



Calvary Baptist Church

Find Your Heart in the Heart of Towson – Join Us for Sunday Worship Service

120 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204
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Co-Pastors: Reverend Dr. William Sean Lee and Reverend Sarah W. Lee

**11:00 am Sunday
Worship Service**

Adult Sunday School
 no programs until
 September

Wednesday Programs
 no programs until
 September



Church Office Hours
 Monday – Thursday
 8:30 am – 2 pm
 Closed on Fridays

UNDERSTANDING BAPTISTS 101

We are currently between the secular holidays of Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. It is good to give thanks and honor, when it is due, to our parents. It is also important to understand the blessings, connections, and limitations of family. All of this is true for us as family at Calvary Baptist Church, as well.

A large number of you are new to the family at Calvary Baptist Church. We are so thankful for you! In joining Calvary through the commitment of membership, it affirms the working of the Holy Spirit among us. As I often say, “dead trees do not bear fruit,” so your desire to become part of what God is doing here evidences God’s life and glory in the congregation. This is reason for joy and rejoicing!

However, most of you did not come into the Calvary family from a Baptist background. We welcome your Christian heritage and story! There is a joke told that while giving tours of Heaven, Saint Peter asks everyone to be silent in one area because that is where the Baptist’s live and they think they are the ones there. Funny because it sadly reflects the spirit of too many Baptists. God’s children are all those who have received Christ by faith for the forgiveness of their sins. In every Christian denomination and tradition there are expressions of that common faith in Christ.

So, what does it mean to be Baptist? Key to Baptist theology is the belief in the soul autonomy of the believer. This simply means that Baptists believe that each Christian can individually come to God directly through Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit can understand and interpret the Scriptures. Because of this cornerstone belief, it is nearly impossible to state “Baptist beliefs” that are subscribed to by every Baptist. Baptists also believe in the autonomy of the local church congregation. We have no hierarchy that controls the local church. As led by the Holy Spirit, each local church decides what it will be and do as God guides. Usually this is affirmed in church business meetings where every member has an equal vote. Thus, the phrase, “every member has a say, but not everyone gets their way.”

Baptists are a people guided by the Bible for all matters of faith and practice. Some say that Baptists are not a creedal people, but this often misinterpreted. Baptists do not require that every member agree to any specific creed, or statements of beliefs to belong. However, individual Baptists are free to hold a creed to be an accurate statement of their beliefs. We love the Apostle's Creed, and appreciate the strength of its statements of faith as gift from our Christian ancestors in the first four centuries after Christ. However, we do not, nor would we ever require others to agree to the statements in the Apostle's Creed for church membership or personal fellowship as family in Christ. Creeds are not meant to "keep people out", but give a succinct summary of the Christian faith that can be remembered and reflected upon to nourish our faith. As Baptists, we can each as led by the Holy Spirit summarize our faith in our own words to both strengthen our faith and share our faith with others.

As we often say, "It's all about Jesus!" We each come in faith to Christ individually, are each filled and guided by the Holy Spirit, then join together in worship and witness to the Gospel as members of God's family at Calvary Baptist Church.

Hopefully this helps you understand some of who Baptists are, but we welcome you to contact us with your questions and conversation.

Together with you in Christ,

Pastors Sarah and Sean

Lectionary Readings for June

June 2: Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

June 9: Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, (25-27)

June 16: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 15:12-15

June 23: Isaiah 65:1-9; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-29

June 30...Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-15, Luke 9:51-61



Children and Youth Sunday Morning Programs:

- 9:45 - 10:45 One Room Sunday School for Children and Youth of all Ages
June 9th is the last day This program will resume after Labor Day
- 10:45 - 12:00 Nursery (newborn - 3 years)
- 11:15 - 12:00 Children's Church (3 years to 5th grade)
- 11:15 - 12:00 Youth Connection on the 2nd & 4th Sundays (middle schoolers)

Calvary Calendar for June and Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 1	9:30 am Program Directors Meeting
Saturday, June 1	10-11 am Drop off Cakes for Our Daily Bread (frosted in foil pans, please)
Sunday, June 2	11 am Communion Sunday- Congregational Meeting after the service in the Fellowship Hall
Monday, June 3	Calvary Church Day of Prayer – day after communion service, as a congregation praying together for the membership, spiritual growth, and programs of our church.
Sunday, June 9	11 am Worship Service - Baptism of Harley Holmes Youth Sunday the name of the play is "In As Much" by Julia Burfore. All are invited to attend a Reception sponsored by the youth in the Fellowship Hall after the service.
Saturday, June 15	9:30 am Trustee Meeting in Conference Room
Sunday, June 16	11 am Worship Service
Sunday, June 23	11 am Worship Service
Sunday, June 30	11 am Worship Service
Saturday, July 6	10-11 am Drop off Cakes for Our Daily Bread (frosted in foil pans, please)

The Towson Farmers Market brings organic, locally grown foods and hand crafted products to the Towson community. Join us at our new location in 2019: Pennsylvania Avenue. The 2019 season will be open Thursdays from June 6 - November 21, 2019 on Pennsylvania Avenue. **Please note Pennsylvania Avenue will be closed to traffic do to the market from June 6 - November 21.**



GLORIOUS MYSTERY

O wondrous, glorious mystery,
The greatest to impart,
For Jesus is not far away,
He dwells within my heart.

The One who spoke the universe
And flung the stars in space
Has quickened my poor sin-stained soul
And saved me by His grace.

He fills me with delights and joys
That come from Heav'n above,
He covers me with endless grace,
Surrounds me with His love.

He shed His holy blood for me
To wash away my sin,
He fills my soul with songs of praise
And comes to dwell within.

To plumb this glorious mystery
I could not even start
That Jesus guides me every day
And dwells within my heart.

Joyce Keedy, from DANCING IN EDEN, © 2019

I am pleased to tell you my eighth book, "DANCING IN EDEN", is finally here, and is available from me, at a cost of \$25 per copy. Since I self publish these books, they are not available in bookstores, but are always available through me. This book also includes a beautiful foreword, written (at my request!) by our pastors Sean and Sarah, and a picture drawn for this book (also at my request!) by my talented niece Ashleigh.

It is my great joy and privilege to publish these books not for any financial gain, because there is none, but simply to present them for the glory of God. All eight of my books are available through me; and I can always order more from my publishing company if necessary.

"The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation!"

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Please join us for the presentation

“In As Much” by Julia Burfore

**Everyone is invited to a Reception hosted by the Youth
in the Fellowship Hall after the service**