

Calvary Baptist Courier

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Penetrating Politics with Prayer

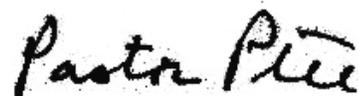
You have probably come to expect that in the upcoming Sunday service's pastoral prayer, I will lead the congregation in prayers for the President, Governor, Mayor, and other governmental leaders. I do this week-by-week for two reasons: one is because, as Christians, we are commanded to do so (I Timothy 2:1-2); the second is to give you examples of how to do so (to identify some specific needs and "requests" for people in their position.)

I hope that your personal praying for these people isn't limited to affirming that portion of the weekly pastoral prayer. I hope that you have begun to make this a part of your regular prayers (it would fit in well in the "thy kingdom come, thy will be done" portion of the Lord's Prayer) and a part of spontaneous prayers as you watch the news and listen to the pundits.

With cable TV and talk radio, the airwaves are constantly full of talk, pro and con, taking apart all these people, everything they do, who they are. It is easy for us to get sucked into that and to be shaped in our attitudes and the way we react and think and talk about these folks. As Christian citizens we are not only to vote according to our beliefs but to add our prayers into all the verbiage. Our prayers going up into the airwaves will certainly be good medicine for the increasingly sick and poisonous atmosphere of national and international—all the way down to local—politics.

As Paul tells Timothy, the goal is to be living peaceful and quiet lives, the exact opposite of the confrontationalism and shouting that is keeping so many citizens constantly agitated in recent years. If Christian citizens would add the healing power of "requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings ... for everyone" into the current dangerous mix, we'd see a much-needed change for the better. (And the sooner, the better.)

Shalom ,



COUNCIL NOTES

By Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on July 22, 2014. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of June 30, 2014, our expenditures were \$1,959.61 less than we took in. It always helps when there are five Sundays in a month ... Pastor Pete has completed his trip through the Old Testament and Sunday services on the New Testament have begun. Calvary had an impressive 24 people attend the Northumberland Baptist Association Fair—way to get involved, people! Margaret Droddy was welcomed into membership on July 19, 2014. She is a welcome addition. We have special music set up for several Sundays this summer, thanks primarily to Sue Green's efforts. There is always room for more, however, so if you wish to participate, contact Sue Green. Vacation Bible School begins on August 4th. We collected \$440 for the One Great Hour of Sharing mission offering this year. Thank you to all who donated. Dave Lantz and Dan Yoas on the property committee are getting estimates to replace the gutters around the church, trying to repair the leak in the men's bathroom, and looking into the source of the water stain on the wall in the lounge so that it can be repaired. The International Ministries/English as a Second Language/THRIVE group has been busy. They are dropping one evening class and starting a morning class to reach out to those potential students who work evenings. Due to high demand, they are now holding two evening high school/adult Spanish classes. The ESL/Spanish classes recently celebrated with a picnic. Youth classes in Spanish and Chinese will begin on September 8th, with about 50 students signed up for the ESL and foreign language classes. The fall yard sale at the church will be September 26th and 27th, but it is preferred that no items be brought in until after VBS. Contact Sue Green or Penny Ohnmeiss for details. Mike Jobes has been contracted to paint the windows on the south side of Fellowship Hall; he hopes to get started on that project in the near future. Dave Lantz and Dan Yoas are working hard to procure and install a monitor for the rear of the sanctuary so that the choir can also view what the congregation sees on the screen in the front of the church; they hope to have it installed by the time choir resumes in September. The semiannual business meeting of the church was July 23rd. Helen Yoas gave a finance committee report, and Pastor Pete updated the congregants on the status of purchasing the house next to the parsonage. We hope to close on it in the spring; if you would like to help with the down payment, mark donations for "New Parsonage" on your offering envelope. Please remember that the larger our down payment, the less the house will cost in the long run. Games night will be August 15th instead of August 1st (set-up day for VBS). Mark and Susan Mahserjian-Smith have invited the church to a picnic at their house on September 7th—with a pool! Details will follow. For that reason, the fellowship meal will be held on Sept. 14 instead of the first Sunday. August's greeter is Penny Ohnmeiss; Helen Yoas will coordinate the fellowship meal; and the counters will be Jim Lewis and Shirley Beyer. August's fellowship meal will be on the 10th, since Fellowship Hall will be set up to be used for VBS Aug. 4-8. The next council meeting will be August 19th.

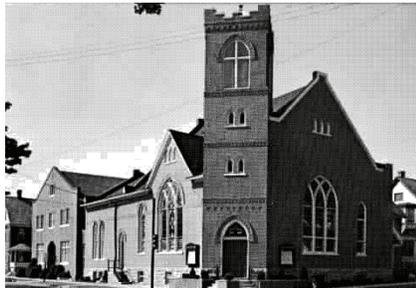
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A yard/rummage sale is scheduled for September 26th and 27th. Donations will be accepted after Vacation Bible School is finished, so start collecting now! See Penny Ohnmeiss or Sue Green with questions.

As our summer music program comes to an end, on August 31 we will be honored to have with us a praise team, Rock Solid, from Calvary United Methodist Church, in Mohnton, Pennsylvania. This will be a praise worship service of music and testimonies. Please invite your family and friends to join us. A free will offering will be taken for the mission project they sponsor.

An invitation—Pam Green and Mark, Charlene, and Gavin Green invite everyone to join in the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents, Larry and Sue Green, on Saturday, August 9th, at an open house from 2 -4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please, no gifts.

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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 September 2014 issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier*.

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2014 Church Council: Larry Green, Sue Green, Dave Lantz, Jim Lewis (ex officio member and church clerk), Doris Paulhamus, David Snyder Jr., Sandy Snyder, Robin Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member and interim moderator), Duane Yeagle, Helen Yoas (treasurer)

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
AUGUST**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p><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</p>	<p><u>EACH MONDAY:</u> Pastor’s Day Off No Middle School Spanish Class for summer 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class</p>	<p><u>EACH TUESDAY:</u> 7-8 pm - Adult Spanish Class</p>	<p><u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u> No AWANA Youth Clubs (K-12 grade) until Fall 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class</p>	<p><u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (as needed in summer)</p>	<p>1 6:30 p.m. – Set up for VBS B – Mariah Hallabuk B – Deb Titus</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4 ← 6-8:30 p.m. B – Jody Lantz</p>	<p>5 VACATION A – Steve & Denise (Koons) Gee</p>	<p>6 No Bible Study BIBLE A – Dwayne & Elizabeth Koons (8-6-11)</p>	<p>7 SCHOOL</p>	<p>8 → B – Tim Green</p>	<p>9 2-4 p.m. – Open House in honor of Larry & Sue Green’s 50th wedding anniversary</p>
<p>10 Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service. B – Harvey Snyder (95th)</p>	<p>11 B – Rev. Bob Berger</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 A – Larry & Sue Green (8-14-64)</p>	<p>15 7:00 p.m. Family Games Night</p>	<p>16 Church Picnic at Montgomery Park</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting B – Valerie Snyder</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>22 Golden wedding</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 B – Wyatt Koons</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 B – Rob Foust A – Rob & Mary Wozniak (8-27-88)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 Special praise service with music by “Rock Solid”</p>						<p>Note: B – Birthday A - Anniversaries</p>

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