

Calvary Baptist Courier

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Big-Step Disciple-Making

Do you know someone who won't take the small step of coming to church with you — even to a special Christmas or Thanksgiving service that you'd think anyone would want to attend?

Well, if that “someone” won't take that small step — maybe they will take a big one! How about you invite them to go on a mission trip — like to Haiti — or to go on one of the Sandy-recovery trips to New Jersey?

Generations' perceptions and interests are shifting — and there are a lot of people around us now who are not interested in “religion” or even “spirituality” — and certainly not in “church” — but who do place a high value on personal experiences and on helping the needy. Many folks who think church has nothing to offer them will join in short-term if the church is doing something to help someone else. And in the midst of that experience, seeing Christians up-close and in action in out-of-our-comfort-zone situations, eyes and hearts are opened and spiritual hungers surface.

Jesus commands us to make disciples (Matthew 28:19) and this is really getting back to how Jesus made disciples. Not by inviting people to synagogue services or concerts or Bible studies but by inviting them to take a big step and come along with him as he went out among needy people and responded to their needs and other situations that arose.

So, when you see notices of upcoming missions trips — even if you can't go, think of suggesting it to that friend who won't take that small step you've invited them to before. Maybe he or she will surprise you by taking a much bigger step. And maybe it will actually be Jesus inviting them and they will wind up taking the biggest step of all.

One final thought: such opportunities do not lie just in Haiti or New Jersey. If you hear of — or can think of — a closer-to-home workday we could take on as a church right here in the Williamsport community — let me or Robin Turney know. Thanks!

Shalom,

Peter P. Lee

COUNCIL NOTES

By Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on June 20, 2013. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of the end of May, 2013, our expenditures were \$170.29 more than we took in. Pastor Pete passed out two articles that indicate that the number one reason visitors return to a church is because the congregation is perceived as “friendly” and this is displayed by members welcoming visitors and engaging them in conversation. We will be discussing the best and worst ways to do this in the near future. The roof repairs at the church have finally been completed. The cost for the last upgrade was \$17,965.00. The building fund was already nearly depleted, so it was necessary to borrow from the general memorial fund and the special memorial fund in Vicki Lewis’ name. You are encouraged to help rebuild the building fund before the next necessary upgrade (gutters at the church, parsonage upgrades, etc.), or the next emergency. Your assistance is appreciated. Pastor Pete has two trips planned in the near future: One to New England with the Mazzullos and the other a religious conference in Chautauqua, NY. The One Great Hour of Sharing mission collection is being taken up through June. You are encouraged to give to this project. There was some discussion regarding short term mission trips (hurricane relief efforts in New Jersey, building rubble houses in Haiti, etc.). All members are encouraged to get involved. You could also involve your friends and neighbors. This might be a good way to expose the unchurched to a wholesome, religious activity. Something to think about ... We are currently seeking members to serve on the pastoral relations committee. If you are interested contact Dan Yoas, Robin Turney, or Dave Lantz. The English as a Second Language group has been busy lately, with a hike to Hickory Creek, Bible studies, and an upcoming group picnic. Church members, male and female, are encouraged to get involved with this project. This group is growing, since the James V. Brown Library has begun referring individuals to this program. The Northumberland Baptist Association Spring Family Fair was held June 23rd. If you didn’t attend, you missed a good time. Pastor Pete noted that there is a Baptist Men’s Conference coming up soon. He encourages all men in the church to attend. If you are interested, contact Pastor Pete for details. The Baptist Women’s Group recently made over 30 pillowcase dresses for Haiti and the Dominican Republic missions. These dresses have proven to be very popular in these places. The annual church picnic will be on August 17th in Short Park. Games will begin at 3:30 PM with dinner at 5:00 PM. Hoss’s fundraiser days for our church will be June 25th and July 24th. Anything you spend there will be partially returned to the church to shore up the Building Fund. See Helen Yoas for a participation card. The greeter for July will be Candy Clark. The counters will be Sandy Snyder and Duane Yeagle. The fellowship meal coordinator will be Sue Green. Communion will be served on July 7th by Dave Lantz, Duane Yeagle, Jim Lewis, and Lynn Turney. Prayers for the bread and cup will be offered by Lynn Turney and Helen Yoas. The next council meeting is scheduled for July 16th.

Calvary News special report

The church roof project is complete, with a final bill of \$17,965.00. Building fund envelopes are available in your offering envelope boxes each month, and additional envelopes have been placed in each pew. Please prayerfully consider any additional contributions you can make to the Building Fund.

We are grateful to Hoss’s Restaurants for allowing us to schedule Community Night fundraisers on June 25th and July 24th, to benefit the Building Fund. Hoss’s will donate 20-25% of the total bills in support of Calvary on those dates. Please see any church council member to get the card or email you will need to present at Hoss’s.

A Tribute to Vicki

It has been more than six months since Vicki Lewis's passing on November 17, 2012, but she is missed and remembered, and continues to touch many lives. The following email from a former co-worker of Vicki's was received and shared with us by Vicki's daughter Lee Ellen, who writes, "I am just floored!"



