

# Calvary Baptist Courier

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### I'll Just Do It

A lesson I learned long ago: When I wake up in the morning I don't ask myself, "Do I feel like going to the Y this morning?" If I had taken that approach, I know that by now I'd be in far worse shape than I am. I'd have skipped at least half of my workouts over the years. No. The only approach is to say that unless I am sick or have other early appointments, I just do it. (And if I do have other commitments, I'll go later in the afternoon or on one of my off-days).

The principles of decay at work in my body are not inactive when it comes to my spirit. If I don't follow an intentional spiritual work-out discipline, I can't really call myself a disciple. Look at people who eat only what they feel like eating. Many of us have spirits that look more like that than like the fit spirit of Jesus that God has entrusted to us to nurture and care for. We have to exercise that spirit to energize ourselves to play a healthy role in Jesus' body (the Church) and to always be ready to give our account to God who calls us to be remade into disciples (Ro 14:12; Mt 28:18-20).

Meantime, it prepares us to give a better account to ourselves. Flabby spirits lead to flabby choices. In your last years, will you look back over your life and say, "Gee, I wish I'd bought that pair of shoes on sale - but I thought of the needs in Haiti and sent a \$20 check to the mission there instead. Drat!?" Or, "Gee, I wish I'd stayed home on Wednesday evenings and watched Wheel of Fortune instead of going to Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible study. Darn!?" Or, next Sunday at bedtime, "Gee, I'm glad I didn't feel like going to church this morning and stayed home and read the paper/cleaned house/played computer games etc instead. Yay!?"

In 2011, make a disciple (YOU!). **Wake up & Get up & Get the disciplines going!** ("Wake up!! Get up!!" says Paul, Eph 5:14). When you do what's right, instead of what you just feel like doing or not doing, a funny thing happens to you. You FEEL ... BETTER! And so you START TO FEEL like DOING things you didn't feel like doing before. And Jesus' spirit - and yours! - rejoice to see in you that abundant new life that He gave His life for and calls us to.

Shalom,

*Peter C. Wilson*

## Council Notes

by Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on January 18, 2011. This is a synopsis of that meeting. Our balance, as of December 31, 2010, was \$2,496.64 in the black, down from last month. Since our council meeting last month we said goodbye to a couple of dear friends. Marie Green passed away on December 15, 2010, and Jack Hopkins passed away on January 3, 2011. They were good friends and will be missed. Pastor Pete noted that we are looking for talented individuals in the congregation who may be interested in (musically) performing during services. If you play an instrument or sing and would like to participate in the musical program, contact Pastor Pete or Joanne Kiehl (and, if you sing, your voice would be welcome in the choir which is quite small at this time). The college student Sunday school class is starting up again (it was discontinued over the holidays). We need a new teacher for the children's Sunday school class. If you are interested in helping, contact Pastor Pete. The church has additional funds available earmarked for missions. If you have a missions area that is close to your heart that we are not currently supporting, contact Pastor Pete. We need volunteers for greeter in September, October, and December and fellowship meal coordinator/hostess in November and December 2011. If you would like to volunteer for one of these, contact Jim Lewis. Pastor Pete plans to begin the "outflow" program on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. This program was the theme for the ABCOPAD biennial meeting this year. If you are interested in participating, contact Pastor Pete for an outflow program guide. Pastor Pete talked with Doris Updegrave recently. He says she is doing well. Deb Titus is still recuperating from carpal tunnel surgery. New, more user-friendly, thermostats for the heat system have recently been installed. We have a roofer working on necessary repairs to the sanctuary roof. We are currently putting away \$500 a month toward the eventual, inevitable replacement of the existing roof (that is, unless an act of God removes the roof and makes it the insurance company's responsibility). Dan Yoas is looking into a feasibility study regarding installation of a solar powered electric generating system for the church. He says we should be able to recoup the cost of such a system in about 15 years. More details will be provided as they become available. The women's committee is busy taking up donated items for the White Cross Overland Mission and (on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM) preparing roller bandages for a hospital in the Congo. Pastor Pete and a couple of the men in the church are working on getting an active Baptist Men's group going. If you would like to be part of this effort, contact Pastor Pete for details. We will have Olan Mills here on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to take pictures of a new church directory. There is still time to sign up (in the foyer). Kathy Temple is looking for talented individuals who would like to assist in designing the new directory. Lynn Turney volunteered to take pictures of homebound and nursing home resident members for the directory. Kathy Temple has been elected (unanimously) to act as moderator for the council for the next year. It's not too early to consider getting involved in VBS. This year's program will be in mid-August. Our annual picnic this year will (tentatively) be August 20<sup>th</sup>. Lynn Turney is looking into availability of the Short Park pavilion for this event. Counters for February will be Jim Lewis and Shirley Beyer; the greeter will be Donna Camp; and fellowship meal coordinator will be Jim and Vicki Lewis. The council will meet next on February 15, 2011.

