



**Calvary Faith Family,**

The following is an article from Dr. James L. Wilson:

*Back in the 1880's Nietzsche declared that "God is dead", and before the turn of the Twentieth Century, Shaw and Wells chimed in saying the 20<sup>th</sup> Century would mark the end of the world's "religious phase."*

*Yet, today a church now meets in Russia's Museum of Religion and Atheism- the former center of atheism. Nearly half of the United States' population attend worship on a regular basis while revival is sweeping through Latin America and Christianity grows behind China's iron curtain.*

*Nietzsche, Shaw, and Wells have long since decayed in their graves, and God continues to live! That's the message of Easter. He is risen. He is risen, indeed!*

*Muhammad died, and was buried. His faithful followers take pilgrimages to visit his remains; the same is true of Buddha and other religious leaders. But it is not true of Jesus. You cannot visit His remains; you can only visit His empty grave, because He isn't there. He arose! That's why we celebrate Easter!*

This article says it all. The reason we celebrate Easter and why we worship every Sunday of every year is because He arose and He's alive.

Calvary family, I love each of you and I hope you have an awesome Easter.

Remember, it is all about "Loving God and Loving Others."

**Because He first loved us,**

**Dr. Scott**

**1 John 4:19**



**EASTER SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunrise Service, 7:00 AM**

**Breakfast, 8:00 AM**

**Sunday School, 9:30 AM**

**Worship Celebration, 10:30 AM**

**No Evening Services**



**KID CITY NEWS**

*"The streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls playing there."*  
**Zech 8:5**

This month during Sunday School we'll begin by celebrating Easter with a lesson from Matthew 28 titled "Jesus Is Alive!" We'll continue our unit on A Time for Concern, focusing on kindness. Our lessons will be out of 1 Kings and 2 Kings and will be titled God Cares, Learn from Others, Help Each Other, God is Great, and Don't Do Wrong. We are having such a great time together learning God's word! Remember to invite your friends to join us, bring your Bible, and your spare change each week for our mission project!

It's springtime and party time at The POINT. We will have our Easter Party on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Dress up like an easter egg, or at least wear a springtime color. Everyone who dresses up will get a prize! We'll have lots of goodies and games, too!

Sunday nights we will finish up our TeamKid lessons and then begin a new series. Keep watch for more info on that! I look forward to seeing everyone there!



**KID CITY**

**FUNDRAISER LUNCH**

Everyone is invited to join us for lunch in the fellowship hall on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the morning worship service. Gene and the fellowship team will be fixing grilled chicken tenders, fried green beans, mac 'n cheese, and spiced apples. All donations will go towards helping Kid City kids pay for summer camp. Kid City parents are asked to please bring desserts and help in the kitchen with set-up and clean-up. See Pam Houser for more info.



Please join us on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for our C.A.R.E. Ministry.

There will be a meal on both nights at 6:30 PM.

Outreach Visitation will start at 7:00 PM.

See Shea Houser for more info on how you can get involved in this ministry.



**Our Pastor, Staff, and Congregation would like to welcome Sheri Ridge into our church family!**



**Dear Calvary church family,**

Thank you for the bibles you gave in memory of my dad.

I also want to thank you all for the prayers and love you have shown to me during the last 3 years since dad's cancer journey began. It has had lots of twists and turns, but I am thanking

God for the time I had with him. He will be missed and I thank you for all the cards, calls, and words of encouragement you have shown us during this difficult time.

I love my church family, but most of all I love the one we serve. To God be the glory for all He has done.

**May God return to you the kindness you have shown to me...**

**Darlean and Charlie Reep & the Bill Lawing family**



We are in desperate need of volunteers for the Nursery & Preschool departments, especially on Sunday nights. If you would be willing to give of your time once a month, please see Robin Sams or Rachel Chapman.

These kids are such a blessing! Please consider volunteering!!





**WMAG APRIL Meeting~**  
 Tuesday, April 3rd @7PM in  
 the fellowship hall. All ladies are  
 welcome to join us as we discuss  
 upcoming events, missions, and have a  
 devotion time.



**April 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a very short meeting after  
 the service on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to go  
 over final details. For those going,  
 please meet at the church on Friday,  
 April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. The vans will  
 be leaving at 8:30 AM.



**MISSION TRIP**

The Ladies Ministry is planning a  
 mission trip to Briceville Friendship  
 Center in May. We are collecting  
 canned food items to take with us during  
 the month of April. Suggested items  
 include: canned corn, green beans,  
 etc, boxed macaroni and cheese, bags  
 of pintos, peanut butter, spaghetti  
 noodles and sauce. You can place these  
 items in the box marked BRICEVILLE  
 in the fellowship hall or around  
 by the choir room.



