

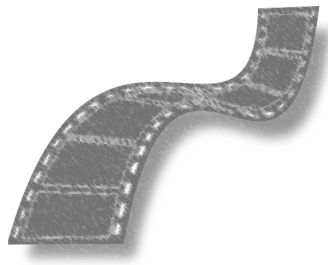
GPS Small Groups

God ☉ People ☉ Service

2019 Fall Semester



Monday Night Pub



Creativity & Conversation



Calvary Baptist Church

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Welcome

GPS groups are a practical way to connect with others, grow in faith, and feel a sense of belonging. These groups focus on topics, passions or interests that help us deepen relationships with God and each other, all in a 6- to 12-week, small group setting.

Browse through the Fall GPS booklet and choose one or more that fit your interest and schedule. **Return your registration form to the office or register through the link in the enews by September 8** and see what a difference community can make in your life. Whether a member, guest, or a friend-of-a-friend, GPS groups offer you a fun way to connect at Calvary.

Fall 2019 GPS Groups at a Glance

Name	Day	Time	Frequency	Cost
Book and Discussion Groups				
Evil and the Justice of God	Sundays	9–10 a.m.	Weekly	None
Monday Night Pub	Mondays	7–8:30 p.m.	Weekly	Varies
ROOTED in Scripture	Tuesdays	6:30–7:30 p.m.	Weekly	None
ROOTED: Writing as a Spiritual Practice	Mondays	6–6:45 p.m.	Weekly	None
Tuesday Bible Study	Tuesday	9:30-11 a.m.	Weekly	None
Tuesday Prayer & Study	Tuesday	9–10 a.m.	Weekly	\$5-\$16
Special Interest				
Baptist Film Fanatics (BFFs)	Saturdays	4:30 p.m.	Monthly	Varies
Calvary Men’s Group	Fridays	Varies	Monthly	\$10-\$15
Creativity & Conversation	Saturdays	10 a.m.–Noon	Weekly	None
Journaling – Your Life Story	Wednesdays	1–3 p.m.	Bimonthly	None
Scrapbooking	Saturdays	9 a.m.–2 p.m.	Monthly	None



Book and Discussion Groups



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Evil and the Justice of God

Description: For too long we have naively believed in the modern idea of human progress. In contrast, postmodern thinkers have rightly argued that evil is real, powerful and important, but they give no real clue as to what we should do about it. In fact, evil is more serious than either our culture or our theology has supposed. How then might Jesus' death be the culmination of the Old Testament solution to evil but on a wider and deeper scale than most imagine.

Dates: Sundays, September 15-October 13

Time: 9–10 a.m.

Place: Calvary

Anticipated cost: None

Leader: **Chuck Goertz** is a retired pastor of 35 years, serving ethnically diverse congregations. He is married to Beverly and they have three adult children and the two cutest granddaughters in the world.



Monday Night Pub

Description: Join the discussion. Weekly discussions are led by member volunteers who select their own topic. There is no restriction on topic, just the good judgement of the presenter and appropriateness for the group.



Group members vary in age from the mid-20s to early 80s.

Drop-ins are always welcome!

Dates: Every Monday night, fall to spring, unless notified otherwise. A weekly reminder with the next leader and topic is emailed to group members on Sunday afternoon.

Time: 6 p.m. Dinner (optional); 7:15–8:30 p.m. Discussion

Place: Piccolo's Restaurant, Back Room, 3563 S. Monaco Pkwy, Denver, CO 80237, 303-757-5166 (diagonal from Calvary, across Monaco from Fire Station)

Number of participants: 10-30

Anticipated cost: Food/drink at the restaurant. Piccolo's does not charge us for the room, so please support the restaurant and tip the server generously.

Leaders: David Crane and David Ferguson are both long time Calvary members.



ROOTED in Scripture

Description: Do you wish you knew more about Scripture? Do you enjoy talking about scripture with others? Do you wish you had a chance to offer your thoughts on the scripture the pastors preach on each week?

ROOTED in Scripture is an 8-week opportunity open to all who want to participate in the spiritual practice of reading and discussing scripture to become more rooted in the biblical narrative. Going along with our church-wide fall theme of ROOTED (based on Colossians 2:6-7), our Sunday worship services will focus on the scriptures from the Narrative Lectionary (NL)* in worship.

