

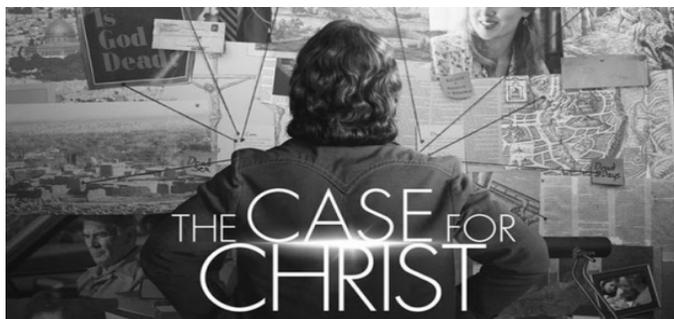
Connections

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CHURCH PICNIC AT CHERRY HILL PARK

Come to Cherry Hill Park on Sunday evening, August 20, to enjoy some time together as a church family. We have the Cherry Hill Pavilion reserved from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. A potluck meal is planned for 6:00pm. Bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share. You will need to provide your own drinks, cups, plates, and utensils.

You may want to bring a blanket or lawn chairs in case the shelter does not accommodate everyone. You are also welcome to bring some recreational equipment and enjoy some active fellowship before or after we eat.



Sunday, August 27 at 6:00pm

A hard-driving journalist, Lee Strobel was exactly where he expected to be at work—on top. His award-winning investigative reporting had recently earned him a promotion to legal editor at the Chicago Tribune. But things weren't going nearly as well at home, where his wife Leslie's newfound faith in Christ went against everything Lee believed—or didn't believe—as an avowed atheist. Utilizing his journalistic and legal training, Lee begins a quest to debunk the claims of Christianity in order to save his crumbling marriage. Chasing down the biggest story of his career, Lee comes face-to-face with unexpected results that could change everything he knows to be true.

Take advantage of this outreach movie and invite family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers!

SUMMERTIME IS MISSIONS TIME

Because many of our missionaries have children in school, they come home to see grandparents and supporting churches during the summer break. We already had visitors in July, and now we have two more. It is so good to hear what God is doing around the world.

AUGUST 6 (PM SERVICE) – MISSIONS

They serve on the other side of the world, and it's great to have them with us in the evening service. They will tell us all about their ministry, and then we will have fellowship time with them and with each other. LINGER WITH THEM WHILE ENJOYING ROOT BEER FLOATS !

AUGUST 13 (PM SERVICE) – MISSIONS

We have not met them before, but they are our newest missionaries. They hope to go to Jordan in the next months. Since the previous will be retiring in February, it's important for us to continue being connected to this field. Come to get to know them—then enjoy trail mix and fellowship, as we GET THEM ON THE TRAIL TO JORDAN !

SALT & PEPPER CLUB

No event scheduled for August. Keep cool everyone. See you in September.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS

Children will soon be going back to school. That means shopping for backpacks and school supplies that are on the list. It's fun for some, but others just cannot afford to buy all they need for the year. That's where we come in! Calvary will again be distributing fully-loaded backpacks to schools in our community that need them most. How do you get involved? Buy a school backpack. The size should be appropriate for an elementary boy or girl. Then fill the backpack with supplies. The list of supplies will be at the Welcome Center and on the flyer in the bulletin. You can also sign up to distribute the backpacks. We take them to several schools. Contact Colleen Abodeely (360-9205) with any questions. **Please return filled backpacks to Calvary by August 6 or 13.**



AWANA

The Awana clubs begin again on Wednesday, September 6, with a hot dog supper for the children at 6:00pm, followed by the regular program from 6:30 to 8:00.

Family Forum

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Venice Fish, Linda (Doug) Benedict, John (Laurie) Fish and family on the death of Venice's husband, Linda & John's father, Myron Fish, who went home to be with the Lord on June 24.

We extend our sympathy to Terry (Nancy) Trimpe and Teresa (Mike) David and family on the death of Terry & Teresa's mother, Rose Marie Lortz, who went home to be with the Lord on July 4.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Brad & Cara Tower on the birth of their son, Brady Steven, born on June 23. He weighed 7lbs, 8ozs. Congratulations also to grandparents Ron & Janis Tower and great-grandparents Bob & Marilyn Ask.

NEW ADDRESSES

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7601 Berkshire Dr NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Michael & Brittney Smothers
Bailee, Kannon
4940 Kesler Road SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
Brittney's Phone: 319-310-6657



EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

Thank you church family for praying for my dad & mom. Mom is no longer under Hospice care at the care center. Praise that my parents are together in the same room at care center. My father has really perked up since they are together. Address for those who would like to send notes of encouragement: Andrew & Ruth Dunnick, Brooklyn Community Estate, 406 North Street, Brooklyn, IA 52211
Marlin Dunnick

BIG THANK YOU TO CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Volition and Action for Haiti wants to take that moment to send a grace thank you to Calvary Baptist Church for trusting us and supporting our ministry in Haiti. We are extremely grateful for your help. It was really difficult to find places to buy Bibles in Haiti. No one sells them because not many people buy them, which make us think that the need for the gospel is way more significant than we thought. If God allows us to do so, we would like to look for enough resources so we can keep buying Bibles to hand to not only our kids but many of others living in Haiti. Please, see our thank you letter enclosed in the attachment below. Have a blessed day!



