

Calvary Baptist Courier

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A LITTLE SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Pastor Pete will be spending the first two weeks in August at the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, NY: one week as a retreat and the other as a chaplain. With the preparations involved coming right on top of a very busy week of Vacation Bible School, the newsletter editor—that's me—decided to liberate him from his monthly letter-writing duty just this once. Here's a reminder, then, of one of the reasons that Vacation Bible School is so important in the yearly life of Calvary Baptist Church, from Pastor Pete's letter in August 2008:

"On several occasions in recent years I've heard Billy Graham say that his last word to the American church (you and me) is: "Reach the children!"

When Dwight L. Moody arrived at his host's home one evening following an evangelistic service, his host asked him, "How many were converted tonight?"

"Two and a half," Moody replied.

Puzzled, his host thought a moment and then hesitantly asked, "Do you mean two adults and one child?"

"Oh, no," said Moody. "Two children; one adult. The adult has only half a life left. The children each have a whole life to give back to its Creator."

Quite a few happy, energetic children were reached at Calvary the last week of July—watch for pictures next month! Let's send prayers along with Pastor Pete for those of all ages he'll be reaching on his upcoming trip, and for the refreshment of his own spirit, too. Wishing you Shalom, from.....

Pastor Pete

COUNCIL NOTES

By Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on July 16, 2013. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of the end of June, 2013, our current expenditures were \$2030.10 less than we took in. Pastor Pete noted that he recently conducted a graveside service for Brett Springman. He also went to the Hudson River Valley in the Catskills with the Mazzullos, so it's not all work and no play Sue Green and Shirley Beyer were scheduled to sing a duet on July 21st. Donna Camp led the Sunday School services of the 21st and 28th. We need volunteers for fellowship meal coordinator in September, November and December. If you are interested, let Jim Lewis know and he will put you on the schedule. Pastor Pete said that, during his visits with Harvey Snyder, Harvey has noted how much he enjoys getting cards from his friends at church. Dan Yoas and Duane Yeagle are in the process of painting the tiles and framework of the ceiling in the sanctuary. Duane performs the high wire act while Dan keeps his feet firmly planted on the ground. The English as a Second Language (ESL) group recently held two 4th of July celebrations—one for the college students participating in the International Program and one for the ESL classes. A good time was had by all. The ESL class has recently acquired three new students—one each from Iran, Saudi Arabia, and China. Dave said that they could use a couple of volunteers in this program: a teacher's helper on Monday evening from 7 to 9 PM and the other, a reading teacher volunteer on Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9 PM. This program is in need of some financial assistance. If you would like to help, just earmark your donation for the ESL class on your offering envelope. All assistance is gratefully appreciated. There are both Baptist men's and women's annual conferences coming up soon. If you are interested in attending, contact Pastor Pete for details. On July 19th, the Lycoming County Fair and the 4-H program leaders honored Vicki Lewis at the fair. Vicki's daughter Lee Ellen and her husband Shawn, Jim and Pastor Pete were in attendance for this event. There will be a semi-annual business meeting on August 21, 2013. If you think there is something wrong with that date you are right: it is normally held in July, but it slipped past the whole council this year! During Pastor Pete's absence, Mark Mahserjian-Smith will be conducting the Sunday service on August 4th and Jody Lantz will present a program on the ESL program on August 11th. The council is looking into the costs for air conditioning the Fellowship Hall. A lot of voices will, no doubt, be saying, "About time!" Penny Ohnmeiss will act as greeter in August; Dan and Helen Yoas will be counting the offering; and Doris Paulhamus will act as fellowship meal coordinator. The council's next meeting will be August 20th.

A FEW LAUGHS ...

A pastor was delivering a message on the evils of television. "It steal away precious time that could be used on activities of more value," he said. "Do what our family has done. We've put our television in a closet," he said.

"Yes," said his disgruntled wife, "and it sure gets crowded in there...."

IT HAPPENED AT CALVARY just this week. An unnamed Vacation Bible School volunteer (let's call him Dale) accidentally ate a birthday candle, thinking it was a pretzel stick. Could it be, he thought it was mustache wax?

***DON'T FORGET THE CHURCH PICNIC ON AUGUST 17TH!
(SEE THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR FOR DETAILS)***

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2013 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Dave Lantz, Jim Lewis (church clerk), Penny Ohnmeiss, Sandy Snyder, Lynn Turney, Robin Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member and interim moderator), Duane Yeagle, Dan Yoas, Helen Yoas (treasurer)

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AUGUST

EACH WEDNESDAY:

EACH THURSDAY:

EACH SATURDAY:

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i> 7:30-9 pm – Internat'l. Prog.	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
EACH SUNDAY: 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service 7 pm – Internat'l. Bible Study	EACH MONDAY: Pastor's Day Off 7:30-9 pm – International Program		NO AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs until Fall 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer	NO Choir Rehearsal until Fall		9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting
4 10:40 a.m. – Guest Speaker: Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service B – Jody Lantz	5 A – Steve & Denise Gee	6 A – Dwayne & Elizabeth Koons	7 No Wednesday evening service	8 B – Timothy Green	9 7 p.m. – Family Games Night (Due to VBS, 2 nd Friday this month)	10 B – J. Harvey Snyder (94 th)
11 10:40 a.m. – Guest Speaker: Jody Lantz B – Rev. Robert Berger	12	13	14 No Wednesday evening service A – Larry & Sue Green	15	16	17 Pastor returns Church Picnic at Short Park in Loyalsock Twp. (Rain or shine) 3:30 p.m. – Games 5:00 Dinner
18	19 B – Valerie Snyder	20 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	21 7:00 p.m. – Semi- Annual Business Mtg.	22	23	24
25 B – Wyatt Koons	26	27 B – Rob Foust	28	29	30	31

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Note: B – Birthday
A – Anniversary