Join us in person or via ZOOM on Tuesday evenings to read and discuss the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. Be a part of the “behind-the-scenes” sermon preparation process with the pastors by sharing your thoughts, questions, and insights as we seek together to understand scripture and what it means for our lives. Join in the conversation one week or all weeks – no sign-up necessary. Each week in the e-news, we will include the upcoming scripture we will be discussing as well as instructions on how to join us via ZOOM if you want to be part of the conversation remotely.

**The NL is a four-year cycle of readings that follow the sweep of the Biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church.*

Dates: Tuesdays, Sept. 10, 17, 24 and Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Time: 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Place: Calvary Baptist Church or ZOOM (participate remotely if you have a computer with a webcam and mic).

Anticipated cost: None. Bring your Bible or favorite Bible app.

Leaders: **Senior Pastor Anne Jernberg Scalfaro** is a graduate of Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. Anne loves good Tex-Mex, afternoon thunderstorms, reading, poetry, travel, Netflix, game nights, yoga, good coffee conversations, and spending time outdoors with her husband, Damon, and their golden retriever, Deacon.

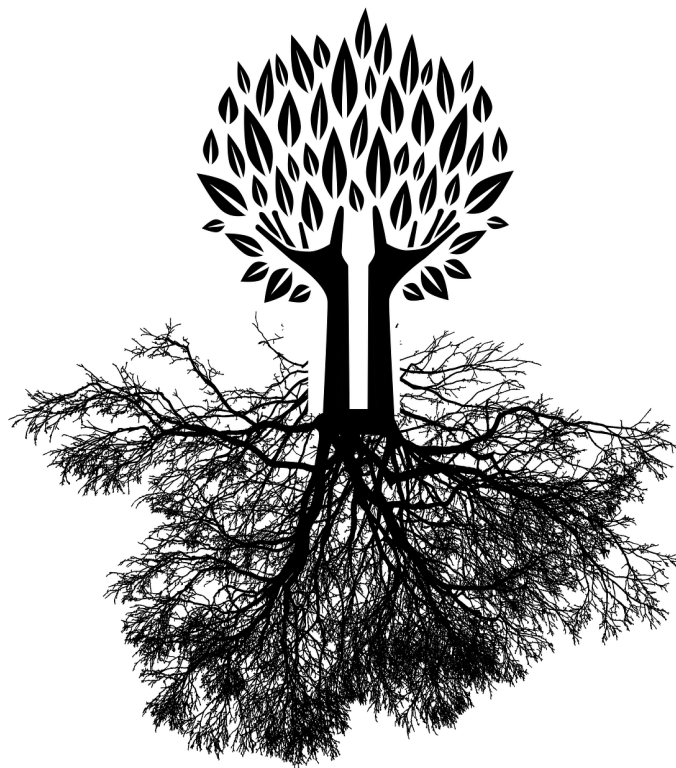


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Pastor Morgan Caruthers Fletcher earned her BA in religion, MDiv and master of social work from Baylor University. In addition to her role at Calvary, she is also adjunct faculty at Iliff School of Theology. Morgan enjoys a good cup of coffee or tea, music, hiking, reading, and time with her family, dogs, and friends.



Pastor Alice Horner-Nelson earned her MDiv from the McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta, where she met her husband Matt, a fellow MDiv and worship leader at the Gathering. They have two cats, Molly and Mary Todd. In her free time, Alice loves discovering new coffee shops, Skyping with her five siblings, trying new recipes, and shopping.

ROOTED: Writing as a Spiritual Practice

Description: Do you find yourself struggling to engage with Scripture in a typical Bible study fashion? Do you find the normal structure of prayer to be difficult for you? This class will explore how writing can be a helpful tool in engaging our faith.

You don't have to consider yourself a writer to participate. This class is for everyone wanting to explore a new spiritual practice. Additionally, there are multiple benefits to making writing a spiritual practice. Exploring scripture with pen and paper can sometimes reveal more truths about God's story than if you just read it by itself. Writing helps us become more attentive, and it often unearths truths about ourselves that we didn't know.

You do not have to attend every single class although it is recommended. You can join this class at any time.

Dates: Mondays, September 9–November 18

Time: 6–6:45 p.m.

Place: Calvary Baptist Church Youth Lounge

Estimated cost: None. Bring a good pen or pencil. Each participant will receive a black and white composition notebook

Leader: Rev. Alice Horner Nelson. See leader bio above.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Description: Tuesday Bible Study is a small group whose members share fellowship and prayer concerns. We study both the Bible and contemporary writings to better understand the message of Jesus, God's will for us, and our lives of discipleship. The current book is Josephus.

Dates: Tuesdays beginning Sept. 10.

