

August 2011

**Calvary Baptist Church
Purpose Statement**

To **Introduce** people to Jesus and **Connect** them with other believers; To **Facilitate** their spiritual growth as His apprentices and **Discover** their gifts in His Kingdom in order to **Honor** God with their lives.

...Interesting Facts...

If you have 3 quarters, 4 dimes, and 4 pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.

The numbers '172' can be found on the back of the U.S. \$5 dollar bill in the bushes at the base of the Lincoln Memorial.

President Kennedy was the fastest random speaker in the world with upwards of 350 words per minute.

In the average lifetime, a person will walk the equivalent of 5 times around the equator.

The 57 on Heinz ketchup bottles represents the number of varieties of pickles the company once had.

In the early days of the telephone, operators would pick up a call and use the phrase, "Well, are you there?". It wasn't until 1895 that someone suggested answering the phone with the phrase "number please?"

Cats sleep 16 to 18 hours per day.

The most common name in the world is Mohammed.

Karaoke means "empty orchestra" in Japanese.

Calvary Connection

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SUNDAY NIGHT IRONWORKS

PROVERBS 27:17

SUNDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES TAUGHT BY OUR CHURCH
MINISTERIAL STAFF. FIVE CLASS
OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR A SIX WEEK SESSION:

***EIKON: FINDING HIS WAY FOR MY LIFE**

- BILL REID

***WHERE DID ALL MY MONEY GO?**

- CARY TOLAR

***TAKING THOUGHTS CAPTIVE**

- SANDRA GEORGE

***THIS WAS YOUR LIFE!**

- BRIAN BRITT

***PLAN B**

- KATHY NELSON

**BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2011
AT 5:30 PM**

A note...From Pastor Bill

As parents, I don't know if Suzanne and I could be any prouder than we are today. With one son in Kentucky, another in Indonesia, and the third one traveling with me to Dubai - each one serving the Lord and sharing the gospel - I am embarrassed to say that I was not as adventurous about my faith when I was their age. Because of their love for God and for others, God has been revealing Himself in unique ways to our sons and to us as well.

One early morning, Adam called to say that he had been floating on the deck of a boat, at night, staring at the beautiful stars in the sky and contemplating God's greatness. Later that morning, as I was reading through God's Word, I came across this verse: *"He determines the number of stars and calls them by name."* Psalm 147:4

I began to reflect on the moment of creation when God placed every one of those stars, my son was staring at, into the sky. He didn't just fling the stars in the sky haphazardly, but with order, purpose, and each one by name. If he knows every star in the sky by name, just imagine how personally He knows you.

Sometimes I feel like I don't understand myself and I wonder if I should do something about it. But then I am gently reminded that God's understanding has no limits. He understands me completely. He knows me, by name. He created me. If I take the focus off of myself and place it on God and seek to become more and more like Him, not only will I know more about Him, but I will know more about myself. If I look in the mirror, in an attempt to understand myself, I will only see myself - the one I don't understand. However, if I look to God, I find the ONE who understands me.

"This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything." 1 John 3:19-20

When you struggle to understand yourself, you can trust in God's voice of assurance which is stronger than your conscience. He knows you just like He knows every star in the sky - by name - and He has placed you here right where He wants you.



Enjoy Him and being with Him,

Pastor Bill





Parents:

You can now download a great resource to help you weave faith into your home each week...a follow-up from Sunday mornings.

www.calvaryruston.org
Children's Page



growing a generation

Parents:

Please remember to help your child jot down those things they are doing at church and at home in their spiritual journals.

Journals still available



Starting in September.

Friday, September 16th.

Children's Corner



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

Beginning Sep. 4th we will need two volunteers in:

***1st Grade *Toddlers *PreK**

***2nd & 3rd Grade *2&3's**

we need one volunteer in:

***Kindergarten**



Please pray about serving in our childrens ministry and contact the church office if you are interested. These positions must be filled by Aug. 21st.



Aug 4

Kindergarten - 3rd graders are

Going to the Movies

August 4th from 9:30am - 12:00pm

The \$4 cost will include the movie ticket, popcorn, and a drink.

Leaving the church at 9:30am

OPEN SEASON
 Cost: \$4

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Prayer for our Schools: August 21st @ 9:00-9:25 a.m. in worship center
- Sunday Night Fall Kick-Off: Sept. 11
- Route 56 Kick-Off: August 24th @ 6:00pm
- Kidstyle Worship kick-off Sept. 11th

Student Ministry

The purpose of
Calvary's Youth Ministry
can be summed up in one word...

