where we disagree with a motion or issue, Rev. Doug asked us to dig deeper. If we do disagree, we have to voice why. "The spirit engages in our 'why' space," said Rev. Doug.

In any decision we made, Rev. Doug encouraged us to think about: "where is the justice in this, where is the love in this, and what is best for our entire community. Not what you want but what is best for the family," he said.

A significant part of the consensus model is taking the time for dissenting voices to be heard. "It is just as important to create space for those who disagree to voice their concerns," said Rev. Doug. Efficiency is not a priority, but relationship and equality are. "We need you heard, because without you heard, we cannot make a choice," Rev. Doug said.



# Good News


Ian and Morgan Fletcher celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary on Thursday, October 5th. They are so grateful to have shared these 5 years of learning, becoming parents - in a pandemic - and a move with Calvary as a key part of our community!

Angelique Watts joined the Calvary congregation on October 15! We are grateful to have Angelique find her church home at Calvary. Look for a new member profile on Angelique next week.

Then we all returned to the main room, and all four caucuses went through the budget and our respective questions together. Each caucus had an appointed representative to report on our respective discussions, and then another member from another caucus prayed for that group. I really got to see how the caucus model distributes power evenly and allows all voices to be heard.

Another highlight of the conference was the workshops. I attended one on Reparations. I also attended one on Calvary's partnership with New Hope Baptist, led by Rev. Dr. Eugene Downing and Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro. In both workshops, we got into small groups and discussed different questions. In the Reparations workshop, we discussed any examples where we felt we were treated differently because of our race, and what action-based steps we could take for reparations. It was a breath of fresh air to be able to talk about race dynamics in a ministry setting.

In the workshop on Calvary and New Hope, we discussed what barriers we face personally in the work towards racial reconciliation. Euro participants mentioned a fear of using the right words, not being in any friendships with people of color, or making a mistake. People of color mentioned letting go of bitterness, overcoming memory of traumatic experiences, and more. Overall, both workshops were tremendously meaningful with participants sharing in vulnerable ways.

Within the conference itself, I felt so very welcomed by everyone who attended. People sat down with me and started conversations. Calvary and its pastors were officially welcomed in both worship services with gifts. The conference ended and I had a warm feeling in my chest. It felt like I was truly home with a denomination. 

# Giving At a Glance

Last week (10/9 to 10/15):	\$6,854
Weekly Goal:	\$14,107
YTD Gifts Received (1/1 to 10/15):	\$511,592
YTD Goal for Giving (1/1 to 10/31):	\$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.

**EFT**  
**(Electronic Funds Transfer)**

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



**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**

6500 E. Girard Ave  
Denver, CO 80224

**By Text**

Simply text  
open2all to  
833-303-3655



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## Worship This Sunday

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost - Oct. 23, 2022**

**Text:** 2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27, 12:1-9

**Preacher:** Pastor Anne

**Title:** Stewards of HerStory

*Second Sermon in the six-week series: Chronos & Kairos*

Bathsheba's story invites us to name and grieve trauma, while dreaming within God's kairos time of justice and dignity for all beloveds. As is all too often the case, to hear HerStory within the pages of scripture, we must sift through the power and privilege of David's story which is driven solely by chronos time – his focus on self and how to gratify his desires in the next moment – no matter the cost. It is easy for us as individuals and for us as a church to follow society in how we view our calling and priorities. Yet the Gospel invites more from us.

This week we'll INVESTigate how God calls us to be stewards of HerStory so that we can proclaim the fullness of the Gospel Story. And like the parable that Nathan tells David, what at first might seem like a great cost, just might be our greatest calling. Sometimes it just takes one story – HerStory – to awaken us to our human failings and call us forward to God's redemptive future.

[Link to join via Livestream](#)

## Stewardship 2022



[Watch last Sunday's Nancy Drew speak on "Why Stewardship" here.](#)

## What is the Spirit of Curiosity?

During this year, we will explore 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.](#)

As we continue our annual campaign, the Stewardship Committee invites you into a process of curiosity about stewardship. We will INVESTigate the reasons why we give to Calvary. Each week we will highlight a different aspect of stewardship, using the 5 W's and H of detecting and journalism. By INVESTigating, we uncover the many ways you can live out stewardship in your life and at Calvary. As you contemplate your financial commitment for sustaining Calvary in 2023 and beyond, we hope you will remain curious about stewardship and continue to ask how you can contribute. This Sunday's focus is **What is Stewardship? What does stewardship mean to you?** Is it an attitude? A way of living? An act of faith? Depending on your experience with church and giving, stewardship can mean different things. We encourage you to reflect on your own personal meaning of stewardship.

Calvary is a congregation-supported church. Your tithes and offerings make all of Calvary's ministries possible, including this worship service. Thank you for your generosity! In addition to placing a gift in the offering plate you may give by one of these methods:

- Online: [www.calvarydenver.org/give](http://www.calvarydenver.org/give)
- Smartphone: text *Open2All* to 833-303-3655 OR scan this QR code
- Mail: Calvary Baptist Church of Denver (6500 E. Girard Ave. Denver, CO 80224)





# 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.

- Tim and Leigh Bessey, tested positive for COVID (9/25)
- Lilli and Lorelei Bailey-Duran – tested positive for COVID and Hand, Foot, and Mouth disease (10/9)
- Gregg Blew is home from the hospital after his heart bypass surgery (10/12)
- Prayers for Brad Casey to eat, stay clean, get transportation, to set up life, and work (9/14)
- Prayers for Lorraine Chavez to be healed of her memory loss, hearing loss and all health problems (10/9)
- 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)
- Brenda J.R. Goodman- 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 (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)
- 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)
- Brian & Shelby Muir – tested positive for COVID (10/9)
- Ken Pinkham, diagnosed with trigeminal neuralgia (severe pain on right side of face) (10/6)
- Karen Pinkham’s sister Shirley, health complications continuing (10/13)
- Earlene Ramay - recovering from basal cell carcinoma removal (10/6)
- Patty Redifer, knee replacement coming up (9/27)
- **Edith Rowell, dealing with severe back pain, 24/7; prayers for pain management (10/18)**
- Sandra Shreve’s neighbors, Bob and April, have resurgence of cancer (9/27)
- Linda Jagger’s friend, Ron Wiley as he continues to slowly recover, and regain strength. (9/16)

### Student of the Week

Chris Jonell

### 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

Mildred Smith

### 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

**Patty Redifer (knee replacement)**

### Love & Sympathy

### Birthdays This Week Oct 22-28

- 25 - Denise Wylde
- 26 -Kellona Bain
- 26 - Taylor Goodman

### 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)