

Calvary Baptist Courier

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As a pastor, I get to meet with folks who are new to church. Not just to "a" church, but to coming to church at all. What drew them? What were they looking for? By far, two answers emerge most often: one is the search for truth; the other is the search for safe, quality relationships.

As a pastor, I get to meet with folks who have been in church for years, maybe all their life. And at some point, these folks have an issue in their life that has led them to come to the pastor. What drew them to come see me? All sorts of issues, but nearly every time the issue would not have gotten to be such a major one if they had done more than just come to church. Nearly every issue would have been largely avoided or better managed if these church folks had made the effort to learn what's in the Bible and had made the effort to get to be "knit together" with other people in their church family (Col 2:2,19).

How are you doing in these areas? How much do you read the Bible? If you do read it, how deeply do you think you understand what you are reading or how it might apply to you? How many good Christian friends do you have? I hope your spouse is one you'd list, but do you have another Christian friend whose friendship helps you be a better friend to your spouse?

My guess is that if you rated yourself pretty well in those two areas, that you are faithfully involved in a Sunday School class. My guess is also that the converse is also true. There are other programs that nurture both knowledge of God's word and knowledge of God's family around you, but for most people, Sunday School is the venue for seeking and receiving these vital elements for a healthy spiritual life. We have been unusually blessed with good teachers here at Calvary. They lead classes where people get into the Bible by responding to questions and also by asking questions and giving answers of their own. Class members learn about the Bible, and about themselves, and about each other. Church is not a spectator sport. It is an all-participate-family, designed to be that by God and led to be that by God's Spirit. My prayer is that everyone who reads this article - including you - will let the Spirit lead you to weekly involvement in a Sunday School class - and maybe when I see you to visit personally I'll hear less about problems and issues and more about how you are growing and getting healthier in your inner being. And while you're getting into this, think to invite someone from work or next door or in class to come with you. They are made by God to need all this too - and he or she just might wind up being eternally grateful that you cared enough to bring them along with you.

Shalom,

Peter C. Wilson

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

B – Birthday

A - Anniversary

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p>EACH SUNDAY: 9:00 am – Kids & Adults light breakfast 9:25 am – Kids Club and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service</p>	<p>EACH MONDAY: Pastor's Day Off</p>		<p>EACH WEDNESDAY: 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs (resumes Sept.) 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer</p>	<p>EACH THURSDAY: 10 am-noon – Open Sanctuary & Library 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal</p>		<p>EACH SATURDAY: 9 AM – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting</p>
<p>2 Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 B – Jody Lantz A – Rev. Tom & Frances Wilcox (8-4-36)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night – We will be decorating for VBS</p>	<p>8 B – Timothy Green</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10 VACATION B – Harvey Snyder</p>	<p>11 BIBLE B – Rev. Bob Berger</p>	<p>12 SCHOOL</p>	<p>13 → →</p>	<p>14 → → B – Frances Wilcox A – Larry & Sue Green (8-14-64)</p>	<p>15 CHURCH PICNIC at Short Park in (Loyalsock) 4 p.m. – Games 5:30 p.m. – Dinner followed by vespers</p>
<p>16 BROWN BAG SUN. Bring a bag lunch and fellowship after the worship service. A – Scott & Stacie Schearer (8-16-08)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>19 B – Valerie Snyder</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 3:00 p.m. – Pastoral Relations Committee</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24 Assoc. Board Mtg. B – Dale Reid</p>	<p>25 B – Joel Reid, Sr.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 B – Robert Foust</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. – C.L.I. Orientation</p>
<p>30 “Catch up” Offer.</p>	<p>31</p>					

