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**Weekly Update
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**This Sunday's
Sermon:**

**When The Day of
Pentecost Arrived
Rev. Don Everts
Acts 2:1-13**

**Questions for Reflection &
Discussions:**

1. Luke tells us that when the church received the gift of the Holy Spirit, various people were: "bewildered, amazed, astonished, and perplexed." Which word best describes your own response to the gift of the Holy Spirit?
2. What details about the Jewish feast of Pentecost help you understand more clearly what happens in Acts 2?
3. Why do you think some people "settle for Passover", embracing the cross of Jesus, but not the gift of the Spirit?

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May 24 | Single Service Sunday
• 11 AM | Sanctuary

May 24 | Parent Recognition Ice Cream Social
• 12 PM | Fellowship Hall

May 31-June 3 | Serve City
• 6th-12th Grade

June 7 | Free Breakfast
• 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM
• **RSVP HERE**

June 7 | Alpha Holy Spirit Workshop
• 5 PM - 8PM
• **Register Here**

June 8 | Artists Anonymous
• 6 PM - 8 PM
• F&C Library

July 5, 12, 19, 26 | Single Service July
• 9:45 AM
• Sanctuary

July 6-10 | Faith & the Arts Academy
• **Learn More Here**
• **Register Here**

August 9 | Pastor's Book Club
• 4 PM | F&C Library

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.

We are seeking volunteers for our upcoming **Faith & the Arts Academy**, happening July 6–10 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm. This outreach program serves children ages 8–12, and we have a variety of ways for you to get involved:

- **Art Faculty & Assistants:** Lead or support a specific artistic track.

- **Troupe Leaders:** Connect with the same small group of children all week.
- **Support Squad:** Help with check-in, snacks, or games.
- **Behind the Scenes:** Assist with preparation if you aren't available during the week.

[Sign-Up Here](#)



Parent Recognition Ice Cream Social

“The fifth commandment is this: Honor your father and mother.” What better way to celebrate than with a little sweetness? Join the Congregational Life Committee on **May 24 at 12 PM**, following our Single Service Sunday, in the Fellowship Hall for ice cream sundaes and floats as we take time to honor and celebrate our parents together.

Yes, it’s right at lunchtime... but sometimes dessert comes first.

Come enjoy good conversation, a relaxed time of fellowship, and a simple way to celebrate the gift of family.

Free Church Breakfast - June 7

Join us on Sunday, June 7, from 9:15–10:45 AM for a free all-church breakfast hosted by Little Bacon. It may be Little Bacon, but they’ll have a whole lot of bacon for us to enjoy as we gather for good food and fellowship before worship.

Love offerings will be accepted during the breakfast, with all proceeds split between Ozarks Food Harvest and Well of Life Food Pantry.

Please RSVP so we can have a helpful head count for preparing food.

[RSVP for Breakfast](#)

Alpha Holy Spirit Workshop | June 7

"I didn't realize how little I knew about the Holy Spirit until attending the Alpha Course. It has made my subsequent Bible study so much richer." -Charlie Lyons

Jesus talked extensively about the Holy Spirit and designed us to live our daily lives in tandem with Him. Yet over time, discussions about the Holy Spirit have often become overcomplicated or even intimidating.

Whether you've participated in Alpha or are completely new to the conversation, this Holy Spirit Workshop is a welcoming space to learn and experience what it means to live life with the Spirit.

Event Details:

- **Date:** June 7th, 5 PM - 8 PM
- **Format:** A 3-hour interactive workshop featuring a dinner, engaging talks, small group discussion, and personal prayer time.
- **Need Childcare?** We'd love to help. Please indicate your childcare needs on the sign-up form, and we will do our best to coordinate coverage with our staff.
- **Please RSVP** by June 1.

[RSVP HERE](#)

We are so excited to invite you to the Faith & the Arts Academy. This isn't just a camp—it's a week where gospel seeds are planted through the beauty of the arts for children (ages 8-12).

