

October 28, 2022

Spirit of Curiosity

Calvary Newsletter

Check out our Wednesday midweek devotional from this week.

Listen to our sermon from October 23, 2022

 Daylight Savings Time is on November 6! Set your clocks back one
hour Saturday, November 5.



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This Weekend

**TODAY 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 or by signing up one of the Sundays before the event at a table in the Narthex.

TONIGHT Oct. 28 - Baptist Film Fanatics - 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.

**Tomorrow Oct. 29 - Trouble the Water
Discussion- Take Two! - 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

Bootstraps and Blessings Volunteer Meeting
will take place at 11:45 a.m. in the Board Room on Sunday, October 30. See you there!

**Join us for
Trunk or Treat!
Saturday, Oct. 29th 2-4 p.m.**

safe trick or treating
cake walk
games
fun for the whole family!

**6500 E. Girard Ave
Denver CO 80224**

This Sunday will be our first Fifth Sunday! You can view the schedule in the graphic above. Bring a breakfast item for the potluck. If you want to help out with street clean up in the service time, just come dressed for whatever weather we have! Wear your Calvary t-shirt if you have one.

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

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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).

Children Ministry

Sun.Oct. 30

Children will be with their parents for the breakfast pot-luck and service options of coloring cards for our VIPs or leaf pick-up outside. It's a great chance to service together as a family.

Coming up this Fall

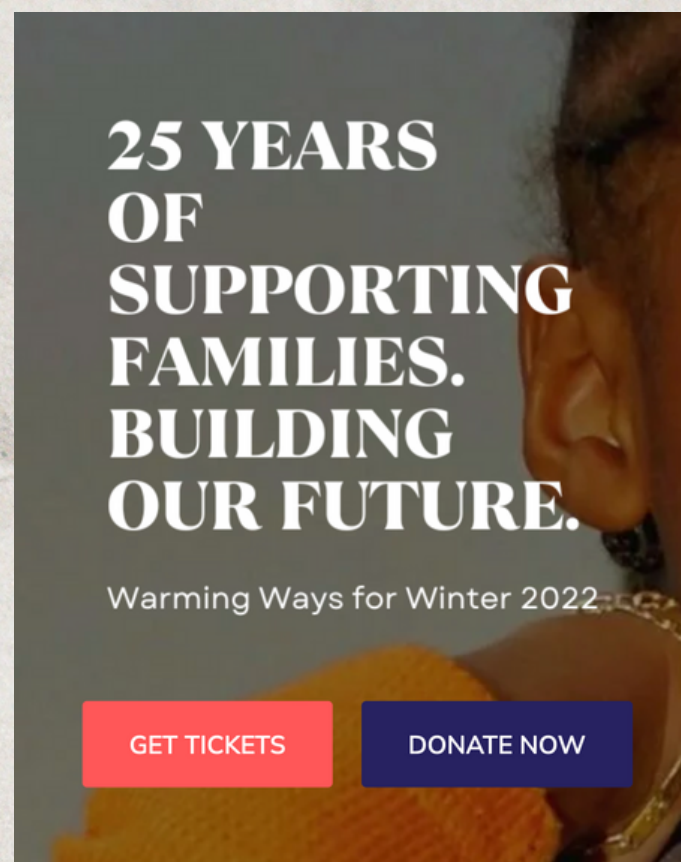
TOMORROW Oct. 29 - Trunk or Treat

Sat. Dec. 10 - Parents Afternoon Out

Some photos from previous Trunk or Treats to get you excited for Saturday!



Thursday, Nov. 10 - 5:30 p.m. - Warming Ways for Winter - Temple Emanuel. Join our ministry partner Family Promise for their fundraiser Warming Ways for Winter. You'll have the chance to help raise support by purchasing a ticket, buying a table, bidding in the live and virtual auction, and shopping at the family store. The night will also have a seated curated dinner menu and networking with other advocates. Purchase your ticket or table [HERE](#).



Ongoing



Donations Needed for Calvary's Bootstraps & Blessings Ministry.

Right now Bootstraps especially needs donations of ritz crackers, peanut butter, and men's socks.

B&B Ministry accepts tuna, crackers, water, capri Sun, nutrition bars, feminine products, new socks and underwear, 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.



