

# Calvary Baptist Courier

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### Church Unique

My Leadership Learning Community (“LLC” – a monthly pastors’ study group) has been reading a new book, *Church Unique*. Its author, Will Mancini, will be the speaker at our Regional Biennial Convention this fall and we are hoping that the book and the training that folks receive at Biennial will help many of our churches to do some much-needed re-evaluation and vision-developing in light of our current cultural setting and the changes in people in our local home mission field.

Differing from recent trends of big churches that other tried to copy, the emphasis here is on congregations looking at themselves and their settings and identifying how God is equipping them to each fulfill a unique role in His larger work. Congregations need to take steps to evaluate programs – both on-going ones that may need adjusting or terminating and new options which the church may or may not be being equipped by God to perform.

How do you see this taking place at Calvary? Do you see how programs are connected to individual people of skills and vision with whom God equips His church? How can we “keep in step with the Spirit” in our calling and not get left behind or led astray by our own limited vision? One example that comes to my mind every day as I walk my dogs in Brandon Park is how our big annual Easter Egg Hunt outreach that was going so well has been pushed aside by changes made by the city in having its own secular Easter Egg Hunt there. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away, but always is leading us on to something new. There’s a *lot* to be done to reach this world!

Rabbi Jesus led his first band of disciples on a journey of ups and downs, great wonders, and times of anxiety and sacrifice and disappointments – but always, for those who kept in step with Him, always to something better.

He offers the same experience and opportunity to every band of disciples since.

May we each keep that vision from the gospels in mind as we live out our gospel calling today.

Shalom,

*Peter P. Wilson*

# Council Notes

*by Jim Lewis*

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on January 17, 2012. This is a synopsis of that meeting. As of the end of December, our expenses were \$7,859.69 in excess of the amount collected. Duane Yeagle and Vicki Lewis volunteered to do the annual audit of the church's financial records. The Church Leadership Institute (CLI) is going to on-line classes and is looking to expand their course offerings. A planning meeting was held Dec. 29 to schedule events for 2012; its results are published in this newsletter. Several of our members went Christmas caroling at one of the nursing homes. This was followed up with an open house at the church parsonage. The Wednesday night Bible study is continuing in Ephesians. Pastor Pete noted that Will Mancini, noted Christian author, will be a featured speaker at the next ABCOPAD biennial meeting in Altoona. Pastor Pete is hoping our members will consider participating in this meeting. The council met with Stan and Joyce Bower recently and approved them for membership. By the time you read this, the right hand of fellowship will have been extended during Sunday morning services. Duane Yeagle and Jim Lewis have both completed their mission trips to the Dominican Republic. Duane gave an oral report on his trip one recent Sunday morning. I plan on placing my thoughts in writing in an article in the *Courier* this month or next month. Suffice it to say, both enjoyed their trips and are already looking forward to the next trip in 2014. The budget for 2012 was passed at the semiannual business meeting in December. This budget was \$5,000 less than the 2011 budget. Duane noted that the AWANA group held their "Happy Birthday Jesus" party in December just before their holiday hiatus. The Baptist Women's group is still working on their White Cross quotas for this year. If you would like to help with this or get more information about the group and its planned activities, contact Penny Ohnmeiss. Pastor Pete noted that we may be able to get a low interest loan from the Northumberland Baptist Association to finance the needed roof repair in the sanctuary. He and Vicki will discuss this with the association board at their meeting in late January. Vicki Lewis was nominated and elected to chair the church council in 2012. The following committee appointments were made: Membership – Jim Lewis; Worship – Peter Wilson; Music – Shirley Beyer; Christian Education – Ben Mazzullo; Missions – Lynn Turney and Duane Yeagle; Fellowship/Hospitality – Penny Ohnmeiss; Evangelism – Peter Wilson; Personnel and Nominating – Ken Bower and Duane Yeagle; Homebound – Peter Wilson; Finance – Helen Yoas and Shirley Beyer; Property – Larry Green and Dan Yoas; Pastoral Relations – Vicki Lewis and Dan Yoas; Youth – Duane Yeagle; Deacons – Peter Wilson; Baptist Women – Penny Ohnmeiss; Baptist Men – Peter Wilson. Pastor Pete plans to restart our support for Americans for Christ. The support for this group was withdrawn a few years ago due to some of the activities they were supporting. These issues have since been reconciled. Vicki Lewis noted that she would like to set up a (monthly) schedule for maintenance of the bulletin board between the restrooms. If you would be interested helping with this effort, contact Vicki. Helen Yoas noted that the photo directory project is still pending. The Mothers Morning Out program is temporarily suspended due to lack of volunteers to man this program. Vacation Bible School is tentatively scheduled for the week of July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The church picnic is tentatively scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> at Short Park. Our next garage/craft sale is tentatively set for August 11<sup>th</sup>. Penny Ohnmeiss volunteered to prepare potted flowers for Mother's Day. The greeter for February will be Ben Mazzullo. The counters for February will be Duane Yeagle and Donna Camp. The fellowship meal coordinators for February will be Helen and Dan Yoas. There are still some openings: if you would like to volunteer for greeter or fellowship meal coordinator this year, please contact Jim Lewis. The next council meeting is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, suggestions, or recommendations in any of the committee areas noted above, contact the individual assigned to that committee. Otherwise your questions may be addressed to Vicki Lewis as council chairperson or to Pastor Pete.

