

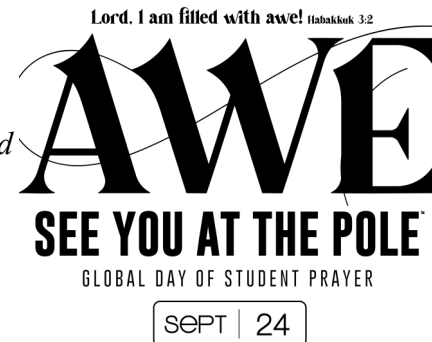
The WAY Youth Movement

This school year, The WAY Youth Movement will be launching home groups called “Gravity Groups”. The goal is to build community among our students. Every day CVBC students are surrounded by their peers, yet no matter how “involved” they may be (in sports, bands, clubs, etc.), busyness and activity should not be mistaken for community. School spirit must bow to the bond of the Holy Spirit shared by those within the body of Christ. Adults, would you please join us as we pray daily for our students this school year? Pray specifically that God would use the Gravity Groups to not only build community among our existing students, but that the Holy Spirit will generate a “gravitational pull” that will draw in students who do not know Jesus, so that they too will be able to experience true community in Christ.

Students, See You at the Pole 2025 is on **Wednesday, September 24**. The theme for See You at the Pole 2025 is "Awe", which captures the essence of awe and the power of prayer. The key Bible verse is Habakkuk 3:2, which says “*I have heard all about you, Lord. I am filled with awe by your amazing works.*” (New Living Translation)

This is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led global initiative where students come together before school to pray for their schools, communities, and each other, creating a beacon of hope and unity. CVBC Students, that means you! Strong student leadership is crucial. Make sure you have a plan for your prayer time. Resources are available on the SYATP.com website.

Rick Herbert



Music Note

September always promises an end to the heat of Summer, but we have learned that we can’t always trust the calendar to keep its promises, haven’t we? September holds a special place on our church calendar, as it marks the end of the church fiscal year. With endings come beginnings, and we begin looking forward to a new year of growth and greater possibilities for CVBC.

In the Worship Ministry, September marks the beginning of preparations for Christmas. Yes, even though the weather may still say “summer”, we begin working toward a joyous Christmas season, culminating with our Christmas Cantata and Christmas Eve service.

Why not start September by joining our choir? It’s a great time to become a part of our Worship team. A great group of folks will welcome you with open arms and help you find your spot in our group. Join us on **Saturday, September 6** at 10:30 am at the church for a Choir Christmas Cantata Listening Party.

The choir will be presenting “Sing Christmas” on **Sunday, December 14**. It is a beautifully written cantata that includes many of our favorite Christmas carols, as well as some new songs that encourage us to view the true meaning of Christmas amid the hustle and bustle of the season.

Come and join us!

Harold Owen

Mary Hill Davis Offering

September is the month we take up the Mary Hill Davis offering which supports missions work in Texas. Mary Hill Davis was born in Greenville, Georgia, and came to Texas as a small child in 1870. Mary's heart for missions and people was evident in everything she did. She believed Texas was a vast mission field, and that immigrants needed to know Jesus just as much as citizens.

Mary was elected president of the Texas Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) in 1906 and served for the next twenty-five years. She died in 1934. The following year the Texas Woman's Missionary Union named the annual offering for state missions the Mary Hill Davis Offering in honor of the woman who led Texas Baptist women to pray and give to Texas missions’ efforts.

The following quote from Mary Hill Davis in 1923 is still applicable today.

“It seems fitting in this time of world chaos and untoward tendencies that we should call ourselves back to a new sense of loyalty to our cause. The feeling of unrest in social and political and religious life was never quite so sinister nor so aggressive as it is today. If there ever was a time when Christian hearts should call themselves back to a sense of loyalty to God and our organized work, that time is now upon us.”

Mary Hill Davis encouraged Baptists to support missions both spiritually and financially. Today, your prayers and gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering continue to support missionaries and opportunities for people to hear the Gospel and find hope in Christ. The offering is a vital part of this work—100 percent of the money collected goes directly to sending missionaries, supporting missions in Texas, and sustaining the ministry efforts of the WMU of Texas. You are encouraged to pray about your participation in the Mary Hill Davis offering.

Rick Adams

September Upcoming Events

 Church Office CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 ★ LABOR DAY ★	 <i>Ladies' Bible Study</i> THE GREAT DISAPPEARANCE HOW TO BE RAPTURE READY Every Other Thursday Starting September 4 & 18	 Starting Sunday, September 7 9:30 AM  FinancialPeace UNIVERSITY Sign Up Today With Rhonda or Mark Renfro
 <i>Senior Adults 55+</i> THE AMAZING GRAYS INDOOR/OUTDOOR PICNIC FRIED CHICKEN AT THE SMITH'S HOUSE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 11:30 AM <i>See Gene & Jean Smith For More Info</i>	 YOU'RE INVITED TO A <i>Ladies' Pottluck</i> <i>Soup & Salad Lunch</i> SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 11 AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL	 CVBC NEW MEMBERS CLASS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 10 AM

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

01-Donna Fred
01-Chad Youngblood
02-Rick Adams
07-Mason Brown
07-Audie Nelson
08-John Harrison
14-James Russell
20-Eduardo Hidrogo
21-Tayna Carleton
22-Ken Fred
23-Charlie Stone
25-Nita Ward
26-Betty Ballard
29-Dawn Boynton
29-Floyd Pearson

ANNIVERSARIES

18-Luis & Rene Suarez
25-Audie & Donna Nelson

Contact Us
Questions and comments are welcome!

Cedar Valley Baptist Church
1905 FM 969
Elgin, TX 78621

(512) 303-4141
Email: office@cvb.life

Website: cvb.life

Facebook: facebook.com/cedarvalleybc

Instagram: @cedarvalleybaptist

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@cedarvalleybaptistchurch

Mailing address:
PO Box 909, Elgin TX 78621

CVBC NEWS
Cedar Valley Baptist Church Newsletter | September 2025



What if your friends, neighbors, or coworkers could hear a message that changes how they see this life? For the month of September, you are all invited to be part of a powerful four-week sermon series titled “The Kingdom of God is Near”. This series will challenge and inspire us to look beyond the distractions of everyday life, such as money, influence, and romance, and realign our hearts with what truly matters...God’s Kingdom.

Too often, we treat salvation as simply a future promise or our “insurance” for heaven. But Jesus calls us to live in the Kingdom of God right now. In Matthew 6:33, we’re reminded, “*But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*” This sermon series will explore how God’s Kingdom is a place AND a way of living that transforms our minds, our relationships, and our communities.

Weekly, we will dive into Scripture and examine the sharp contrast between the Kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world. We will be inspired to surrender more fully to Christ and take part in spreading the gospel to others, not just through words, but through how we live.

I believe this is a timely message for us, as well as those around us who are searching for something more in their lives. So please don’t keep this to yourself. Invite someone to join you. One invitation could be the beginning of a life transformed by the Kingdom of God.

When you attend church this September, bring someone with you and live out the mission of the Kingdom together.

Pastor Derek



Cedar Valley Baptist Church
PO Box 909
Elgin, TX 78621

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

«name»

«address»

«city» , «state» «zip»