Columbia Baptist Association Mission Awareness Day
On Sunday, October 8, the Columbia Baptist Association is sponsoring a Mission Awareness Day at Ridgecrest Baptist Church. The purpose is to connect our community with opportunities to be on mission both here and abroad, commune with other like-minded believers, and celebrate God’s faithfulness together. Please bring a canned food item for the CBA Ministry Center. Childcare is available for birth-Kindergarten. Please call the CBS office at 334-794-6281 to reserve your spot.

4:00 pm Missions Fair: Located in the Fitness Center highlighting a variety of different opportunities to partner with locally and globally. Calvary will have a booth at the fair focused on our NYC church plant and manned by Steve Chambers.

4:30 pm Business Meeting: Meeting takes place in the RFC Meeting Room to elect officers and leadership, adopt the 2018 CBA Ministry Center budget, and vote on a proposed name change. Only elected messengers from each church will be able to vote. If you are interested in being a messenger for Calvary please contact the church office.

5:30 pm Worship Service: The evening concludes with a dynamic worship service including diverse music from musicians across the association. Dr. Chuck Lawless, Dean and Vice-President of Graduate Studies and Ministry Centers at Southeastern Seminary, is the guest speaker.

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Calvary Family,

What a whirlwind it has been over the past few months, and especially these last few weeks, as we have seen God take a whisper in our hearts and turn it into reality here in NYC. As I watch Max head out to catch the subway across town to Queens or Ruby walk down the street and into her new elementary school a couple blocks from our apartment here in Manhattan, I’m amazed at God’s faithfulness and His provision.

Some updates...Ruby is in 5th grade at the neighborhood elementary public school PS 166. It’s a great school and has given us an opportunity to meet families on the Upper West Side. We went to the PTA meeting the other night and Toni is on the fall festival planning committee!!! Max is in 11th grade at Evangel Christian School in Queens. He takes the Subway each day about 1-1/2 hours one way. He likes it (only gotten lost a couple times). He has been talking to a new friend who claims to be an atheist but has been willing to talk about God and science with Max. It’s awesome to see him engaging with the Gospel. He continues to live out his faith in front of his classmates and friends. Both Toni and I have gotten the opportunity to have some interesting conversations with people about spiritual things and the Gospel. We are seeking to build trust in this community and share the hope of Christ.

This gentleman lives down the block and we’ve encountered him around the neighborhood several times. Our conversations inevitably turn to spiritual things. He’s not sure there is absolute truth. We are assuring him that there is and he can know Him.

I’ve been working with New City Church in Long Island City as a part of my internship. I’ve already learned a lot from the staff and I am sure at times they wish I didn’t ask so many questions. I am excited to learn the ins-and-outs of ministering in the city.

It has been an exhausting and challenging transition full of uncertainty, impossibility and difficulty....God has us right where He wants us...on our knees. We are just beginning, but in the midst of all of this is a calm assurance of the promise of God’s presence. He has gone before us and is leading us. And praise God YOU have been an instrument of provision, encouragement, prayer and confidence that God has used for our family. Having such a supportive and invested church family is such an encouragement to us.

So much to share. Follow us on our blog www.dothan2nyc.wordpress.com. I have already posted several articles that you can read with photos. I am trying to be faithful to update it every couple weeks. Can’t wait to see you all on October 8th.

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Ministry News

Be Missional This Halloween!
Halloween seems to be the one holiday in American Christianity that we just don’t know what to do with. As you disciple your children about Halloween a great article to refer to is located at: [http://www.vergenetwork.org/2013/10/25/3-tips-for-discipling-your-kids-through-halloween/](http://www.vergenetwork.org/2013/10/25/3-tips-for-discipling-your-kids-through-halloween/)

Regardless of what you think of the holiday, the culture Jesus sent us to reach is going to celebrate. This gives us all a wide open door for missionary engagement in our neighborhoods. We want to encourage you not to miss out on this opportunity!

Here’s a suggestion: Skip the alternatives and embrace Halloween for what it is- A night when hundreds of families wander around your neighborhood, enjoying one another, and giving candy to children.

Think strategically: For those who are anti-Halloween we have a challenge: Embrace Halloween as an opportunity to bring the good news to your neighborhood. One night a year one hundred families want to come to your door and say hello. Are you going to greet them, or are you going to turn off your light and pretend they don’t exist? Don’t be “that guy” on your block.

EnAble Ministry

How You Can Help:
• God has blessed us with some precious middle school students with special needs to care for on Sunday mornings so their parents can participate in the worship service! We are in need of volunteers to help on from 10:15-12:00. If you are interested in ministering in this valuable ministry, please contact Emily Shiver at emily@calvarydothan.com.
• EnAble Ministry is in need of an Ipad. If you have one that you would like to donate, please contact Emily Shiver at Emily@calvarydothan.com.

Calvary Kids

Family Worship – October 29: On October 29 we will not have G-Force. Following the life-group hour parents will need to pick their children up from the children’s’ building. Utilize this precious time to come together and worship as a family.

Serve with Us: Are you are you an opportunist who wants to enhance your Calvary experience? Then reach out to us and serve with us as we make disciples among our 1-5 grade boys and girls. If you are interested in getting the conversation started about joining, contact Zach Daniels at zach@calvarydothan.com. You’ll be glad you did!

SPARK! Team Spirit Night – October 4: October 4 is our Team Spirit Night- Kids will come dressed in their assigned team colors for the SPARK game-time. (Red, Blue, Green, or Yellow) We will also celebrate our Bible Memory Program on this night with ice cream!

Senior Adults

Midweek Service: October 11 | 10:30 am | Sanctuary | Tail gate lunch to follow. Wear your team colors!

Community Ministry

Calvary’s Community Ministries has expanded the “in-school” tutoring program at Girard Middle School. There are currently 9 individuals that are going to GMS on a periodic basis to help students in various academic subjects and with interpersonal skills. These individuals are committed to making a difference in these children’s life’s. Thanks so much for all you do!

Please pray for the following tutors throughout the school year:

- Angela Schlotthauer
- Julie Powell
- Felecia Brackin
- Mike Sall
- Anne Register
- Sabrina Cotant
- Sharon Parrish
- Connie Haley
- Greg Pendergrass

Won’t you join us?
STAFF ON CALL SCHEDULE

September 30-October 1
Saturday-Woody Farrington, 334-618-5846
Sunday-Patty Farrington, 334-618-5845

October 7-8
Saturday-Charles Uptain, 334-797-7191
Sunday-Charles Uptain, 334-797-7191

October 14-15
Saturday-Joyce Alexander, 334-798-4791
Sunday- Joyce Alexander, 334-798-4791

October 21-22
Saturday-Dan Tankersley, 334-655-8765
Sunday- Dan Tankersley, 334-655-8765

October 28-29
Saturday-Dan Tankersley, 334-655-8765
Sunday- Dan Tankersley, 334-655-8765

CALVARY EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY...
The Family of Virgil Fenn
Leslie Payne - Death of Father
James and Betty Odom - Death of Grandson

CALVARY WELCOMES TO OUR FAMILY...
The Ellison Family
By Statement: Deanne
By Letter: Emma Rae & Scottie