

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

THE Joyful JOURNEY

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

PHIL.
1:3-5

life connected.



We invite you to experience Life Connected Sunday on January 8. We have a number of opportunities for you to connect to community at Calvary. Here are a few of the activities.

New Bible Fellowship Classes & Discipleship Groups

- Sunday AM & PM, Wednesday AM & PM

Connection opportunities in the lobby for Out, In, & Up

- January 8 & January 15

Guest Reception

- January 8 at 4:30p at Central

Starting Point Evening Service

- 5:30p at Central

Choirs for preschoolers through high school

- Sunday PM at Central

25 A WEEKEND FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE WORSHIP & COMMUNITY



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LIVING BOLDLY FOR CHRIST

FEBRUARY 24-26, 2017
CALVARY WEST
SPEAKER: Curtis Zackery
WORSHIP: Riggs Taylor Band
FOR ALL STUDENTS 6th-12th Grade
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CALVARY DAY SCHOOL

DAY SCHOOL SUNDAY
JANUARY 29

Celebrating the ministry and impact of our school



HAVE THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY?

We are in need of ushers for both Central and West campuses. If you love people and have a heart for connecting and welcoming guests as well as our own Calvary family, contact Brian King for more information at 336.714.5431.

FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 10 | Kenya Mission Trip

If you are interested in evangelism and church planting in Kenya, Africa with Chuck Peters, please call the Missions Office at 336.714.5455.

FEBRUARY 24-26 | 25 NEON-Living Boldly for Christ

25 is a weekend retreat for all 6th-12th grade students at Calvary hosted at Calvary West. This year's theme is "NEON-Living Boldly for Christ." For more information and to register, go to calvarynow.com/25. Registration opens January 8.

JULY 1-8 | Calgary, Canada Mission Trip

We need 8-10 experienced baseball players to work an evangelistic camp with Brett Myers in Calgary, Canada. For more information, please call the Missions Office at 336.714.5455.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

ESL classes meet every Wednesday night and the only cost is \$5 for the book. Classes resume on January 4 and meet from 6-7:30p in room A-1110.

JANUARY 18 | Women's Bible Study

There is no Kick-Off for this semester. Classes are at 9:30a at Central and 6:00p at West. A complete class listing is available at calvarynow.com/women.

CALVARY DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

High School Preview Night
• January 10 at 7p

Welcome Wednesday Tour (K-12th grade)

- January 18 at 10a & February 1 at 10a

Middle School Preview Night

- January 24 at 7p

Welcome Wednesday Tour (Early Ed)

- January 25 at 9a



JANUARY 22 | Calgary Commissioning Service

Join us on Sunday, January 22, at 5:30p for a special worship service. We will ordain new deacons to serve, as well as two members, Dustin Conner and Jeff Folk. The service will conclude with a commissioning of Dustin Conner and his family as they leave to plant a church in Calgary, Canada.

FEBRUARY 26 | Parent-Child Dedication

The next Parent-Child Dedication Services will be held on February 26, 2017 in all services. Registration is open online at calvarynow.com/preschool or by contacting Malissa in the preschool office at 336.714.5469. Registration deadline is February 13.



STUDENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Adult leaders are needed who have a heart to pour into the lives of students in our Bible Fellowship classes for both junior high and senior high students during the 9:15a hour on Sundays. For more information contact Seth Conerly, Associate Pastor/Students at sconerly@calvarynow.com.

JANUARY 8 | Starting Point

Come and learn who we are, where we're headed, and how you can become part of what God is doing right here at Calvary. Starting Point is for those who are new to Calvary as well as those who have been attending for many years. It will be on January 8 at 5:30p in the Worship Center at Calvary Central led by Pastor Rob. Register at calvarynow.com/startingpoint.

SUNDAYS AM | Journey Kids Worship

Journey Kids returns on January 8 at 11:15a in room 2120! Journey is a children's worship experience for kindergarten thru 5th grade. Check in at the Children's desk in the lobby. Details: calvarynow.com/journey

JANUARY 11 | AWANA

AWANA resumes January 11. Make plans now for Kids Camp June 19-23.

WEDNESDAYS | Becoming A Woman of Influence

Beginning January 11 at 9:30a. Led by Terri Burton. Influence is a person's indirect power over people, events, or things. Not through formal authority, but by the force of character or wisdom. Do you want to change how you respond to others? Influence lives as Jesus did? Join us for a 9 wk study to gain inspiration, encouragement and instruction for reshaping our hearts to be women with Christ-like influences.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS | REFIT

REFIT's vision is to create a fitness experience that changes people from the inside out. This vision is accomplished by focusing on the heart as a muscle AND a soul. This is a great opportunity for women, men, and families to exercise and fellowship together! Classes begin January 12 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8p at Calvary West in the youth room. Cost is FREE and children are welcome to join with an attending adult.

