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Weekly Update September 25, 2026

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Kenyan Ministry Luncheon

Missions is excited to invite our whole church to see how our gifts support God's mission. Join us after the 11:00 AM service as we hear from Pastor Harrison Mungai on September 27th in the Fellowship Hall over a Kenyan meal. We will hear inspiring stories about how iServe Africa equips the next generation of gospel workers and servant leaders across Africa (2 Timothy 2:2).

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Musical Offerings Series
2026-2027 Season

September 27th

3:00 PM

North Atrium



The Holderbaum Collective



To learn more about Alpha and sign up here: [Alpha](#) | [First & Calvary](#).

We are seeking volunteers to help with hospitality, lead discussion tables, and join our prayer team. Email Pastor Jamie at j.swope@firstandcalvary.org to learn more about joining the Alpha team.

Nominations

Nominations Season at First & Calvary! Yellow Nomination Cards will be available—simply fill one out and place it in the depository outside the church office.

You can also submit your nominations online [[HERE](#)] or by emailing nominations@firstandcalvary.org.



**This Sunday's
Sermon:**

**Confess Your
Sins**

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What are similarities and differences in how our culture today views sin (and its consequences) and how Leviticus views sin (and its consequences)? How much do culture and Leviticus influence your own views on sin?
2. What most stands out to you about the various detailed instructions in Leviticus for Sin Offerings and Guilt Offerings?
3. In Hebrews 10, the Sin and Guilt Offerings are compared and contrasted

Rev. Don Everts
Leviticus 4:22-31

with Jesus' offering of his own life. How does this help you view, appreciate, or understand Jesus' work on the cross differently?

Sunday & Weekday Classes

[\[View the Full List of Sunday & Weekday Classes\]](#)

Weekly Calendar

Friday 9/25

12:00 pm – Women's Table Talk | Room 026C

Sunday 9/27

8:45 am – Worship | Sanctuary

9:45 am – Worship | Sanctuary

9:45 am – Sunday Morning Classes

11:00 am – Worship | Sanctuary

12:00 pm – Kenyan Missions Presentation | Fellowship Hall

3:00 pm – Musical Offerings Concert | North Atrium

5:45 pm – Alpha Live | Fellowship Hall

Monday 9/28

12:00 pm – Binnie Clements Brown Bag Luncheon | Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 9/29

6:00 pm – Session Meeting | Conference Room 221

6:30 pm – Men's Bible Study | Room 26C

Wednesday 9/30

6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball | Gym

6:15 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal | Bell Choir Room

7:15 pm – Chancel Choir | Choir Room

Thursday 10/1

8:00 am – Binnie Clements Baking Day | Fellowship Hall, Kitchen

11:00 am – Prayer Meeting | Prayer Room

Friday 10/2

12:00 pm – Women's Table Talk | Room 026C

6:00 pm – Autumn Under the Bell Tower | North Lawn



Click the image above to watch the most recent FACE time with Pastor Don.



Looking Ahead

September 27; October 4, 11, 18 | Alpha LIVE | 5:45 PM

October 2 | Autumn Under the Bell Tower | 6 PM

October 4 | Next Steps | 12:15 PM

October 5 | Artists Anonymous | 6 PM | F&C Library

October 11 | Usher & Greeter Training | 12:15 PM

October 22 | Legacy Dessert | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

October 25 | The Life of the Mind Lecture Series | 4 PM | Fellowship Hall

To See All Our Events: [**CLICK HERE**](#)

If childcare would assist you with participating in any event, please email Amelia Davidson at least a week in advance. While we cannot guarantee childcare staff will be available, we would love to help you as we are able. If you can no longer attend after reserving childcare, please email Amelia at a.davidson@firststandcalvary.org so we can adjust our staffing accordingly.