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!! We are already at 60% capacity, so register soon if you haven't!

This year, we have an incredible lineup of 7 specialized tracks!

2026 Art Tracks include:

Mixed Media: Painting and printmaking wooden tile crosses.

Acrylic Painting: Creating a vibrant "Tree of Life" on canvas.

Picture Books: Writing and illustrating a complete original story.

Musical Theatre: Performing an ensemble number with choreography.

Praise Dance: Exploring worship through liturgical movement.

Drumming: Percussion and ensemble skills for a Friday performance.

When: July 6-10 | 9:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Cost: \$50 per child (includes a t-shirt and materials). Scholarships are available by need on a limited basis.

Ready to create? Register today!

[Register Here](#)

Pastor's Book Club | August 9th

This summer, our pastors invite you to read the first book in the Wilderking Trilogy, a book by Jonathan Rogers called **The Bark of the Bog Owl**.

On one level, this is a fun summer read, whether you are a 11 years old or 91. The author describes the book as “swampy adventure fiction” and The School Library Journal says that “Roger’s writing is terrifically appealing. The adventure and humor are first rate.”

On another level, this is a deep summer read that is a sort of re-telling of the biblical David and Goliath story. As such, it not only invites the reader deeper into the biblical story, but also raises fascinating questions about how the arts can intersect with our faith.

Grab a copy (wherever you buy or borrow books - including our own library!) and dive right in! We will be hosting a multigenerational conversation about the book on **August 9th at 4:00PM** in the church library!

“Who knows what the future holds? Only the One God,” explained Aidan. “You live the little bit of life that you can see in front of you. You live it well. And that gets you ready for whatever unfolds next.” -The Bark of the Bog Owl



Operations & Administration Update

From the Desk of Steve Young



Update 5/22/26

One of the themes that has continued to surface in conversations among leadership over the last several months has been the idea of making our church... [Click Here To Read More](#)

Meet Elder Becky Tims

In this month’s elder profile, Kylie Burks introduces us to Becky Tims—a longtime member of First & Calvary whose life has been shaped by service, hospitality, and deep trust in God’s faithfulness. Through decades of caring for

children, serving the church community, and loving her family well, Becky's story reflects the beauty of steadfast faith lived out in everyday moments.

[Click Here To Read](#)



We are searching for our next Associate Director of Contemporary Worship & Music! If someone comes to mind who may be gifted for this kind of ministry, we would be grateful for your recommendations. We are also grateful for your prayers in this process. **<https://www.firstandcalvary.org/jobs>**

Classes

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a list of current Sunday and Weekday classes.

New Summer Bible Study | June 5

How do all 66 books of the Bible fit together into one story?
Join us this summer for From Beginning to Forever: A Study of the Grand Narrative of Scripture by Elizabeth Woodson, an 8-week study exploring the Bible's unified story of God's redemption and restoration of the world.

Fridays, 9:00–10:30 AM

June 5 – July 31

No meeting on July 3

Together, we'll trace the story of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation and discover how God invites us into His greater story.



Summer is the perfect season to gather for a Bible study! Whether you want to lead a group open to the whole church or host a close circle of friends, we are here to support you with the resources and encouragement you need to get started. While we're leaning into summer, it's also a great time to start envisioning what your group might look like for the fall. If you're interested in facilitating, please reach out to **Pastor Jamie** at j.swope@firststandcalvary.org.

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.firststandcalvary.org/serve.



Friday 5/22

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

Sunday 5/24

11:00 am – Single Service | Sanctuary

12:00 pm – Sundaes & Floats | Fellowship Hall

Monday 5/25

Memorial Day – Office Closed

Tuesday 5/26

1:00 pm – Abigail Mary Martha Circle Meeting | Conference Room 221

6:00 pm – Session | Conference Room 221

Wednesday 5/27

6:00 pm – Adult Pickleball | Gym

Thursday 5/28

11:00 am – Prayer Meeting | Prayer Room

Friday 5/29

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 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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