FEBRUARY 3 & 4 | West Student Winter Retreat

The annual Calvary West student ministry winter retreat is February 3rd & 4th. We'll be heading to Winterplace, WV for skiing, fellowship, and lots of fun. Students, bring a friend! Cost is \$135 plus two meals at Winterplace. RSVP and payment due by Wednesday, January 18. RSVP to Ryan at rshowalter@calvarynow.com.

C - Calvary Central

W - Calvary West

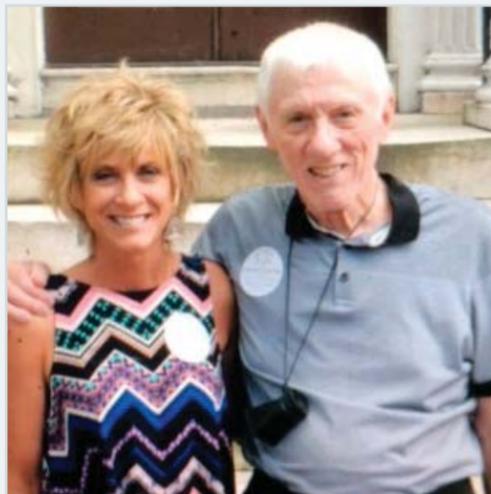
My name is Sharon and I have always had a hard time with change. What about you?

We all seem to find comfort in doing things in the same manner and in the same way. Especially after reaching middle-age, you feel you've had enough life experiences to know who you are and what has and hasn't worked in the past. You know what has helped you survive life's ups and downs. It makes sense to do what is familiar and what you have been used to. We truly rely on our own schedules, routines, personal agendas, and personal checklists. Mine had certainly seemed to work for me over the years.

Surprisingly, a year and a half ago, my life did change - both course and direction - and in the most significant and redeeming way possible.

As a child, I grew up in a Christian home. My family attended church regularly and I have fond memories of spending time there. However, as I got older, I detoured away from the church. Having a religious lifestyle became less and less important to me and other things took priority.

In March of 2015, at age 54, my life was running pretty smoothly. First, I was nearing the end of my 19th year as an elementary school teacher and was contemplating retirement. Second, as a long-time single parent, I had now become an "empty-nester" and was happy that both my adult children had found good steady jobs and were doing well. Third, I was getting excited about a summer business venture and was frantically taking action to make it become a reality beginning in June.



A HARD TIME WITH CHANGE

A STORY OF REDEMPTION

On the Friday evening, a week before Easter 2015, I felt a stirring in my heart I had never felt before. I started reading a book called "Your Scars are Beautiful to God" by Sharon Jaynes. As I began soaking up the words in that book for two nights, I knew I would be accepting the invitation my 82 year old father routinely gave to me to attend church with him on Sunday. This was extremely out of character for me, as I had not had a desire to attend church for 35 years.

As my dad and I walked together arm-in-arm toward the doors of Calvary on that Sunday morning, my legs were shaking. I wanted so much to be there, but felt so extremely uncomfortable. As we sat on a back row, listening to the choir, the songs, the sermon, I became completely overwhelmed. I began crying uncontrollably and had to leave.

I began Easter Sunday by going to the service at the Lawrence Joel Coliseum again with my father. There was such an overwhelming restlessness in my heart as I watched, listened, and took part in the inspiring event.

Once I returned home, I turned on my TV and began watching the mini-series, "The Bible." For the next five hours, I was

captivated by everything that the screen was showing me. For the first time, I was truly becoming acquainted with Jesus and I recall feeling as if I were actually there with the living Christ - going through His life, listening to the words He was saying, and feeling the love He was giving to others. During the crucifixion scene, I wept uncontrollably. I then got down on my knees, and begged for forgiveness.

Read the rest of Sharon's story at calvarynow.com/stories
Have a story to share? Email them to stories@calvarynow.com

Thank you for your generosity. Offering envelopes are available in the lobby. You may also go to calvarynow.com/giving, or text your gift to a secure number (336.600.1051) and receive a confirmation.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Annual Goal (February 1, 2016-January 31, 2017): \$750,000
Received through January 3, 2017 for local, regional, and international missions.

\$703,243

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

Year-end giving statements will be mailed mid-January, and will also be available at my.calvarynow.com.

A generous man will prosper; He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

LIFE connected

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