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Musical Offerings Series 2026-2027 Season

September 27th | 3:00 PM
The Holderbaum Collective
North Atrium

November 19th | 3:00 PM
Byung Sook Kong, piano
Sanctuary

December 6th | 6:30 PM
94th Annual Candlelight Service
Sanctuary

January 24th | 3:00 PM
Pre-MMEA Choral Festival
North Atrium

February 7th | 3:00 PM
Galloway Chamber Orchestra
North Atrium

March 7th | 3:00 PM
Kelly O'Bryant & Friends
North Atrium

April 18th | 4:00 PM
Queen City Chorale
North Atrium

May 2nd | 3:00 PM
Nixa Chamber Singers
North Atrium

Concert dates, performers, and program details are subject to change. For the latest schedule and up-to-date information, please visit www.firstandcalvary.org/musicalofferings

Artwork: The Flute Concert of Sanssouci by Adolph Menzel, 1852

FIRST & CALVARY FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK

Autumn Under the Bell Tower

OCT 2 | 6PM - 8PM

Experience locally made baked goods and culinary arts with live jazz music. Enjoy the evening outdoors, tucked into the gothic-style architecture beneath the bell tower.



Our October 2 Art Walk will feature homemade treats, live jazz, and fall festivities beneath the bell tower! Help us make the evening special by [signing up to provide food] and/or [volunteering to help with the event].

Can't make it that Friday? You can still participate! Food contributions can be dropped off at the church office during the week leading up to the event. See the sign-up forms for details.

Thank you for helping us create a warm and welcoming evening for our church and community!



Usher & Greeter Training

Whether you currently serve as an usher or greeter or are interested in getting involved, we invite you to join us for Usher & Greeter Training on Sunday, October 11 at 12:15 PM.

We'll spend time talking through these important hospitality roles and how we can help make First & Calvary a welcoming place for everyone who walks through our doors.

Lunch will be provided, and we need your RSVP so we can prepare enough food for everyone attending. The RSVP form will also give you an opportunity to share which services and roles you're interested in, how often you'd like to serve, any food allergies or dietary restrictions, and questions you may have about ushering or greeting.

Sunday, October 11 | 12:15 PM

Please RSVP using the link below to help us get an accurate head count for lunch.

[Sign Up Here](#)



