

# Calvary Baptist Courier

## January 2012

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### ON-GOING INCARNATION

*“Since the Incarnation, Jesus has only one desire: to recommence the human life he lived. That’s why he wants additional human natures, people who will let him start all over again.” - Paul Claudel*

What do you like to do for recreation? Work out at the Y? Read? Garden? Fly-fish? Learn more about the Civil War?

The reason I ask is that your answer to that question may be the answer to another question a lot of church people have: “All my friends go to church. How can I be part of leading someone to Christ other than by helping someone else to do it?” Wondering about that is a good sign that the Spirit of Christ is in you; after all, the Spirit that took on flesh in Jesus is the Spirit that “came to seek and to save what was lost” (Luke 19:10). In the same way that that Spirit chose to begin that seeking and saving in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, so is He preparing new bodies to enter new Bethlehems today.

For some Christians, such Bethlehems are a given: their workplace, parenting children, class and dorm rooms. For others (retirees, for example), it is so easy for all your involvements to be with church folks. To give the Holy Spirit in you a new Bethlehem will take some intentionality. Think about that as one gift to God for 2012: getting active in a local garden club, Civil War round table, book club, working out at the Y: some place natural where you share an interest with people who may not (yet!) share your interest in being a follower of Jesus. Once you’ve begun incarnating at your Bethlehem, then God can lead you in how to make connections that may lead to your inviting people to church. This is where much real connecting takes place (my parents had a significant ministry this way by joining a monthly Shakespeare study group; I’ve done it by inviting people I’ve gotten to know by being on the same dog-walking routine).

As we incarnate in other people’s worlds (their “comfort zones”), and step into some everyday Bethlehems in their worlds, we may be the light to draw them into Jesus’ world forever.

Shalom,

*Peter P. Lee*

## Council Notes

*by James D. Lewis*

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on December 13, 2011. This is a synopsis of that meeting. As of the end of November, our expenses for the year were \$12,059.21 in excess of the amount collected to that date. Vicki Lewis chaired the Northumberland Baptist Association meeting that was hosted by our church last month. The carol festival which was to be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to scheduling difficulties. Pastor Pete noted that he very much enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner that was held for the Arabic students that had been attending our church. The Christmas cantata is scheduled to be performed on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The adult Sunday school class is currently studying characters of the Old Testament. Duane Yeagle will be leaving for the Dominican Republic on December 27<sup>th</sup> and returning on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Jim Lewis will be leaving on January 6<sup>th</sup> and returning on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Keep them in your prayers while they are away. Duane Yeagle and Vicki Lewis, by the time of this report, will have been voted back on the church council. A special congregational business meeting was held on November 13<sup>th</sup> to vote on whether to accept two bids for work on the church parsonage (\$6,654 and \$5,641) for the roof and other structural elements. The congregation members present approved the acceptance of these bids. The contractor (East End Lumber) was contacted and expects to begin work on or about next July. The money for this expense will come from the special fund set up by the council last year (with deposits of \$500 per month). Our Baptist women's group constructed about 50 dresses as part of the dresses for Africa project. Twelve of these dresses are being sent to the Dominican Republic with Jim Lewis and Duane Yeagle. Members of the congregation will have (by the time this comes out) been Christmas caroling on December 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 3 P.M. This was to be followed by an open house at the parsonage at about 4:30 P.M. The greeter for January 2012 will be Kathy Temple. The counters for January 2012 will be Ben Mazzullo and a second to be determined. The fellowship meal coordinator for January 2012 will be Vicki Lewis. This meal will be on New Year's Day. Vicki plans to honor southern custom with black-eyed peas and cornbread. Everyone else is encouraged to bring something to honor their own particular traditions. The agenda for the congregational business meeting for December 14<sup>th</sup> included presentation of the budget for 2012, election of new council members and affirmation of the members to hold the positions of clerk, treasurer, and financial secretary. Communion servers for January 1<sup>st</sup> will be Larry Green, Dan Yoas, Jim Lewis, and Ben Mazzullo. Ben Mazzullo will offer the prayer for the bread; Dan Yoas will offer the prayer for the cup. The next council meeting will be on January 17, 2012.

