

Calvary Baptist Courier

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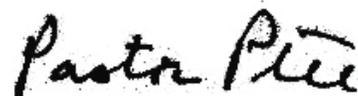
Looking Ahead to 2015

I buy the same make of date-book every year. I have two of them on the desk in front of me now. One says 2015 on its pristine front cover. The other one says nothing on its front cover because the numerals 2014 are worn off and the cover as a whole is worn and curled. There is even tape on its back cover. The 2014 book is also half-again as thick as its new replacement. This is because of all the notes, paper clips, etc., that I've added over the last 12 months. Many of those notes have names and information that meant something to me at the time; now I have no clue. But also in those notes and written on the daily pages are a record of meetings and events and names (yours?) that shaped God's family and work at Calvary and beyond in 2014.

As I reread the 2014 date-book to prepare my Annual Pastor's Report, many entries triggered an emotional response—with some it was happy, with others, sad. It was good to reflect that God's heart responds the same way: the difference being that He knew at the time where each was heading.

People sometimes notice that if I put an entry in my daytimer I won't use a pen. I'll go look for a pencil if I don't have one with me (which I almost always do—for just this purpose). While this might sound like a superstition, it is actually my reminder to myself of God's warning in James 4:13-15 about how we are to make plans. As my look through my 2014 daytimer reminded me, it is God who writes what actually happens. And it is good to know that He does so, not with pencil, not even with ink or engraved in stone, but with His own love's blood.

Shalom ,



COUNCIL NOTES

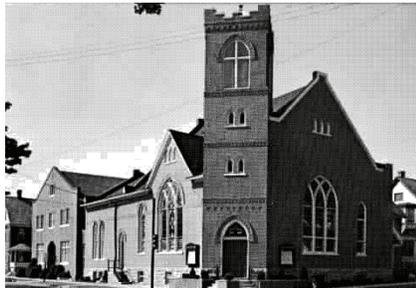
By Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on December 9, 2014. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of November 30, 2014, our expenditures were \$10,207.37 less than we took in. The THRIVE participants enjoyed their Thanksgiving celebrations here at the church this year. Our Burmese Kachin brethren entertained the congregation by singing for them during Sunday services on December 27th. It was a very nice rendition of a Burmese Christmas tune. The music was familiar—the words, not so much. Enjoyable, nonetheless! The revised budget for 2015 was reviewed and, with a few minor tweaks, was approved for presentation to the congregation at the fellowship meal on January 4, 2015. We are still waiting for East End Lumber to begin the gutter replacement project at the church. Most recently, they were scheduled to begin this installation the third week of December. Larry Green has been busy getting quotes for carpet cleaning in the fellowship hall/lounge areas as well as quotes for replacement of the stage curtain in the fellowship hall. The last item will be paid with the funds raised in the Christmas offering. The AWANA group went caroling in the surrounding neighborhood on December 17th; the congregation went caroling at several nursing facilities on December 14th. Sue Green advised that the White Cross “turkey” goal had been met and more was received than anticipated. ABCOPAD has requested and permission has been granted to use our facilities for a youth event on March 27th and 28th. The greeter for January will be Helen Yoas; the counters will be Robin and Lynn Turney; the fellowship meal coordinator will be Doris Paulhamus. Communion servers on January 4, 2015, will be Dave Snyder Jr., Dave Lantz, Jim Lewis, and Helen Yoas. Dave Snyder will offer the prayer for the bread; Dave Lantz will offer the prayer for the cup. The next council meeting will be January 20, 2015, at 7:15 p.m.

EVERYBODY MUST LOVE TURKEY! “Pluck the Turkey” was a great success. The goal of \$220 was met and exceeded. We were able to purchase a \$350 gift card for the “Philadelphia Race Track Chaplaincy of America” in Bensalem, PA. Thank you for your help in completing the ABW Quota.

On the outside bulletin board at Calvary: “New Year—Same God.”

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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
JANUARY**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<u>EACH SUNDAY:</u> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service 7 pm – Multi-language Bible Study	<u>EACH MONDAY:</u> 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*	<u>EACH TUESDAY:</u> 7-8:30 pm – Spanish - High School/Adult Class	<u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u> 4:45-7 pm – AWANA Youth Clubs (K-12 grade) 7:00 pm – Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class*	<u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> Choir Rehearsal		
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i> B – Arianna Lantz	2 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	3
4 Communion Service Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service – There will be a brief meeting of the congregation to discuss 2015 Budget.	5	6 <i>Epiphany</i>	7	8 B – Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith	9	10 B – Margaret Droddy
11 B – MarTue Hpauda	12	13 B – M. Arthur Erickson	14	15 B – Sandy Snyder	16	17 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Work Day
18	19 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i> B – Olivia Droddy	20 7:15 p.m. – Church Council Meeting B – Joey Wozniak	21 7 p.m. – Congreg. Business Meeting	22 B Melissa Cumberland	23	24
25	26 B – Donna Camp	27	28 B – Bobby Wozniak	29	30 B – Maykaylee Hallabuk B – Darlene (Koons) Wagner	31 Note: B – Birthday *English-as-a Second- Language Class

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