

- Our Vision - Seeking to be a growing family of disciples that impacts eternity in the Winchester area and beyond.



CALVARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
Knowing • Growing • Showing

Dates to Remember

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Dec 7th
Angel Tree
Wrapping Party

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Dec 8th
CBC Christmas Party

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Dec 18th
Caroling & Cocoa

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Dec 24th
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

844 Amherst St.
Winchester, VA
calvarywinchester.org
Pastor Philip King

CBC CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 8TH

Everyone is invited to join us in Parker Hall after worship service Sunday, Dec. 8th for our CBC Christmas party. Fellowship, food, fun, and games are on the list. Please bring finger foods, sides or desserts to share. Our main dish will be provided. Please sign-up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAA72BA5F58-christmas to share what you intend to bring.



ANGEL TREE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

After months of preparation, it all comes together in December as Calvary will be ministering directly to around 60 children from more than 35 Winchester-area families with a loved one in prison.

Don't forget to check out the Angel Tree in the sanctuary while there are still opportunities to pick tags and buy presents as you are led and able. If you're not a fan of shopping but want to give financially, please write "Angel Tree" on your contribution or gift card(s). There are also opportunities to shop with no financial commitment thanks to these gifts - please let Charles Rock know if you are interested in shopping with donated funds.

All are invited to our Angel Tree wrapping and prep party at 12pm on Saturday, Dec 7th. This year we're putting some extra emphasis on the party part so come ready to have some fun as we get all the toys, clothes, Bibles and age-appropriate Gospel materials, and other items ready to deliver to local kids with a mom or dad in prison. Lunch will be provided.

If you'd like to volunteer or learn more about Angel Tree or Prison Fellowship, contact Charles Rock. We are also looking forward to our **Angel Tree Wrapping PARTY at 12:00pm Saturday, Dec. 7th**. This year we are putting some extra emphasis on the party part. Come have some fun and see how God uses our hands to help fulfil His ministry.

REMEMBERING AND ENCOURAGING OUR MISSIONARIES

The SBCV is asking everyone to remember and encourage our missionaries by sending them cards to: SBC of Virginia Re: Missionary Encouragement, 4956 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen VA, 23060



ADVENT 2019 SCHEDULE

- 12/1/18- Advent (1st Week)- **JOY** Psalm 100:1-5
- 12/8/18- Advent (2nd Week) - **HOPE** Isaiah 57:15-19
- 12/15/18- Advent (3rd Week)- **LOVE** Psalm 16:7-11
- 12/22/18- Advent (4th Week) - **PEACE** Lamentations 3:21-24

- Our Mission -

Knowing God. Growing Together. Showing the Love of Jesus.

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Calvary Family,

As December begins, the decorations begin to appear, cards begin to be sent, and there is an air of expectation in the coming of Christmas. One of the traditions that we engage in during this season is Advent. Yet, I wonder if we truly know the meaning behind some of the activity surrounding this celebration. To help with this, I wanted to provide some information that hopefully adds to our understanding of this tradition. The following is an excerpt from an article explaining Advent.

Advent is the season four weeks before Christmas in which we prepare for the coming of Christ. It begins on the Sunday nearest to 30th November. Advent is the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and its name comes from the Latin word adventus, which means "coming".

The season also celebrates Christ's anticipated coming again in the fullness of time to rule triumphantly over life in heaven and earth, as well as the coming of Christ as the infant Savior whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. And because the season emphasizes Christ's comings and not just his birth, it's more than just a time to get ready for Christmas. Advent reminds us that the question is not whether Jesus will return to judge the earth, but when.

The season of Advent came into being toward the middle of the sixth century. At first, the Advent Season was determined as the six Sundays leading up to Christmas. This was then reduced to four Sundays by Pope St. Gregory the Great (591-604).

Before the seventh century, Christmas was a secondary feast, especially in Rome, but as it came to take on more and more importance, so the season of Advent evolved in a similar manner. Advent became more solemn and its orientation changed. From just being a time to prepare for Christmas, it became a time to look to the glorious return of the Lord and now the Sunday's of Advent reflect this double perspective of waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus and the immediate preparation for the feast of Christmas.

Each Sunday during Advent an individual family will come up front during service to read a passage of scripture and then light a candle. Each candle lit is intended to remind us specifically of Jesus' love, peace, joy, and hope. The fifth candle, which is lit on Christmas Eve, represents Christ himself as the "light of the world" (John 8:12). Advent is a wonderfully rich tradition and one that I hope allows you to reflect on the true reason for the season. As always, thank you so much for allowing me to serve you as pastor and thank you so much for the love you showed my family for pastor appreciation month. We are truly humbled and grateful, so thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

In Christ,
Pastor Philip



CAROLING

Everyone is invited to head out in our church bus into our neighborhood for caroling & sharing tracts on Wednesday, Dec. 18th. We'll meet at CBC at 6pm. When we get back we will have some hot cocoa to warm up and fellowship time.



CALVARY CONNECTIONS



Calvary Connections will not be meeting in December. We will pick back up our time of dessert, worship, fellowship & Bible Study on Jan. 8th, 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors to Calvary for a very special Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:00pm Tuesday, December 24th.



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE CHALLENGE



Pastor Philip has asked us to join his family in the Gospel of Luke 24-Day Challenge. There are 24 chapters in the Gospel of Luke and he's inviting everyone to read one chapter a day to December 24th. That way we as a church family will have read the entire book by Christmas Eve. He recently emailed a reading schedule with study questions and a free commentary to aid your study. Copies are available in the sanctuary.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 2019

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|------------------|--|---|------------------------|--------|--|
| 1 Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:30 Angel Tree Delivery Training | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 4:30p Stewardship | 6 | 7 12pm Angel Tree Wrapping Party  |
| 8 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:30p Calvary Christmas Party | 9 Jim Combs | 10 Kylie King | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service | 16 | 17 | 18 6p Christmas Caroling | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service | 23 Suzan Rush | 24 Christmas Eve Rae Ann Brown 6p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | 25 Christmas Day | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Rorian Roberts 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve | <p>844 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22060 info@calvarywinchester.org www.calvarywinchester.org</p> <p>CBC Office Hours are M-Th 9-2, except Dec. 24th-26th & Jan.1, 2020</p> | | | |