

Weekly Update

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This Sunday's Sermon:

Mary Encounter
Rev. Don Everts
John 20:10-18

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What do you know about the story of your name? (what it means, why it was chosen for you, etc)
2. John goes into fairly great detail in describing Mary's encounter with Jesus. Which details stand out to you the most? Why do you think the Spirit inspired John to include them?
3. How do the two passages quoted at the end the sermon (John 10:3-4 and Isaiah 43:1) help you understand Mary's encounter with Jesus? How do they help you

understand God's relationship with you?

FACE time with Pastor Don



Click the photo above to watch the latest episode of "FACE time with Pastor Don."



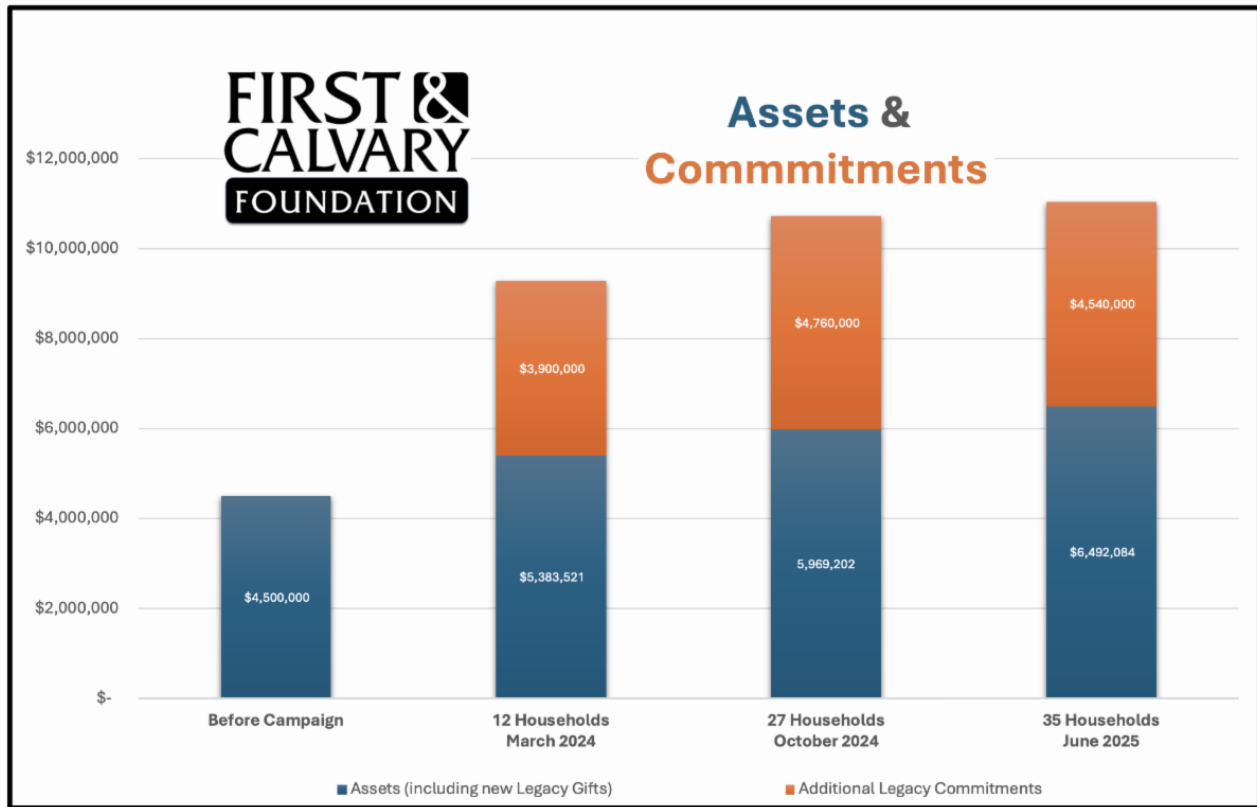
Summer Sunday Adult Class at 9:45 am

The Parables - Understanding What Jesus Meant | Good stories leave you saying, “Hey! That’s me!” The stories Jesus told have the same effect. To read them properly is to see yourself in a new way. But the parables are more than mirrors. They are windows to the heart and mind of God himself. Because these stories are so familiar, we often do not hear what Jesus is saying. This class will challenge you to sit at the feet of our Lord to smell the aroma of Jewish villages, to feel the dust of Galilean roads, and to listen to these wonderful stories as though you were hearing them for the first time. **This class is hosted by Little Bacon in Room 020.**