WORSHIP... the act of lifting Jesus up as
we live our life. Living for Jesus is our
spiritual act of worship. Worship is not just
about singing or even praying, but living a life
that honors God and causes Him to say "Well
done good and faithful servant." We want to
see the whole world worship here!

Youth Worship
Sundays @ 9am-10:15am
7th-12th grade Worship and
Bible Teaching
With Live worship



NightLIFE
Wednesdays @
6:30pm
7th -12th grade
fellowship,
games, and
Bible study

NIGHT LIFE
WED AT 6:30PM

Java ☕ Time
Meet at Crescent City for ...

...Some Sweet Fellowship!

'Jr High Girls on Tues Aug.
2nd at 6:30pm.

'Sr High Girls on Tues Aug.
9th at 6:30pm.



**YOUTH
EXPLOSION**
August 10 at 5pm



Calvary COLLEGE



SECRET CHURCH - November 4th, 2011 - 6pm - 12midnite

Led by David Platt, Pastor of The Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, AL

If you are interested in going, please contact Kathy Nelson or the church office and let us know. Tickets go on sale this month!

PLEASE PRAY—Our students still on the mission field, at camps and serving at different church's. Pray for safe travel back home and for the thousands that will be traveling to LA TECH all month!



LOUISIANA TECH
UNIVERSITY®

If You know any new STUDENT coming to La Tech in the future, please let me know. We want them to know how excited we are about meeting them and tell them about Calvary!

Thirsty Thursdays
Calvary College
Summer Bible Study

6:30pm at the Nelson's
Baptism Celebration Service on Aug. 25 during Thirsty Thursday in the Nelson's pool!

Music & Worship in the Bible: Are You Playing Your Horn for God?

I am currently reading through I Chronicles. Chapter 15 describes moving the ark, which was serious business. This was also a time of great celebration and involved "singers, choir leader, and...the blowing of rams' horns and trumpets, the crashing of cymbals, and loud playing on harps and lyres"(vv.27-28). All throughout the Bible, music Played such an important role in worship and was often times a key part of military victories and celebrations. Trumpets were blown just prior to the fall of Jericho's wall.

At Calvary, we believe that God still uses music as a key component of worship, both on a private level as well as a corporate level when we gather together as believers. We are seeking out additional instruments for our worship team, especially brass and woodwind instruments. I have sheet music available for most instruments. If you are interested in joining our worship team, please contact me. We want all believers to have opportunities to use their gifts and talents for the Lord.

Teens and Young Adults Appreciated in Choir – Come Join Us!

This summer we have had some youth and young adults singing with the worship choir on Sunday mornings. This has not only added to the choir's sound, but has been a tremendous source of encouragement to the choir. I want to challenge more of you to step up and sing with us this summer. I have listening CDs which will quickly acquaint you with the songs we're doing, and we have rehearsal on Sundays when we sing a special. We will resume Sunday afternoon rehearsals at 4:00 p.m. on September 11 as we begin a new project – details are still in progress. Thank you, choir, for your hard work and dedication.



Youth Drama Team to Begin

If you saw *My God is Real*, you were no doubt blessed by the part the youth played when a group presented a thematic interpretation of Third Day's "Love Song." Drama can be so powerful! Beginning September 11, the youth will form a new drama team which will meet weekly on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. This team is for students in grades 9-12. If you are interested, contact Michelle Tolar at michelletolar@yahoo.com.

Bro. Cary



01- DeVonne Walker
Chamaine Hardel
02- Asper Childers
Hayley Gaston
Catherine Hild
03- Bill Tatum
Steve Lowery

04- Bonnie Phillips
05- Silas Schroeder
06- Debbie Holloway
08- Kent Willett
09- Margaret Delony
10- Alyssa Flowers
11- R.L. May
12- Sandy Allen
Erica Knowles
14- Lynell Bryant
Nyla Poland
Lloyd Bruner
15- Helen Story
Britiney Springer
16- Craig Moss
Jeremy Shaw
17- Reagan Colvin

18- Heather Brooks
19- Zach Green
20- Dianne Ebeyer
Jeff Norsworthy
Hannah Schroeder
21- Brian Vann
Sam Chrisman
Anna Dowling
22- Bill Reid
Lydia Stafford
Corey Moss
Christopher Hardel
23- Abbey Bowman
Jake Reynolds
24- Gary Noles
Dallas Allen
Jeri Mitcham

