



The Messenger

February 2020

Our Vision - Seeking to be a growing family of disciples that impacts eternity in the Winchester area and beyond.

CALVARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
Knowing • Growing • Showing

DATES TO REMEMBER

Men's Breakfast 2/29

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A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Calvary Family,

Discipleship is a word that is thrown around quite often in churches, but what does it really mean. The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 says "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." We know that we are supposed to make disciples, but what does it really look like to be a church where disciples are being made.

Dr. Chuck Lawless provided some insight into this question in a recent article entitled "8 Characteristics of Disciple-Making Churches." He postulates that in order to follow Paul's lead found in 2 Timothy 2:2 of "What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" we must as disciple makers understand that the process doesn't happen automatically. In Dr. Lawless' research, he found that disciple making churches have the following commonalities:

1. **They're led by a pastor who invests in others personally.** Most of these leaders can name the church members they're mentoring—often beginning with other staff members and prospective ministers. They take Ephesians 4:11-13 seriously.
2. **They have an intentional discipleship pathway.** Ask them, and they can show you a clear plan to move new believers toward becoming growing, mature disciples. They want all that they plan to fit into this pathway in some way.
3. **The discipleship pathway often begins with a required membership class.** That class is more than a content-based, vision-casting entrance into the church; it's the place where church leaders explain what they expect of new members—and how they will help members be committed Christ-followers.
4. **Small groups are a critical part of the pathway.** I've never known a disciple-making church without a strong, intentional small group ministry that promotes life-on-life Christian growth. Accountability, training, and encouragement mark these groups.
5. **The pastor focuses on exposition and application of the Word.** That is, he presses the "so what?" and "now what?" questions of preaching, striving to help hearers know what to *do* in response to the Word. Information transfer is not enough without life transformation.
6. **Often, they emphasize family ministry that promotes parents as disciple makers.** Thus, the church expects equipped parents (and grandparents) to help their children grow in the Lord. In my world of Southern Baptists, I'm seeing more churches promoting the use of catechisms to train children.
7. **They tend to be "sending" churches.** They raise up Christ-followers not only to help them reach their community, but also to go the nations. Disciple making churches are committed to sending out their best for the sake of the gospel.
8. **They continually evaluate their effectiveness.** A church genuinely committed to discipleship always sees room for improvement—and strives for further excellence.

It's my hope that God will continue to help us become a place where we can obey His command to be a disciple making church. I would like to ask you where do you fit in and how can you make a difference? As always, thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your pastor and may the Lord bless us all as He advances His kingdom!

For Christ,
Pastor Philip

Our Mission - Knowing God. Growing Together. Showing the Love of Jesus.

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Calvary Baptist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	Jan 31	1
2 Communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	3  Charles Rock	4  Joshua May	5	6 6p Ladies' Bible Study	7	8
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	10	11	12 6p Calvary Connections	13 6p Ladies' Bible Study	14 Valentine's Day  Norma Hockman  Denny & Janet Brill	15  Punky Beightol  Ada Tucker
16 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	17	18  Mia Olivares	19 6p Calvary Connections	20  Bill Holbrook 6p Stewardship 6p Ladies' Bible Study	21	22
23 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	24	25	26 6p Calvary Connections	27 6p Ladies' Bible Study	28  Luci Aguilar	29 8:30 Men's Breakfast 11 Deacons Meet



MEN'S BREAKFAST

This month our men's breakfast will be Saturday, February 29th in Parker Hall. All men and boys are encouraged to come and invite friends. If you'd like to help cook, present during devotional time, or have any questions, contact David Howard or Charles Rock.



SUMMER CAMP DEPOSITS - DEADLINE EXTENDED

It's time to sign-up for summer camp! We'll be heading to CentriKid in Middletown, MD July 20th-24th. A deposit of \$60 per child (rising 3rd-6th graders) is due by Feb. 15th in order to hold a slot. See www.centrikid.com/info/parents/ or feel free to contact Pastor Philip with questions.



IGNITE MEN'S CONFERENCE

Calvary plans to have a group of men at the annual Ignite Impact Weekend in Lynchburg again this year. Please let us know ASAP if you are interested in attending. Tickets are \$69, or \$49 for over 65, under 17, and active/retired military, police, fire and rescue. We have made lodging reservations for the group. That cost will depend on the number attending. Check out www.ignitemen.net or contact Charles Rock or the church office for details.