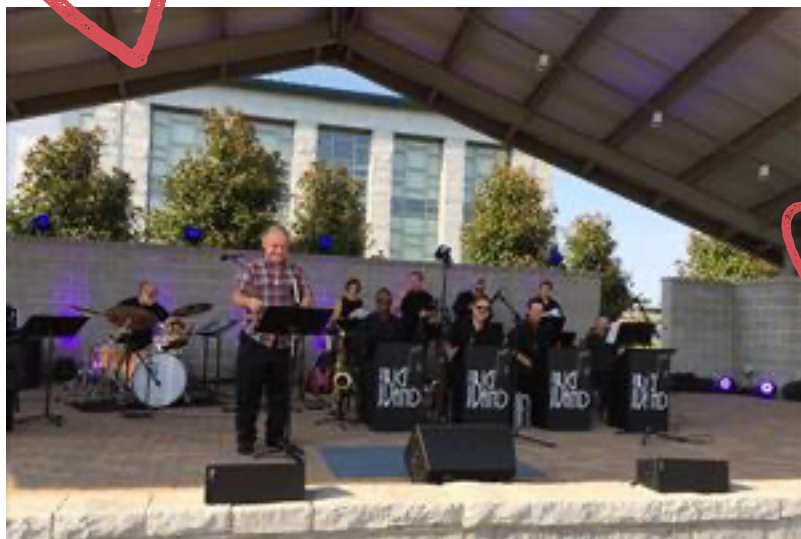


THE MESSENGER



SENIOR VALENTINE BANQUET

Senior adults are invited to the Collins Family Life Center from 6-7pm on Wednesday, February 12 for a Valentine Banquet hosted by the RAs, GAs, and Student Ministry.



Join us for dinner and entertainment provided by Florence Area Big Band.

Please RSVP to JStewart@calvarycares.com or call 843.662.0418 by **Sunday, February 9th.**

This event isn't just for couples, but anyone who would like to attend!

WMU FOCUS

February's Mission of the Month is Help 4 Kids
The Mission is to fill the weekend hunger gap for the children in Florence County elementary schools receiving free or reduced breakfast/lunch



HELP 4 KIDS

FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

A nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization

during the week and who are identified as being "food insecure" on the weekend. Human Hunger is an agonizing reality for too many people. But for school children, hunger leads to learning and behavior challenges that negatively affect their futures as productive citizens. Help 4 Kids Florence was formed to do something about childhood hunger and its harmful effects on a child's educational success in Florence County.

WHAT IS NEEDED?

Single-serve items:

- Ramen Noodles
- Applesauce
- Fruit Cups
- Juice
- Pop Tarts
- Jell-O

Pop-top can items:

- Soup
- Beanie Weenies
- Vienna Sausage
- Ravioli
- Spaghetti

Donations may be placed in the box behind the sanctuary. Your contribution is important and very much appreciated.

WAYS TO GIVE

There are three ways to give to the tithes and offerings of the church. You may place your offering in the plate as it is passed around during the service, text calvarycares to 73256, or give online at calvarycares.com/give.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Calvary Men's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays from 6:00 - 6:50am at Long Grain Cafe. All men are welcome to join us for breakfast and Bible study.

SPAGHETTI LUNCH

There will be a spaghetti lunch provided for all families at the end of the worship service on February 2 in the Collins Family Life Center. Each family is asked to bring a dessert to the CFLC before worship. There will be no evening services that night.

WMU MEETING

- The WMU Leadership Team will meet in February on the first Wednesday, February 5, at 5:00pm in the conference room.
- Mission Engagers will meet at 6:30 on Tuesday, February 18, at the home of Ann Jones, 1873 Partridge Circle.

UPCOMING DATES



- Feb. 2 - Super Bowl - No Awana
- Feb. 9 - Spirit Night - Western Wear
- Feb. 23 - Spirit Night - Alphabet Night (Pick a letter and wear items starting with that letter) / Awana store open



- Feb. 8 - Children's Mission Day - 10am @ South Florence Baptist Church
- Feb. 12 - Valentine's Banquet: RA's and GA's assist/serve
- Feb. 16 - Preschool and children's choir will sing in the AM service. Please meet us in the sanctuary at 9AM to rehearse.
- Feb. 19 - RA/GA winter games - Meet in CFLC at 5:45
- Feb. 28 - GA lock-in : 6-9pm

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Do we believe Calvary Baptist Church is a welcoming church?

I believe that most of our members would say we are very welcoming. I believe that our church members are friendly. I believe that our church members love each other. I believe that our church members want to see our church grow in health and in numbers, in accordance with the Great Commission (See Matthew 28:16-20), in which Jesus tells us to "go and make disciples". Our church adopted a Purpose statement many years ago that we exist to help "believers and unbelievers become responsible followers of Christ." We often use the phrase "Calvary Cares" to describe our attitude.

Do Non-members believe Calvary Baptist Church is a Welcoming church?

I certainly hope so! Our goal should be to follow Jesus faithfully. Jesus commanded us to love our neighbors. While we must never compromise His message to attract more people to attend, we must make every effort to let those who are not members feel loved, respected, and welcome among us. Preaching and living the gospel in the world requires this.

This month, we will begin to explore these concepts on Sunday mornings in our time together. I will be preaching a series of messages inspired by Thom Rainer's book, *Becoming a Welcoming Church*. I hope you will join us!

See you there!
Pastor Mike