Ragan Wood
Ryder Britt
25- Mildred Smith
Carol Harrison
Randall Pye
26- Daniel Wallace
Christian Norris
Cadence Bowman
27- David McLaughlin
28- Gordon Holley
Irene Hild
29- Kimberly Hanna
Christi Terry
Lauren Moody
30- Katelyn Murray
Zac Shawhan

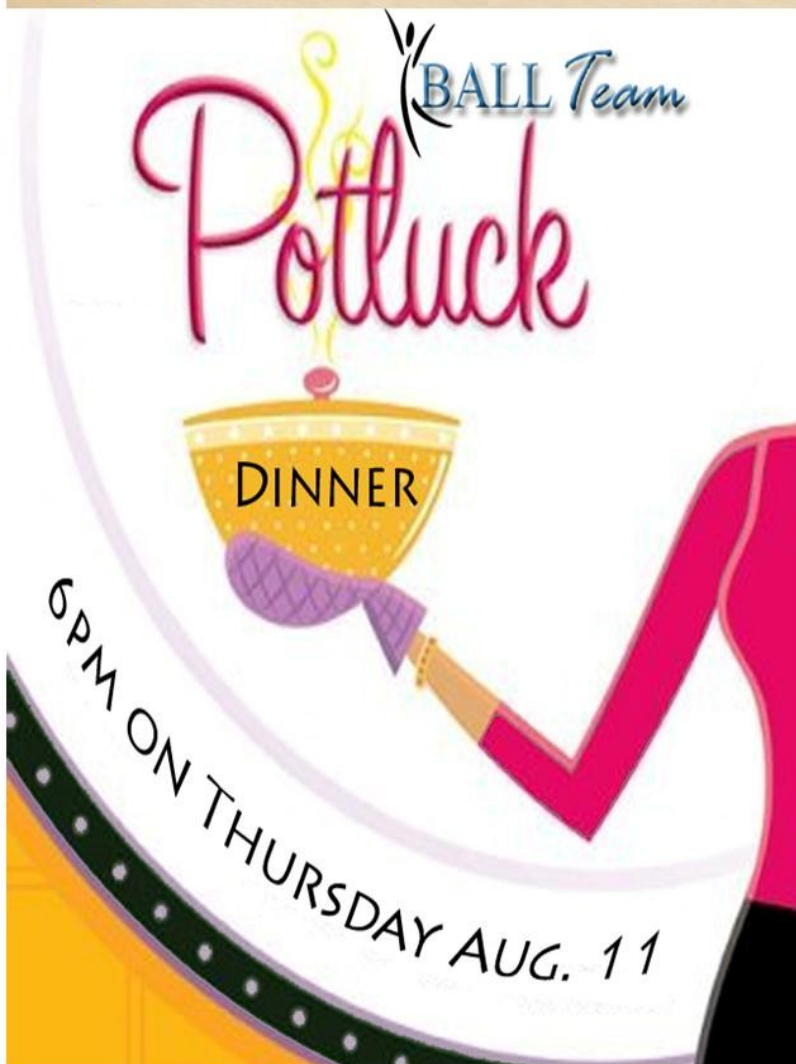


Madilin McGaugh - By Baptism
Kurtis Richardson - By Baptism
Eshli Kunz - By Baptism
Steve Lowery- By Baptism
Allison Lowery- By Baptism
Kellie Lowery- By Letter

If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please e-mail Melany at info@calvaryruston.org

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Don't forget, we are on Facebook!



If you are interested in going, sign up at the BCM asap! 255-1982 (BCM)

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Java Time Meet at Crescent City forSome Sweet Fellowship! 1st High Girls on Tues Aug. 2nd at 6:30pm. 5th High Girls on Tues Aug. 9th at 6:30pm.	3	4 Going to the Movies August 4th Friday 9:30am - 12:00pm The 54 cost will include the movie ticket, popcorn, and a drink.	5	6
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Glorietta: Collegiate Week Aug. 7-12						
14 Deacons Meeting 12:00	15	16	17	18	19 OPERATION CONNECTION JR. HPGH RETREAT AUGUST 19-20 COST \$20	20
21 Prayer for schools 9:00am	22	23	24	25 BAPTISM College Baptism Celebration	26	27
28	29	30	31			



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Schedule of Services

SUNDAYS

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Worship & Prayer 6:30 p.m.
"Night Life" Youth Worship 6:30 p.m.

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OPERATION CONNECTION

JR HIGH RETREAT

AUGUST 19-20

COST \$20

