

Calvary Baptist Courier

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The War of 2012

This year marks the two-hundredth anniversary of the start of the War of 1812: the war of Dolley Madison saving the White House portrait of George Washington; of the Star-Spangled Banner; of “Don’t give up the ship!”; of Andy Jackson at New Orleans.

This year we of Jesus’ church are fighting the War of 2012. Christians of every generation need to be reminded that we are a people at war and that when we join our lives up with Jesus, we are enlisted and deployed to fight the good fight (as Paul described it, 2 Timothy 4:7), following One who said, “I have not come to bring peace but a sword!” (Jesus, Matthew 10:34). Of course, as He makes clear elsewhere, the sword He brings is the sword of the Spirit and the battle is spiritual, invisible but very real, as invisible as your spirit—and as real.

So, soldier, what are your orders? Well, there are a number of them and some can vary from day to day. But there are also “standing orders” that we are to follow automatically unless another order is received. In military history, one such standing order has been: “in the absence of any other order, you are to go to the sound of the guns.” If a fight is on and you have not been ordered elsewhere, report to the battlefield for duty.

Every Wednesday evening, we at Calvary go into battle in prayer meeting. To those who have been coming to the sound of the guns, I say (and I think our Commander, the Lord of Hosts, says) “Thank you for your service.” Have you got a job, or class, or family time at that time? (I doubt that Jesus has ordered any of us to watch *Dancing with the Stars*—or whatever else is on TV at 7 p.m. next Wednesday). In the absence of other orders, let me urge you to give this some serious thought. People who come to prayer meeting once (and I am one who avoided it early on) tend to find out that there are all sorts of blessings waiting there for them.

We are fighting many spiritual battles in this War of 2012: the battles of our own church ministries; the battle of our neighborhood and Williamsport in general; the battle of our nation’s soul; the battles of our friends in Burma and the Dominican Republic and Haiti; the battle over your coworker or son or neighbor. In military history, officers have been court-martialed for not going to the sound of the guns. Others have turned the tide of a battle or a war and produced great victories by obeying that standing order instead. Who will people—and angels—and the Lord Himself—remember from Calvary’s War of 2012 the way we remember Dolley Madison and Francis Scott Key and the frontiersmen who went to New Orleans to man the barricades there amid the guns of the War of 1812? Next Wednesday, will you go to the sound of the guns?

Shalom,

Peter Pite

Council Notes

by Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on June 19, 2012. This is a synopsis of that meeting. As of May 31, 2012, our expenses were \$3929.71 in excess of the amount collected. Our Wednesday night, Bible study continues in Colossians. Sunday services are centered on a study of Exodus. Pastor Pete noted that despite the lack of an organist/choir director, Sunday services are going well with taped and a cappella music. If you are interested in performing a musical number during church services (singing or playing an instrument), contact Pastor Pete. The adult Sunday school class has begun a study from Philip Yancey's "The Jesus I Never Knew". Everyone is invited to join us for this study. There will be another VBS meeting soon. This is your opportunity to get involved. Contact Duane Yeagle if you are interested. The council decided to donate this year's Souper Bowl collection to St Anthony's Soup Kitchen. May McLaughlin left the church a bequest in her will. These funds have been set aside to help fund the upcoming roof repairs. The One Great Hour of Sharing mission collection is being collected this month. The need is great – please be generous. Five of our members are planning to go to Haiti this October to build rubble houses. Kudos to these folks. The American Baptist Women (ABW) will be taking their Twenty-Eight Days of Giving collection in July. Stand by for details. The United Churches group is putting together a group for volunteers who would like to help with ongoing cleanup efforts from last year's flood. If you would like to help, contact Pastor Pete. Our annual Crop Walk fundraiser is coming up soon. There are plans in the works for a movie night here at the church. Details will be provided when available. The council is working on updating the prayer chain. If you would like to be on the prayer chain, contact Vicki Lewis. Our annual rummage sale/bake sale is scheduled for September 8th. Our annual church picnic is scheduled for August 18th at Short Park. The greeter for July will be Penny Ohnmeiss. Counters for July will be Shirley Beyer and Donna Camp. Jim and Vicki Lewis will be coordinating the fellowship meal in July. Communion servers in July will be Jim and Vicki Lewis, and Dan and Helen Yoas. Duane Yeagle will offer the prayer for the bread. Vicki Lewis will offer the prayer for the cup. The council will meet next on July 17th. There will be a congregational business meeting on July 18th at 7:00 P.M.