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COUNCIL NOTES

By Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on July 21, 2009. These are the highlights of that meeting. As of the end of June, the church was \$6,616.41 in the red. CLI classes will be convening in the fall. Pastor Pete said the classes will meet even if they do not have enough students to break even financially. He encouraged all members of the congregation to consider attending one of the classes. Pastor Pete discussed a couple of programs he is working on. One will be a special Sunday morning program for unchurched friends of congregation members. Another will be a program where religious issues can be discussed/answered. More details will be provided as they become available. Our condolences to the families of Lula Wolfe and Ann Tawney who passed away on July 17th and 16th respectively. The music committee will be looking for a piece of music to purchase in honor of Lula Wolfe since she was a long-time choir member. The Sunday morning Kid's Club and breakfast program will continue until September. We will be holding "Sunday School Mission Minutes" during services in the near future. This will include individuals giving their testimony of how Sunday school has impacted their lives. We will be holding VBS in mid-August. The program title is Crocodile Dock. Duane noted we could still use a few more volunteers. If you would like to help, contact Duane. The missions committee suggested and the council concurred that \$420.52 earmarked for mission use be sent to Wellsboro for medical/construction materials for the Dominican Republic mission in January. The remainder of mission funds set aside will be sent to Wellsboro to help defray transportation expenses for the four members participating in the Dominican Republic mission trip (Joel and Sarah Reid, Duane Yeagle, Jim Lewis) in January. We are considering participating in a program titled "Family Promises" wherein churches agree to host a homeless family for one week in our facility (four per year). Vicki and the missions committee will be meeting with the program manager for this effort. We are contracting with M & M Paving to complete the repair work on the parsonage driveway/street paving from our plumbing adventure last winter. We are changing our insurance carrier to Church Mutual Insurance. They are giving us somewhat better coverage at a price about \$800 less than we are currently paying annually. Our Baptist Women's Group had a nice picnic in mid-July. American Baptist Women's Sunday is in September. Sue Green is planning on presenting a program titled "Breaking the Chains" (in line with Vicki Lewis' human trafficking program) during the August fellowship luncheon. We are planning to lower the price of our church cookbooks to \$10 per book. Better get yours while we still have some! The Northumberland Association Summer Fair was enjoyed by all who attended. There is an association fall fair coming up soon. You all should check it out.... Sue is working on a "church garage sale" fundraiser. Details will be forthcoming when available. We are still hoping to insulate the sanctuary before winter. Write your donation in on your weekly tithe envelope. The counter for August will be Jack Hopkins. The greeter for August will be Candy Clark. Sue Green will manage the fellowship meal for August on the 2nd. The annual church picnic is scheduled for August 15th at Short Park on Northway Road. The council will meet again on August 18th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL-*NOT* JUST FOR KIDS

The Christian Education Committee wants to remind everyone that Sunday School is not just for kids. In fact, Sunday School is also a Continuing Education Program for adults. Doctors, lawyers, auto mechanics and hairstylists: everyone has to go back to school these days to keep up and refresh their skills. So why not Christians?

Many of you had attended Sunday school regularly ever since your parents walked you through a church door. As a child you colored Biblical scenes and memorized easy Bible verses, and as you grew, your knowledge grew, too. Perhaps you now think you don't need any more schooling, so your attendance has fallen off.

To those who never attended Sunday school very much at all before you came to Christ, you may feel concerned at the prospect of starting so far behind.

Sunday school offers a re-start for everyone with a free study guidebook, a casual, relaxed atmosphere (meaning, no quizzes, no grades) and applications to everyday living. Each week, in one of the two sessions offered here at CBC, you will learn something new : a new insight or a new interpretation that might begin a conversation in the class, within yourself -- or with God.

So put down the Sunday paper (it only takes 15 minutes to read anyway) and finish that second cup of coffee, get dressed and get moving to where something more is waiting for you - Sunday School at Calvary Baptist Church.



COME TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 10-14, 2009 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Kindergarten-12th

*From the Calvary Baptist Church
"Feeding the Flock" Cookbook.....*

DOUBLE FUDGE CAKE

*Mrs. Mary Ulmer
1967 ed., p. 74*

(4-oz.) chocolate or 4 squares
3/4 c. brown sugar
1 tsp. soda
3/4 tsp. salt
3 eggs (unbeaten)
1 1/4 c. sweet milk
1 T. vinegar
2/3 c. shortening
1 tsp. vanilla
1 c. white sugar
2 1/4 c. flour

Melt chocolate in milk in a double boiler and beat well, then add brown sugar and stir until smooth. Cool. Combine shortening, salt, vanilla and soda and vinegar. Add white sugar slowly and cream real well by hand, adding eggs one at a time. Mix the chocolate mixture to the creamed mixture alternately with the flour. Mix all by hand. Bake in 9 inch layers at 350° for 35 minutes.

([Order your cookbook now](#) for only \$10!)



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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 get this information to Helen Yoas by Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 for the September 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.

2009 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Sue Green, Jim Lewis, Vicki Lewis (Chair), Sarah Reid, Wanda Reid, Kathy Temple, Deb Titus, Emily Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Duane Yeagle, Helen Yoas