

Calvary Baptist Courier

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TIME FOR A FAITH LIFT

“I wish I had more faith!” I hear that comment fairly often (most often from myself!). “I worry too much.” Or, “My Christian experience just seems kind of blah.” If any of these sounds like you — or someone you know — then you’re really saying, “It’s time for a faith lift.” The only question now is, “Will you make time for your faith lift?”

Some people think faith is just an aspect of personality: some Christians just have more faith than others. If that’s the case, there’s not much you can do. BUT that is NOT the case! God tells us something quite different. He says, “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God” (Romans 10:17). Did you get that?

Listen to Dwight L. Moody, “I prayed for faith and thought that someday faith would come down and strike me... But faith did not seem to come. Then one day I read Romans 10:17. I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. Now I opened my Bible and began to study it and faith has been growing ever since.”

George Mueller built many Christian orphanages without ever asking anyone for a financial donation. When asked how he could have such faith, he said, “My faith is the same kind of faith that all of God’s children have had down through the ages. (To get it), study the Word of God.”

Here at Calvary you have several significant means of getting such a faith lift for yourself or for a friend. Read in this newsletter about the upcoming summer Christian education innovations, about the ongoing Wednesday evening Bible study, and about the Church Leadership Institute Saturday classes (held right here at Calvary!)

Get into one or more of these and I guarantee (no, God guarantees!) your faith will grow.

Shalom,

Peter C. Wilson

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>EACH SUNDAY:</u> 9:00 am – Kids & Adults Right breakfast 9:25 am – Kids Club and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service</p>	<p><u>EACH MONDAY:</u> Pastor's Day Off</p>		<p><u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u> 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer</p>	<p><u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> 10 am-noon – Open Sanctuary & Library 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal</p>		<p><u>EACH SATURDAY:</u> 9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting</p>
	<p>1 Pentecost 3:30 p.m. – Finance Committee Mtg. B – June Springman</p>	<p>2 7:00 p.m. – VBS Mtg.</p>	<p>3 B – Casandra Hersh A – David & Sandra Snyder (6-3-67)</p>	<p>4 B – Jessica Clark</p>	<p>5 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night B – David Green A – George & Betty Brown (6-5-48)</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service</p>	<p>8 PASTOR</p>	<p>9 WILL BE B – Darlene Nixon A – Mal & Yvonne Bower (6-9-73)</p>	<p>10 AWAY → →</p>	<p>11 → → →</p>	<p>12 → → → B – Shirley Beyer A – Robert & Kathy Foust (6-12-82)</p>	<p>13 → → B – Robin Turney</p>
<p>14 Flag Day</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting B – Marva Hoover</p>	<p>17 B – Mark Green B – Helen Yoas</p>	<p>18 B – David Snyder, Sr.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 10:00 a.m. – Human Trafficking Series B – Landen Sterner</p>
<p>21 Father's Day 9:00 a.m. – Donuts for Dads BROWN BAG SUN. Bring a bag lunch and fellowship after the worship service.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 B – Emily Turney</p>	<p>24 B – Mary Updegraff</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 "Catch up" Offer. 3-5:30 p.m. – Assoc. Family Fair at Milton</p>	<p>29 B – James Sterner B – Tristan Turnery A – Robert & Lula Wolfe (6-29-63)</p>	<p>30</p>				

