

Calvary Baptist Courier

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What does Jesus “have in mind” for us?

One of the 2014 Lent devotional guides that I’ve been using had a recent meditation on the miracle of the feeding of the 5000. The author reviewed the sequence of events: Jesus tells the disciples to feed the 5000. They do not have enough bread and fish to do it. But, as they begin to use what they do have to do what the Lord told them to, all that they need to do the job—and more—is provided. The author then had the readers stop and focus on that last sentence: as they began to use what they did have to do what the Lord told them to, He provided all that they needed and more.

I thought about our project to purchase the house next door at 30 Washington Blvd. As Dan Yoas will report this Sunday, funds and pledges have been coming in encouragingly for the down payment. After that we will need about an extra \$1000/month (\$250/week) to make loan payments. That sure is a lot to hear, isn’t it? But first, let’s do our part and then see the Lord provide the rest.

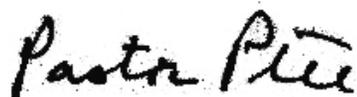
Our part can include some folks here not who could give an extra \$10/week. I know I can. How about you? If 10 or 15 folks we already have can do that, we are well on our way!

The Lord’s part could include giving from new members yet to arrive here. Three or four new tithing households could bring in the \$1000/month. Looking back over the last few years, it is reasonable to foresee three or four new households joining Calvary in the next couple of years.

And meanwhile? Meanwhile, it may be that there are some non-tithing folks who are part of Calvary already. If that happens to describe you, then this might be the time your Lord is trying to open your mind to the reality of the importance of all of us following that Biblical principle in order to rise to the calling He places on us as a congregation together.

Those who go to Israel later this year will see where the miracle written about in John 6 took place so long ago. I look forward to the story we all will be written into that Jesus “has in mind” (John 6:6) for His beloved disciples here, today, at Calvary.

Shalom ,



COUNCIL NOTES

By Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on March 18, 2014. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of February 8, 2014, our expenditures were \$4,986.64 more than we took in. This is about \$700 more than last month. The Souper Bowl offering was \$89 and has been designated for the local food pantry. Pastor Pete is continuing to make his/our way through the Old Testament on Sunday mornings. Tammy Eiswerth and Duane Yeagle were married here at Calvary on March 15th. Our best wishes go out to them. Pastor Pete blessed the home of one of our Burmese congregants on the evening of March 15th. On March 16th, Elizabeth Koons came forward to request membership in the congregation of our church. The council met with her and will recommend her membership to the congregation in the near future. The America for Christ offering is being taken up this month. Please give generously. The ladies of our church officiated at the reception following Duane and Tammy's marriage. Thanks to them for the fine job. Betty Brown took a fall in her home recently and injured herself. She may not feel up to visitors, but cards and/or phone calls would be welcome. The International Ministries/English as a Second Language group is now aligned under a program called Thrive. Their new website is thriveip.org. There will be a benefit dinner in support of the International Program on April 5th. See Jody Lantz if you would like to attend. Margie Hecker is working out the details of a summer art program for the neighborhood children/AWANA participants. Pastor Pete is fleshing out the details of the planned trip to the Holy Lands next December/January. It's not too late to sign up for this trip. It will be a wonderful time. There may be financial assistance available for those interested. The greeter for April will be Sally Cramm. The counters for April will be Helen Yoas and Lynn Turney. The fellowship meal coordinator will be Doris Paulhamus. Maundy Thursday services will include a foot washing ceremony. The next council meeting will be April 21st.

Calvary News

We're pleased to report that donations for the America For Christ offering in March totaled \$575.00. Missions chair Robin Turney says that we'll still accept offerings for a week or two, so if you haven't donated yet, or if you're led to give more, please get your envelopes in the offering plate soon!

There has been a report of Green snowbirds soon to be headed north. They will be a welcome sight!

Just for fun..

A WOMAN'S PRAYER:

Dear Lord, I pray for:

*Wisdom, to understand a man;
Love, to forgive him, and
Patience, for his moods...*

*Because, Lord, if I pray for
Strength, I'll just beat him to death!*

UPDATE ON THE TRIP TO ISRAEL

Last month's newsletter contained the itinerary of a trip that another local group recently took to Israel, as an example of what the 12/28/14-1/9/15 journey being planned here at Calvary might be like. Here are more current arrangements from Pastor Pete (still subject to change). For a more detailed description of what our travelers will see at each stop, please see last month's newsletter.