While our open photo sessions for the church directory have concluded, individual photo appointments are still available by request during office hours—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.—throughout August.

To schedule a time, please contact our Communications Coordinator, Jake SanSoucie, at j.sansoucie@firstandcalvary.org or call the church office at 417-862-5068. We look forward to including you in the updated directory.



Quarterly Legacy Campaign Update:

We as a church are thrilled that as of the end of June 2025, 35 different households have taken part in our Centennial Legacy Campaign. Every single gift and commitment to our Legacy Campaign is an investment in securing the enduring legacy of this church in the heart of Springfield!

If you want to find out more about the campaign, just contact the church office and they will put you in touch with someone from the Legacy Campaign Committee.





&
**PASTOR'S
BOOK CLUB**
SUNDAY
AUG 10 | 6 PM
FIRST & CALVARY
LIBRARY



Pastor's Book Club for Summer

On **Sunday, August 10th, at 6:00 pm**, we will meet to discuss the first two novels in the award-winning *Wingfeather Saga*, written by Andrew Peterson. *On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness* (Book 1) and *North! Or Be Eaten!* (Book 2) are both riveting tales for all ages that combine the fun of fantasy adventures with the deep Christian meaning Peterson infuses in his original music. All ages are invited to participate! (We have some copies available to check out in the library!)



Artists Anonymous | August 11 at 6PM | F&C Library

Our next gathering will be on Monday, Aug 11 at 6 in the library. We'll be looking at Mitali Perkins' "five destructive interior forces that keep us from doing creative work, and five practices that counteract those forces." That plus sharing what we're making and how that making is interacting with our faith!



Call For Artists: Encounters With Jesus Painting

We still have open slots for participants to help complete our collaborative "Encounters with Jesus" painting—and we'd love to see your creativity on the canvas!

This is a church-wide project open to everyone—children, youth, and adults alike. No artistic background needed—just a willing heart! Simply sign up for a week and stop by during office hours to contribute. We have plenty of supplies available in the art supply room, and we're happy to work with your schedule if office hours don't fit.

Not sure where to begin? Come take a look at the painting in progress—you won't be starting from a blank canvas, and seeing what's already there might just inspire your next brushstroke.

To sign up or ask questions, contact Tyler Heckman at t.heckman@firstandcalvary.org. Let's create something beautiful together!

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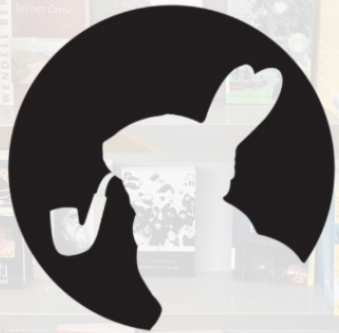
NOMINATIONS

August 15 - September 28

Review the Officer Overview Packet to prepare for the upcoming Nominations season.

Packets will be available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and the Multi-Purpose Room.

New Books in the Library!



The
**RABBIT
ROOM**

A recent designated gift (from some generous Covenant Partners who highly value to life of the mind and the beauty of the arts) has brought in a collection of wonderful books from The Rabbit Room. Come on up to the library and (literally!) check them out!



Single Service Sunday

August 31st 2025 at 9:45 am

In the Sanctuary



SAVE THE DATE

September 7th at 9:45 am

Classes Kick Off for the Fall!

More Info Coming Soon!



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CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 7th

At 5 PM

South Church Lawn

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this year's Church Picnic. We'll gather on the south lawn for an evening of good food, connection, and fun for all ages. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided, along with plates and eating utensils.

