

Calvary Baptist Courier

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Seasons of Marriage

In recent weeks, as winter is giving way to spring, I have been involved in pre-marital work with a young couple. In that, I came across this analogy from the Christian marriage writer, Gary Chapman, which I think is helpful and perhaps, for some reading this, timely:

"The Bible tells us that God has created all the boundaries of the earth, including the rotation around the sun, which causes seasonal changes. The seasons come and go: winter, spring, summer, and fall. So do the seasons of marriage. Relationships are perpetually in a state of transition, continually moving from one season to another. But the seasons of marriage don't follow the order of nature. You may be in a spring marriage today and in a winter marriage next month. What do the seasons of marriage look like?"

Sometimes we find ourselves in winter — discouraged, detached, and dissatisfied. Other times we experience springtime with its openness, hope, and anticipation. On still other occasions, we bask in the warmth of summer — comfortable, relaxed, enjoying life. And then comes fall with its uncertainty, negligence, and apprehension. The cycle repeats itself many times through the life of a marriage, just as the seasons repeat themselves in nature."

But unlike the seasons of nature, you can make positive changes any time. You're never stuck in one season.

"Lord, you have created different seasons of the earth, and we can see different seasons of our lives. But I know you did not create us to be in cold, wintry relationships. Encourage us as a couple to renew the hope and optimism we have for our relationship."

Shalom,

Peter P. Lee

Council Notes

by James D. Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on March 15, 2011. This is a synopsis of that meeting. As of the end of February, we were \$3,433.22 in the red. One minor correction to the annual report: while Shirley Beyer is the church treasurer, she is not an ex officio (non-voting) member, as she was elected to a three year term in December. The Wednesday night Bible study will begin the Outflow study (an ABCOPAD program), on March 23rd (*editor's note: snow delayed the start of the program until March 30th*). This study is designed to teach congregations how to reach out to others by benefitting them in some manner. This is a unique concept and should have interesting results. All are invited to attend. Gail Green was welcomed into the congregation on profession of faith on March 6th. We've been taking baby steps in the use of the new video system so far. However, several of our members were recently trained on the operation of the system, so we can look forward to more detailed operation in the future. The choir has begun presenting "opening" hymns in addition to their regular anthem. They are still looking for additional members, if anyone is interested. We are currently taking up a collection for the Local and National Missions fund. We use this fund to support a number of local mission efforts, so please give generously. Dan Yoas is currently chairing the property committee. He is currently working on several projects. These include repair of the spouting over the Packer Street entrance, inspection of the church's fire extinguishers, electrical repair work in the sanctuary, and repair of minor leaks in the boiler system. He is also working on a solar photovoltaic system for the church. (Initial cost (\$99K), less renewable energy credits (\$33.5K) over 5 years and electrical energy savings (\$20.3K) over 5 years). This leaves \$45.5K with a potential payback over a little less than 10 years. Dan is looking into additional funding sources. If you are interested in more details, contact Dan Yoas. This project is being held in abeyance for the time being while Dan does additional research. Lynn Turney is working on having a heat shield constructed for the heater in the baptismal pool (He has taken this on as a project for his construction classes at Penn College). The AWANA program will be taking a summer hiatus starting April 27th. Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be from August 8 to 12. A theme has not yet been selected. If you would like to participate in this project, contact Duane Yeagle. We are still looking for a volunteer to teach Sunday school for the youth/children's class. If you would like to help with this, contact Pastor Pete. The annual church picnic (at Short Park) will be on August 20th this year. The Easter offering this year will be applied to the building fund (anticipating roof repairs in the sanctuary in the near term). An Easter egg hunt is being developed for the AWANA kids and the children of the church (in the church). This is tentatively scheduled for April 16th. More on this as details are developed. The children of the church are preparing an Easter program with direction from Darlene Nixon. The Church Leadership Institute (CLI) class plans to "cater" a graduation party. They asked if anyone at Calvary would be interested in managing this for them. They will foot the expenses. Deb Titus and Dan Yoas will be counting the offering for April. Donna Camp will be the greeter for April. Deb Titus will manage the fellowship meal in April. May 12th will be Election Day. The council has decided to use a bake "sale" as an outflow effort and will be giving away refreshments (baked items, coffee) to voters. If you would like to help and want to know how outflow works, contact Pastor Pete. The council's next meeting will be April 12th.

Calvary News

WE'RE HAVING AN EASTER EGG HUNT! Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 16 at 3:00 p.m. The Church Council decided to have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the church and our AWANA kids. You will be welcome to bring your children and grandchildren ages 1 thru 13. A sign-up sheet is in the lounge. We are asking for donations of eggs (uncooked - we will hard boil them here). We need the eggs by Sunday, April 10. The children at AWANA will color them the Wednesday evening before the Easter Egg Hunt. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! (The Hunt will be held rain or shine.) Questions? Speak to Kathy Temple.

PEANUT BUTTER MELTAWAY CAKE

1 c. butter or margarine	1 c peanut butter (I use double this amount)
1/4 c. cocoa	1 Tbsp oil
2 eggs	1 c. water
1/2 c buttermilk	1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp vanilla	2 c flour

In saucepan, combine butter, cocoa, eggs, water, and buttermilk. Cook over low heat until it bubbles. Take off heat and stir in sugar, baking soda, vanilla, and flour. Mix ingredients well; beat until smooth. Pour into greased and floured 9" x13" pan. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Let cool. Mix peanut butter and oil together. Spread over cooled cake. Refrigerate about 20 minutes.

