

Calvary Baptist Courier

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Reunion ... Communion: Our Father's Forever Family

Last week the *Sun-Gazette* printed a list of upcoming family reunions: Campbell, Frey, Wright, Ohnmeiss (!) Time & place, details of food items to bring, phone number to call—all were listed. Obviously, some people put a lot of work into these reunions and a lot of people love to be there: reconnecting with the cousins, getting everyone caught up on family news, meeting and welcoming newborns and new in-laws: to just feel the blessing of ... family.

Many of us don't have "FAMILY REUNION" marked on our calendar for every June, or for every five years. The closest I've come to a family reunion has been at a funeral (on my mother's side) and a wedding (on my father's). I am sure that families who do have reunions are disappointed when brother Joe or cousin Josephine doesn't show up. I am also sure that family members who have lost a loved one (literally or figuratively) especially appreciate seeing the broader family and develop deeper bonds there with ones that are still there for them.

With Mother's Day and Father's Day in recent weeks, I've been in on some good discussions lately with Calvary folks about parents and family. One such was at last Wednesday's midweek at Lewises': lots of opening up, some tears. What was sadder: to have never had a nurturing father or to have had one and then have him die very young?

We need to appreciate Jesus' gift to us of His father to be our abba father: a perfect Biblical father who "lavishes" love on His family (I John 3:1) and who is eternal and with us always. We need to think about the "our" (not just "my") of the "Our Father" that starts the Lord's Prayer. In so doing, we realize that every Sunday—and especially Communion Sunday—is a family reunion that God our Father has announced and prepared for us and called us to attend and contribute to and be blessed by as we reconnect—and form new bonds—with Him and the forever family he has given us.

Shalom,

Peter P. Lee

Council Notes

by James D. Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on June 21, 2011. This is a synopsis of that meeting. As of the end of May, we are \$7,206.92 in the red – a reduction of about \$800 from last month. This is primarily due to low utility bills (normal at this time of year). Helen Yoas will be taking over the duties of church treasurer (assuming the congregation approves her appointment) in the near future. Shirley Beyer is retiring after four years in the job. She will continue as assistant treasurer, assuming the congregation approves. We have begun holding Wednesday night Bible studies in individual homes (starting with the Lewis home on June 22nd). All are welcome to attend. Contact Pastor Pete if you need to know where to go/how to get there. Pastor Pete suggested we could start other home study groups on other days to accommodate individuals who can't attend on Wednesday evening (or Sunday morning). Contact him if you are interested in setting up such a group. Pastor Pete said he visited with Marva Hoover shortly after her birthday and noticed that she had numerous birthday cards from members of Calvary posted to her bulletin board. Thanks to all who help to brighten the lives of our homebound by remembering them on their birthday (and any other time too...). We welcomed Mark and Susan Mahserjian-Smith to our congregation on June 19th. Pastor Pete is encouraging congregation members who would like to present an anthem (singing/playing a musical instrument) on any Sunday morning. If you would like to do this contact him. VBS is coming up in mid-August. It is not too late to volunteer to help with this project. We will be holding a church yard sale on July 16th from 8 AM to 2 PM. We have quite a few pieces of nice furniture donated by members of the congregation in addition to all the other usual items. Be there or be square! Our annual church picnic to be held at Short Park is coming up in August. Penny Ohnmeiss will be the greeter in July. Sue Green will coordinate the fellowship meal. The council will meet next on July 19, 2011.

Recipe Corner...

Here's some summery, cool, and nutty sweetness, with thanks to Kathy Temple.

PEANUT BUTTER PIE

1 4-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
1 cup sugar
1 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup milk
1 8-oz. container Cool Whip.

Mixing by hand (not with a mixer), mix together cream cheese and sugar and blend in the peanut butter. Then blend in the milk and fold the Cool Whip into the mixture.

Pour into either graham cracker or chocolate crust. Top with shaved chocolate bar. Freeze for 4 hours. Serve with chocolate syrup drizzled on plate and on top of each piece of pie.

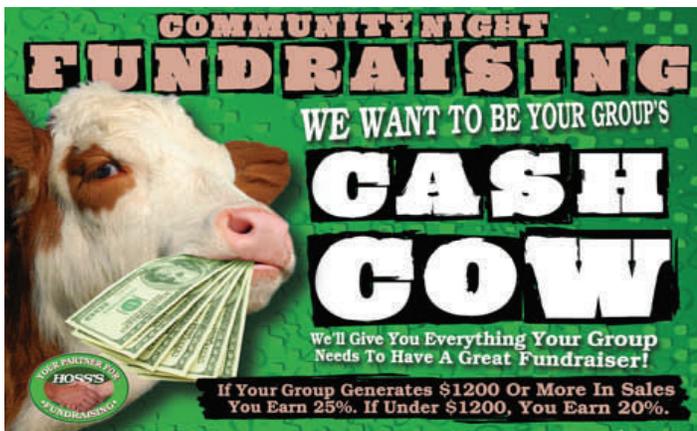
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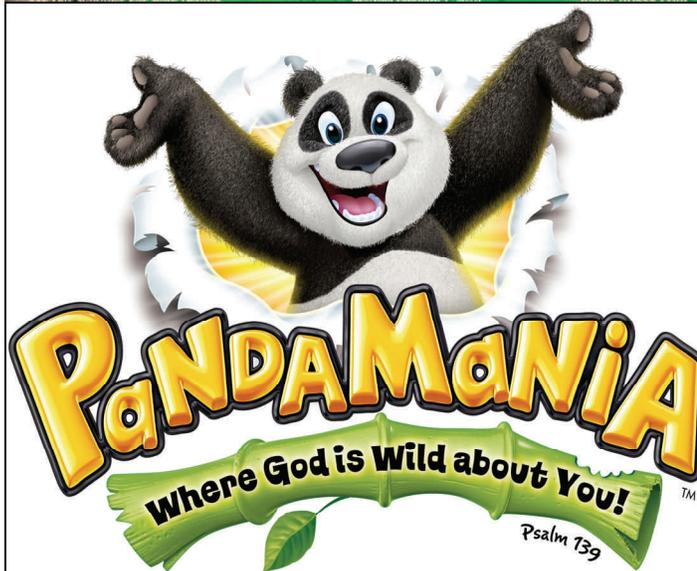
MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We are having a **CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE** on Saturday, July 16th from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. This will be a large household and furniture sale (we have recently received some large items). **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help with the sale. Also, donations of hot dogs, rolls, baked goods, etc. will be greatly appreciated.