COUNCIL NOTES

By Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on May 12, 2009. These are the highlights of that meeting. As of the end of April, the church was \$14,897.58 in the red. Pastor Pete is continuing his series of sermons on the nature and character of God. Pastor Pete will be taking a few days off in the beginning of June. He will not miss any Sundays, however. Helen Yoas suggested we develop a link to the church's website to make the church newsletter available by computer to association members. Helen arranged for a church fund raiser through Hoss's on May 26. The church is holding an ice cream social and musical program on May 31st. The Sunday morning Kid's Club (during the Sunday school hour) will begin soon. The two adult Sunday school classes will merge for the summer and will include some changes. These include format (video presentations), content (Romans) and location (sanctuary). The Christian Education committee will meet on July 20th. If you are interested in participating, contact Duane. The One Great Hour of Sharing mission drive will kick off in June. Father's Day will be observed with a "Donuts for Dad" celebration. All are invited to attend. Cookbooks are now available for sale through the church web site. Duane is working on a pool party for the youths of the church (including AWANA participants). The American Baptist Women's club held a plant exchange on May 23rd. Many of the leftovers were planted at the church. Starting with the fall meeting, Vicki Lewis will be moderator for the Northumberland Association. We recently received a \$500 grant from the Jersey Shore Baptist Church fund for youth work. The human trafficking workshop met in April. Vicki plans to show the movie "Taken" at a future human trafficking meeting. Check with Vicki for details. Our newspaper ad has been reinstated with a \$100 per month anonymous pledge. The counter for June will be Shirley Beyer; the greeter will be Penny Ohnmeiss; Kathy Temple and Shirley Beyer will manage the fellowship meal. The next council meeting is scheduled for June 16th at 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MORNING MAKEOVER

Beginning Sunday, June 7, Sunday mornings will be looking different at Calvary. The youth Sunday School will be a return to Kids Club (the Wednesday evening program that we had before Awana). The adult classes will combine and meet in the sanctuary for one-month courses. In June, Pastor Pete will lead the adult class in a video series (see article). In July and August we'll have other formats and different teachers.

Every Sunday, adults and kids will have a light breakfast together at 9 AM in Fellowship Hall (cereal, fruit, etc.). At 9:25 we will head to our classes — adults to the sanctuary and the kids with their leaders for Kids Club activities: Bible games & stories, devotionals and fun games.

PLEASE HELP CALVARY MAKE THIS NEW APPROACH A SUCCESS!! Some of us have prayed about this a lot; some folks are working hard to have this new effort get off the ground and do good new things we will all benefit from; other association churches are watching Calvary and thinking this approach may help them also return to more effective Christian education and Bible knowledge. Please bring your children — or neighbor children — to church at 9 — and stay YOURSELF!! It will be worth the effort.

NEWS.....

BROWN BAG SUNDAYS: The third Sunday of each month is now Brown Bag Sunday. Bring your own lunch and plan to stay after church for fellowship. Those who normally would be eating out can donate to the church all or part of what they would have spent in a restaurant.

FOOD PANTRY & SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS - Please bring canned goods and toiletry items every Sunday to help supply the United Churches Food Pantry and Shepherd of the Streets.

ASSOCIATION SPRING FAIR - June 28 (Sunday) - 3-5:30 at Milton. Lots of food. Fun for all ages and fellowship among our Association churches.

COMMUNITY NIGHT — Although no donation amount is yet available from the May 26 Community Night at Hoss's, those who enjoyed a good meal with some Calvary companions will definitely call the evening a success. And since success is always worth repeating, Hoss's has graciously scheduled a second event — perhaps not the last — on June 30. Tickets are available in the church sanctuary, the church office, and in an envelope in this newsletter (for mail recipients). Presenting them between 4 & 8 p.m. on June 30 will once again bring Calvary a donation of 20% of the bill. You can give from your heart and please your stomach too!

NEWS FROM....



From: Meredith D. <meredithd.....>
Subject:
To: "admin@calvarywilliamsport.com"
Date: Monday, May 25, 2009, 10:51 AM

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, I want you to know how grateful I am for the resources on your website. I am a missionary Kindergarten teacher at Hillcrest School in Jos, Nigeria and I depend on internet resources for lesson plans, activity ideas and coloring pages. Your site has been a blessing! Thanks, and God bless you always, Meredith D.

Hey Kids

We are bringing back Calvary Kids Club!



Each week starting Sunday, June 7th from 9:00 am till 10:30 am. we will have fun playing games, eating breakfast, listening to a Bible story, praising and worshipping God, and more. You can also win prizes and accumulate \$dollars\$ for the annual auction.

Dear Parents,

You also are invited to come along with your child and attend our pre-worship activities from 9:00 to 10:30 am. And then worship service from 10:40 to 12:00.

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Have a question? Please call 322-7256 or 323-1493

Things you need to know about 1 Corinthians...

