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CALVARY SCHOOL NEWS

TO KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

Only Working on Sunday Mornings?

"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be." 1 Peter 5:2

Pastors only work on Sundays, right? Often, that's when we see him—when he's up in the front of church preaching and leading worship. We may not see him much during the rest of the week. What else could he possibly be doing with his time? It doesn't take that long to write a sermon, does it?

Whether you see it or not, your pastor is doing so much more than "just" preaching on Sunday mornings. He's talking with and taking communion to people who are stuck at home and can't come to church. He's sitting next to people in hospital beds and comforting them and their family members. He's praying for the members of his church and praying that God would give him the strength and the wisdom to serve them in the best way he possibly can. He's there for his members when they need him, sometimes at night or on the weekend when his workday should be over and done.

Okay, so pastors work more than "just" on Sunday mornings. What's the point? It isn't to make you feel sorry for your pastor or emphasize how hard he works. After all, your parents work hard too. It's to remind you that your pastor faithfully serves as shepherd of your congregation—in fact, the word "pastor" literally means "shepherd." God called him to be your shepherd. It also is a reminder that you have a calling too: a calling to be a faithful sheep.

How can you be a faithful sheep to your pastor? There are lots of ways: come to church regularly, listen to and learn from what he teaches and preaches, talk to him and tell him what you particularly liked from his sermon or what part of it really hit home to you. Encourage your pastor as he seeks to serve his flock and strives to live up to the responsibility God has given him.

Most importantly, pray for your pastor. Pray that God would give him wisdom to proclaim the Scriptures in their truth and purity. Pray that God would give him strength to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith. Pray that God would give him the comfort to know that his labor in the Lord is not in vain. Pray for him—and then share with him that you're praying for him. He'll appreciate it more than you'll ever know!

Closing Prayer: Dear Jesus, you have blessed me with a faithful pastor(s). Help me to be a faithful sheep and encourage my pastor as he guides and feeds me with the truths of your Word. Amen.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
MAY 5	Chapel and Offering- Gr. 3-8, 8:20 AM & PreK-2, 8:50 AM
MAY 19-21	Gr. 7-8 Hybrid Trip – Tentative
MAY 24	Class Move-Up Morning
MAY 26	Gr. 7-8 Parent-Student Volleyball 10:00 AM
MAY 28	Closing Service 11 AM & Dismissal PreK & Kindergarten Graduation

GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Arbor Day: Thanks to all our students and parent-volunteers for your work last Friday! The attitude of service, even on a damp day, was heartwarming. It was a joy to see our students serve with joy as they helped beautify and maintain our campus.

5 for 5 Family Challenge: Congratulations to all the families participated in the Family Strong 5 for 5 Challenge last week! We hope you had some fun, worked some muscles, and made some memories! The Crooks Family is the winner of our 5 for 5 drawing for a Sprouts gift card! Congratulations!

Mrs. Barksdale Returns: Today, we welcome Mrs. Barksdale back into her grade 1-2 classroom! We were so blessed to have Mrs. Kopplin serve as our classroom teacher during Mrs. Barksdale’s maternity leave, and now we welcome back Mrs. Barksdale.

Grade 7-8 Hybrid Trip: Parents, we were unable to send a letter with more details last week as we were awaiting confirmation of details from various sites. You will receive a letter this week with more details on proposed itinerary and costs for a hybrid class trip from May 19-21. This trip will include some local field trips related to our study of WWII in history class and a trip to Fredericksburg to visit the National Museum of the Pacific War.

Grade 7-8 Parent-Student Volleyball: On Wednesday, May 26, we will host a grade 7-8 parent-student volleyball game at 10:00 AM right here on our campus. Grade 7-8 parents and alumni are welcome to participate, and a participation form will be sent home in the coming week.

Graduation Plans: Our pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students will graduate in our closing service at 11 AM on Friday, May 28. Our eighth-grade students will graduate in our 11 AM worship service on Sunday, May 30.

