

have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

#### The Collect of the Day

**Presider** The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit. **Presider** Let us pray.

#### The Presider says the Collect.

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people standing, the Presider says

The Word of God

Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. People

#### The Presider continues

**Processional Hymn** 

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Glory to God in the highest,

we praise you for your glory.

and peace to his people on earth.

we worship you, we give you thanks,

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

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#### Hymn # 228

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### HOLY SPIRIT, FONT OF LIGHT

Holy Eucharist - Rite I

8:00 AM

#### GLORIA

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

#### The Lessons

The people sit. One or two lessons, as appointed, are read.

#### Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

`In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

**Reader** The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 104:25-35, 37

#### Benedic, anima mea

- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \* in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \* creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \* which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you \* to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \* you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \* you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \* and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \* may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \* he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \* I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \* I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \* Hallelujah!

#### Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks Be to God.

#### Sequence Hymn (standing)

COME, GRACIIOUS SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE

Hymn # 512

**Reader** The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John. **People** Glory be to thee, O Lord

#### John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

ReaderThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise be to thee, O Christ.

#### The Sermon

#### **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

**In the absence of candidates for Baptism, the Celebrant leads the people in the Renewal of Baptismal Vows**, Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

**Celebrant** Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? **People** I do.

- Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
- **People** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- **People** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

- **People** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- **Celebrant** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People** I will, with God's help.

- **Celebrant** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- **People** I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- **People** I will, with God's help.
- Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- **People** I will, with God's help.
- **Celebrant** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
- **People** I will, with God's help.
- **Celebrant** May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

#### The Prayers of the People

**Leader** Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

- Leader Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord in your mercy.
  People Hear our prayer.
- Leader Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Andy, Dena, Jeff, and Hector, our bishops; Paul and Lecia, our priests; and the people of Calvary Church; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. Lord in your mercy.
- **People** Hear our prayer.
- Leader And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord in your mercy.
  People Hear our prayer.
- Leader We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald and Greg, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord in your mercy.People Hear our prayer.
- **Leader** Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord in your mercy.
- People Hear our prayer.
- Leader And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor . . . . . . . . . ; and those we now name silently or aloud . . . . . . . . ; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Lord in your mercy.
- People Hear our prayer.
- Leader And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially ....., beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord in your mercy.
  People Hear our prayer.
- Leader Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

#### The Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

#### Silence may be kept.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Absolution and Comfortable Words

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Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16* 

This is a true saying, and worthy of all people to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15* 

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2* 

#### The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you. People And with thy spirit. Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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# The Holy Communion

**THE OFFERTORY** 

DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER HAROLD W. FRIEDELL

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**CALVARY CHOIR** 

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn # 380 vs 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP 340)

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And with thy spirit.

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People** It is meet and right so to do.

#### Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; according to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the gospel to all nations. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and the all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

#### **Celebrant and People**

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal # S-125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

#### The people kneel or remain standing. The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.** 

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in rembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### All who desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion.



Gluten Free hosts are available for communion. Please make yourself known to the minister at the altar rail.

#### At Communion

The ushers will guide you down the center aisle to the Communion Rail where you may kneel or stand.

The Bread will be placed in your outstretched palm. After you eat it, the Wine may be sipped from the chalice. If you leave the Bread in your hand, the server will make the Wine available for you to dip the Bread.

If you prefer to receive only the Bread or the Wine, or desire only a blessing, you may so indicate by crossing your arms over your chest at the appropriate time. After Communion, we ask that you return to your seats using the side aisles.

#### The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these, or similar words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