**Sunday, April 15th**



**The church offices will be closed on  
 Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of  
 Easter.**



Happy April, church family! Just like  
 the bears, it's time to move from a  
 state of hibernation to a state of  
 activity, including getting outside and  
 enjoying the beautiful days.

Do you ever feel like your spiritual  
 state is in hibernation? If we were  
 completely honest with ourselves, we  
 all feel like that from time to time.  
 But you know when I feel that way it's  
 usually because one of the following  
 reasons. First, my bible reading has  
 declined. Second, my prayer life has  
 declined. Finally, third, I have let  
 others around me, who have bad  
 attitudes, bring my spirit down. So  
 the answer seems pretty simple... stay  
 in the Word, find quiet time each day  
 to talk to Jesus, and don't let bad  
 attitudes around you change your  
 attitude. Usually, if you are in the  
 Word daily, and your prayer life is on  
 track, people around you cannot  
 easily influence your attitude. Time to  
 wake up church family and get busy  
 getting closer to God!

I will leave you with these inspiring  
 lyrics from "Death Was Arrested" by  
 North Point INside Out:

*"Ash was redeemed only beauty  
 remains  
 My Orphan heart was given a name  
 My mourning grew quiet my feet  
 rose to dance  
 When death was arrested and my life  
 began"*

**Love you, church family!  
 Pastor Rickie Helms Jr.**



**MEN'S MINISTRY  
 SHOOT OUT  
 RESCHEDULED**

Due to a scheduling conflict, the men's  
 shoot-out has been rescheduled to  
 Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM at the  
 home of Fred Morrison. We hope  
 everyone is able to come out and enjoy  
 this day of shooting, fun, food, and  
 fellowship!! See Mark Jackson or Gene  
 Osborne for directions or more info.



The Women's Ministry will be  
 collecting donations for OCC  
 throughout 2018. **Our April  
 collection items are:**

stuffed animals, dolls, balls, hackey sacks,  
 small frisbees, and kites. The collection box  
 is in the hallway  
 near the backpack ministry.  
 Any items can be donated at any  
 time. There are suggestion lists on  
 the collection tote.  
 See Kathy Bivens if you have  
 any questions.



**The menu for APRIL will be:**

**Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> EASTER BREAKFAST**

**Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>** biscuits and gravy, eggs, fruit tray,  
 cereal, milk, juice

**Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>** bagel variety, cream cheese, jelly,  
 fruit, cereal, milk, juice

**Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>** pancakes, sausage links, fruit  
 toppings, cereal, milk, juice

**Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> BIG BREAKFAST** livermush,  
 bacon, sausage, eggs, grits, biscuits, cereal,  
 milk, juice

We invite you to join us each week  
 from 8:45 AM ~ 9:20 AM in the  
 fellowship hall. This is a great time  
 to meet and greet before Sunday School.  
*Small donations are appreciated, but  
 not required.*

*In Sympathy*

**Our Pastor, staff, and congregation  
 would like to extend our deepest  
 sympathy to Fred Morrison in the  
 loss of his brother, Bob Morrison.**



**SUNSHINE CLUB**

We will have two guests with us at this  
 month's meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00  
 AM. Ken Jones and H.D. Reid from  
 Edward Jones Investing will be here to  
 discuss financial planning. The topics will  
 be "Emotions, Expectations, and  
 Economics". This is open to anyone in the  
 church that would like to attend.

**Nursery Workers for APRIL**

**Apr 1- Team 1**

AM- Linda Rickman & Leah Saine  
PM- *no evening service*

**Apr 8- Team 2**

AM- Jacob & Emily Kiser  
PM- Linda Garner

**Apr 15- Team 3**

AM- Christine Mosteller & Robin Sams  
PM- *volunteers needed*

**Apr 22- Team 4**

AM- Gina Davis  
PM- *volunteers needed*

**Apr 29- Team 5**

AM- Linda Garner & Danita Morrison  
PM- *volunteers needed*

**Deacon of the Month  
ERNIE MORPHEW**

**A Look at Our Records  
Tithes & Offerings**

*These figures reflect our General  
Fund amounts*

Mar 4.....	\$7,345.00
Mar 11.....	\$6,048.00
Mar 18.....	\$6,409.84
Mar 25.....	\$7,472.00



**Sunday School Report**

Mar 4.....	153
Mar 11.....	133
Mar 18.....	149
Mar 25.....	143

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

Dr. Scott Shoffner.....Lead Pastor  
 Rickie Helms...Assoc. Pastor of Edu/Students  
 Jerry Saine..... Music Director  
 Felicia Hendricks.....Financial/HR Secretary  
 Leann Osborne.....Administrative Sec.  
 Rachel Overkamp.....Facilities Manager

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 Monday through Friday  
 Phone: 735-9976 FAX: 736-9985  
 Email address: calvbc@bellsouth.net



If you would like to join us for prayer, we meet in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. Everyone is welcome!