Time: 9:30–11 a.m.

Place: Calvary Baptist Church Youth Lounge

Anticipated cost: None.

Leader: Rev. Morgan Caruthers
Fletcher

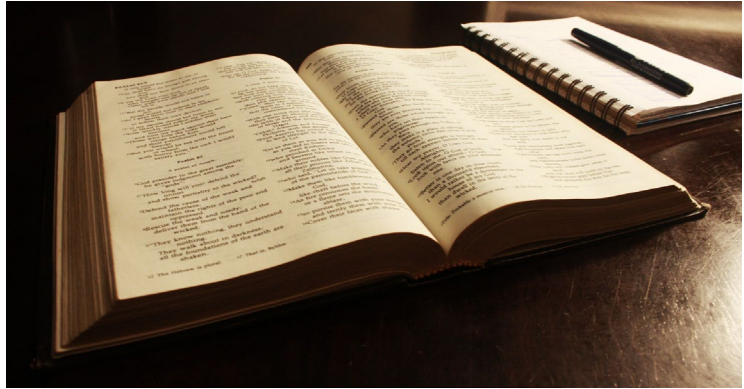


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Tuesday Morning Prayer and Study Group

Description: Join us for a time of fellowship, prayer, and study as we read and discuss together *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most* by Marcus Borg. Please bring your own copy of the book. All are welcome! For the first session, please read the Introduction to the book.

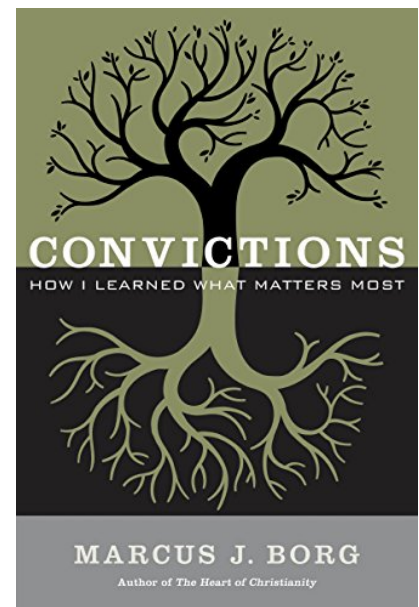
Dates: Tuesdays beginning Sept. 10.

Time: 9–10 a.m.

Place: Calvary Baptist Church Board Room

Anticipated cost: Cost of the book (\$5-\$16).

Leaders: Judy Griswold (coordinator) Rev. Anne Jernberg
Scalfaro (discussion facilitator).





Special Interest Groups

Baptist Film Fanatics (BFFs)

Description: This is a movie discussion group which operates like a book club. Members share hosting, signing up to choose a movie and arranging for the discussion. Participants watch the movie on their own and come prepared for good discussion, fellowship and food.

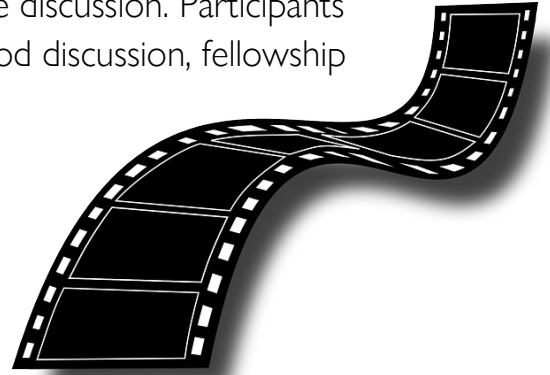
Dates: Second Saturday of every month

Time/Place: 4:30 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant,
1995 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80222

Number of Participants: Maximum 12-15

Anticipated cost: cost of film + dinner monthly

Additional group logistics or requirements: Each member is responsible for the costs of seeing the film and the cost of food and beverages if the discussion is held at a restaurant. Hosts are responsible for food and drink in their homes, but may ask for donations.



Leaders: **Linda Fischer** is a marriage and family therapist working two and a half days per week. **Jim Armstrong** is a retired engineer/small business owner.

Calvary Men's Group

Description: Through our fellowship and through our works, the Calvary Men's Group endeavors to be a positive outlet for men of varied backgrounds and skill sets to offer their experience and their shared American Baptist heritage to benefit each other and create value in our community. We focus our efforts in three major areas: fellowship, education, missions.

Past activities included a chili luncheon, a DU Hockey outing, and Top Golf. We encourage men of all ages to join us and plan some events at alternate times to allow working men to participate.