**Communion Anthem** 

Come down, O Love Divine

#### Post Communion Prayer (standing or kneeling)

#### **Celebrant and People**

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### **Pentecost Blessing:**

#### The Priest blesses the people with the following or similar words,

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

#### **Recessional Hymn**

Come Thou Almighty King

Hymn # 365

Hymn # 516

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#### The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**We ask God's healing grace for:** Juan Almanza, Sammie Bagozzi, David Barnhart, Betty Best, Bob Biermann, Rudy Blaschke, David Boscher, Odell Brinkley, Chris Bull, Myra Bull, Samuel Bushnell, Brett Butler, Jalie Carrasco, Ruth Carrell, Diane Childs, Angela Cooley, Jordan Crowe, Shane Cunningham, Evelyn Deiss, Leanne Fleckenstine, Jack Gillam, Angel Gonzalez, Chelsea Hagan, Kathy Haley, Carol Hensley, Tasha Hernandez, Jeremy Hillis, Stephanie Johnston, Jan Jones, JaLene Kambhu, Aggie Kendrick, Mike Kidda, Chris Kilgard, Joe Kirkpatrick, Patricia Kuntschik, Evangeline Lawson, Jane Lewis, Jacob Liang, Joyce Matuszewski, Diane McCabe, Vauna Mechura, Kelly Murley, Michael Murley, Louise Myers, Nissi Navarro, Alice Odom, Rock Owens, The Pinkelman Family, Steven Pratz, Larry Quast, Brynleigh, Evelyn Grace and Kynnsley Reynolds, James Reuter, Donald Sessamen, Herman Sieck, Steven Smith, Luther Stacy, Peggy Steel, Liz, Brooke and Jack Stephens, Gavin Strimple, Katherine Suttill, Thomas Toledo, Kelly Wallis, Mark Warner, Betty Watson, Eric Wehner, Kelley Williams, Ron Wright, Peggy Young, and Dolores Zehler.

#### May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace: Betty Christ

**Please keep** Dale Butler, Richard Carrell, Sean Dantimo, Paul Easter, Jr., Tyler Freeman, Alex Iversen, Paul Jordan, Don Michael, Taylor Moran, Terra Suttill, Ryan Trenck, Jim Williams, **and all the members of our armed forces who are serving in peace keeping missions throughout the world in your prayers.** 

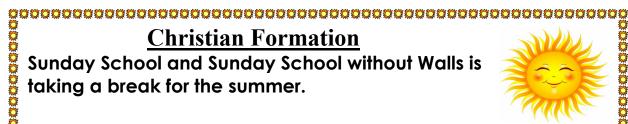
When sending communion to those that are unable to be with us.

#### **Celebrant and People**

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

## Congratulations, Romeo John Matta, on your baptism today at the 10:30 AM service.

Born January 2, 2018 to Jessica and Jessie Matta Jr., And joining sister, Lilly, and brothers, Jase and Jessie III





United Thank Offering, often referred to as UTO, is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that provides a way for men, women, and children of the Episcopal Church to give daily thanks to God. Every year, the total offering is used for projects at home and abroad to support grants for missions and ministry. UTO ingathering Sunday is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your UTO offerings to church on that Sunday for collection. New boxes are available in the tract rack in the narthex.

## **General Convention Needs You!**

There is an opportunity to sign up for areas you are interested in volunteering, along with shifts that fit into your schedule.

Sign up now: <u>http://bit.ly/GenConReg2018</u> www.facebook.com/general.convention.2018.volunteers Contact us: <u>generalconvention2018@gmail.com</u>





# Spaghetti Dinner



Come join us for a Friday night of fellowship, bingo and a silent auction.

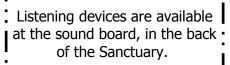
All money raised will help with the Calvary Home Rebuild.

#### Friday, June , 2018 Doors open at 6:00PM Dinner: 6:30 Bingo: 7:30

<u>Tickets:</u> \$12.00 for 12 and older \$6.00 for ages 6-11 Under 6 is free

You can purchase your tickets online or at the kiosk.

If you need childcare or have any questions please contact Carol Freeman 281-242-9564 in advance.





#### SERMON LIBRARY

If you miss a sermon or want to share one with a friend who is seeking a church family, please help yourself to the sermon CD's in the back of the church. You can also find many previous sermons on our Calvary website: www.calvaryrichmond.org