**SUNSHINE CLUB**  
**Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**@11:00 AM**

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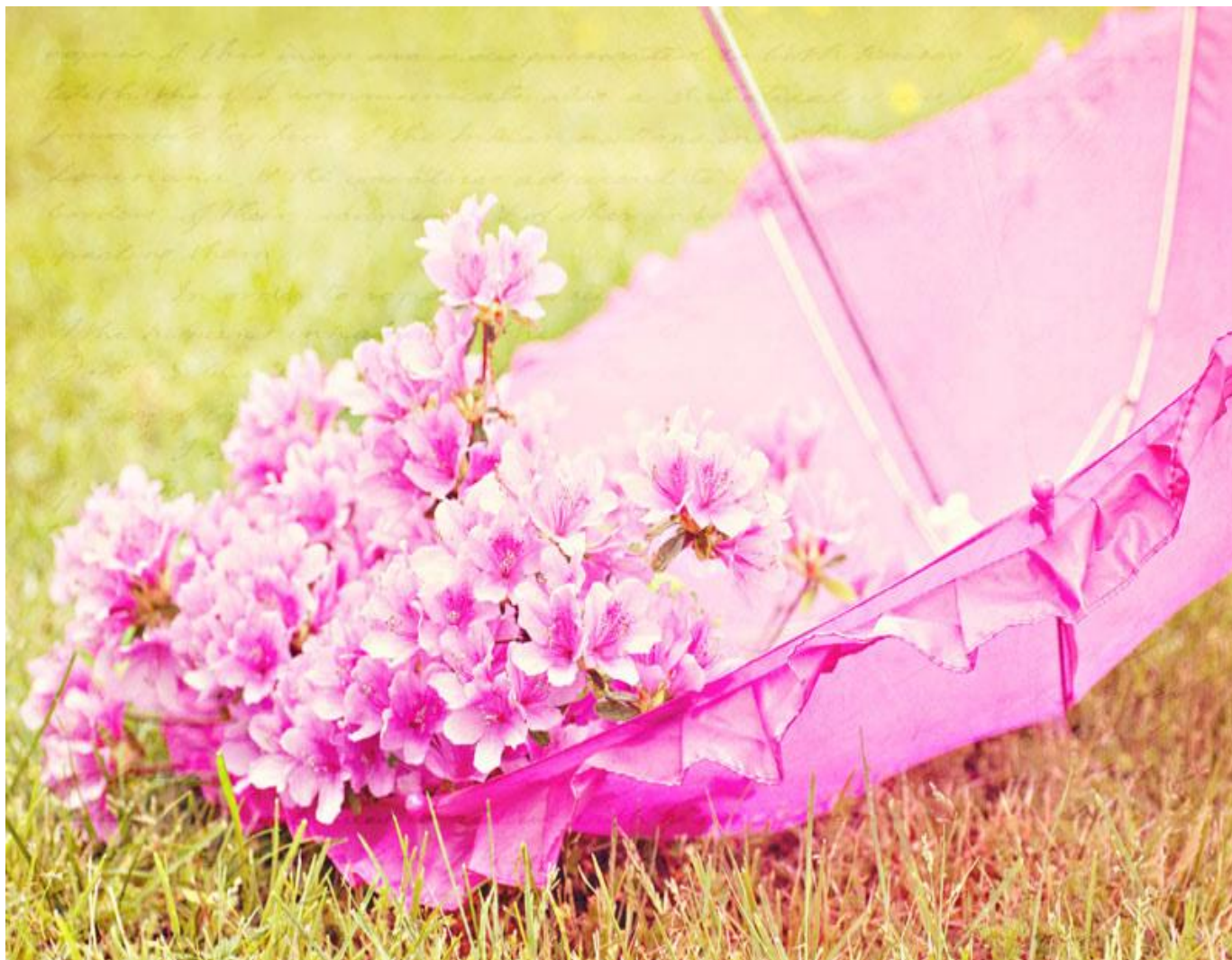
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"In that day shall messengers go forth..." Ezekiel 30:9

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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*April showers bring May flowers*

*"I will send down showers in season; there  
will be showers of blessings."*

*Ezekiel 34:26*