

Calvary Baptist Courier

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Following Jesus in 2014

“Come, follow me,” was Jesus’ most frequent gospel invitation. Obviously, the way we respond to that is different from the way of those who first heard it, who literally took off with him down the road, over the ridge and on to who-knows-where. One way we can make our following of Jesus more tangible and deeper in 2014 is to read one of the gospels in depth; use a study guide from the Christian bookstore or the church library; perhaps get together with one or two others who are reading the same gospel.

Which gospel to choose? Each one was written by a different type of person to different types of readers. Matthew’s gospel has the most information on Jesus fulfilling Judaism and prophecy. The book of Mark is the briefest and fastest-paced. There is good evidence that it is Mark’s transcript of the Apostle Peter’s teachings about Jesus’ ministry. Luke’s gospel highlights Jesus’ interaction with religious outsiders (and insiders) and social outcasts and across racial lines. The gospel of John is the most theologically and philosophically intriguing.

Scripture contains its own power. It is truly the bread (food) of spiritual health and life, of inner strength and outward direction. Which one of the gospels sounds most to your taste? Most on your wave-length? Let me know if I can help you get started on this exciting new journey following Jesus. Come ... !

Shalom,



COUNCIL NOTES

By Jim Lewis

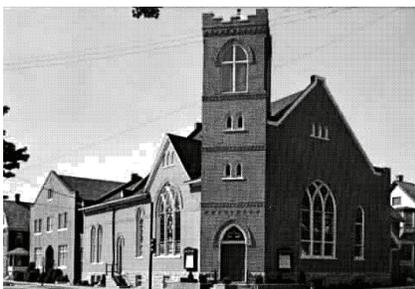
The Calvary Baptist Church council met on December 17, 2013. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of November 30, 2013. Our expenditures were \$4,071.26 less than we took in. The Wednesday night Bible study class continues to grow. If you aren't attending, you should consider it: it has proven to be an educational and entertaining experience. Pastor Pete advised that there is an African-American church congregation currently sharing space and expenses with First Baptist Church of Williamsport. They have applied for membership in the Northumberland Association. We welcome them to the fold. Attendance in the Sunday morning adult Sunday School class is growing also. Lynn Turney is doing a bang-up job of leading this group: our thanks to him. The congregational business meeting scheduled for December 18, 2013, will be approving the church budget for 2014, new members for the church council, and will be getting a report on the status of the purchase of the house adjacent to the church parsonage. If you are not in the habit of attending these congregational meetings, you should consider it; it is a good way of knowing what is going on in your church. The English as a Second Language program is still conducting introductory Spanish classes for adults and students. Contact Jody Lantz if you are interested in attending/helping. Our Baptist women's group prepared a total of 150 pillowcase dresses for the mission efforts in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Their efforts are appreciated by all, but especially by the children in these locations. Thanks much, ladies! Thanks to Sue and Pam Green for hosting the ladies' Christmas tea on December 7th; their efforts were much appreciated by those in attendance. Pastor Pete notes that we already have about \$15,000 of money in hand or pledged toward the down payment for the property adjacent to the church parsonage. If you would like to make a donation or a pledge, contact Pastor Pete. We can use all the funds we can raise. Pastor Pete will be out of town on January 19th and 26th. We don't know yet who will be in the pulpit on those dates. The greeter for January will be Dottie Blanchard; the fellowship meal coordinator will be Penny Ohnmeiss; the counters will be Lynn Turney, Helen Yoas, and Dave Lantz. Due to numerous planned absences, there will be no council meeting in January. The next council meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2014.

The first group going to the Dominican Republic will be leaving on December 26th; the second group will be returning on January 17th. Please be in prayer for us during this entire period. Your prayers are appreciated. Jim Lewis will be our only attendee this year.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ...

Many of you may have noticed that checks you wrote to the church recently have not been deducted from your accounts. On January 3, we made the unfortunate discovery that our bank had inadvertently neglected to process our last two night deposits. We made them aware of the mistake and they corrected it immediately, and we regret any inconvenience or consternation this may have caused you. Many generous gifts were received for the Christmas offering, end-of-year donations, funds allocated to the New Parsonage fund or the ESL fund, and tithes and offerings in general. All of them were greatly appreciated and are now on their way to fulfilling the purpose for which you designated them. Thanks for your understanding.

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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 2014 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 with "subscribe" in the subject line.

2014 Church Council: Larry Green, Sue Green, Dave Lantz, Jim Lewis (ex officio member and church clerk), David Snyder Jr., Sandy Snyder, Robin Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member and interim moderator), Duane Yeagle, Helen Yoas (treasurer)

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
JANUARY**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p><u>EACH SUNDAY:</u> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service 7 pm – International Bible Study</p>	<p><u>EACH MONDAY:</u> Pastor's Day Off 7:15-8:15 pm - Middle School Spanish Class 7:30-9 pm – International Program</p>	<p><u>EACH TUESDAY:</u> 7-8 pm - Adult Spanish Class</p>	<p><u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u> 5-7 pm – AWANA Youth Clubs (K-12 grade) 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer 7:30-9 pm – International Program</p>	<p><u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> 7:15 pm – Choir Rehearsal</p>		
			<p>1 New Year's Day NO Evening Programs B – Arianna Lantz</p>	2	<p>3 7 pm - Family Games Night</p>	4
<p>5 Communion Service Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service</p>	<p>6 Epiphany</p>	7	<p>8 Evening programs resume B – Mark Mahserjian-Smith</p>	9	10	<p>11 Jim Lewis leaves for Dominican Republic mission trip B – MarTue Hpauda</p>
12	<p>13 B – M. Arthur Erickson</p>	14	<p>15 B – Sandy Snyder</p>	16	<p>17 Jim Lewis returns from D.R. mission trip</p>	<p>18 Pastor Pete, Robin Turney, and Kim DiRienz (Robin's sister) leave for Haiti mission trip</p>
19	<p>20 Martin Luther King Day B – Joey Wozniak</p>	<p>21 NO Church Council Meeting this month</p>	<p>22 B – Melissa Cumberland</p>	23	24	25
<p>26 Guest Speaker – Adam Kittrell B – Donna Camp</p>	<p>27 Pastor, Robin, and Kim return from Haiti mission trip</p>	<p>28 B – Bobby Wozniak</p>	29	<p>30 B – Makaylee Hallabuk B – Darlene (Koons) Wagner</p>	31	<p>Note: B – Birthday A - Anniversary</p>

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