

# Calvary Baptist Courier

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In Acts 1:8, Jesus gave his disciples a geographical pattern for their job to be his witnesses. He describes it as: “in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” First: your own neighborhood; then: your surrounding area (including people like you and “Samaritans” - people your culture or lifestyle generally separate you from); then: onto foreign lands.

In the last few years, Calvary was blessed to be called to carry out a very important ministry to (future leaders of) the ends of the earth, and to other “aliens in our midst” (Leviticus 19:33-34), by loving witness to a “Samaria” here in Williamsport (people from other countries and languages living here).

As I told the Search Committee when I came here back in 1997, I do believe our neighborhood is, and always will be, our primary mission field: the primary responsibility in terms of witness that God will hold us accountable for. This is my fourth church to pastor and to work in such an effort in—and this neighborhood is by far the most lost and resistant. Perhaps the international work was partly given to us as a needed break. But now it is time to refocus on the neighborhood. One good new change that has taken place in the last few years is that Calvary has taken advantage of opportunities that will enable us to be more visible and relevant in the neighborhood than we have been. At the same time, some key neighborhood folks have finally begun to see Calvary for what we can be in this part of town. (The two businessmen across the street replaced our flag holders by the front door and got sand bags to prop up our signs in heavy winds; a key local political figure who lives on Brandon Park has donated church equipment to us and was very appreciate and enthusiastic about our neighborhood Christmas caroling.)

So, I see signs that eyes are opening. Please pray for those of us who will be seeking God’s guidance for how to be His witnesses in this neighborhood in this day and time. And please be praying for the neighborhood as you pass through it—and day by day as you pray for Calvary. In the next few weeks, we will be developing a more specific prayer plan for us all to use for the people God “so loves” around our church corner here. If you have any thoughts, suggestions, or questions, let us know. We will keep you posted!

Shalom ,



# COUNCIL NOTES

*by Jim Lewis*

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on March 16, 2016. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of February 29, 2016, our expenditures were \$12,490.27 less than we took in. Bible study on Tuesday evenings is on the Sermon on the Mount. Janice Brown is home recovering from her heart operation. Adam Kittrell is now in a nursing facility. Moreland Baptist Church has donated a ping pong table for the AWANA program; Dave Snyder Jr. is hoping to replace the foosball table also. There will be an Election Day bake sale on April 26th. Contact Doris Paulhamus if you would like to help man the bake sale or donate baked goods for the effort. The Easter offering this year will be designated for current expenses. We have a new source of Christian information available called "Right Now Ministries." It provides many electronic sources of Christian material and is available to all church members. Helen is putting together a list of email addresses of individuals who may be interested in accessing these programs. The greeter for April will be Ken Bower. The fellowship meal coordinator for April will be Penny Ohnmeiss. The counters for April will be Sandy and Dave Snyder Jr. The next council meeting will be April 20, 2016.

## NEWS

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are looking to replace the **game tables** in the basement. Our AWANA kids (and some adults) enjoy using them and the current ones are worn out and falling apart. If you or someone you know has a Foosball, Air Hockey, or Pool table that is in good condition and would like to donate or sell it (cheaply), please speak with Dave Snyder, Jr.

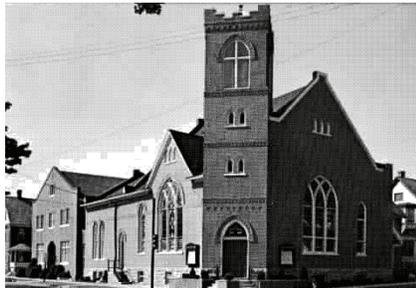
**FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL** - The time has come to begin the second phase of our new parsonage/parking lot expansion project. The purpose for purchasing the property at 30 Washington Blvd. was to replace the inadequate existing parsonage and enlarge the parking lot to be more useful and to have visibility and accessibility from Washington Blvd. We are in the process of getting estimates for the work. We also need to begin a special fund to make this a reality. We are asking for your help in acquiring the funds to move forward with this project. If you would be interested in contributing, please designate on your envelope "The Parsonage Project." Having begun getting estimates, we think the project could cost \$22,000 or more to tear down the old parsonage, get the ground ready, and install an asphalt parking lot. If you have any questions regarding this project, speak with Dan Yoas or Duane Yeagle.

For further information about Right Now Ministries, described above, please visit [RightNow.org](http://RightNow.org) or [RightNowMedia.org](http://RightNowMedia.org).

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"Touched by your thoughtfulness, lifted by your kindness, renewed by your goodness ... and very, very thankful. Thank you to everyone for the beautiful bouquet of flowers sent for my husband, Jim's, memorial service. They were truly appreciated. Love in Christ, Janet Shannon." Jim and Janet Shannon were good friends of Jim and Dottie Lewis. Jim went to be with the Lord on January 24. Janet and family remain in our prayers.

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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 2016 issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier*.

PLEASE NOTE: We hand out as many newsletters as possible to those attending the worship service in an effort to cut mailing costs. You may, if you wish, receive the newsletter by email, by emailing [CalvaryCourier@gmail.com](mailto:CalvaryCourier@gmail.com) with "subscribe" in the subject line.

**2016 Church Council:** Janice Brown, Larry Green, Sue Green, Jim Lewis (ex officio member and church clerk), Doris Paulhamus, David Snyder Jr., Lynn Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member and interim moderator), Duane Yeagle, Dan Yoas, and Helen Yoas (ex officio member and treasurer)

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
APRIL**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>EACH SUNDAY:</b> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College & Adult Classes 10:40 am – Worship Service	<b>EACH MONDAY:</b> PASTOR'S DAY OFF	<b>EACH TUESDAY:</b> 5-7 pm – AWANA Youth Clubs (K-12 grade) 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer Meeting		<b>EACH THURSDAY:</b> 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal		
					1 7 p.m. – Family Games Night	2
3 Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service  B – Abigail Betts B – Tim Clark	4	5	6	7  B – Rachel (Foust) Dance	8 7 p.m. – Family Games Night	9
10	11	12 B – Penny Ohnmeiss B – Hailey Phillips  A – Stan & Joyce Bower (4-12-69)	13	14  B – Ron Cramm	15	16
17	18	19	20 <b>7:00</b> p.m. – Church Council Meeting  B – Ken Bower	21	22	23
24	25	26 <b>ELECTION DAY</b> <b>Food &amp; Bake Sale</b>  B – Teresa Cramm  A – Steve & Penny Ohnmeiss (4-26-80)	27 AB Men's Dinner  B – Alissa Henderson	28	29	30

B – Birthday  
A – Anniversaries

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