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Weekly Sunday Schedule:
9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday School
11:00 a.m. ~ Morning Worship
5:20 p.m. ~ Worship Team Practice
6:30 p.m. ~ Evening Worship

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Sunday Morning Van Driver: Eddie Pless 342-8102 | | 1 10 WMU | 2 7:45 Church Council | 3 | 4 | 5 2-4 p.m. Meet & Greet Fellowship 6 p.m. Meal with Pastor Candidate |
| 6 AM Pastor Candidate Preach PM Pastor Candidate Teach/ Testimony | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 AM Called Business Mtg to vote on Pastor Candidate PM Regular Business Mtg | 14 | 15 10 Adult Bible Study | 16 6 Sunday School Leadership Mtg | 17 5-7 Family Night Supper at Dino's | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Weekly Wednesday Schedule: 6:30 p.m. ~ Adults-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Youth Re-IgNite, Children in Action | |

August Birthdays

- Brenda Collins..... 8/3
- Landon Humphreys..... 8/5
- Shay Hicks..... 8/10
- Elmer Sams 8/11
- Teresa Sorah 8/15
- Vicki Johnson..... 8/23
- Whitney McNeil 8/23
- Lisa Parrish..... 8/24
- Bobbie Fritts..... 8/29

August Anniversaries

- Eddie & Jennifer Forbes 8/4
- Mark & Myra Newman 8/7
- Adam & Jilian Reece..... 8/8
- Rick & Jennifer Burleson..... 8/20

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed and you would like it published, please contact the Church Office.

August Schedules:

- Money counters:**
- Sunday School:** Lynda Hampton, Melissa Whitson
- Church:** Rachel Cole, Eddie Pless
- Standbys:** Brenda Collins, Kym Stephens
- Ushers:** Adam Reece, Russell Carter, Weston Taylor, Ryan Wetzel
- Usher Stand-bys:** Jeff Aycock, Joey Blevins
- Deacon Lock-up:** Tyler Hyder, Jim May

An Interim Word

It is hard to believe that summer vacations are ending and the new school year is now upon us. Calvary has had some exciting times this summer, with a wonderful Vacation Bible School having been held, two mission trips by our adults and a summer camp for our youth—opportunities you have engaged in for serving Christ, the rewards of which only time and eternity will reveal their true extent.

I am grateful for the hard work of each one of our directors and program planners during this interim period. In addition, our Deacons have hosted the members of their family ministry with a meal, for their Deacon Fellowship Night. And I appreciate the great servant-leaders that these men are, in doing that for our people. It has been Terri's and my honor to serve in these past 12 months with such a great people. We are excited about what lies ahead for a congregation so gifted in the many areas of ministry and leadership that are seen here.

Last Sunday morning the Pastor Search Team made the announcement of the candidate they are, after much fervent prayer and numerous meetings, recommending to lead this flock into its future. I ask for everyone to unite in prayer as we seek the unity and blessing of God upon all of our servants' work here. Our virtues and ministry are being observed and examined by the community in which you have labored for all these years. Calvary is known for being strong. But the strength of the church's past has come to us from the Lord.

I am reminded of the great declaration of the Psalmist. In Psalm 124:8, David writes, "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." (KJV)

What an encouragement to know how much that He cares for us, is cheering us on in His great work, and that our labor for Him is an eternal one, unfading, and of infinite value unto the Lord God Sabaoth. We serve an awesome God! And accordingly, with the Lord by our side, working within us and through us, the church has an awesome future!

"Pray without ceasing," Paul told the church at Thessalonica.

Important Announcement from your Pastor Search Team

This past Sunday, July 30, the Pastor Search Team announced their Pastor Candidate during the 11:00 a.m. service. It is very important that everyone attend the next two Sunday's services as they will be crucial for our church. The following is a schedule of events for the next two weeks:

- **Saturday, August 5, 2017 – 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
Church-wide "Meet and Greet" in the Fellowship Hall
- **Saturday, August 5, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**
Church-wide catered meal in the Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday, August 6, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. Service**
Pastor Candidate will preach morning message.
- **Sunday, August 6, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. Service**
Pastor Candidate Teaching &/or Testimony time.
- **Mon. August 7-Sat. August 13, 2017 – Week of Prayer**
Everyone is encouraged to be in a deep, fervent spirit of prayer for our church and for God's will.
- **Sunday, August 13, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. Service**
Called Business Meeting during for vote on Pastor Candidate

Blessings!

Dr. Ken Jordan, Interim Pastor

Preschool Little Bits

We're feeling really good about Preschool. The last few weeks have been "clean-up/fix-up. We owe thank you's to several folks...Benny Grindstaff and Harvey Norris for replacing our window blinds; our House and Grounds for help with carpet cleaning; Jim May for installing a safety panel on our playground equipment; and several volunteers who've helped with general "cleaning up" and "cleaning out." THANK YOU to all of you. Our Preschool looks much better!

The fresh look leads us into a new church year, which begins the first Sunday in August. Jennifer Carter is the new teacher for this year, taking the Younger Preschool Class and Trish Grindstaff will move up to teach Middle Preschool. Miss Shay will be leaving us and we grieve over that. Her love for the children and her faithfulness to teaching will be greatly missed.

Four children will promote to Older Preschool: Levi Willis, Harper Grant, Morgan Blevins, and Cole Reece. Our only promotion from Preschool to Children/First Grade will be Jude Bartlett.

In the past, it's been our tradition to give Bibles to children leaving Preschool. This year we're taking that tradition a little further. Mark Newman will be presenting the Bible in the morning worship service, recognizing Jude and his family. After church, his teachers and family will get together with Jude for a small celebration luncheon.

We always miss children who leave Preschool, but we know they'll be going to teachers who'll continue to help them grow spiritually. We look forward to seeing them accept Jesus as their Savior. When they do, and they're baptized, we write their baptism date on the back of their picture in the Preschool hallway. We'll always love them, and they'll always be "our kids."

*Miss Brenda & the Preschool Council,
Karen, Vicki, Myra and Brenda C.*