Each Wednesday, a small but committed group of members gathers to share praises and concerns and then delve into 1 Corinthians. We'd like **you** to come, too!

To read 1 Corinthians is to read someone else's mail. The letter from Paul is very personal and shows great insight into many issues of concern to the early church and to us today. The book is straight talk for a church working through everyday problems. Here are some things we've discussed:

- How much should the preacher and missionaries be paid? Should they be paid at all?
- Should Christians **sue** Christians?
- Who should **marry**?
- Who should **not** marry?
- Should women keep **silent** in church?
- Is work a **curse** or a part of God's plan?

Corinth was less than 100 years old at the time of Paul. The city had massive gates at each entrance to the city, and avenues were well maintained and picturesque. Many shops were in evidence and the city was planned and rebuilt from ashes by the Roman emperors. It was a host city for many athletic events, gladiatorial contests and theatrical productions. But Corinth was really known for its encouragement of gross immorality. It was a major center for pagan religions. More than twelve temples have been excavated at Corinth.

It was a city of diverse people and cultures. Sound familiar? In his letters to the Corinthians, we've been able to discern some of the scriptural messages to Calvary Baptist Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Come join us and learn all about it!

ADULT VIDEO CLASS, SUNDAY, JUNE 7 — We will be starting Ray Vander Laan's Faith Lessons video series produced by Focus on the Family and recommended by the director of the Jerusalem Institute for Biblical Studies (the group that organizes Bob Berger's Israel trips). James Dobson has said, "Nothing has opened and illuminated the scriptures for me quite like the Faith Lessons series." Our first "on-site tour" will be at the crossroads battleground city of Megiddo with this theme: "The struggle to be totally committed to God is of vital importance to us today, too. We don't think of ourselves as idol worshipers, yet we struggle to serve God in every part of our lives. It is easy (and seductive) to honor self, possessions, fun, relationships, fame, money, and many other gods." Principles apply as well to many areas of our society's issues including the devaluation of human life through abortion, trafficking, pornography, etc.

Twenty-Five Random Things About.....

Wanda Reid

1. Married to Joel Reid.
2. Children : Joel Jr., Aaron & Sarah
3. Grandchildren : Alexis, Zoe, Sophia & Cameron
4. Work at Williamsport Hospital, Dept. CVSU/ICU
5. Hobbies: reading, floral arranging, horses
6. I am a people person, love to interact with others
7. Blessed to call Jesus my Lord
8. Love to travel
9. Birthday 2-21-1953
10. Dog : Milo; Cat : Diana; Horses : Ozzie Three & DJ
11. Love to see God's handiwork in nature each day
12. Married nearly 39 years
13. Member of Calvary Baptist Missions Committee
14. Favorite state : Maine; would love to live there
15. Lord God has blessed me with healing
16. I drive a beat-up "Mutt Mobile"
17. I am terrible with names and faces
18. Favorite Bible verse : Philippians 4:6 "Be anxious for nothing....."
19. Favorite radio station : Family Life Network
20. Favorite radio pastor : Dr. David Jeremiah
21. Some of my best moments have been shared with Sarah
22. My husband is my very best friend & life mate
23. I love to swim with the horses
24. I hate snakes!

CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Church Leadership Institute (CLI) is a school for all of northeast Pennsylvania that uses Calvary as its teaching site. The classes meet on Saturday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Classes starting in September are Old Testament Survey (an overview of the OT; its books, history and cultural setting) and Biblical Interpretation (a study of the different types of Biblical literature and how to discern a Bible passage's message for people today). New Testament Survey (taught by Pastor Wilson) will be held in the spring. Courses may be taken for credit, or audited, or for personal enrichment (whatever individual classes are of interest to you). CLI is an American Baptist school, but includes students from other denominational backgrounds, so invite a friend to come study along with you — it will add to your learning!

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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 get this information to Helen Yoas by Friday, June 26, 2009 for the July issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier* (to be distributed June 28.)

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.

2009 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Sue Green, Jim Lewis, Vicki Lewis (Chair), Sarah Reid, Wanda Reid, Sandy Snyder, Kathy Temple, Deb Titus, Emily Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Duane Yeagle, Helen Yoas