Yearbook Orders: What a blessed school year 2020-2021 has been! Make sure you remember the highlights, the friends, and the smiles with a Calvary yearbook! Each yearbook costs \$20 and will contain 30 pages of 2020-2021 memories! Orders and payment are due by May 14th, so order yours today! You can place your order online at www.calvarydallas.org/connect/.

Bible Adventure Camp: Children ages 5-12 are invited to join us at Calvary from June 8-11 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM for our Bible Adventure Camp. This camp can be attended onsite or virtually for a cost of \$10 per child. We request your registration prior to May 28, and you can register online today at www.calvarydallas.org/connect/bible-adventure-camp/.

BE A PARENT AMBASSADOR!

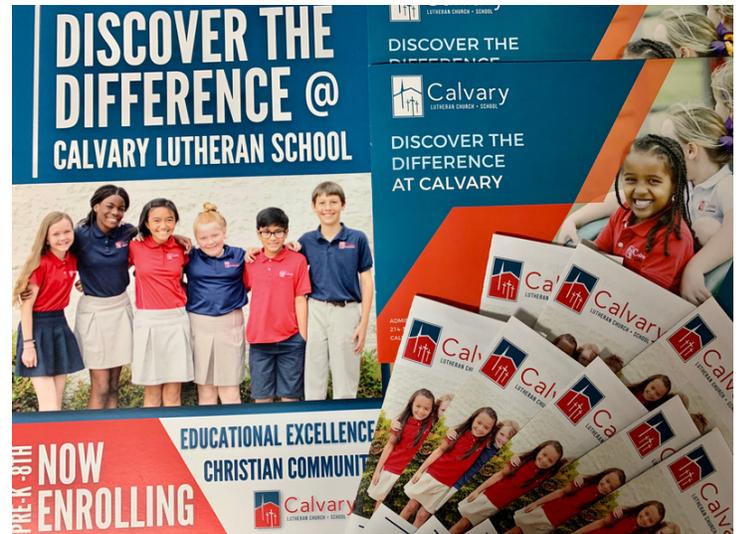
Calvary is gearing up for the 2021-2022 school year as we enroll new families who will join us in the year ahead- especially in our preschool and kindergarten classrooms. We seek to serve as many families as we can with a quality, Christian education. This is where we need your help! Be a parent Ambassador for Calvary! There are so many ways to help!

PARENT QUOTE:

We'd like to update the parent quotes that are included on our [website](#). Please consider sending a quote to our school office (communications@calvarydallas.org) that we can share online.

REFER A FRIEND:

Tell your friends about Calvary. Calvary offers a \$300 referral bonus to families whose referral results in the enrollment of child from a new family to Calvary.



WRITE A REVIEW:

Find us on Google or Facebook and write a review.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS:

Stop by the school office and pick up Calvary promotional materials. We have school booklets and brochures that you can share and posters that can be displayed in churches, offices, etc.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

Patience is a virtue – it's such an old quote, we're not really sure who even first said it. We know that it's true and that God speaks about the blessings of patience as well. Yet, we aren't exactly born with an abundance of patience, and you've probably noticed that in your children as well as in your own life. It's hard to wait, but it's easy to be anxious or worry.

Teaching our children patience is one of the great gifts we can give them, and God does equip us to teach patience. We teach children patience best when we live in patience each day. I don't mean a fake patience that we put on in our children's presence, but true patience. Patience that is born in faith, hope, and trust in our loving God.

Review the words above recorded in Philippians. We can live in real patience when we daily turn over our fears and anxieties to God, when we give thanks for the blessings we have, and when we place our requests humbly before him. It's more than prayer; it's prayer with the absolute confidence that we've placed everything in God's hands so that we can now live patiently as we look to the future.

Share God's word from Philippians with your children this week, but even more, live God's word this week. Know true patience as you place everything in God's hands.

Prayer for the Week: Dear Father in heaven, help us to find our patience and our peace in you. You know our needs, our desires, and our hopes and you have promised to work out all things for our benefit. Let us trust in you and come before you regularly in our prayers and petitions. Forgive our frequent impatience. Amen.