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A DAILY WALK WITH GOD— AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE KNOWN HIM

What I always look forward to the most every New Year is that I get to begin a new set of daily devotionals. Throughout the year I keep my eyes open for devotionals that look like they would appeal to me, and every January 1, I pick through the ones I've purchased (and a few from previous years that I see I'd marked up quite a bit), and I choose 5 or 6 to be my daily spiritual companions throughout the year to come. Some are classics (Bonhoeffer, Spurgeon, early Church fathers); some are more recent but have held up over the years (C.S. Lewis, Elizabeth Elliot); some are contemporary (Nancy Guthrie, John Piper). Each day they help me see things through the eyes of a variety not only of authors and historical periods but of settings and interests. Phillip Keller's guides always focus on nature, based on his life as an agronomist, a shepherd, and living by the seashore. A few days ago, the Phillip Keller collection I was using had the following:

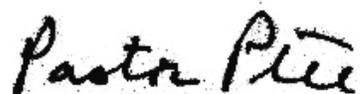
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It is not always easy simply to step aside into solitude and rest and quietness. But unless I learn how, my entire growth in God will be endangered.

As a simple preliminary step in this direction may I suggest the reader take twenty minutes each day to go out and walk alone—a brisk walk—only smiling to strangers—deliberately looking for the beauty and handiwork of God in the natural world about him, and inwardly adoring the Lord for who He is. Leave the worries and work at home or in the office. It will prove to be a tonic, a rest that results in growth in God.—from *A Touch of God*

I'm making his suggestion one of my New Year 2016 resolutions. How about you? I am going to put on my jacket, leave the dogs at home (they've already had their walk) and do my first 20 minute nature walk of 2016 right now. (2 p.m., Jan. 1)

Shalom ,



COUNCIL NOTES

by Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on December 16, 2015. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of November 30, 2015, our expenditures were \$14,506.83 less than we took in. The ladies of the church have prepared 110 pillowcase dresses that will be traveling with our “missionaries” to the Dominican Republic shortly after Christmas. There will be a lot of happy little girls in the DR after Christmas this year! Donations of over \$800 were made to the retired ministers/missionaries fund by our congregation this year. Thanks to everyone for their generosity. This was well above our goal! Three nominees have been lined up for the church council (Duane Yeagle, Dan Yoas, and Janice Brown) to replace those who are leaving the council. Thank you to these individuals for being willing to serve. The recommended budget for 2016 will be presented to the congregation at the January fellowship meal along with the new council members (to be voted on) and the individuals filling elected council positions. Moreland Baptist Church had a spare ping pong table in their church and have elected to give it to us for use by our youth group. Much thanks to the folks at Moreland! Sue Green has proposed a Christmas fair (sale) to include craft items and other Christmas related items (decorations, etc.) to be sold to raise funds for the church. A tentative date of November 21, 2016, has been set for this fair. So put your thinking caps on and get your nimble fingers busy making things to include in this sale. You have plenty of time to work on it. ... Helen Yoas will present our annual photographic retrospective in church on December 27th. Games night for January will be on the 8th. The pastor didn't think anyone would want to come out on New Year's Day—go figure! The greeter for January will be Doris Paulhamus. The counters for January will be David Snyder Jr. and Sandy Snyder. The fellowship meal coordinator will be Helen Yoas. January's communion servers will be Dan Yoas, Lynn and Robin Turney, and George Herrick. Lynn Turney will offer the prayer for the cup. Dave Snyder will offer the prayer for the bread. The next council meeting will be January 20, 2016. Happy New Year to you all from those of us in the sunny Dominican Republic ... See you next year.

NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: We are looking to replace the **game tables** in the basement. Our AWANA kids (and some adults) enjoy using them and the current ones are worn out and falling apart. If you or someone you know has a Foosball, Air Hockey, or Pool table that is in good condition and would like to donate or sell it (cheaply), please speak with Dave Snyder, Jr.

WMO: An additional \$50 was collected in December for the World Mission Offering, making our total donation \$900. Thank you!

BEFORE you pack up all those unused or unwanted Christmas decorations from years gone by, please consider donating your good useable items to our 1st Annual Christmas Craft Fair/Rummage Sale, to be held in late November, 2016. See Penny Ohnmeiss for your donations and questions.

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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 2016 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.

2016 Church Council: Larry Green, Sue Green, Jim Lewis (ex officio member and church clerk), Doris Paulhamus, David Snyder Jr., Robin Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member and interim moderator), Helen Yoas (ex officio member and treasurer). Prospective members: Janice Brown, Duane Yeagle, and Dan Yoas (pending congregational approval)

**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>
EACH SUNDAY: 9:30 am – Kids Club, College & Adult Classes 10:40 am – Worship Service	EACH MONDAY: PASTOR'S DAY OFF	EACH TUESDAY: 5-7 pm – AWANA Youth Clubs (K-12 grade) 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer Meeting		EACH THURSDAY: 6 pm – Choir Rehearsal	1 New Year's Day B – Arianna Lantz	2
3 Communion Service Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) brief business meeting following the worship service B – Richelle Walker	4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8 7 p.m. – Family Games Night 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	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19 B – Olivia Droddy	20 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting B – Joey Wozniak	21	22 B – Melissa Cumberland	23
24	25	26 B – Donna Camp	27	28 B – Bobby Wozniak	29	30 B – Makaylee Hallabuk B – Darlene (Koons) Wagner
31						B – Birthday No Anniversaries

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