## **Calvary Adult Mission Trip 2018**

#### We are excited to announce the third annual Calvary Adult Mission Trip.

**Dates** - Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

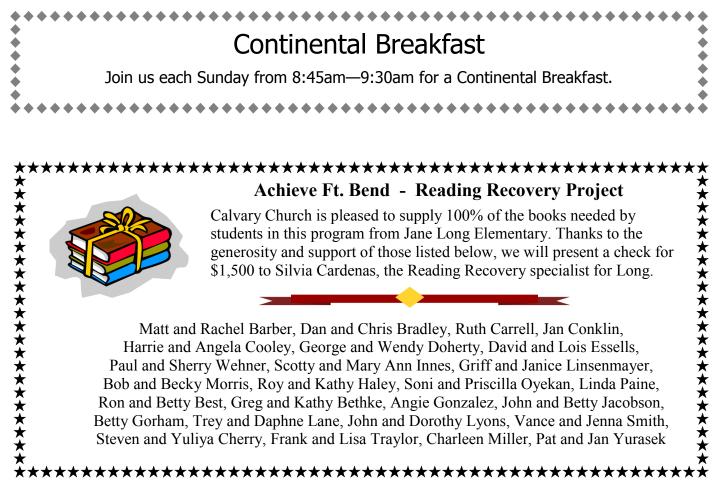
**Project** - The mission trip this year will be 3 days at The Children's Center in Galveston. This center is for children who have not yet been placed in foster care.

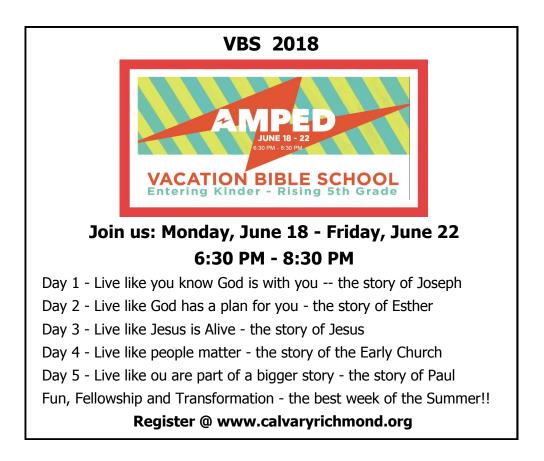
We will run relay races, play volleyball, have music and read with the children at the facility.

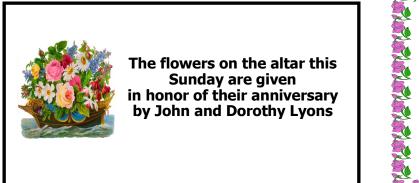
Cost - We are in the early stages of planning and working to keep costs down. Do not let cost prevent you from joining us. Scholarships are available.

> Please consider joining us this year. If interested, contact Lori Hoy: lorihoy09@gmail.com

More info and details will follow.









## Adult Formation and Education 2018 Summer Lending Library

Books on theological topics and interests are available to borrow. They are located in the Parlor. Enjoy!





#### No longer carry a checkbook (or never did)?

Calvary now has a kiosk that can be used for online giving. It is just outside the Baptistry, next to the music closet. It will be available for use on Sunday mornings.

For those who utilize online giving, we have made cards for you to put in the plate that acknowledge your gift. The cards can be found in the pew backs and on the shelf under the kiosk.

## **Education for Ministry**

Education for Ministry is designed to prepare each of us for the Christian vocation to which we are called. The goal is NOT to educate candidates for the priesthood, but to energize and equip the laity for service. EfM is a four-year program, but participants commit to only one year at a time. We meet on Monday evenings from September through May.

Registration for the 2018-2019 seminar year is now open and will run until July. If you want to know more about the program, please contact Dan Bradley at 281-770-6711 or MDBradley05@gmail.com, or visit with any of our current program participants.

#### What EfM Means to Me by Jan Yurasek

I was initially interested in EfM after joining Calvary's trip to Israel and Jordan. I felt like I should know the Bible better, and I hoped that this group would more or less force me to actually read the Bible in its entirety. But it has been so much more. This group is very interactive, members can question and discuss any and all ideas relative to our readings. It can absolutely challenge some closely-held feelings, and yet all are respectful of the other's position. It is a growth experience of your being, your core. You can either acknowledge another position as being valid, or come away fortified in your stance. I have been exceptionally impressed with the knowledge of many members as to Bible and church history, and I am also grateful for the care and concern of all there. It feels like a family. I would definitely encourage you to try it, just for a year. You might want to come back!





# Upcoming Events Sunday, May 20 · Volunteers Gathering -General Convention *9:30 Conference Room* Pentecost Picnic UTO Ingathering Sunday, May 27 · Senior Sunday Friday, June 8 · Spaghetti Dinner 6:00pm