

Calvary Baptist Courier

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Spiritual Warfare

Pastors sometimes joke that the seminaries can't teach what pastoring is really like because all the students would drop out. Now, lest you think I am about to unload a bunch of whiny complaints, let me assure you that I well know that every person's life is a struggle. Believe me, I do know that.

But I do want to share some thoughts here about what the Bible repeatedly calls every Christian to keep in mind: namely, that becoming one of God's servants in this world and working with others to be Christ's living, ministering body, and build (and defend) His kingdom, is to bring down upon yourself a whole new struggle - a struggle against the hatred and opposition of the prince of this world (Satan) and the wily, brutal attacks of his own invisible demonic servants in this world.

One of my idealistic young Christian college students years ago expressed surprise that a Christian (meaning me) would be so interested in military history. I told him I'd had that interest since long before I came to Christ. Today, looking back, I would give him a different answer. I have found that all that study of warfare has prepared me for church work as much as any course I took in seminary. To follow Jesus is to go to war: a war with ups and downs; sabotage and ambushes; battles lost as well as battles won; Sergeant Yorks and Benedict Arnolds; broken hearts as well as broken bodies (many more broken hearts in fact); and life-long days and years of tears. I am glad that I know the story of how Robert E. Lee, on hearing of the wounding of Stonewall Jackson, wrote to him, "You have lost your left arm; I have lost my right arm" - and of all the vast emotion behind that simple phrase.

We also, hopefully, learn. It is commonly said that the military is always ready to fight the previous war. In the first congregation I pastored, I learned to be energized in the midst of the confusion and wounds of demonic attack. "Why this? Why now?" The answer is, we must be doing something that Satan is really threatened by! So, as scripture's warriors who have gone before us exhort us, we do not lose heart - even when our heart is broken or aching. It is because we are living for the sake of the kingdom, and so we carry on - continuing to receive and carry out our orders for the portion of the vast battlefield that our leader has given to us to fight for. And one day peace will come - and best of all, every tear will be wiped away and all mourning and all crying and all pain will pass away.

Shalom ,



COUNCIL NOTES

by Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on July 21, 2015. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of June 30, 2015, our expenditures were \$16,073.67 less than what we took in. A large individual donation was received in June toward the purchase of the new parsonage. A big thank you goes out to the donors, who shall remain anonymous. The council voted to use \$5,000.00 of this amount to pay down the mortgage, holding the rest for expenses (taxes, repairs, etc.). Due to low attendance, the Northumberland Baptist Association is considering terminating the annual family fun fair in Milton. Our condolences to the Colley family on the recent loss of Tim's sister. With the closing of First Baptist Church, Ken Bower has indicated he intends to return to Calvary. Janice Green and Helen Yoas are providing special music the last Sunday in July. Olivia Droddy had planned to provide special music and her personal testimony in early August, but her visit will be delayed due to health issues. The Partners in Ministry collection raised \$940 this year. Thanks to all for the generous donations. Plans are in the works to get the parking lot repaved soon. The Baptist Women's Group plans to have another sewing day in September and a ladies' breakfast sometime in the fall. VBS is coming up the first week of August; because of this, the fellowship meal will be the *second* Sunday in August. The annual church picnic is August 8th at Short Park. The greeter for August will be Dottie Lewis. The counters for August will be Dan and Helen Yoas. The fellowship meal coordinators will be Darlene Nixon and Katherine Robinson. The next council meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2015.

NEWS

We are planning on having a **CHURCH YARD/RUMMAGE SALE** on Friday, August 21, and Saturday, August 22. Start saving your good, clean, usable items. You may start bringing them in after the conclusion of Vacation Bible School. If you have any questions, speak with Sue Green or Penny Ohnmeiss.



The kids will be ascending Mt. Everest during Calvary's Vacation Bible School this year, meeting Monday, August 3—Friday, August 7 from 5—8 p.m. Even if you didn't sign up to help with crafts, snacks, games, or Bible-based activities this year, please send your prayers and think about joining the fun next year!

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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 2015 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 with "subscribe" in the subject line.

2015 Church Council: Larry Green, Sue Green, Dave Lantz, Jim Lewis (ex officio member and church clerk), Doris Paulhamus, David Snyder Jr., Sandy Snyder, Lynn Turney, Robin Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member and interim moderator), Helen Yoas (ex officio member and 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>
EACH SUNDAY: 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service 7 pm – Multi-language Bible Study	EACH MONDAY: PASTOR'S DAY OFF 6:30-8 pm – Youth Foreign Language Summer School Classes 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class*	EACH TUESDAY: 7-8:30 pm – Spanish High School/Adult Classes	EACH WEDNESDAY: NO AWANA Youth Clubs (K-12 grade) until Fall 7:00 pm – Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class*	EACH THURSDAY: No Choir Rehearsal until Fall		1 3:30 p.m. – VBS set-up B- Mariah Hallabuk B – Deb Titus
2	3 5 P.M. – 8 P.M.	4 VACATION B – Jody Lantz	5 BIBLE A – Steve & Denise (Koons) Gee	6 SCHOOL >>> A – Dwayne & Elizabeth Koons (8-6-11)	7 >>>>>>>>	8 (Rain or shine) Church Picnic at Short Park 3:30 p.m. –Visit, Games, etc. 5:00 p.m. - Dinner B – Tim Green
9 Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service	10	11 B – Rev. Bob Berger	12	13 6:30 p.m. – Wyatt's birthday party	14 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night A – Larry & Sue Green (8-14-64)	15
16	17	18 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	19 B – Valerie Snyder	20	21 8:00 A.M. - CHURCH SALE	22 2:00 P.M RUMMAGE >>>
23	24	25 B – Wyatt Koons	26	27 B – Rob Foust A – Rob & Mary Wozniak (8-27-88)	28	29
30 B – Calvetta Walker	31					Note: B – Birthday A - Anniversaries *English-as-a Second- Language Class

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