Recipe Corner...

Fruit Punch

4 c. sugar
1 qt. water
1 qt. boiling water
4 tea bags
1 large can pineapple juice
1 large can orange juice
1 small can lemon juice (or thawed lemonade concentrate)
2 qt. ginger ale
2 qt. ice water

Boil and cool sugar and 1 qt. water. Steep tea bags for 4 minutes in boiling water. Add sugar syrup to tea. Mix tea and fruit juices together. Lastly add ice water and ginger ale. If desired, mint leaves may be added to tea. Serves 50 6-oz. cups.

Editor's note: With the summer heat upon us, this is the perfect time to try this recipe from the 1974 Tuckabatchee Class cookbook (and page 2 of the 2006 updated edition). It was my Aunt Annie's recipe (Mrs. Anna Deatrich). We served it at my wedding and since then at many other warm-weather activities. I hope you enjoy it!

*After the verb
“to love,”
“to help”
is the most
beautiful verb
in the world!*



These are the words of Bertha von Suttner, Austrian novelist and journalist (1843-1914). Baroness von Suttner, who founded an Austrian pacifist organization, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1905 and was the first woman to do so.

To find out how you can help (for at least the next 28 days), see the next page.

Thanks to Sue Green for sharing these wise words, and for the “28 Days of Giving” calendar.




http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertha_von_Suttner

28 Days of Giving

Love Offering

JULY 2012

American Baptist Women

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Thankful for the freedom to pray? Give 25¢	If you wore flip-flop sandals today, give 5¢	If you used the air conditioner today, give 10¢	Did you eat a hot dog today? Give 25¢ 	Did you see an American Flag today? Give 76¢ 	Do you love someone? Give 10¢	Shopping today! Give 2¢ for each item you bought.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Can you feel the love of God? Give 25¢	Give 10¢ for each cell phone in your household.	Give 2¢ for each letter of your name.	Give 10¢ for each clock in your house.	Give 15¢ for each book you read this month.	If you talked on the telephone today, give 5¢ for each call.	Celebrate! You were able to get out of bed today. Give 15¢
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Coffee break! Give 2¢ for each cup today.	Feeling generous? Give 50¢	Share the love, give someone a hug.	Give 2¢ for every pair of shorts you saw today.	If you laughed today, give 15¢	Do you have a job? Give 5¢	Give 5¢ for each person in a picture in your purse or wallet.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
If you ate watermelon today, give 8¢ 	July 22, give 22¢	If you enjoyed music at church this week, give 15¢	Give 10¢ if your home is connected to the internet.	If you went swimming today, give 20¢	Give 25¢ for every tv in your house.	If you plan to attend church on Sunday, give 10¢

Please bring your Love Offering to church on July 29th!

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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 2012 issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier*.

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

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
JULY**

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH JULY		EACH WEDNESDAY:		EACH THURSDAY:		EACH SATURDAY:	
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	1-3 pm – International Women's Program No AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs until Fall 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer 7-8:30 pm – Internat'l. Prog.	No Choir Rehearsal until Fall <i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting <i>Sat</i>	
EACH SUNDAY: 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service	EACH MONDAY: Pastor's Day Off 1-3 pm – International Women's Program						2
1 Communion Srv. Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship. ser.	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY NO Wednesday evening service	5 B – Luke Mahserjian-Smith B – Zach Mahserjian-Smith	6 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	7	
8 B – Lynn Turney	9	10	11 B – Michael Dance	12 B – Lisa Grasso	13	14 4:00 p.m. – VBS Helpers Work Day	
15	16	17 7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	18 7:00 p.m. – Prayer Mtg. followed by Congregational Business Meeting B – Kathy Foust	19	20	21	
22	23	24 7:00 p.m. – VBS Meeting B – Bobby Cuca	25	26	27 7:00 p.m. – VBS Set-up	28 B – Kathy Temple A – Jim & Vicki Lewis (7-28-90)	
29 "catch-up" Offering B – Sally Cramm	30 6-8 P.M. VACATION	31 BIBLE SCHOOL →				Note: B- Birthday A - Anniversary	

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