

# FIRST & CALVARY Weekly Update

## February 20, 2026

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### **This Sunday's Sermon:**

**Delight in the Lord**  
**Rev. Don Everts**  
**Psalm 37:4,**  
**John 2:1-11, 6:35**

### **Questions for Reflection & Discussions:**

1. What can cause you to "fret" or "get heated" (different situations, events, people, content etc )?
2. What specific advice from David (in Psalm 37) makes the most sense to you? What is most surprising? How do you feel about David's sentiments about "delighting in God"?
3. How would you evaluate the claim in the Westminster Catechism that "man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever?" What do you make of Augustine's prayer: "My soul's house is narrow for you to enter, will you not make it broader?"



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



Feb 22 | Binnie Clements Guild  
Cinnamon Roll Orders

- Order at Church or Text Dalene at 417-894-5075 | \$9/Dozen or \$10/Dozen with Extra Frosting

March 2 | Artists Anonymous

- 6 PM - 8 PM | F&C Library

March 6 | First Friday Art Walk

- 6 PM - 8 PM

March 20 | Fun Trivia Night

- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- **RSVP HERE** by March 16

March 21 | Musical Offerings Concert

- 7:30 PM | Stuart Pincombe, cello

March 25 | Pastor's Book Club

- Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist by John Piper.
- 6 PM | F&C Library

March 28 | Good News Easter Celebration

- 10 AM - 12 PM

April 2 | Maundy Thursday Service

- 6 PM (Sanctuary)

April 3 | First Friday Art Walk

April 5 | Easter Sunday

To See All Our Events: **CLICK HERE**

**Fun Trivia Night**

The Congregational Life Committee is hosting a Fun Trivia Night with a pizza dinner on March 20 from 6:30–8:30 PM! Start thinking about a team of 2–8 people—invite family, friends, or neighbors and make it a night of laughter and friendly competition. Don't have a team? Come anyway, and we'll gladly add you to one. Please RSVP by March 16, and we'll look forward to a great evening together!

[Sign Up Here](#)

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Lent is here! Beginning on February 18, Lent invites us into a season of reflection, prayer, and preparation of the heart. To help you enter this season thoughtfully, we've gathered a list of recommended Lenten reading devotionals. Click the button below to explore the list and find links to each devotional.

[Lenten Devotionals](#)

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## **Musical Offerings Update**

We want to share that the February 22, 2026, Musical Offerings concert featuring Sarah Howes, soprano, has been canceled, as Sarah is unfortunately unable to attend. We invite you to join us for the next concert in the series on March 21 at 7:30 PM, featuring Stuart Pincombe, cello.

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## **Binnie Clements Guild Grants Awarded in 2025**

Camp Barnabas	\$3,000
Diaper Bank of the Ozarks	\$3,000
Ambassadors for Children	\$2,000
Newborns in Need	\$2,000
Rare Breed	\$2,000
Well of Life	\$2,000
Foster-Adopt Connect	\$1,775
Pregnancy Care Center	\$1,500
Child Advocacy Center	\$1,000
Community Partnership of the Ozarks	\$1,000
Crosslines' Food Pantry	\$1,000
Salvation Army	\$1,000
Victim Center	\$1,000
The Tooth Truck	\$938
Child Evangelism Fellowship	\$710
Bridges for Youth	\$500
<b>Total Amount Granted</b>	<b>\$24,423</b>

The Binnie Clements Guild continues their commitment to the local children's charities.

From the sale of their cinnamon rolls and proceeds from working the parking lot for several events, plus generous donations, the Binnie Clements Guild was able to award grants in December 2025 to 16 children's charities totaling \$24,423.

At their monthly meetings, they gave a total of \$1,040.13 in requested goods and a total of \$2,961 in cash to the guest charities of the month.

The guild will begin baking cinnamon rolls in February to continue fulfilling it's mission helping our local children's charities.

All proceeds are used to fund children's charities in the local area.



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## **Pledge Update - 2/20/26**

As of today, we are up 5 more pledges and have received a total of 142 pledges for a total of \$1,045,280 in 2026. There are still 31 pledgers that gave last year who have not pledged yet for this year, but as I mentioned before, they typically continue to trickle in for another 3-4 weeks. As a reminder, please look at both sides of the card to make sure you include your name and the yearly amount of the pledge. Don't worry about telling us how often you will give, that has a tendency of confusing the issue!

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## **Faith & the Arts Academy - Share Your Ideas!**

Do you have a creative skill you'd love to share at the Academy this summer? We're making plans for Faith & the Arts Academy (July 6-10), and we'd love to hear from you: the church.

Tracks can be artistic, musical, hands-on, or delightfully unexpected—and they don't need to be "churchy." At this stage, we're simply gathering ideas, not full lesson plans.

