

Calvary's Light

MAY 2026

Give Me Jesus

AWAKENING OUR OWN SOULS IS EVERY MORNING'S MISSION.

The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

American Spiritual

The fight of faith is a daily battle, and most days are won or lost in the morning. If we seek God in the morning, we are much more likely to find Him throughout the day. On the other hand, if we rush to other pursuits, other thoughts or even other responsibilities, we may find ourselves all but unable to find Him later in the day. There is no underestimating the importance of the morning for awakening our souls to God. To set our hearts on God as a first priority is every morning's mission.

1. In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus in prayer.

Prayer is essential. Once you have grabbed a nice hot cup of coffee in the morning, consider starting your day with prayer. As George Swinnock once said, "No important business is undertaken without prayer. You are God's servant, and must ask permission in all that you do. When you rise up or lie down, when you go out or come in, prayer is with you. The world's poison can be expelled with this antidote." Life is hard. Start your day with prayer.

2. In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus in Scripture.

The Bible is God's word to our hearts and lives. In it, we learn Who God is and what He calls us to be. There is no way to over-emphasize Bible reading. As J. C. Ryle says, "Let us strive, every year we live, to become more deeply acquainted with Scripture. Let us study it, search into it, dig into it, meditate on it, until it dwells in us richly (Colossians 3:16). ...Such knowledge of the Bible can doubtless never be attained without regular, daily study, but the time spent on such study is never mis-spent. It will bear fruit after many days." Don't give up on regular, systematic Bible reading. The world is deceptive. Start your day with God's word.

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3. In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus in *devotional reading*.

We are very blessed to have access to so many good devotional resources. The celebrated poet, John Milton, once told us that “A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life.” The encouragement that we get from good books ... books that strengthen our souls ... is worth every penny that we must pay for them. As I come to my office in the morning, I am often reminded of this great quote by the dead preacher Samuel Davies, “The venerable dead are waiting in my library to entertain me and relieve me from the nonsense of surviving mortals.” This world can be demoralizing. Start your day with a good book.

4. In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus in *renewed affections*.

Every morning’s mission cannot be achieved simply by doing the right external things. We can pray and read and still feel strangely unmoved. In that moment, we must cry out to God to powerfully affect us to bring our souls into a right frame. As David Clarkson once said, “Delight to walk with Him, to meet Him, to view His beauty, to hear His voice, to taste his sweetness. Take all occasions to present yourselves before Him. Depart not out of His presence, until He smiles and speaks kindly, and to your heart. Stay until He reveals His presence by impressions, light, heat and enlargement. Remain until you find acceptance and peace.”

May our Lord grant us power every morning, so that when we rise, He will give us Jesus.

1 Corinthians 16:24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Pastor Dom



Elder Update

FROM ELDER PRESIDENT SCOTT WITMER

The onset of spring with the lengthening of days, the warming weather and the greening of the earth is always encouraging after a long, cold winter. As I've been reading through the gospels for my daily devotions, I'm reminded how Jesus and God's Holy Spirit encourage us after living in the bleak "winter" of sin prior to salvation.

This spring has been a challenging time for Calvary Bible Church. The Elder Board has been wrestling with the challenges brought on by the budget shortfall. While we are praying for God's provision through giving, we are also concerned about our stewardship through spending. The Finance Committee and ministry leaders will need to challenge themselves to sharpen their pencils to create a workable budget. We are praying that none of the many ministries Calvary currently provides to members and the community will be adversely affected by finances.

Recently, the Women's Conference was held. All reports indicate great success and a blessing to those who attended. Thanks to the team that organized the event.

The Elders held an in-house retreat looking at the future of CBC. We have many challenges and opportunities in the coming months and years. Pray for us for godly wisdom in the decisions that await us.

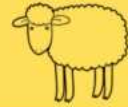
We welcomed six new members Sunday, April 26. We hope these new members will get plugged in to some of the many ministries looking for help. I dare say all who serve in the church's ministries are as blessed in serving as those they serve. See the church office to learn about the next round of welcome classes.

On the horizon are the Awana awards night and a Family Fun Night at Hickory Falls. Of course, VBS and the camps are in the process of planning and are all looking for more smiling faces to help.

The Elders continue to encourage anyone with a question to reach out to us. Many of us remain in the foyer after services to be available. Don't be shy.



The Latest News!



THE
Shepherd's Fold

The month of April began with many Easter festivities, including our annual Easter Egg Hunt! In addition to their bag full of eggs, each child received a Bible-themed seek and find book and a pair of toy binoculars. Their gifts were labeled with a tag that said, "Don't just find eggs this Easter, find Jesus!" The tag also included Matthew 7:7, which encourages everyone to ask, seek, and find. Please pray that God will use the words in this verse to open the door of someone's heart.

