

Calvary Baptist Church
Gainesville, Texas

The Calvary Connection

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STATE OF THE CHURCH

In July of last year we began a new phase in our ministry here at Calvary Baptist Church which I entitled Initiative 1:8. The purpose behind Initiative 1:8 came from the verse in Acts from which it is named. In Acts 1:8 Jesus tell his disciples this: "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." With this as our battle cry we embarked on a mission with our focus on evangelism and discipleship to reach the world for Christ beginning in Gainesville and reaching to the ends of the earth. I wanted to take this opportunity to give you an update on where we are at with our Initiative 1:8 program.

Locally, when we started Initiative 1:8 we began a visitation ministry with the goal to share Christ with our neighbors and invite them to our church. Since beginning this visitation, a dedicated group of members has met on Tuesday mornings and knocked on 108 doors in our community with the purpose of sharing

Christ and inviting them to church. We have seen several lives touched and even some visitors because of our efforts to reach our community in this manner. Also, within the local phase of Initiative 1:8, we began to focus inwardly on our discipleship. A small group has gathered faithfully each week to be trained in discipleship and has been sent out to begin other small discipleship groups within the church.

Financially we have also made some good strides within Initiative 1:8 as well. Our goal is to give up to 3% of our annual budget to our state convention which will have a huge impact on state, national, and international missions. This year we will give .5% of our 2018 budget towards these missions, which is up from .25% from last year. Also, through your giving to Initiative 1:8 we have given \$500 to the Mary Hill Davis Missions and \$900 to Lottie Moon Missions.

Finally, we have put together a Missions Committee who will help designate what our giving to each mission emphasis will be from Initiative 1:8. This committee will also work to find mission opportunities for Calvary locally as well as internationally. I am excited to see what Calvary has been able to do since taking on this endeavor and I am just as excited to see what else we will accomplish moving forward. I hope that you are equally excited about the impact Calvary is having not just here in Gainesville but to the end of the earth. The next thing we should do is to ask ourselves, "What next?"

Jason



A Special Invitation to
Valentine's Day Dinner
Spaghetti
Feb 10 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Benefit for youth ministry

Women's Ministry Day at Magnolia Market
Saturday, February 17, 2018
Meet at the church at 7:00 AM to depart for Waco
We will plan to leave Waco around 4:30 or 5:00 PM
Shop, Eat, Fellowship in Waco!
Sign up sheet behind the baptistery

ATTENDANCE	
JAN 07	97
JAN 14	113
JAN 21	90
JAN 28	95
Avg 99	

Happy Birthday

Bennett, Cindy	02
Luke Hackler	03
Call, Dean	03
Lary, Morgan	04
Neuroth, Kim	05
Parkhill, Madison	06
Hellman, Don	08
Shawn Patrick	13
Greene, J.D.	17
Turner, Krystal	17
Kremling, Colton	20
Rains, Colton	23
Lily Price	27
Harlow, Lefty	28



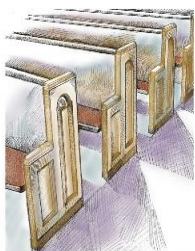
New Members!

We welcome new members Betty & Penny Secrest to our church family. The mother/daughter duo joined our family by letter from a sister church in our city. Welcome Betty & Penny.

YOUTH RALLY **CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**
 900 S. WINE ST, GRAINESVILLE TX
SAT. MARCH 3RD 2:00 P.M.
DOOR PRIZES FREE FOOD AGES 12-18
FREE ADMISSION
SPECIAL GUESTS
CHRISTIAN WRESTLING FEDERATION



NO ONE WILL EVER, EVER, EVER LOVE YOU MORE THAN JESUS



News From the Pews

DID YOU KNOW? After serving as Women's Ministry Director for 19 years Barbara Chapman has stepped down from the position due to health reasons. Paula Parkhill and Kim Hobbs have accepted the position as Co-directors. Brian Rains is the chairman of deacons for 2018. Tim and Tonja King are the proud grandparents of another grand daughter Brylynn Rae. She was born January 2 in Denton. The end of this month we will be saying goodbye to Phyllis Williams and Nettie Craun. They are moving to Illinois to be near family. We will miss these two but will be praying for them as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Jordan Moore, granddaughter of Wayne & Linda Moore, is in Washington DC working for Mac Thornberry as an intern, she took a semester off from Texas A&M for this opportunity and will graduate in December. Just to make you smile....."What kind of lights did Noah have on the ark?" **Answer:** Floodlights