

# Calvary Baptist Courier

## December 2010

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### JOY TO THE WORLD

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit ... Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love ... I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete ... This is my command: love each other.” (Jesus; John 15:1-17)

At Christmas, we celebrate the day God planted a vine on the earth: Jesus, with us as the vine’s branches. There are other pictures of the church in the New Testament: a temple, a body. What does the vine picture convey?

Vines aren’t planted for their wood. They don’t provide timber to build ships or houses. They are planted to make grapes: grapes that make wine “that gladdens human hearts” (Psalm 104:15). In Jesus’ culture, wine was a symbol of blessing, relationships, and joy. It was also a symbol of Israel. When Jesus says he is the true vine, he is saying that in him and his disciples, joy comes to the world. Jesus says we can provide this joy if we abide in him and that we can abide in him by obeying his commands, especially the command to love one another.

When I was a very young Christian, someone explained to me that **J**esus first, **O**thers second, **Y**ourself last spells **JOY**. That’s not a bad message. Who do you know who could use a little joy? Jesus says that’s something he wants you to bring them: **JOY**: from Jesus to us, **TO THE WORLD**: not just *to* us but *through* you and me to **THE WORLD**. **JOY**: not just at Christmas, but everywhere we go.

Shalom,

*Peter P. Wilson*

## Council Notes

by Jim Lewis

Due to a psychological brain hemorrhage on my part, the council notes were not printed last month. My apologies. . . . I will include the pertinent information from last month's meeting in this report. The council met this month on November 15<sup>th</sup>. As of the end of October, our deficit was \$4284.21 (down from \$4630.50 the previous month). In October, Pastor Pete, Jim and Vicki Lewis attended the ABCOPAD biennial conference in Altoona. The theme for this conference was 'outflow'. Pastor Pete has mentioned this on several occasions from the pulpit. Essentially, outflow is ways we can reach out to others as God's advocates. Pastor Pete has several books on this subject, which are available to anyone who wishes to educate themselves on the subject. Pastor Pete was sick on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Vicki Lewis filled in for him in the pulpit. He expressed his thanks to her for her assistance. The projection system in the sanctuary is now operational and a heater has been installed in the baptismal pool. Now if we could only get the new boiler operational we could get back into the sanctuary and use both! (Steam Specialists was in just this week to start assembling the parts on hand. The remainder of the parts is projected for delivery this week. With the Lord's help, maybe we'll be back in the sanctuary before you read these notes.) A new sump pump has been installed in the boiler room to preclude another flood. We are considering several holiday outreach options: Shepherd of the Streets has promised to provide the names of two families with children that we can provide some holiday cheer to; the Angel Tree ministry also has names available for holiday support, and Deb Titus is checking into nursing home/personal care facility members who could use support. Details will be provided as soon as they are available. The stone soup supper on October 22<sup>nd</sup> went over very well. Activities included a recitation of the story of stone soup which was a very interesting psychological exercise (not the recitation, the story). Donations at the food booth during the recent election were just over \$92. The fellowship meal in November — a Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings — went over very well for those who attended. Geri Bower is now residing at Riverwoods in Lewisburg and would be happy to see any of her old friends when they are in the area. See Pastor Pete for directions. On a sad note, Mabel Anne Lundy passed away on October 27<sup>th</sup>. She will be missed by all of her friends. We will begin having a greeter at the entrance to the fellowship hall/sanctuary (depending on where services are held that week) to greet visitors and to ensure they get to where they need to be during services. The choir is preparing for the Christmas cantata on December 19<sup>th</sup>. There are a number of short speaking parts for children and adults. If you would like to participate (or if you would like to sing in the choir), contact Joanne Kiehl. Our annual food drive is going very well. We have already collected more than we did last year. Whatever we collect will be provided to Sister Anthony's Catholic Church for their food kitchen program. If the local Ministerium isn't planning a carol festival this year, Kathy Temple has agreed to organize one here at Calvary. Following services on December 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be caroling to the homebound and then there will be an open house at the parsonage. If you would like to assist with either of these projects, contact Pastor Pete. There will be a Christmas Eve service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Our annual photographic retrospective will be held on December 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have photos you would like to have included in this event, see Pastor Pete. The annual 'Hanging of the Greens' will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in conjunction with games night. The church planning meeting, to schedule events for next year, will be on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. If you would like to participate and/or have suggestions to make, feel free to attend. We are looking into the possibility of updating our church directory early next year. The counters for December will be Shirley Beyer and Duane Yeagle. The greeter for December will be Karen Mazzullo. Helen Yoas will manage the December fellowship meal. The council will meet in December on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have a congregational business meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>. All are encouraged to attend.

# Calvary News

From: Cathy S.  
Subject: WOW!  
To: [admin@calvarywilliamsport.com](mailto:admin@calvarywilliamsport.com)  
Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 9:15 AM  
I just found your website. AWESOME! I am a 3rd Grade Sunday School Teacher always looking for extras for my kids and I struck gold when I found your site. Thank You!