There will be plenty of activities for everyone. Younger children can enjoy a bounce house and bubbles, while older kids and adults can join in a lively game of 9-Square. Some seating will be provided both outdoors and indoors. Indoor seating will be especially helpful for those with limited mobility or anyone needing relief from the heat.

Attendees are asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert to share. We are not designating assignments by last name this year, so simply bring what you enjoy. You are also encouraged to bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets for additional seating.

We're also bringing back the popular Cake Walk and are seeking dessert donations. If you'd like to contribute, please sign up by September 3 at the following link:

[\(CAKEWALK DONATION SIGN-UP\)](#)

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Eclectica, the family band of Claire Herzog. In the event of rain, as many activities as possible will be moved indoors.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy time with your church family and welcome others into our community. We hope to see you there.

Well of Life Food Pantry Needs

Toilet Paper

Egg Cartons

Diapers

Donations can be brought to the church.

Minister to Next Generations Update

We are continuing to seek a Minister to Next Generations who would oversee ministry to youth, college students, and young adults. We are having conversations with potential candidates and appreciate your prayers. If you know anyone who would be a great addition to our team, please refer them to our jobs page on our website: <https://www.firstandcalvary.org/jobs>.

Operations & Administration Update

From the Desk of Steve Young



I'm a member of The Church Network, a 70-year-old global organization of church administrators with its national headquarters in Dallas and local chapters nationwide.

This year's conference, held in Omaha, Nebraska, in mid-July, was highly valuable. I'm deeply grateful to Pastor Don for supporting my annual attendance, which is a tremendous blessing for me, but also for First and Calvary. This year's conference provided valuable insights, particularly a breakout session (to continue reading, click [here](#)).



Contemporary Service Livestream

Can't make it in person? Join us online! Each Sunday at 9:45 a.m., we livestream our Contemporary Worship Service, allowing you to stay connected wherever you are. Click the link in the Weekly Update to watch the service live. Whether you're traveling, homebound, or just tuning in from afar, we're glad to worship with you!

[Click here to watch the 9:45 AM Contemporary Service](#)

Let's continue growing in faith—together, wherever we are.

HELP WANTED

Here at First and Calvary Presbyterian Church we value serving others.

We hope the Help Wanted page helps facilitate you using your God-given gifts to serve others.

Visit firstandcalvary.org/helpwanted for more information. To place a Help Wanted ad for church-related opportunities to serve, please complete the Communication Request Form on our website.

For the latest Help Wanted opportunities, [click here!](#)

9:45am Contemporary Service Volunteers

We're looking for volunteers for the upcoming morning contemporary service launch! Learn more about the available roles [here](#).



Friday 8/8

12:00 pm – Women's Table Talk / Room 114

7:00 pm – Emmanuel Slavic Church / McClung Room

Sunday 8/10

8:45 am – Service / Sanctuary

9:45 am – Sunday Morning Classes

9:45 am – Service / Multi-Purpose Room

11:00 am – Service / Sanctuary

1:00 pm – Emmanuel Slavic Church / Sanctuary

6:00 pm – Pastor's Book Club / Library

Monday 8/11

5:00 pm – Building and Grounds Committee Meeting / Room 114

6:00 pm – CLC Meeting / Conference Room

Tuesday 8/12

6:00 pm – Session / Conference Room

7:00 pm – Emmanuel Slavic Church / McClung Room

Wednesday 8/13

6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball / Gym

6:00 pm – Missions Committee Meeting / Room 114

Thursday 8/14

11:00 am – Prayer Meeting / Chapel

Friday 8/15

12:00 pm – Women's Table Talk / Room 114

7:00 pm – Emmanuel Slavic Church / McClung Room

To see the full church calendar, **[visit our events page here](#)** (the calendar is at the bottom).

The Weekly Update is sent out Friday mornings. To post events or messages, please complete [this Communications Request form](#) or contact Mary Charpentier at 417-862-5068 or at m.charpentier@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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