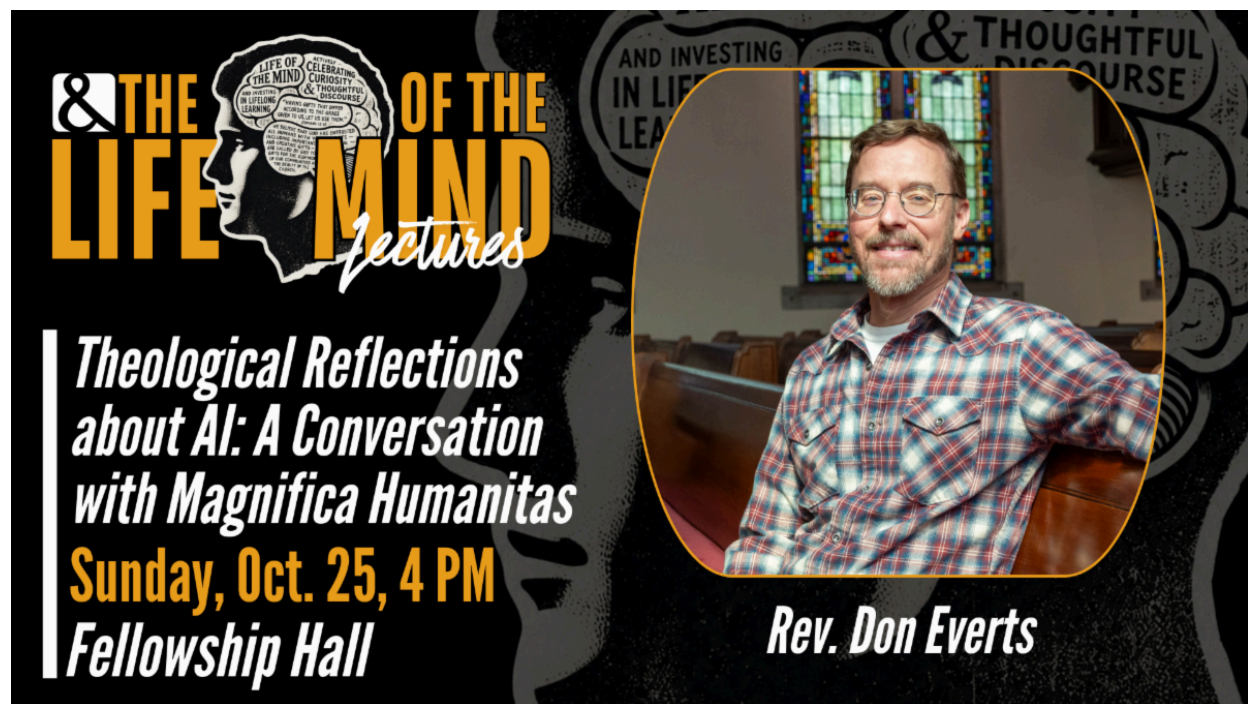
FIRST & CALVARY
FOUNDATION

Leave a Legacy Dessert

October 22 | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Pastor Don will be giving an important update on the Centennial Legacy Campaign and the First & Calvary Foundation will be presenting their annual report on the state of our Foundation.

The banner features a chocolate swirl dessert in a cup and a silver fork on a wooden surface.



& THE LIFE OF THE MIND Lectures

Theological Reflections about AI: A Conversation with Magnifica Humanitas

Sunday, Oct. 25, 4 PM

Fellowship Hall

Rev. Don Everts

Everyone's talking about AI. But very few people are talking about AI theologically. At the next installment of First & Calvary's Life of the Mind Lecture Series, Rev. Don Everts will present an overview of Pope Leo XIV's helpful recent encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*, followed by an overview of responses from a reformed/protestant perspective. If you want to know how to use AI for life hacks, this might not be the lecture for you. But if you are interested in a biblically-grounded reflection on AI and all the questions AI raises, mark your calendars: Oct 25, 4pm in the Fellowship Hall of First & Calvary Presbyterian Church.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH



Operations & Administration Update
From the Desk of Steve Young

Update 9/25/26

Encompass Academy has been in session here for three weeks and three days...**(CLICK HERE TO READ MORE.)**

Introducing Our Deacon's Care Ministry

In order to best care for our Covenant Partners, several years ago our elders decided we should develop a ministry so that every Covenant Partner has a Care Leader assigned to them. Your household will share the same Care Leader, who will check in with you from time to time and serve as a point of contact when you need prayer or are going through a hard time and could use support.

Covenant Partners should be hearing from their Care Leader by email **by the end of September**, as they introduce themselves. If you don't hear from your Care Leader by then and you are a Covenant Partner or have questions about this ministry, please contact Pastor Jamie at j.swope@firststandcalvary.org.

If you are not yet a Covenant Partner and would be interested in taking this next step, please reach out to the office or one of our pastors, or sign up to attend our Next Steps Lunch.

Fall Invite Challenge

Did you hand someone an invite card this season? Share your story and let us know how we can pray for them.

Share Here!

Fall Music Ministries Kickoff

Make music with us!

No auditions—just reach out!