Icing:

1/2 cup cocoa	1 lb 10X sugar
1 tsp vanilla	1/2 c butter or margarine
6 Tbsp buttermilk*	

Heat cocoa and margarine until mixture bubbles. Add 10-X sugar, buttermilk, and vanilla. Mix well and spread over top of peanut butter. Cool before cutting.

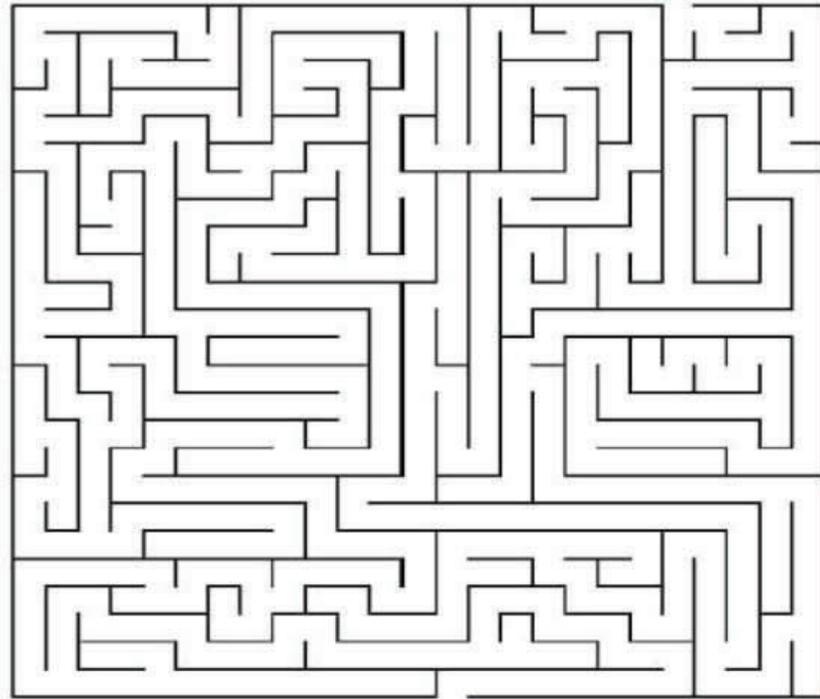
*Add more buttermilk if needed, and keep warm to spread.

Easter



Activities for Kids

Can you help the
little chick find her
Easter basket?



Look for other Easter activities for kids at <http://www.calvarywilliamsport.com/coloringeaster.html>. There are lots of coloring pages, a Lenten calendar, a Last Supper jigsaw puzzle, crafts, and more. You can view the main index of activities for the whole year at <http://www.calvarywilliamsport.com/kids-index.html> - it attracts visitors from all over the world!

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If you have any news, updates, articles of interest, or upcoming events that you would like others to know about, please submit this information to Helen Yoas for the May 2011 issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier*.

PLEASE NOTE: In an effort to cut expenses, the Church Council has decided to change the way we send our newsletters. Previously, the church paid an annual "Bulk Mail" fee of \$150 plus approximately \$35 for each mailing. We are now handing out the newsletter to those attending the worship service and mailing only to those unable to attend. **If you'd prefer to receive the newsletter by email, please email CalvaryCourier@gmail.com with "subscribe" in the subject line.**

2011 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Ken Bower, Donna Camp, Larry Green, Sue Green, Jim Lewis (church clerk, ex officio member), Ben Mazzullo, Penny Ohnmeiss, Kathy Temple (moderator), Deb Titus, Lynn Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Dan Yoas

April

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B – Birthday

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u> 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm – Bible Study and <i>Wed</i> Prayer	<u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal <i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<u>EACH SATURDAY:</u> 9 AM – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting 8AM-12:30 PM - CLI <i>Sat</i>
<u>EACH SUNDAY:</u> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service	<u>EACH MONDAY:</u> Pastor's Day Off				1 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	2
3 4th Sun. of Lent Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service B – Tim Clark	4	5 6:30 p.m. - Christian Education Board Meeting	6	7 B – May McLaughlin	8	9
10 5th Sun. of Lent	11	12 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting B – Penny Ohnmeiss	13	14 B – Ron Cramm	15 3:00 p.m. – Pastoral Relations Committee	16 3:00 p.m. – EASTER EGG HUNT
17 PALM SUNDAY	18	19	20 B – Ken Bower	21 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 p.m. – SEDER MEAL	22 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 p.m. – Good Friday service at Redeemer Lutheran (Approx. 12:45 p.m. – Pastor Wilson)	23
24 EASTER SUNDAY 10:40 a.m. – Easter Cantata & children's skit "Catch up" Offering B – Joanne Kiehl	25	26 6:30 p.m. – Assoc. Men's Program at Berwick B – Teresa Cramm A – Steve & Penny Ohnmeiss (4-26-80)	27	28	29	30 CLI Final Date

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