Dates: Last Friday of the Month
(+ fellowship events)

Time: Typically 11 a.m. (times vary)

Place: Calvary Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

Number of participants: Unlimited

Estimated cost: \$10-\$15 per month

Leaders: We are led by a steering group of 7 men who meet over breakfast to plan our near-term direction. We empower our members to take on leadership roles for specific events or activities to support our mission.

Send your e-mail address to davcpeter@gmail.com to be notified of upcoming meetings.



Creativity & Conversation

Description: Join this informal group for coffee, conversation and creativity – adult coloring, games, sewing, crafts, missions projects – whatever you choose, while enjoying fellowship, friendship and goodies. It's a great opportunity to meet others of all ages. Come, bring a friend and join the discussion.

Dates: Saturdays except seasonal breaks and Family Promise dates

Time: 10 a.m.–Noon.

Place: Calvary Baptist Church of Denver, Rooms 316/320

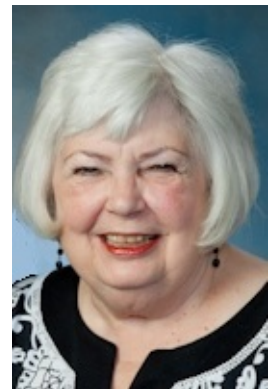
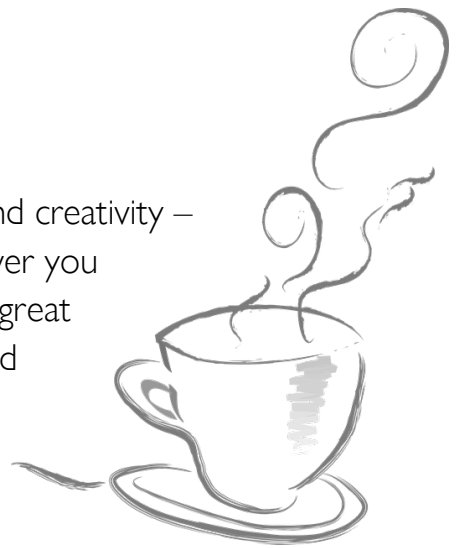
Number of participants: No limit

Anticipated cost: No cost. Coffee is furnished. Group members rotate bringing snacks.

Leaders: **Jeanine Crane** and her husband Dave came to Calvary in 1974 and were involved in youth ministry for years. Today they are members of the Caritas Class, have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Debby Pilloud joined Calvary in 1987. She has three daughters and six grandchildren. She is a member of the Voyager's church school class, a Stephen Minister, ABW Circle, sewing group and prepares communion each month.

Norma Wick has been a member of Calvary for 30 years. She is a member of the Caritas Class, Bethell Circle, and she volunteers in the church office. Norma is a retired Denver Public Schools teacher.



Journaling Your Life Story



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Description: Get together with other folks in this time set aside to put your memories and life story down in writing. This class will mostly be a time of self-guided reflection. Journaling books & techniques will be available as guides.

Dates: Wednesdays, September 25, October 2, 23, 30, and November 13 and 20.

Time: 1–3 p.m.

Place: Calvary Baptist Church

Number of participants: 2-12

Estimated cost: None.

Leader: **Cindy DeHate** enjoys being a pew steward and is currently the volunteer coordinator for Family Promise. She enjoys traveling and spending time in the mountains.



Scrapbooking

Description: Do you have a scrapbook or memory book that you never have time to work on? Join us once a month for fun and fellowship while we get our projects done!

Days: One Saturday per month, dates determined by the group.

Time: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Place: Calvary Baptist Church of Denver

Number of participants: 6-10

Anticipated cost: Bring your laptop or your own materials.

Leader: **Becky Worford** has been a member since 1977. She is a retired elementary school teacher and is married with two children and four grandsons. Becky says, "I love to scrapbook, but never have the time. I enjoy being able to come to church to scrapbook and visit with friends once a month."



GPS Small Group Norms

- ⊗ I will make every effort to attend and participate openly in all meetings.
- ⊗ I will be inclusive and respectful of others – open to all, closed to none.
- ⊗ I will exercise generous listening and give everyone an opportunity to share.
- ⊗ I will come to the group prepared.
- ⊗ I will honor others by keeping personal details that are shared confidential.
- ⊗ I will strive to build relationships with those in this group by showing care, providing the grace of encouragement, and praying for their needs.
- ⊗ I will do my best to foster a positive, cohesive environment in my group.



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Phone: _____

Email: _____

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