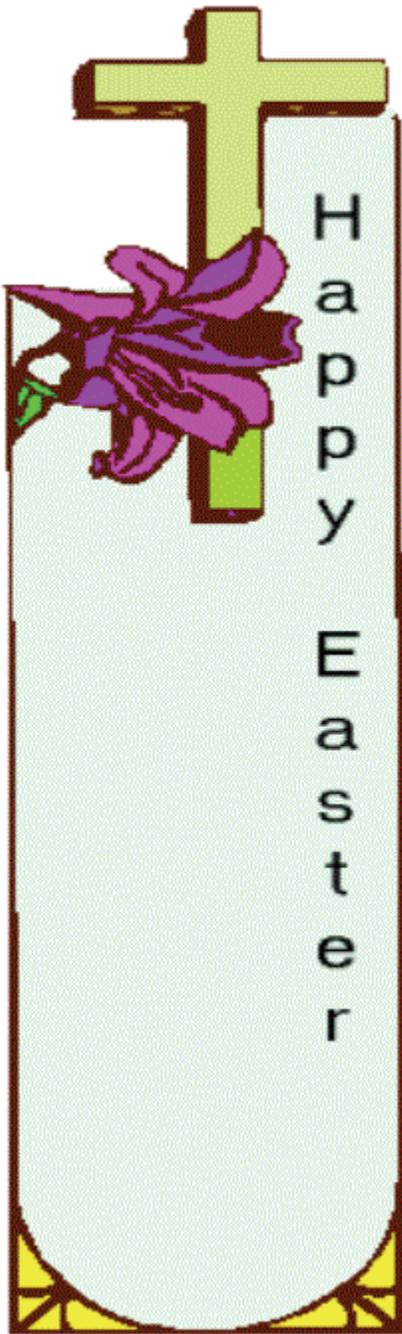
Date	Day of trip	Description
12/28-12/29	1 & 2	Departure and arrival
12/30	3	Caesarea; Mt. Carmel; Nazareth Village (Tiberias)
12/31	4	Ancient boat; Boat ride on lake; Capernaum; Mt. Arbel (Tiberias)
1/1	5	Bethsaida; Hatzor; Caesarea Philippi; Dan (Tiberias)
1/2	6	Megiddo *; Samaria/Sebaste; Nablus; Shiloh *; Bethel * (Jerusalem)
1/3	7	Jerusalem (Jerusalem)
1/4	8	Jerusalem; Ein Gedi; Masada; Beersheba; Elah Valley (Jerusalem)
1/5	9	Jericho; to Jordan; Baptismal site; Jerash (Amman)
1/6	10	Kerak; Petra (Petra)
1/7	11	Mt. Nebo; Abraham's Tent—lunch; Bethlehem ** (Bethlehem)
1/8	12	Jerusalem—to airport
1/9	13	Return to USA

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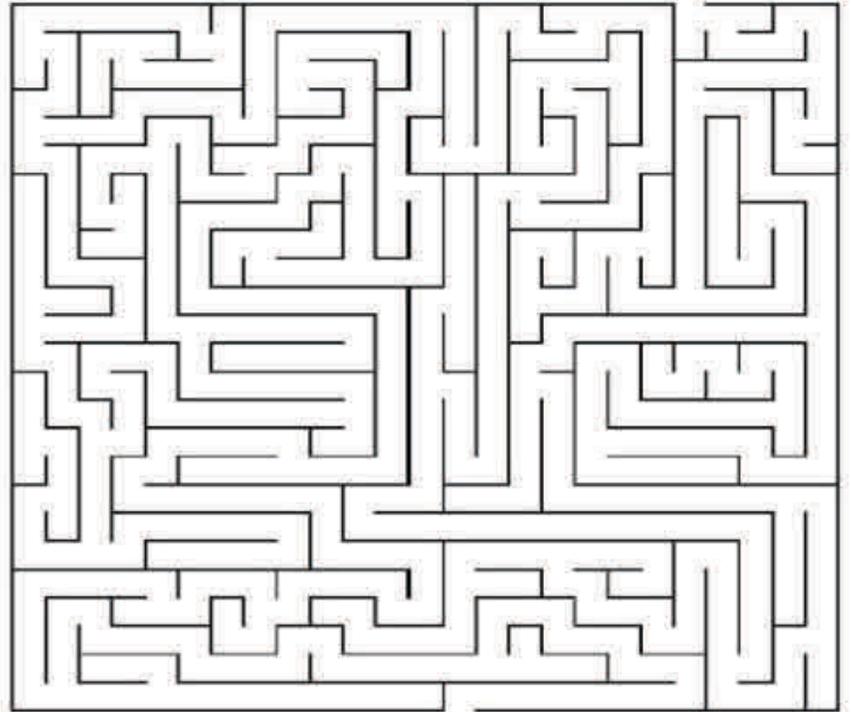
City names in parentheses are overnight stops.

* the bus will stop so that passengers can view the site from the roadside.

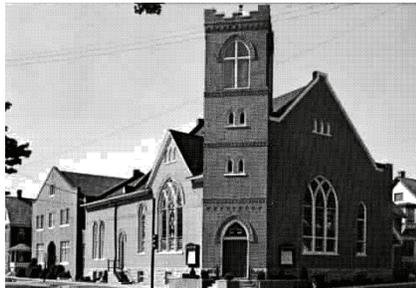
** In Bethlehem, we would like to either visit the Bethlehem Bible College or have a few of their people meet with the tour group at the hotel or some convenient site.



Can you help the
little chick find her
Easter basket?



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APRIL

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<u>EACH SUNDAY:</u> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service 7 pm – Multi-language Bible Study	<u>EACH MONDAY:</u> Pastor’s Day Off 7:15-8:15 pm - Middle School Spanish Class 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class	<u>EACH TUESDAY:</u> 7-8 pm - Adult Spanish Class	<u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u> 5-7 pm – AWANA Youth Clubs (K-12 grade) 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class	<u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> 7:15 pm – Choir Rehearsal		
		1	2	3 B – Abigail Betts B – Tim Clark	4 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	5 6:00 p.m. – Thrive International Programs Benefit Dinner
6 5th Sun. of Lent Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service	7	8	9	10	11	12 B – Penny Ohnmeiss B – Hailey Phillips A – Stanley & Joyce Bower (4-12-69)
13 PALM SUNDAY	14 B – Ron Cramm	15	16 B – Sarah Collins	17 Maundy Thurs. 7:00 p.m. – Upper Room Service (Foot Washing)	18 Good Friday	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY 9-10 a.m. – Breakfast (no Sunday School) B – Ken Bower	21 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	22	23	24	25	26 B – Teresa Cramm A – Steve & Penny Ohnmeiss (4-26-80)
27	28	29	30			Note: B – Birthday A - Anniversary

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