NOTE: In September, a **second** rummage sale is planned where donations of good and gently used items will be accepted. We will begin to receive your items following our Vacation Bible School in August. If you have questions regarding either of these sales, please speak to Sue Green or Penny Ohnmeiss.

AUGUST



Where can you go for dinner on August 14, enjoy a great meal, *and* get money back? Hoss's of Williamsport! On Sunday, August 14, Hoss's will once again host a Community Night fundraiser for Calvary, and 20% of each check will be donated back to the church, with the presentation of a Cash Cow Card. If the total of all proceeds exceeds \$1,200, the donation will be 25%. Dine with the church family right after services or come over for supper: the offer is open all day. See Helen Yoas for Cash Cow Cards: some for you and some to hand out to your friends, or give us your email address and we'll send you an email you can print out. Remember the date: there will be food for the body, food for the soul, and food for the church finances, too!



Lots of fun is coming to Calvary during Vacation Bible School this summer with "PandaMania" (evenings, August 8-12). That's the title of this year's Vacation Bible School and the theme is "Where God is Wild About You." Please see Duane Yeagle if you would like to help.

25 RANDOM THINGS ABOUT.....

1. Susan Mahserjian-Smith.
2. I'm married to Mark Mahserjian-Smith.
3. We have 7 kids: 2 birth & 5 adopted.
4. Our son J.P. passed away just before his 26th birthday.
5. I have 4 grandkids and one expected in weeks.
6. I have a great-grandson, Trey.
7. I work at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.
8. I have a degree in accounting.
9. I was raised Southern Baptist.
10. I am a daughter of the King of Creation.
11. I believe there's no greater success than your kids knowing God.
12. I think I married the perfect man.
13. I love to cook & make up recipes.
14. I love to decorate my home.
15. I have a touch of OCD and might fix your collar, necklace, tie, etc....
16. I don't mind public speaking.
17. I like to sing.
18. I have 2 dogs—Baxter & Dingo.
19. I've written 2 Christmas plays.
20. I am artistic.
21. I am "computer literate".
22. I like to entertain.
23. I have enough metal in me to be the Bionic Woman.
24. I love to laugh, especially at myself.
25. Every good & perfect thing I have ever done or achieved has come from above, and not by my own strength.

Summer Adult Sunday School 2011—A Reminder

Beginning Sunday June 5th. until July 17th. Pastor Wilson will host a seven-week DVD presentation discussing the churches of **Revelation**.

Following that, from July 24th- Sept. 18th, the Adult Sunday school group will read and discuss an InterVarsity Press life guide Bible study, *Spiritual Warfare*.

The study books will be available the first Sunday in July.

As Ben Mazzullo, Director of Christian Education, said last month, "It looks as if it will be a different and exciting summer Sunday school. Please join us."

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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 August 2011 issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier*.

PLEASE NOTE: In an effort to cut expenses, the Church Council has decided to change the way we send our newsletters. Previously, the church paid an annual "Bulk Mail" fee of \$150 plus approximately \$35 for each mailing. We are now handing out the newsletter to those attending the worship service and mailing only to those unable to attend. **If you'd prefer to receive the newsletter by email, please email CalvaryCourier@gmail.com with "subscribe" in the subject line.**

2011 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Ken Bower, Donna Camp, Larry Green, Sue Green, Jim Lewis (church clerk, ex officio member), Ben Mazzullo, Penny Ohnmeiss, Kathy Temple (moderator), Deb Titus, Lynn Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Dan Yoas

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July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u> No AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs until Fall 7 pm – Bible Study and <i>Wed</i> Prayer	<u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> No Choir Rehearsal until Fall <i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<u>EACH SATURDAY:</u> 9 AM – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting <i>Sat</i>
<u>EACH SUNDAY:</u> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service	<u>EACH MONDAY:</u> Pastor’s Day Off				1 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	2
3 Communion Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service	4 Independence Day	5	6 2-4 p.m. – International Women’s Program	7 B – Doreen Slaybaugh	8 B – Lynn Turney	9 B – Barbie Hoover
10	11 B – Michael Dance	12 9:30 a.m. – C.L.I. Board Meeting B – Lisa Grasso	13 2-4 p.m. – I.W.P.	14	15	16 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Church Rummage Sale
17	18 B – Kathy Foust	19 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	20 2-4 p.m. – I.W.P. 7:00 p.m. – Semi- Annual Business Meeting	21	22	23
24 B – Bobby Cuca	25	26 7:00 p.m. – VBS Meeting	27 2-4 p.m. – I.W.P.	28 B – Kathy Temple A – Jim & Vicki Lewis (7-28-90)	29 B – Sally Cramm	30
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