

# Calvary Baptist Courier

## February 2015

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### “Sabbath, Anyone?”

You are invited to join us at Bible Study this Wednesday evening (Feb. 4) for the final session in our 8-week study on “Sabbath: the gift of rest” (a study guide by Lynne Baab). From the discussion week by week and the looks on people’s faces, I know that this series has been an eye-opener. This Wednesday we will be sharing some changes we will be making in how we experience a Sabbath day.

It is significant that Jesus so often chose a Sabbath day to have his conflicts with the Pharisees. It was very important to him that people shouldn’t just regard their Sabbath as a routine and follow certain Sunday (for us) patterns that substitute for God’s true purposes in giving us this weekly special day. In our studies we saw what God’s purposes for the Sabbath were (and are) and we talked about practices that help it fulfill its potential.

The Sabbath is intended to re-center me each week from what my life involves day by day, onto three essential eternal realities: 1) that God made us and all of creation and did so with love and care and purpose; 2) that God has redeemed us through Jesus Christ; and 3) that a day is coming when all good will be restored and all evil removed. In order to focus on these truths, there are things we need to think about removing from our weekly Sabbath days, and things we need to think about adding in.

It was very important to Jesus to raise the issue of the Sabbath and for us to re-think our Sabbath practice and enter more fully into God’s intentions for that day. If you would like to hear more about how folks here at Calvary are dealing with that concern of Jesus’s, join us Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Shalom ,

*Peter P. Wilson*

## COUNCIL NOTES

*By Jim Lewis*

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on January 20, 2015. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of December 31, 2014, our expenditures were \$13,753.96 less that we took in. In case you had not noticed, the gutters and downspouts around the church have been replaced. This expense has not yet been satisfied, pending the receipt of the bill. Both the AWANA group and members of the congregation took part in Christmas caroling this year, the AWANA group around the neighborhood of the church, and the congregation at several local nursing home facilities. There will be a spaghetti dinner followed by a white elephant sale here at the church on February 14th at 5:30 p.m. Betty Brown is now in the rehabilitation unit at Valley View Nursing Facility. The 2015 budget was approved by the congregation at the fellowship meal in January. The English as a Second Language (ESL) group plans to add a French language class to the English, Spanish, and Chinese classes they are already teaching. Very ambitious! Sally Cramm will be acting as greeter in February. The counters for February will be Dan and Helen Yoas. February fellowship meal coordinator will be Penny Ohnmeiss. The next council meeting will be February 17, 2015, at 7 p.m.

## ***CALVARY NEWS***

DO YOU WANT TO TAKE YOUR SWEETHEART, BEST FRIEND (OR JUST YOURSELF), OUT TO DINNER AND HAVE A FUN EVENING? Plan to come to the Valentine Spaghetti Dinner in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 14 at 5:30 p.m. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, February 11 and are needed to prepare for you. (\$7 for adults and \$5 for age 12 and under). You can pay at the door or pay before to Doris Paulhamus or Sue Green. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church lounge.

After dinner we will have a White Elephant Sale. Bring your treasures (good useable items) wrapped and ready to sell.

DO YOU SPONSOR A COMPASSION CHILD OR OTHERS? If you do, please speak with Sue Green. Sue would like to borrow a photo of your child, make a copy of the photo, and use it on a special bulletin board display. Please write your name (so it can be returned to you), the child/children's name and the country they are from on the back of the photo.

*Joke of the month—*

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a “show and tell” assignment, asking each student to bring in an object that represented their religion.

The first student stood in front of the class and said, “My name is Benjamin. I’m Jewish and this is a Star of David.”

Another student stood and said, “My name is Mary. I’m Catholic, and this is a rosary.”

A third student walked to the front of the room. “My name is Tommy,” he said. “I’m a Baptist, and this is a casserole.”

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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 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](mailto: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  
FEBRUARY**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b><u>EACH SUNDAY:</u></b> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service 7 pm – Multi-language Bible Study	<b><u>EACH MONDAY:</u></b> PASTOR'S DAY OFF 6:30-8 pm – Chinese - Elementary School and Middle/High School Classes 6:30-8 pm – Spanish - Middle/High School Class 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class*	<b><u>EACH TUESDAY:</u></b> 7-8:30 pm – Spanish - High School/Adult Class	<b><u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u></b> 4:45-7 pm – AWANA Youth Clubs (K-12 grade) 7:00 pm – Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class*	<b><u>EACH THURSDAY:</u></b> Choir Rehearsal		
<b>1</b> Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  B – Dean Paulhamus	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  B – Jean Snyder	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 5:30 p.m. – Valentine Spaghetti Dinner/White Elephant Sale  A – Dean & Doris Paulhamus (2-14-88)
<b>15</b>	<b>16 Presidents' Day</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting  B – Candy Clark B – Sue Green	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  B – Ben Green B – Debbie (Koons) Grimes	<b>21</b>
<b>22 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of Lent</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  B – Zaillet Hpauda	<b>26</b>  B – Wendi Sterner	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
						<b>Note: B – Birthday A - Anniversaries *English-as-a Second- Language Class</b>

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