Our students have also been enjoying the warm weather and extra time outside. We were blessed with a beautiful day for our annual St. Jude Trike-a-thon and were able to raise \$1,370 for the children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Our last event for TSF families will be our preschool graduation on May 21 at 6:30 PM. We invite you to come and celebrate our graduating students!

In just three short weeks we will be closing our doors and saying goodbye to our students and their families for the very last time. It is our prayer that God will use us for His good during these final days and that, one day, we will be able to see the fruit of our labors. We hold on to the words of Galatians 6:9 which say, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Contributed by Joy Hempfing, TSF Director.



Family Fun Night **IT'S BACK!**

TUESDAY, MAY 12
6 PM TO 9 PM

AT **Hickory Falls**

This is an evening for families with kids of all ages to spend time together and create memories!

SCAN TO REGISTER! 

Hosted by Calvary Kids

VBS 2026 **ILLUMINATION STATION** JOHN 8:12

SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS

June 8-12

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Sign up by scanning the QR code



Awana children enjoyed focusing on Easter lessons given by teachers. It is always a great week when we can share the Gospel in a fun, new, and engaging way! Children also enjoyed the Sock Hop, where they have fun as a big group. Pray as we are closing out the year that children can look back and see Jesus throughout the year and know how they can have assurance in their faith.

Sunday activities have stayed pretty consistent throughout the year, but as the new school year approaches, we are looking at several changes. With that, we need more teachers and volunteers willing to serve both during Sunday School and Kids' Worship time. Pray God will provide the people needed to minister to the children.

VBS registration has started, and our efforts to shine a light on who Jesus really is are underway! We have been blessed with several people to volunteer and serve, but we have room for more. Be praying as it quickly approaches that we can do justice with sharing the Gospel and making that the main focus.

Kids' Camp Registration has also started! We have several big needs that you can help with to make this week possible. Please reach out to the Walkers at cbckidscamp@gmail.com to find out more.

Contributed by Hannah Greene, Director of Children's Ministry.

Pop-Up Park Play!

Meet up with other CBC families at a different park every week at 10:30!

Monday, June 1	Littlestown Y Park
Tuesday, June 30	Kids Kingdom
Wednesday, July 8	Cousler Park
Tuesday, July 21	Glen Rock Playground
Friday, August 7	DeGuy Avenue
Tuesday, August 11	West Manheim Township
Saturday, August 15	Moul Field

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Ages K through 6th grade **July 13-17**

GEARING UP *Colossians 2:6-7* 2026 **CBC KIDS' CAMP**

Visit the foyer for details.



GLOBAL FRIENDS UPDATE:

Ruth Ritchie

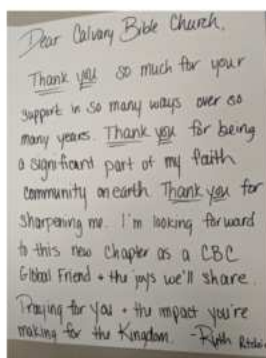


CBC is now supporting Ruth Ritchie as a global friend! Ruth is the incoming Director of International Publications at BCM International. In this position, Ruth is building and overseeing global teams who are producing and translating materials for children's ministry and teacher training. These teams also publish pastoral and biblical leadership resources.

Ruth grew up attending CBC, starting in 1998 as a teenager, and was in the youth program with Rick Rhoads. She graduated from Bermudian Springs High School in 2006 and went to college in Georgia after that. She's been on mission trips to many different fields, including Thailand, South Africa, and the Netherlands. In recent years, she's been very active in mentoring teen girls, facilitating women's Bible studies, and disaster relief, among other things. Most recently, she returned from nearly a month in Zimbabwe on April 30, where she was training Tomorrow Clubs International leadership so that they will be better able to disciple the children they teach about the Bible.

She will be receiving \$200 a month, backdated to the beginning of the year.

Attached is a picture of a giant card (the pictures don't do it justice) that she sent to thank CBC for the part you all played in her upbringing and faith journey.



Also, look forward to meeting Jiten and Rebecca Sunday, May 3 at the PM worship service! Jiten and Rebecca are Asian nationals using the "business as ministry" model with the unreached G language people group in Asia. There were no known Christians in that language group when they started in 2014. Their sending church is Calvary Church in Lancaster. They are farmers and they also have a tractor rental business, as well as teaching English and running a café. They have attached themselves to the community and are very close to some people, with a few young people turning to Jesus! They'll be here to share with us details about their ministry as we consider taking them on for prayer support. After the PM service, there will be a meet-and-greet with ice cream.

