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SEPTEMBER 14-30, 2026

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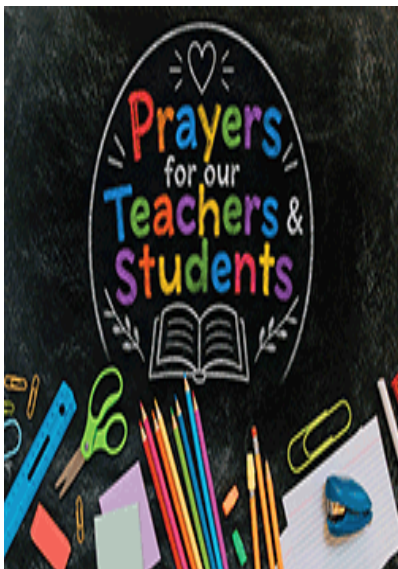
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FROM THE
PASTOR



“Come and See” (John 1:35-42)

As we begin our September theme, “Growing as Disciples,” we begin with one of the simplest and most beautiful invitations Jesus gives: “Come and see.”

In John 1:35–42, two disciples of John the Baptist begin following Jesus.

They do not yet know very much about him. They are curious and searching. Jesus turns to them and asks, “What are you looking for?” That is also an important question for us. What are we looking for when we come to church? What are we seeking in our relationship with God?

No matter how long we have been Christians, discipleship is never finished. There is always another step to take and another place where God’s grace needs to work within us.

When the disciples ask Jesus where he is staying, Jesus responds, “Come and see.” He does not give them a long theological explanation. He simply invites them to come, spend time with him, and discover for themselves. Christian faith is more than believing certain things; it is a relationship with Jesus Christ. Spiritual growth begins not with having all the answers, but with being willing to follow.

The disciples went with Jesus and spent time with him. That is still how we grow today—through prayer, worship, Scripture, and listening for God’s voice. But we also grow through one another. We do not grow in faith alone. We need one another to pray with us, study Scripture with us, encourage us, and walk beside us on this journey.

After spending time with Jesus, Andrew is changed. He finds his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus. Andrew does not give Simon a theological lecture or try to answer every question. He simply brings him to Christ. In a sense, Andrew extends the same invitation he received:

“Come and see.”

This remains one of the simplest and most powerful ways of sharing our faith: people inviting people. We can invite a friend, neighbor, or someone going through a difficult time to come and experience a community of faith.

And when people come to Calvary, what will they see? In many ways, Christ is already being made visible among us. When we pray for one another, serve our neighbors through the food bank and other ministries, share the gospel through our podcast, offer healing and praise through music, and reach out to our community, we are helping people see Christ among us.

We have not arrived. God continues to call us to grow—to love more deeply, welcome more generously, serve more faithfully, and share the good news more boldly.

So our invitation remains: Come and see what God is doing among us.

Come and see people praying, serving, worshiping, and growing together. Above all, come and see Christ—alive, at work, and present among us.



Preaching Schedule

10:30AM ~ WORSHIP

September 20 Pastor Jong Kim
Sandy Graffius 90th Birthday
Special Music from 'FOUR FUN'

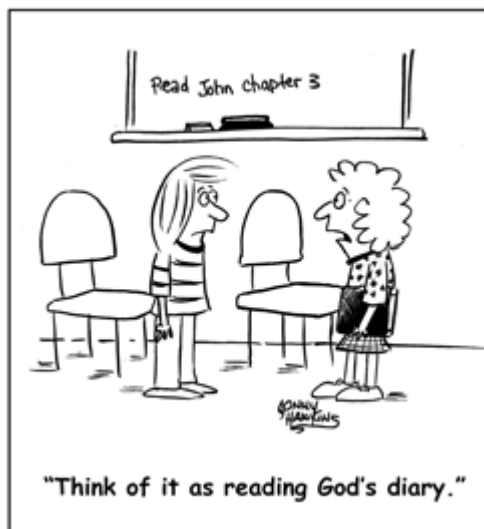
September 27 Pastor Jong Kim

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

includes visitors & streaming

September 6- 74 people

September 13-63 people



**HAPPY 90TH
BIRTHDAY
SANDY
GRAFFIUS!
9/13/26**

CHURCH SERVICES AND HOURS

1ST SUNDAYS- COMMUNION SUNDAY

ALL SUNDAYS 10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM ADULT (September-May)

3RD SATURDAY, 9-11 AM – MIFFLIN FOOD PANTRY AT ZION

4TH SATURDAY 5-6:30 PM -DINNER CHURCH AT ZION

Church Office OPEN

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 -2:00

Wednesday, 1:00-6:00



BLESSED BONDS

**Wednesday,
October 14th,
11:30 AM at
Rody Family
Restaurant in
Flying Hills**



**Adult Choir Rehearsal October 7th and
Bell Choir Rehearsal
October 14th @ 7:00PM
We need SOPRANOS!
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I WAS JUST WONDERING????