# Calvary News

The flags on the map below show visits to the church website, <http://www.calvarywilliamsport.com>, in just a four-hour time period: January 22, from 2 a.m. until 6 a.m.!



*(It's been a cold, snowy winter so far. Warm up with a super bowl of potato soup this weekend. Thanks to Larry Green for this wonderful recipe. It's in the church cookbook, too!)*

## NO-FUSS POTATO SOUP

- 6 c. cubed peeled potatoes
- 5 c. water
- 2 c. chopped onion
- 1/2 c. chopped celery
- 1/2 c. thinly sliced carrots
- 1/4 c. butter or margarine
- 4 tsp. chicken bouillon granules
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 12-oz. can evaporated milk
- 3 T. chopped fresh parsley
- Snipped chives, optional

In a large slow cooker, combine the first nine ingredients. Cover and cook on high for 4-7 hours or until the vegetables are tender. Add milk and parsley; mix well. Cover and cook 30-60 minutes longer or until heated through. Garnish with chives if desired.

# Book Review: Laura Hillenbrand's *Unbroken*

By Ben Mazzullo

*Unbroken* is a remarkable biography of a man's redemption.

Louis Zamperini grew up in Depression-era California, living with his older brother, his sisters, and his loving, hard-working parents. As a boy growing up he was more than just high-spirited and carefree: Louis veered toward delinquency. He answered any ethnic slur with his fists, not knowing when to stop fighting. Louis became an accomplished thief, sneaking into homes and businesses to steal what he wanted, relying on his speed to elude pursuit. No matter how his parents scolded and punished him, Louis went ever closer to being put into the legal system.

It was his older brother, Pete, who stepped up to save him. Pete begged the school officials to give him another chance through sports. Louis excelled at track, and eventually became a member of the 1936 US Olympic team. Although he did not win a medal in Berlin, he vowed to win at the next Olympics—1940—in Tokyo.

Louis did get to Japan, but as a POW, taken captive when his B-24 bomber crashed in the ocean in late May 1943. From then until the end of the war, Louis was singled out for his Olympic renown: suffering horribly at POW camps, being beaten, starved, and degraded until he was near death. He returned home as a hero, his body healed but suffering deep hidden scars.

Louis eventually married and tried to get on with life, but began to drink heavily and lash out at everyone. Dreaming one night that he was being tortured, Louis struck back and awoke finding himself choking his wife. She left him the next morning. Louis was lost.

Then one day, Billy Graham came to town, aiming to bring Christ to the City of Angels. Louis' wife attended, was inspired, and returned home to Louis. She told him that she would stay with him only if he accompanied her to hear Billy Graham preach. Though hardly religious, he went to one meeting, then to another: he then went home, poured his whiskey down the sink, and threw his cigarettes in the trash. The next morning, he took his GI Bible to the park, sat down, and read. By the end of that day, Louis Zamperini accepted Jesus into his heart and was redeemed.

*Unbroken* is a fitting title for this book. Louis was broken in every way and restored by Jesus Christ. Read this book to learn more of how Louis Zamperini changed his life and the lives of so many others, and how he found it in his heart to forgive his captors.

Our former pastor, Dave Skinner, fell on the ice this week and injured his head. He is recovering well but has a way to go. His address and email address are as follows:  
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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 March 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.**

**2011 Church Council:** Shirley Beyer, Ken Bower, Donna Camp, Larry Green, Sue Green, Jim Lewis (church clerk, ex officio member), Ben Mazzullo, Penny Ohnmeiss, Kathy Temple (moderator), Deb Titus, Lynn Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Dan Yoas

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## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

B – Birthday    A – Anniversary

<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> 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal <i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<u>EACH SATURDAY:</u> 9 AM – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting 8AM-12:30 PM - CLI <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	1	2	3  B – Rev. Thomas Wilcox (97 <sup>th</sup> )	4  Photo Sessions for the	5  C.L.I. Starts  Pictorial Directory
6 Souper Bowl Sunday  Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service	7	8	9  B – Dean Paulhamus	10  B – Steffanie Wilson	11 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	12 10 AM – Calvary Baptist Women Work Day (roller bandages)  B – Jean Snyder
13	14  A – Dean & Doris Paulhamus (2-14-88)	15 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	16	17  B – Candy Clark B – Sue Green	18  Lock-In at the Y	19
20  B – Benjamin Green	21 <b>Presidents' Day</b>  B – Wanda Reid	22	23  B – Tiffanie Wilson	24	25	26  B – Wendi Sterner
27  "Catch up" Offering  B – Jennifer Hoover	28					

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