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Good News

Reggie Redlin joined the Calvary congregation on October 23 during worship. We are grateful to have Reggie find his church home at Calvary. Look for a new member profile on Reggie next week.

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.

October Council Highlights

Highlights from last night's October Council Meeting call:

- Welcomed back Anne from sabbatical, heard updates from her time away.
- Highlights from Evergreen Association Annual Gathering in Denver, including a new Calvary Church member who attended the Gathering with Pastor Morgan.
- For Faith Formation, Pastor Morgan asked us the question: "how do Calvary's leaders navigate changing times with a God that is steadfast?" Members shared thoughts and ideas around: communication, eyes open, willing to dig in and work, ideas for on-line ministry, needing to be servants for God with the idea that you cannot serve effectively if you begrudge how you serve, discussing change management and helping people see things that are different and changing around them without them feeling like they're losing control of their reality, what it means to be open to all and closed to none and embracing people we wouldn't necessarily have embraced in the past.

New Member Profile: Angelique Watts

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

During the day I volunteer at the VA retirement community, serving with the Alzheimer's and Dementia patients. At Night I fight crime and keep the streets safe from vigilantes, I Am Batman.



What is one of your favorite childhood memories?

My favorite childhood memories involve walking to the park with my mom and siblings and having picnics. Afterwards we'd climb plum trees and pick as many as we could carry and eat them with our mom who let us believe they were cherries lol.

What's your favorite food or dish to eat?

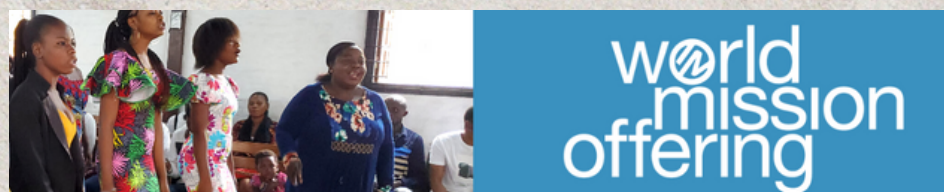
My dad's southern cuisine or tacos, you can never go wrong with tacos.

What are some of your current hobbies?

My current hobbies include hiking, cooking and binge watching Game Of Thrones. Long Queen Daenerys, The rightful ruler of the Iron Throne 🐉. Also I'd like to add I like long walks on the beach with the wind blowing through my hair and sand between my toes 🐉

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

I've been living in Colorado almost 5 years now and I love it. I think my favorite part about Colorado is either the art scene or the secret society of dragons hunters I'm apart of. One day I will find, tame and ride the back of a great night wing.



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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.

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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Youth Ministry

Photo Recap from Oct. 23 - Garden of the Gods



Sunday, Nov. 20 - Chimney Gulch - 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.

EFT
(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 (10/16 to 10/22):	\$11,266
Weekly Goal: \$14,107	\$14,107
YTD Gifts Received (1/1 to 10/22):	\$522,858
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.

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

Scripture and Songs

If worship is the piece of church life that makes Sunday feel like Sunday, you will still have a worship opportunity on 5th Sundays with Scripture and Songs. At 10:30 a.m. join David and Denise as they lead you in readings of Scripture and hymns. This will still be live-streamed for those who can't make it in person on Sunday.

[Link to join via Livestream](#)



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.](#)

Stewardship 2022



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 week's focus is **Who? Who is a part of stewardship?** The answer is bigger than you might think. Stewardship is not just giving money in the offering plate. Stewardship is volunteering your time to contribute to the community. Stewardship is bringing a dish to a church potluck or welcoming a stranger. Stewardship is serving on a committee or teaching a small group session. So really, stewardship is us all, every single beloved child of God!

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
- 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)



[Watch "Mountain Holmes" and "Colorado Jones" speak on "What Is Stewardship" here.](#)

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Missions Update

Barbara Bolick is an International Ministries Global Servant that Calvary supports financially. She describes the Talita Cumi Girls' Club program that she created:

"The mission of the Talita Cumi Girls' Clubs program, is to help vulnerable girls throughout Latin America, become their true selves and participate in the redemption of their communities and our world.