# Calvary News

## 2012 Calendar

A planning meeting for 2012 was held on Thursday, December 29 at 5 p.m. with the following people present: Sue Green, Larry Green, Jodie Lantz, Jim Lewis, Vicki Lewis, and Peter Wilson. The following is a list of calendar items that were set:

<b>January</b>	1—Communion and Fellowship Meal	<b>August</b>	3—Games Night
	17—Church Council		5—Fellowship Meal
<b>February</b>	3—Games Night	<b>August</b>	11—Garage/Crafts Sale
	5—Fellowship Meal		18—Picnic: Short Park
	21—Church Council		21—Church Council
<b>March</b>	2—Games Night	<b>September</b>	2—Communion and Fellowship Meal
	4—Communion and Fellowship Meal		7—Games Night
	20—Church Council		15—White Elephant Sale/Spaghetti Dinner
<b>April</b>	1—Fellowship Meal		16—American Baptist Women Sunday
	5—Maundy Thursday (foot washing)		18—Church Council
	13—Games Night (moved from Good Friday)	<b>October</b>	5— Games Night
	17—Church Council		6—ABW Breakfast
<b>May</b>	4—Games Night		7—Fellowship Meal
	6—Communion and Fellowship Meal		11-13—American Baptist Biennial/Altoona (Will Mancini, Keynote)
	12—Mother/Daughter Tea		14—NBA Fall Fair
	13—Mother’s Day (potted plants—Penny)	16—Church Council	
	15—Primary Election Day/Church Council	<b>November</b>	2—Games Night
<b>June</b>	1—Games Night		4—Communion and Fellowship Meal
	3—Fellowship Meal		20—Church Council
	17—Father’s Day (pies—Vicki)		25—Sunday School Hour: Decorate Church
	19—Church Council		25—(Evening) International Students Thanksgiving Meal
	24—Northumberland Baptist Association Fair	<b>December</b>	2—First Sunday of Advent and Fellowship Meal
<b>July</b>	1—Communion and Fellowship Meal		7—Games Night
	6—Games Night		18—Church Council
	17—Church Council		19—Congregational Business Meeting
	18—Congregational Business Meeting		30—Retrospective Service
	July 30-August 4—Vacation Bible School		

## Christian Education Calendar 2012

Calvary Baptist Church's adult Sunday school has quite a year planned for you. Just look at the calendar below:

January through February 26<sup>th</sup> ..... *Characters of the Old Testament* (an IntersVarsity Press presentation.)

March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> ..... *My Heart, Christ's Home*

April 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 17<sup>th</sup> ..... *Fruit of the Spirit* (an IntersVarsity Press presentation.)

June 24<sup>th</sup> ..... Summer Session: a multi-week study of *The Jesus I Never Knew* (DVD and discussion.) There will also be a group presentation led by Pastor Wilson on a subject of his choosing.

Then beginning later in the fall we will start with an IVP study guide to *Ecclesiastes* (an IntersVarsity Press presentation) lasting 9 weeks.

That will be interrupted during Advent with a four-to-five-week study entitled *A Christmas Carol Bible Study*, based on a Christian's look at the classic movie of Dickens' famous and beloved novel. (DVD and discussion.)

The Christian Education Committee invites you to sample our new way to do Sunday school.



***I wish you enough.***

From the [United Churches of Lycoming County newsletter](#), January 2012

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.

I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all you possess.

I wish you enough "Hellos" to get you through the final "Goodbye".

Note: read the story behind this poem at <http://www.bobperks.com/TheStory.html>

- Bob Perks

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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 2012 issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier*.

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**2012 Church Council:** Shirley Beyer, Ken Bower, Donna Camp, Larry Green, Jim Lewis (church clerk), Vicki Lewis (council moderator), Ben Mazzullo, Penny Ohnmeiss, Lynn Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Duane Yeagle, Dan Yoas, Helen Yoas (treasurer, ex officio member)

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FEBRUARY

EACH WEDNESDAY:

EACH THURSDAY:

EACH SATURDAY:

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	1-3 pm – International Women’s Program 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm -Bible Study & <i>Wed</i> Prayer	7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal <i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting <i>Sat</i>
<b>EACH SUNDAY:</b> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service	<b>EACH MONDAY:</b> Pastor’s Day Off		1	2	3 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	4
5 “Souper” Bowl Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service	6	7	8	9  B – Dean Paulhamus	10	11
12  B – Vivian Kellander B – Jean Snyder	13	14  A – Dean & Doris Paulhamus (2-14-88)	15	16	17  B – Candy Clark B – Sue Green	18
19	20 Presidents’ Day  B – Ben Green B – Debbie (Koons) Grimes	21 7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25  B – Zaillet Hpauda
26 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. of Lent  “Catch Up” Offering	27	28	29 Leap Year			
						Note: B- Birthday A - Anniversary

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