Submitted by Bob Wagner



I know that many of us from time to time struggle with the Old Testament. But lately I find myself drawn to the scriptures through a chronological study Bible I purchased. Unlike some of my recent writings, this particular thought has absolutely no facts to share. What I'm really hoping is that two things might take place. One, some of you who have been reading the Calvary newsletter offerings will develop a sense of renewed interest in the Old Testament. Second, I'm interested in hearing your opinions about my recent observation. Like many of you, I struggle sometimes with all of the rules and regulations placed on the early followers of God. So, rather than spend time trying to read larger portions of the Old Testament just to get to the New Testament quickly, I have adopted a different approach. After purchasing my new study Bible I decided to not rush through just to get to the scriptures devoted to the period after Christ's birth. The format of my study Bible offers small, sometimes less than one chapter, where I now can pause and read all of the commentaries about the verses I just read. Scriptures about God testing and being present in the lives of Adam and Eve, the Israelites, etc. are still shared. All of the times God's people trusted God and then proceeded to revolt against Him are all explained by the folks who provided the commentaries. However, spending time to think about small chunks of the scriptures in detail have caused me to have a different perspective to the Old Testament. I'm interested to hear from you about this theory that popped into my head recently! The Old Testament events were captured well before anyone thought about newspapers, radios, televisions, computers, iPads and cell phones. Even written materials as we know them were in very short supply to most folks. So why was so much of their time consumed by rules about dress, what and how to eat, how to build, when to move, plus all the other rituals and festivals? It occurred to me that could this have been God's way of helping humans to remain centered on Him and His desire to be our main focus for life? Is there a greater lesson to be learned from the Old Testament beyond our concerns over wars and judgements? We are blessed in our lives with many new and exciting opportunities. God has gifted us with minds that can imagine and create amazing opportunities for us to enjoy. However, in our quest to be entertained and connected, have we grown to overlook one of the possible teachings offered to us in the Old Testament? It has been said that history can be a great teacher. Maybe we need to regroup, consider what God may have been trying to ingrain in us all the way back to Adam and Eve and in every generation thereafter. We may have a lot of "things" at our disposal now but, are we taking the time daily to remember and thank the giver? Is God the center of our focus?





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OPENING NIGHT!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

6:00 – 9:00 PM

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which is Jesus Christ."
– 1 Corinthians 3:11 ♥



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KIDS & YOUTH GROUP MEETS SUNDAY MORNINGS DOWNSTAIRS AT 9:15

** Please keep your eyes open for more exciting information **

Nursery (birth-K) • **Sunday School** (gr school) • **Next Gen** (young adults)

YOUTH GROUP



Kids & Youth

Activities, outings, &
time together.

Sunday time varies,
check weekly updates
for details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Sunday School and
Nursery** every Sunday
during Worship, after
the Children's Message!

CPAA



Calvary Performing Arts Academy Night

Arts, fun & fellowship for
children, youth and the
whole family.

Thursdays 6-7 PM

SPECIAL FALL/WINTER 2026 ACTIVITIES:

First Monday: Christian Skate Night @ Skateland

IGNITE: October 9-11

CPAA Christmas Pageant: Decemeber 13th 2026



Growing as Disciples

A New Season of Christian Education Begins!

NURSERY

Birth-Kindergarten: Nursery care will be available during worship, creating a welcoming and engaging space for our youngest members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

School-Aged Children: Will head to Sunday School in the Youth Room after the Children's Message to learn, ask questions, and grow in faith together.

NEXT GEN

High School Juniors & Seniors + Young Adults through their 20s: Join us for Bible study and connection for one hour following worship in Ashley's office



ADULT AM STUDY

Sundays 9:15 AM: All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you are joining the class remotely, please use the [Zoom link](#).

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