### *Prescription Bottles*



What do you do with your empty, used prescription bottles? We are starting to collect used prescription bottles to send to the Dominican Republic with Duane and Jim to be used by their medical missionaries. Please remove the labels and put the bottles in the box in the lounge. Help us recycle these bottles, keep them out of the landfill, and perform a very valuable service for the medical missionaries and their patients.

# Calvary News

***Do you hear what I hear?***- You may not hear this carol again till next Christmas, but you can still hear Pastor Pete's sermons on the church website, [www.calvarywilliamsport.com](http://www.calvarywilliamsport.com). Whether you're unable to be in church on Sunday mornings, by distance or circumstance, or whether you'd like to hear the sermon again, please join us!



## **American Baptist Women White Cross Mission Collection 2012**

Every year our Calvary Baptist Church American Baptist Women chapter is given a quota of donations for the White Cross Mission service.

Starting Sunday, January 8, we will be collecting items for the White Cross Overland Project. The items will benefit the Peoria, IL, Friendship House of Christian Service.

There will be a signup sheet starting January 8 and all the items are due by January 29.

In any way you choose to participate in this White Cross Program, please know that your gifts make a difference in the lives of those served at our mission locations.

*Karen Mazzullo*

**ATTENTION CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS!** Please have your 2011 Annual Reports to Sandy Snyder by **Wednesday, January 18, 2012.**

***Please be sure*** to keep both Duane Yeagle and Jim Lewis in your prayers during their mission trips to the Dominican Republic. Duane left Dec. 27 and will return Jan. 6; Jim will leave Jan. 6 and return Jan. 16.

## Recipe Corner...

### *Glorified Rice*

*From Vivian Kellander (Kathy Temple's mother)*

- 2 cups rice
- 20 oz. can crushed pineapple (undrained)
- 1 1/2 cup mini marshmallows
- 1 large tub Cool Whip
- 1 small jar maraschino cherries, halved

Cook rice in water with several drops of red food color. Drain well. Mix cooled rice, pineapple, marshmallows, cherries, and Cool Whip. Serve chilled. Note: if you're not ready for the holiday season to end, use green maraschino cherries to add some Christmas color.

## A PRAYER TO GREET THE YEAR

“My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord;

In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up” (Psalm 5:3).

Rise up and pray, for another day

Awaits to welcome you.

We face the year

God’s way before us,

God’s strength to pilot us,

God’s might to uphold us,

God’s host to save us;

God’s wisdom to guide us,

From snares and evils;

God’s eye to look before us,

Seeing the temptations and vices;

God’s hand to guard us

From all who wish us ill;

God’s Word to speak to us,

Afar and near;

God’s ear to hear us,

Alone and in a multitude.

Rise up and sing, for another year

Awaits to welcome you.

— E. Paul. Hovey, “A Prayer to Greet the Year,” *Westminster Adult Bible Class*

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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 February 2012 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.

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

# JANUARY

## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

B – Birthday

A - Anniversary

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>EACH WEDNESDAY:</b> 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer	<b>EACH THURSDAY:</b> 2-4 pm – International Women's Program 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal		<b>EACH SATURDAY:</b> 9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting
<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  3-5 pm - International Women's Program					
<b>1 New Year's Day</b> Communion Service Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service  B – Arianna Lantz	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  No AWANA	<b>5</b>  A – Michael & Gail Telesca (1-5-02)	<b>6 Epiphany</b>  7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  B – Sandy Snyder	<b>16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	<b>17</b>  7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  B – Melissa Cumberland	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  B – Donna Camp	<b>27</b>  Pastoral Relations Committee Mtg.	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  "Catch Up" Offering	<b>30</b> B – Makaylee Hallabuk B – Darlene (Koons) Wagner	<b>31</b>				

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