



The Messenger

WMU APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH

McLeod NICU



The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit safeguards the smallest, most fragile babies. When a baby arrives prematurely or with serious health issues, McLeod Neonatologists, Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, and specially trained nurses step in, giving this fragile, young life a chance to survive and grow. The McLeod Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) carries the Level III distinction, one of only seven in South Carolina, indicating access to unique specialists, imaging capabilities, and breathing support to care for babies weighing as little as one pound.

Larger items needed by the NICU:

- Car seats for 5 lbs and up (for those who don't have one yet but need a car seat test done)
- Pack 'n Play

Smaller items needed:

- Preemie clothes for both boy and girl
- Big blankets that can cover the top of the isolette

Snack items for NICU waiting room:

- Crackers
- Snack-size chips
- Gum
- Mints
- Snack-size nuts
- Candy

Donations may be placed in (or beside if too large to fit inside) the boxes behind the sanctuary.

Ladies' Spring Brunch

The annual Ladies' Spring Brunch will be on Saturday, April 21, at 10:30 AM in the CFLC.

ALL ladies of the church are encouraged to attend and to use this event as an outreach opportunity by inviting family and friends who are not Calvary members. The brunch features a guest speaker, music, a catered brunch, and wonderful fellowship.

The mission project for the brunch is McLeod NICU. We are asking that attendees to bring an item, large or small, for babies who arrive prematurely or with serious health issues. Please refer to the WMU MISSION OF THE MONTH article for a list of items needed.

Reservations are required for the Spring Brunch, and tickets will be \$10 to help offset the cost of food. For tickets, see Ann Jones, Cathy Privette, Mary Hatchell, Amy Hatchell, Berta Seigler, or Jennifer Stewart in the church office. Tickets will be available until April 15. Childcare will be provided, but reservations will have to be made with Amy Hatchell so that she knows how many workers are needed. To make your reservation for childcare, contact Amy at ahatchell@calvarycares.com or 843.687.3188.



We will be having AWANA Sunday on April 22 during the morning worship service and lunch immediately following in the Collins Family Life Center. All AWANA volunteers (and their family) and any child (and their family) that attend AWANA are welcome to join us for lunch. Please call the church office by April 18 to make reservations.



Calvary Creations will meet the 12th and the 26th at 10am in library.



VBS Meeting - April 29 at 3:30pm in the Children's Worship room on the 3rd floor. If you are helping with VBS, please make plans to attend. VBS will be June 24 - June 28.

Thank You

Please note the thank you notes on the bulletin board from A Choice 2M8K and Help 4 Kids, and allow me to add my personal thanks to the Calvary family for your outpouring of generosity for the first months of our "Mission of the Month" endeavors. None of us can fully know the impact we may have on the lives of others, but we do know that all we do is to glorify Christ. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, 45, NIV).

I am proud of each of you! May God continue to be glorified.

In Christ,
Ann Jones
WMU Director

Easter

— HE IS RISEN —

SUNDAY
APRIL 1

BREAKFAST 8:30AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM
WORSHIP 10:30AM

RAs & GAs

We will be making blessing bags on Wednesday, April 25. We will be collecting items needed to go in the bags starting April 8. We will be collecting the following:

- bars of soap
- travel size body wash
- wash cloths
- small toothbrush
- travel size toothpaste
- small bottles of water
- Lifesavers
- hard candy
- chewing gum
- deodorant
- crackers
- plastic comb
- Chapstick
- socks
- cookies
- granola bars
- instant oatmeal packets
- canned (poptop) tuna
- Vienna Sausage (poptop)
- Slim Jims
- \$5 giftcards to fast food restaurants

5TH ANNUAL CALVARY CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

TRACES GOLF CLUB
MAY 5, 2018
9AM SHOTGUN START

SEE BRIAN LYNN FOR MORE INFORMATION OR PICK UP A BROCHURE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE!

GRADUATE SUNDAY

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be on May 20th. The deadline to receive all senior pictures and to make reservations for the Senior Breakfast is May 6th. The breakfast is at 9:15am and is for High School Seniors & their immediate family members. Please email Jennifer at jstewart@calvarycares.com and include your school name and degree earned, if graduating from a college or university. High School Seniors - please submit up to 10 pictures for the slide show. Digital files are preferred.



The Crayon Initiative is a non-profit that recycles unwanted crayons into unlimited possibilities. The organization's mission is to preserve the environment and to enrich the lives of hospitalized children through art and imagination.

The Crayon Initiative has collected 9.5 million crayons, reduced environmental waste, and donated more than 20,000 new packs of crayons to pediatric patients in 38 hospitals in 17 states.

The FBA will be collecting used crayons until the end of June. They can be whole, broken, or just pieces.

Put your crayons in a box or zipper bag, and place them in the box behind the sanctuary. They do NOT have to be separated by color or have the paper taken off. This is a mission project that doesn't require you to buy anything, but it does help you get rid of unwanted clutter.

THANK YOU!



JRMG will be on Tuesday, April 17, at the home of Mary Hayes 2411 Mosswood Drive at 2pm.

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A Word From Pastor Mike...

If you are not already involved in one of our other ministries that meet on Wednesday evenings, I would like to invite you to join us for Prayer Meetings at 6 p.m. each Wednesday in the chapel. This is a wonderful way to meet in a smaller group setting with fellow church members, discuss a brief Bible lesson interactively, and pray together.

You will find people there who genuinely care about you, are willing to listen, and are ready to pray in intercession for you or for others in your life who have needs. There is not only a strong fellowship among those who attend regularly but also a very welcoming atmosphere for those who want to come along. You will be glad you joined in!

Before I was a pastor, I remember that it was sometimes difficult to get away from work on time to attend such a prayer meeting. I understand that everyone can't be there all the time. But one way I knew I was ready to grow as a Christian was when the Lord gave me a strong desire to be with a group like ours, devoted to prayer and Bible study. There's something special about that midweek meeting that provides a "pick-me-up" between Sundays together.

We regularly spend time in prayer on Wednesday evenings for our Homebound members, for those who are sick or hospitalized, and for our Southern Baptist Missionaries who are serving or are retired from the North American Mission Board (NAMB) or the International Mission Board (IMB). We also pray for our church and for people who do not yet know Jesus as Savior. Everyone gets a written list of prayer requests, so that it can be taken home and used in private devotion and prayer times. This is a vital ministry of our church!

I hope to see you soon on a Wednesday evening!

Pastor Mike