Cathy S.  
Matthews, NC 28104

Thanks to all who helped with the canned food drive. 394 items were collected. That was 141 more than last year. Many of our neighboring families will benefit from your generosity. — Sue Green.

Please give any contributions (photos, etc.) for the 2010 retrospective to Pastor Pete or Helen Yoas by Sunday, December 12.

## Adult Sunday School at CBC

You cannot have missed noticing that the holiday season is here. Advent, Christmas and the New Year, all coming in a rush. The purpose of the upcoming sessions of the adult Sunday school will be to prepare us spiritually for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

The Christmas story begins with the prophet Isaiah, who lived 700 years before Jesus' birth. His prophecies foretold the birth of the Savior. Join us beginning December 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Christmas for a study of the Christmas Story: the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah.

## Another Selection...

From  
Rev. John MacGorman's

*Christian Rhymes*

*That*

*Comfort*

*And*

*Challenge.*

### CHRIST'S TEACHINGS CAN WORK TODAY

"The teachings of Christ won't work in our day",  
This is a common expression we often hear people say.  
It all implies that Christ was ignorant of the needs of our day,  
Or He would have thought and spoken more our way.

But the Bible teaches that Christ was at the beginning and that He shall be to the end,  
The truths that He taught when upon the earth were eternal truths that do not bend.  
To accomadate in any age the whims of friend or enemy,  
Nor will those truths He taught fade through all eternity.

Because Christ's teachings are eternal truths they are good for all time,  
They are the truths best suited to today's needs in your life and mine.  
Nothing works so well in meeting the needs of men in this troubled day,  
As these teachings of Christ applied to all life's relationships as we live from day to day.

J. R. M. 3/2/70

## *Pumpkin Chiffon Walnut Cake*

*(Spice up your holiday baking with this recipe graciously shared by Doris Paulhamus.)*

### *Cake:*

1 box Duncan Hines yellow cake mix  
1/2 can (29 oz.) Libby pumpkin  
1/2 cup crushed walnuts  
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice  
2 beaten eggs  
1 cup milk  
1/2 cup brown sugar.

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix cake mix, pumpkin pie spice, walnuts, and brown sugar, until walnuts are well-coated. In another bowl, mix eggs, milk, and pumpkin together for about 1 minute. Add to cake mixture. Beat at low speed for 2 minutes. Pour into well-greased and floured 13" x 9" x 2" pan and bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Cake is done when toothpick comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.

### *Icing:*

1 8 oz. container Cool Whip  
1 3 oz. box instant vanilla pudding  
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 cup milk

Mix pudding, cinnamon, and sugar together. Add milk. Beat for 1 minute. Let set for 5 minutes. Blend in Cool Whip. Beat at low speed for 1 minute. Set aside.

### *Topping:*

1 4 oz. container Cool Whip  
Remaining 1/2 can Libby pumpkin  
1 3 oz. box instant vanilla pudding  
1/4 cup confectioners' sugar  
1/4 cup crushed walnuts  
1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice  
1 cup milk

Mix pudding, sugar, walnuts, and pumpkin pie spice. Add milk and beat at low speed for 1 minute. Add pumpkin. Beat for 1 minute. Set aside for 5 minutes and then blend in Cool Whip.

Ice the cooled cake, heaping the icing on the edge of the cake. Spoon on topping carefully. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup crushed walnuts. Keep in cool place.

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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 January 2011 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](mailto:CalvaryCourier@gmail.com) with "subscribe" in the subject line.**

**2010 Church Council:** Shirley Beyer, Ken Bower, Donna Camp, Larry Green, Jim Lewis, Vicki Lewis (Chair), Ben Mazzullo, Kathy Temple, Deb Titus, Emily Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Duane Yeagle

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

B – Birthday

**December**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u> 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm – Bible Study and <i>Wed</i> Prayer	<u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> 10 am-noon – Open Sanctuary & Library 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal <i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<u>EACH SATURDAY:</u> 9 AM – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting <i>Sat</i>
<u>EACH SUNDAY:</u> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service	<u>EACH MONDAY:</u> Pastor’s Day Off		<b>1 Hanukkah</b> 9-11:30 a.m. – Mother’s Morning Out	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 p.m. – Decorating for Christmas & Family Games Night	<b>4</b>
<b>5 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Advent</b>  Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  B – Vicki Lewis	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Advent</b>  7:00 p.m. – Christmas Carol Festival here	<b>13</b>  3:00 p.m. – Finance Committee Mtg.  B – Marianne Hopkins	<b>14</b>  7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	<b>15</b> 9-11:30 a.m. – Mother’s Morning Out  7:00 p.m. – Congreg. Business Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Advent</b> <b>CANTATA SERVICE</b> <b>BROWN BAG SUN.</b> Bring a bag lunch and stay after church. 3:00 p.m. – Caroling to homebound & Parsonage Open House  B – Sarah Reid	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Winter Solstice</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  B – Melia Lantz	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b>  6:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service	<b>25 CHRISTMAS</b>  B – Gerry Bower
<b>26</b> 10:40 a.m. – 2010 Retrospective Service  “catch up” offering	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 New Year’s Eve</b>	

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