From: Evelyn Simmons
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 1:52 PM
To: Brunson, Lee
Subject: RE: from Lee Ellen

Dear Lee Ellen,

I am so very happy to hear from you! For weeks I've been saying, "Today I will write down all the Vicki memorial activities I know of to share with Lee Ellen and Jim," but I haven't gotten it done. It is 4-H Camp week, we've been getting ready for the Fair, my church has Vacation Bible School this week (your Mom also helped mightily with hers), and we are still shorthanded on personnel and experience since losing your mother. But I try to follow her advice and, "Put on my big girl panties and deal with it!"

We are just thrilled that you and Shawn, and Jim plan to come to the Fair the evening of the Vicki Lewis Memorial Walk-A-Thon (that's Thursday, July 18th), and I hope you'll be able to come a couple hours before that starts, at least, so we can show you the various tributes and have some photo ops!

Here's what's planned:

- The Fair Premium Book has a page near the front in memory of your mother; I've saved copies for you and Jim
- The Youth Livestock Committee is sponsoring the champion lamb award she had sponsored, in her name
- The Dairy Exhibitors Committee is sponsoring the dairy award she had sponsored, in her name
- County Council, our county-wide 4-H teen group, is doing their club exhibit as A Tribute to Vicki.
- County Council also had a new picnic table and bench made, and they will have plaques to say they are in her memory. As staff we have spent countless hours sitting at the picnic tables behind the 4-H Food Stand at the Fair, doing paperwork, chatting with our 4-H folks, and yes, making sure the food stand operates smoothly. The bench is something new; just a place we know she would have enjoyed sitting down for a few minutes while at the Fair. Lori Masser has arranged for 2 shepherd's hooks and 2 hanging baskets which we'll put by the bench. Lori and her husband, Jake, are sponsoring one and the office staff here is paying for the other.
- We are having 3 different silicon wristbands made, with "Vicki-isms" on them, and have collected more sayings to add in future years. Please feel free to suggest other of her pet phrases we could use that way! I requested input from Extension staff across the state who worked with her in various capacities, and they will also get order forms. I know there's interest! Proceeds from the sale of the wristbands will go into a fund for 4-Hers to get some financial help to attend some 4-H events. She wanted so much to make it possible for every 4-Her to participate as much as they desired!

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- The 4-H Advisory Committee is coordinating the Vicki Lewis Memorial Walk-A-Thon, Thursday evening after Fun Night. The sponsor forms are going out in a 4-H Newsletter this week and will be available at the 4-H Food Stand and at Fun Night at the Fair. The committee will be meeting again July 1st to iron out details, but I envision starting off with a few words about Vicki, then giving the walkers their glow stick/necklace/tba, and they'll walk around the horse arena for an hour (probably about 9:30-10:30 pm). Two 4-Hers will be DJs, to provide the music, which will be interrupted whenever someone would like to share a memory of Vicki. I hope that you and Jim can be there so folks can greet you and share with you some moments with her they'll remember. It would be sweet if you were moved to share a memory, too, or pay tribute to her effect on your life. Again, the proceeds of the Walk-A-Thon will also be available to make 4-H events affordable, and therefore accessible, to members.

If possible, we'd love to have you come to the Fairgrounds by 7:00 that evening, so we could take you to see County Council's club exhibit, get photos at the table and on the bench, set up photos with the Vicki Lewis lamb and dairy award winners (and their animals), let folks meet you, and get ready for the walk-a-thon. You are welcome to come for as long as you'd like, but we'd love to have you come for those 3-4 hours that night. It's clear that there are many people who also miss your mother and remember her fondly. Many of them will also want a chance to tell you, too, and you should enjoy the many amusing and touching memories they will share if given a chance.

I hope we're not placing unfair requests on your time, but your presence will add so much to all these tributes if you're able to be there! If you could let us know your plans we could go ahead and set up the lamb and dairy photo ops, and let people know when you'll be in the area. I would happily be your guide for the 4-H activities that evening, and know that Lori and Jake Masser plan to come at least to the Walk-A-Thon. Please let me know if you have any questions, and what I can do to make this visit easier for you!

Ever,
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Evelyn R. Simmons, 4-H Youth Development Educator
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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 2013 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.

2013 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Dave Lantz, Jim Lewis (church clerk), Penny Ohnmeiss, Sandy Snyder, Lynn Turney, Robin Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member and interim moderator), Duane Yeagle, Dan Yoas, Helen Yoas (treasurer)

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
JULY**

EACH WEDNESDAY:

EACH THURSDAY:

EACH SATURDAY:

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i> 7:30-9 pm – Internat'l. Prog.	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i> 9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting
EACH SUNDAY: 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service 7 pm – Internat'l. Bible Study	EACH MONDAY: Pastor's Day Off 7:30-9 pm – International Program					
	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 7 p.m. – Family Games Night B-Luke Mahserjian- Smith B-Zach Mahserjian- Smith	6
7 10:40 a.m. – Communion Service Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service	8 B – Lynn Turney	9	10	11 B – Michael Dance	12 B – Lisa Grasso	13
14	15 7:00 p.m. – V.B.S. Meeting	16 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	17	18 B – Kathy Foust	19	20
21	22	23	24 ALL DAY – Hoss's Fundraiser B – Bobby Cuca	25	26 7 p.m. – VBS Preparation → ABCOPAD	27 Men's Retreat at → Note: B – Birthday A - Anniversary
28 B – Kathy Temple →Shippensburg Univ.	29 6-8 p.m. → VACATION B – Sally Cramm	30 → BIBLE →	31 → SCHOOL →			

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