Chancel Choir: Currently Meeting

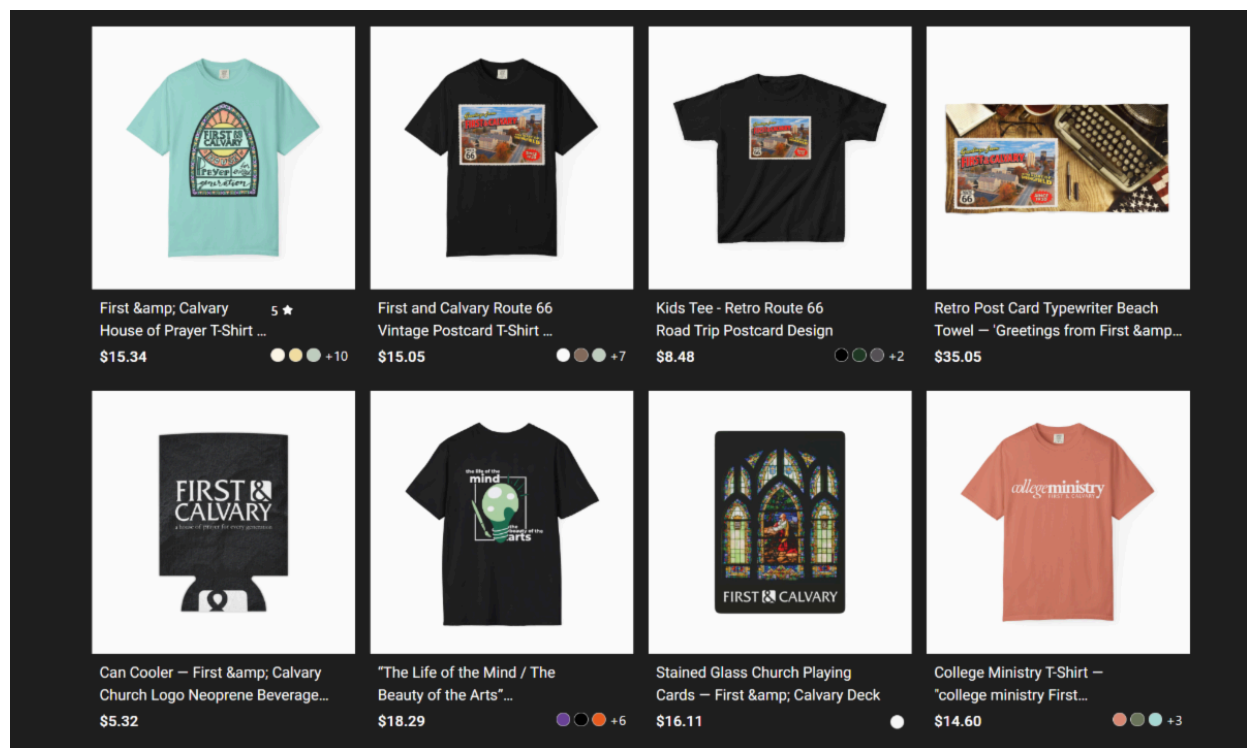
Bell Choir Kickoff: September 2 at 6:15 PM

Children's Choir Kickoff: September 13 at 9:15 AM

Contact: t.heckman@firststandcalvary.org

There's never a bad time to join choir, and we're celebrating the start of our fall season for the next few weeks with especially marvelous music, tasty treats, and fun fellowship! Join us Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. No audition, no fees, no pressure—just a group of friends making music, growing in faith, and leaning into worship. If you're looking for a way to deepen your delight in God and widen your welcome of others, we'd love to have you. Bring a friend!

F&C Gear Store



Check out the F&C Gear store! From apparel to accessories, the shop is a fun way to represent First & Calvary and support the life of our church community wherever you go. Take a look at the new designs and offerings by clicking the button below!

F&C Gear

Created & Creative

See the digital journal, and keep up with performances, exhibitions, publications, concerts, and other creative projects by people at First & Calvary. [\[CLICK HERE\]](#)



Serve with Alpha This Fall

This fall, First & Calvary will host our third Alpha, creating a friendly, informal space where people can share a meal, build relationships, and explore questions about life and faith.

We're currently building our Alpha Fall Team and looking for volunteers to help make these gatherings possible. Alpha will meet on Sunday evenings, September 27

through October 18, with opportunities to serve in a variety of roles. Volunteers are also needed for the Alpha Holy Spirit Retreat on Sunday evening, November 8.

If you would like to help create a welcoming space for others to explore faith, prayerfully consider joining the team. Information about volunteer roles and training is available on the sign-up form.

Alpha Dates: September 27, October 4, October 11 & October 18
Holy Spirit Retreat: November 8

Visit our Serve page to learn more and sign up.

There's a place for you here. Discover how you can use your gifts to serve, love, and make a kingdom difference, within our church and throughout our city. Check out our Serve Page: www.firstandcalvary.org/serve.

The Weekly Update is sent out on Friday mornings. To post events or messages, please complete [this Communications Request form](#) or contact Jake SanSoucie at 417-862-5068 or at j.sansoucie@firstandcalvary.org for assistance. Events submitted prior to the end of the day on Tuesday will be posted on the Friday of that week. Events submitted past that deadline will be posted on the following Friday.

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