Contributed by Sean Charrie.

TEENS

TEEN CAMP

JUNE 15-20

You must have a medical release form submitted for all teen events! You can download and print one from our teen page (scan the QR code or visit cbchanover.org/teen-ministry)



OUTDOOR

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

See what's next. Scan or [click here!](#)

Upcoming
EVENTS

SIGN-UPS ARE OPEN

FOR

CO-ED
SOFTBALL

All skill levels welcome!
Must be 13 or older.
Sign up in the foyer.

Potluck Lunch

Calvary Ambassadors

Testimony Time

Monday, May 18

Save the date! Sign-up coming soon.

MEN'S MEAT-UP

Friday, June 5
6:00-9:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE. WATCH FOR SIGN-UP DETAILS!

Volunteer Host or Hostess Needed



To care for the CBC upstairs guest room and the Mathias Center.

- These spaces are periodically used by our global friends when they are visiting. The volunteer host/hostess will use designated funds to stock and clean this room and guest house.
- Prepare the rooms before guests arrive: ensure there are enough towels and washcloths, etc., and stock the fridge with their requested items.
- When our global friends leave, tidy up the space, clean the bathroom, wash the linens.
- Must be a CBC member.



SEND QUESTIONS OR NOTE OF INTEREST TO LISA WATSON, LWATSONCBC@GMAIL.COM

Thank you to Lillian McCray for her many years of service in this ministry!



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



Memorable Moments



CBC Marketplace

HELP WANTED. Paid position to do weed-eating at my home in Spring Grove. Please call Jen Strauss, 717-759-9065.

HELP WANTED. Paid position to help with weeding in a patch garden and around the outside of the house in Spring Grove. Please call Sandy Butcher, 717-640-2503.

FOR SALE. Quality Elie Strait 120XE 12-foot kayak used no more than a dozen times, if that much. Weighs 47 lbs. \$375. Call Lillian at 717-818-4119.




**Have something to sell or give? Need a hand with something?
Send info and photos to leikercbc@gmail.com.**

May Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Room
1-2	Fri-Sat	7:30PM-7AM	Teen Event: Midnight Madness All-Nighter	
3	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, All Ages	
		9:30 AM	A Firm Foundation Sunday School Class	122
		10:30 AM	AM Communion Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	
5	Tuesday	10:00 AM	AM Precept Bible Study: Psalms Part 2	201
		6:00 PM	PM Precept Bible Study: Psalms Part 2	201
		6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
6	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Fellowship Bible Study	112
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	106
		6:30 AM	Awana Closing Ceremony	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	Adult English Classes	
		6:30 PM	GriefShare	122
10	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, All Ages	
		9:30 AM	A Firm Foundation Sunday School Class	122
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	No PM Worship Service: Happy Mother's Day!	
12	Tuesday	10:00 AM	AM Precept Bible Study: Psalms Part 2	201
		6:00 PM	Family Fun Night	Hickory Falls
		6:00 PM	PM Precept Bible Study: Psalms Part 2	201
		6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
13	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Ladies' Prayer Time	Off Site
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	106
		6:30 PM	Adult English Classes, GriefShare	
14	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elder Meeting	122
17	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, All Ages	
		9:30 AM	A Firm Foundation Sunday School Class	122
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	

May Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Room
18	Monday	5:00 PM	Calvary Ambassadors Event: Potluck	Boyer Hall
19	Tuesday	10:00 AM	AM Precept Bible Study: Psalms Part 2	201
		6:00 PM	PM Precept Bible Study: Psalms Part 2	201
		6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
20	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Fellowship Bible Study	112
		6:30 PM	GriefShare	122
21	Thursday	6:30 PM	TSF Graduation	Sanctuary
24	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	A Firm Foundation Sunday School Class	122
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary
25	Monday		Memorial Day: CBC Office Closed	
26	Tuesday	6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
27	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Ladies' Prayer Time	Off Site
		6:30 PM	GriefShare	122
28	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elder Meeting	122
31	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	A Firm Foundation Sunday School Class	122
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary

 Find the full CBC calendar on cbchanover.org. Click on "Calendar" at the very top. You can view the calendar by day or by month and search for events using the search bar!

*Truth springs from the earth,
 And righteousness looks down from heaven.
 Indeed, the Lord will give what is good,
 And our land will yield its produce.
 Righteousness will go before Him
 And will make His footsteps into a way.*
Psalm 85:11-13





Calvary's Favorite Recipes Is Available Now!

Even if you didn't order a cookbook, you can still purchase one for \$13! Visit the foyer.