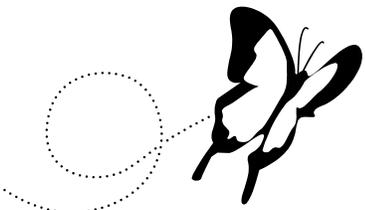
We are writing to express our deepest thanks the Calvary Baptist church congregation and Vacation Bible School (VBS) for your recent donation to Volition and Action for Haiti. Words will never be enough to express our gratitude to this church. God has used Calvary to meet the needs of and bring joy to many children in our ministry. We also want to sincerely thank Calvary for giving us the opportunity to present the work God has been doing for the people of Haiti especially our children in Volition and Action for Haiti. We also want to shout out a special thank you to the children in VBS for their wonderful contribution. The children in our ministry were amazed to learn that hundreds of children from the USA want to be their friends, want to learn about them, love them and contribute money to buy them Bibles so they can learn the word of God. With the money from VBS, we were able to buy 250 Bibles which we will distribute to many children. Many of our children are asking if it is possible for them to send personal letters to the VBS kids so they can be friends as well. This is an amazing grace and we thank God for the church family. Generous gifts from donors like you provide the spiritual, financial, and moral support needed to Volition and Action for Haiti's ministry. With your faithful support since last year, you demonstrated deep commitment to our ministry work of empowering children with education and the love of Christ and creating a sustainable program to help families thrive and grow spiritually and mentally. There is no way to fully express our gratitude to the church family for their trust and loyalty to us. We want you to know that we are inspired by the dedication and generosity of donors like yourself who answer the call to pray, advice, and give again and again to a mission aimed to further the kingdom of God around the world.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. And may the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26.

Thank you for your help. Sincerely

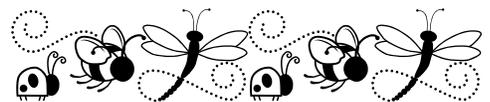
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Jr/Sr High Youth Groups and Adult Prayer Time	3	4	5 2:00pm Bridal Shower for Rebecca Charles
6 9:00am Sunday School (Children/Youth) 9:00am Adult Bible Classes (ABC's) 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service (Communion) 6:00pm Missionary Presentation	7	8 7:00pm Committee and Ministry Team Meetings	9 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Jr/Sr High Youth Groups and Adult Prayer Time	10	11	12
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August Birthdays



2 Michelle Abodeely	Madison Jensen	22 Mary Rodman	31 Gary Lorenzen
Nora Whitney	11 Travis Caldwell	Garth Horning	Hannah Frey
4 Jim Allen	Tyler Caldwell	24 Bob Kemmerer	Kirk Setzer
Luke Eiselstein	Shawn Sandersfeld	Jaylene Horning	Luke Howard
6 Janice Chung	12 Kayleen Patton	25 Cindy Mason	
7 Wilma Mefferd	14 Marilyn Ehrle	26 Gina Taylor	
Jeremy Crittenden	16 Jordan Abben	27 Samuel Rogan	
8 Mindy Slippy	17 Pat Prochaska	28 Joy Chung	
Tate Nelson	19 Seth Gossett	29 Rollyn Aswegan	
10 Brian Taylor	20 Frank Fleischacker	Paige Eastburn	
Nathan Pearson	Genevieve Jeffers	Lily Parks	



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Upcoming Activities

CALVARY CHOIR

The Calvary Choir will begin another season of ministry on Sunday, September 10. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:45. New members are welcome! Contact Pastor Mike for more information.

SONSHINE SINGERS

The Sunshine Singers children's choir will begin a new season Sunday evening, September 10, 6:00pm–7:15pm in Room 26. Children in kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join in the fun of learning through music, choreography, drama, and more. If you would like more information, please contact Jeannette Frey (396-6882 or mjddfrey@imonmail.com).

LIBRARY NEWS

Once again our church library is undergoing some changes that will enhance both its appearance and its functionality. When Family Christian Store went out of business, we had the opportunity to acquire some very nice shelving units. The installation process has now begun, and we are grateful for the trustees who are tackling this project. We will be working around church activities, so you can still come to browse the bookshelves and check out something good to read.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Ladies, you are invited to join us, here at the church, on Saturday, August 5 at 2:00pm, as we celebrate the upcoming marriage of Rebecca Charles to Zach Goodman. Rebecca is the daughter of Denys and Mavis Charles, who are new members at Calvary, but she and her parents have faithfully attended here since 1996. She graduated from the University of Iowa in Pre-Med, and is now in a 4-year medical program at UCLA. Rebecca and Zach are registered at: honeyfund.com/wedding/zekkisaysido. Click on "zekkisaysido". Go to Registry and scroll down to "Honeyfund" and "click". Next, scroll down to Our Registry and select which contribution you want to give toward their honeymoon, as your shower gift. If you are uncomfortable doing the computer, you can see Donna Voss at the Welcome Center for an alternate plan.



BABY SHOWER

Ladies, you are invited to attend a baby shower for Danielle Bredenberg on Saturday, September 9 at 2:00pm at Calvary Baptist Church. Anders & Danielle are registered at ToysRUs.