If you have an idea you'd be excited to lead (or even help shape), we'd love to hear about it.

[Share Your Ideas!](#)

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## Lenten One Another Group Still Available

There is still space in the Sunday morning one Another Group at 11:00 AM. Come this Sunday to RM 015 if you'd like to join. You could also round up some friends and host your own group. We'll provide the videos and the guide for the facilitator.

If you have questions, please contact Jamie Swope at [j.swope@firstandcalvary.org](mailto:j.swope@firstandcalvary.org). We look forward to journeying through Lent together.

[Sign Up Here](#)

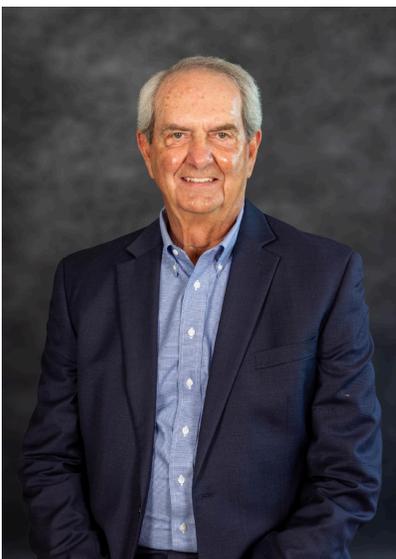
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## Good News Easter Celebration

We hope your family will join us for a celebration of the good news of Easter. Together we will hear the Easter story, and then your child will be able to participate in a variety of fun and creative activities, including music, painting, cookie decorating, and building their own Resurrection Garden, all while following Jesus' journey toward the empty tomb. Children ages 5th grade and under will also have the opportunity to participate in an egg hunt.

We kindly ask that you register online for this event no later than Monday, March 16th. Families who register by the deadline and arrive on time will receive a copy of *The Action Bible Easter: 25 Stories about Jesus' Resurrection* as a gift from First & Calvary while supplies last.

[Register Here](#)



### Elder Carl Gerhardt

As we continue highlighting the elders who help shepherd our congregation, Writing Scholar Kylie Burks introduces us to Elder Carl Gerhardt—a man whose nomadic career, business leadership, and rediscovered church roots reveal a life grounded not in place, but in faith.

[READ HERE](#)

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## Operations & Administration Update

*From the Desk of Steve Young*



What do imported steel, defective drywall, and a burst pipe have in common? In this Operations & Administration update, Steve Young reflects on recent plumbing repairs, lessons about materials and standards, and how faithful stewardship guides our next steps—[click here to read more.](#)

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## Classes

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

### New Class Opportunities:

#### Special Guest Speaker | February 22

Please join us in the Little Bacon Class (Rm. 020) on Sunday, February 22, to hear from special guest Cindy Bayer who will be sharing about her recent experiences living in Israel.



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](http://www.firstandcalvary.org/serve)

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## 10 More Volunteers Needed

Thank you to everyone who has registered to volunteer at our Good News Easter Celebration--but we could still use about 10 more volunteers! There are lots of ways to be involved, so if you're interested in serving on our Good News Easter team please complete the registration form linked below. You can email [a.davidson@firstandcalvary.org](mailto:a.davidson@firstandcalvary.org) with any questions.

If you aren't available to help out at the event, we could also use your donations of candy and small toys to for our egg-hunt. If you would like to help out in this way, please bring your donations to the table outside of Amelia Davidson's office in the South Atrium. **No candy with nuts or peanut butter please and thank you!**

[Register Here](#)

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## First Friday Art Walk



Join us for the next First Friday Art Walk on March 6 from 6–8 p.m.! Experience Carri Colvin's expressive and inviting artwork, along with live jazz, a special display of children's art, an all-ages art activity, and light refreshments. If you would like to help volunteer, please fill out the form below.

[Volunteer](#)



**Friday 2/20**

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

### **Sunday 2/22**

**8:45 am** – Worship / Sanctuary

**9:30 am** – Parents’ Coffee Hour / Gathering Area

**9:45 am** – Sunday Morning Classes

**9:45 am** – Worship / MPR

**11:00 am** – Worship / Sanctuary

### **Monday 2/23**

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

### **Tuesday 2/24**

**1:00 pm** – Abigail Mary Martha Circle Meeting / Room 114

**6:00 pm** – Session Meeting / Conference Room

**6:30 pm** - Men's Bible Study / Room 015

### **Wednesday 2/25**

**6:00 pm** – Adult Pickleball / Gym

**6:15 pm** – Bell Choir Rehearsal / Bell Choir Room

**7:15 pm** – Chancel Choir / Choir Room

### **Thursday 2/26**

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

**11:00 am** – Prayer Meeting / Prayer Room

**6:00 pm** – Women's Bible Study / Little Bacon Room

### **Friday 2/27**

**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).

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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](mailto: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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