And today, throughout Latin America, Talita Cumi Girls' Clubs programs are places where mature Christian women from local churches gather girls from their communities and teach them how to walk together towards Christlikeness, discovering those strengths of the heart that help them become women secure in their identity, with gifts and talents to change their world.

These strengths of the heart are the virtues, known in the classical Christian tradition as Faith, Hope, Love, Wisdom, Temperance, Courage, and Justice.

The practice of the virtues, as habits of character, can change not only their lives, but the lives of those around them. They teach them how to find friends and to be friends. They teach them what love is, and what it is not.

And more than anything they teach them that this world needs them and is waiting for them to become the people God created them to be, so that they can participate in renewing the broken places of God's beautiful world.

What began in 2005, or perhaps in 1981, is now the program we are piloting in the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Ecuador, and Mexico. Where 283 girls participate in Talita Cumi Girls' Clubs.

Many of these girls live in dark places, and it takes courage to love in the dark. But seventy-two women are trusting what our early church mothers and fathers knew to be true, that the life of Jesus was a life of virtue, that following Jesus means growing in virtue, and this happens when teaching is accompanied by practice and prayer."

Read the testimony from Kelty Pierre about her experience with Girls' Clubs. Kelty and Vital Pierre visited Calvary at the end of September. [They are IM Global Servants in the Dominican Republic.](#)



Left picture: the Pierres eating with Calvary members in September.
Right: Kelty (right) with Pastora Escarlet.

Ketly Pierre, Global Servant in the Dominican Republic

Talita Cumi has been like the frosting on the cake for my life, the life of the coordinators, mentors, and girls in the Dominican Republic.

When Adalia and Barbara invited me to start the program last March and I saw all the work that went into it, I did not feel ready because I was still undergoing breast cancer treatment.

But that was the moment that God had chosen to start it, and I had been anxiously awaiting it since the first moment Barbara shared her vision with me in 2014.

With God's new vision, of renewal, of restoration, of resilience and of reconnecting with the people I had left behind for a year, I went to the DR three times to work on Talita Cumi after having several Zoom meetings, recruiting coordinators and mentors.

Today, we have seven different groups, in four bateyes, which are communities surrounded by sugar cane, and three in La Romana.

But what has increased my joy has been the growth of my spiritual daughter, Leydi. She is a young Dominican, of Haitian descent, of 25 years old. Her mom died when she was a year old, and her dad raised her along with other family members. Our relationship started through Vacation Bible School.

The first time I saw her teaching a group of children in the VBS my jaw dropped. During these last four years, God has allowed me to encourage the gift that God had placed in Leydi.

Leydi says: "God built my pieces in a beautiful garden through mama Ketly and today I am doing the same with the girls that God has given me to guide them as a mentor."

One of the many examples we have seen in the club is in the life of Gabriela. During a club she explained she had no friends since her mother taught her that friends are not real.

For her, Talita Cumi has become her family, where she has learned to show affection. Now, she is even able to show her parents affection. Today, the virtues that she thought she would never have, others see in her life.

A challenge we have overcome is the language barrier for three Haitian girls.

In the club, we learned about a young female hero who did not discriminate against immigrants, but instead she created a program that taught them the national language. Our girls took her example and are heroes too, working together to help the three Creole-speaking girls by translating for them.

And now our club is growing in unity and love. And now our girls are coming to believe what Leydi always tells them: "For me, life is beautiful, because God is in it."



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.

- 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)
- **Maddie Hulst diagnosed with Bells Palsy (10/26)**
- 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 (10/26)**
- **Continued prayers for Gary Kieft who is navigating the grief of losing Hannah (10/26)**
- 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

Emma Goodrum

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

Congratulations to Proud grandparents Chuck and Diane Newcom on the birth of their grandson James Kent Newcom, born on October 20

Very Inspiring Person of the Week

Ollia May Snowden

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

Gary Johnson (creatinine levels up and down)
Kathryn Phurrough - possible internal bleeding

Recovering from Surgery

Tom Jagger – lymph node removal went well
Patty Redifer – doing well after knee replacementt
Ryan Robinson

Birthdays This Week

Oct 29-Nov 4

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| 29 - Dheevena Bachu | 3 - Debbie Rohrer |
| 30 - Jim Comstock | 4 - Debil Bile |
| 30 - Kim Lenz | |
| 1 - Jeanine Crane | |

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)