

Weekly Update

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This Sunday's Sermon:

Emmaus Encounter

Philip Herzog

Luke 24:13-35

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

Question 1: A) What thoughts or emotions would you have as one of the disciples on the road to Emmaus? B) What thoughts/emotions do you think the two disciples wrestled with in their Slip Slide'n sadness?

Question 2: What stands out to you about how Jesus 1) nudges his way in and 2) how he interacts with the two disciples through Questions, Scripture, and breaking of Bread?

Question 3: Have you experienced an Emmaus-like Jesus nudge in a season of Slip

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.



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**](mailto:t.heckman@firstandcalvary.org). Let’s create something beautiful together!

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NOMINATIONS

August 15 - September 28

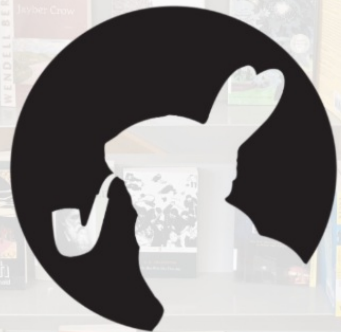
Fill out the yellow nomination cards and return them to the depository outside the church office. Nominations may also be submitted online at www.firststandcalvary.org/nominations or emailed to nominations@firststandcalvary.org

(Nomination cards are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and the Multi-Purpose Room.)

This Sunday marks the start of 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@firststandcalvary.org.

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!



Chancel Choir Fall Kickoff | August 20th

Join us for the Chancel Choir Fall Kickoff on Wednesday, August 20 from 7:15–8:30 PM! We'll learn music for the season, enjoy light refreshments, and reconnect with old and new friends. All are welcome—no audition required!



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!



You are invited to attend Sunday School with your child at 9:45 AM to meet our wonderful Sunday School teachers, see what our curriculum is like, make a craft with your child, and even have a snack! If you have other commitments during the Sunday School hour, you can drop in at 9:30 to meet the teachers and get a taste of our Sunday School activities. All kids will be signed in at room 215. After an opening time of worship, kids aged 3-Kindergarten will move next door to room 214, and kids in grades 1-5 will remain in room 215.



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 bubbles and other activities, while older kids and adults can join in a lively game of 9-Square.

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. Please bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets for your seating. Some tables and chairs will be available for those with limited mobility. If the weather is extremely hot, some additional seating will be available indoors.

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)** (Note: Sign-up link has been updated)

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



Here is the next bit of news to share with you concerning the status of 820 E Cherry Street! Miscellaneous Updates: Today's update will be a few pieces of information that I provided to the B&G committee last week.(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 8/15

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

Sunday 8/17

8:45 am – Service / Sanctuary

9:45 am – Sunday Morning Classes

9:45 am – Service / Multi-Purpose Room

11:00 am – Service / Sanctuary

12:00 pm – F&C Kids Volunteer Lunch and Training / Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 8/20

6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball / Gym
7:15 pm –Chancel Choir / Choir Room

Thursday 8/21

11:00 am – Prayer Meeting / Chapel

Friday 8/22

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

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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