

Calvary Baptist Courier

June 2012

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Summer Music

With choir on summer break, and with no staff musician in the wake of Jeff's June 1 departure, music in this summer's worship services is going to be an interesting experience in a number of ways.

Music is central to the experience of our faith. Open a Bible to its middle and you will be in the book of Psalms (the hymn book of the Jews). Every time the Spirit moves in reviving or reforming the church, He inspires new music and even new styles of worship music as part of that saving blessing. Most Christians who struggle to memorize a scripture verse or two have a whole selection of Christian songs that they can sing from memory.

Music is central to our experience of worship—isn't it wonderful to have a God people spontaneously want to sing about!? - and music is central to the creation itself. Some of the recorded music that we will listen to this summer includes nature music (bird calls, cricket chirps, waves splashing on a beach) accompanying familiar hymns written by people. God is the composer of the nature music, and in these recordings, all nature will join with us in the Calvary sanctuary in singing His praise.

Beyond the recordings, we will sing some familiar pieces a cappella. And I hope that if you play an instrument or would like to sing a solo or duet, etc., or have a friend who would like to join us to do so for even just a one-time participation, that you will let me know.

I hope you will be looking forward with me to an interesting new experience of our Calvary worship music in the weeks ahead!

Shalom,

Peter P. Lee

Council Notes

by Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on May 16, 2012. This is a synopsis of that meeting. As of April 30, 2012, our expenses were \$6,108.51 in excess of the amount collected (up about \$1800.00 from last month). Two of our small investment funds are maturing and will be available in the near future. The council voted to place these funds in the special fund to be used for roof repairs. Wednesday night Bible studies continues in Philippians. Pastor Pete noted he will be using “Church Unique” by Will Mancini for Bible studies in the near future and encouraged members to get a copy. Sunday sermons will be returning to Exodus in the near future. We have had no response from Clinton Baptist Church in Montgomery re our pastor sharing offer (since some of their members attended services here last month). Pastor Pete asked that we pray for them. The right hand of fellowship was extended to Dave and Jody Lantz on April 29th. Welcome, friends. Jeff Shuman resigned effective the end of May. Since the choir is in hiatus for the summer, we won’t need a choir director until fall. Pastor Pete asked that anyone interested in playing an instrument and/or singing during summer services should contact him. We will begin a search for a replacement soon. The adult Sunday school class will be going back to our regular quarterly study guide in September. Five of our members are planning on going to Haiti in October to build rubble houses. Kudos to them! We have another gardener in our midst—Dan Yoas recently removed the trees growing in the debris collecting on the roof of the church. Thanks Dan. You wouldn’t catch this gardener climbing up there to clean that up.... Dave Lantz is putting the final touches on the program about the Burmese Freedom Fighters. It will be presented to the congregation in the near future. We recently received a notice from the Steinbacher and Stahl law firm that our friend May McLaughlin left the church a small bequest in her will. I think I speak for everyone when I say we’d rather have May back. The greeter for June is Kathy Temple. The counters for June will be Jim and Vicki Lewis. The fellowship meal coordinator for June is Shirley Beyer. The next council meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2012.

Summer Sessions of the Sunday School Bible Study

Beginning June 17th., our Sunday school Bible study begins its summer program with something new and, prayerfully, exciting. It is called *The Jesus I Never Knew*, and subtitled, *Six Sessions on the Life of Christ*, based on the book by Philip Yancey.

The program will be a multi-media one, as everyone will first discuss a few general questions about the day’s topic and then watch a DVD. Following that all will join in a discussion of the DVD. Here are two of the intriguing topics:

- How did Jesus, the only perfect person in history, manage to attract the notoriously imperfect?
- How can an assortment of unholy men and women be the body of Christ?

The study guide will be provided. After that study, Pastor Wilson will lead us in a few weeks of a subject of his own choosing. Please join us and begin your summer Sunday mornings with a new step in Christ.

Don’t forget ... the Northumberland Baptist Association Family Fair on June 24th, 3:00-5:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 316 Golf Course Road, Milton, PA 17847. According to their website, fbcmltonpa.com/events/36/Northumberland-Baptist-association-family-fair, “Come enjoy the picnic food, music, games for all ages, and displays from our sister churches. This event is free and open to everyone, even if you can only come for part of the time.”

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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 July 2012 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.

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
JUNE**

				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 <i>Wed</i>	No Choir Rehearsal until Fall <i>Thu</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 7:00 p.m. Family Games Night	2
3 Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship. ser. B – Steve Gee B - Casey Raudenbush A – David & Sandy Snyder (6-3-67)	4 B – Jessica Clark	5 B – David Green A – George & Betty Brown (6-5-48)	6 B – Nathaniel Betts	7	8 ABW of PA & DE	9 B – Darlene Nixon Conference 2012 at	
10 Shippensburg University	11 A – Allen & Debbie (Koons) Grimes (6-11-94)	12 7:00 p.m. – VBS Meeting B – Shirley Beyer A – Rob & Kathy Foust (6-12-82)	13 B – Robin Turney	14 Flag Day	15	16	
17 Father's Day "Pies for Pops" following wor. serv. B – Mark Green B – Helen Yoas	18 B – David Snyder, Sr.	19 7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	20 B – Landen Sterner	21 B – Cole Koons	22 A – Mark & Susan Mahserjian-Smith (6-22-85)	23 B – Emily (Turney) Traugh	
24 "Catch Up" Offering 3-5:30 p.m. – North. Bapt. Assoc. Family Fair @ Milton B – Mary Updegraff	25 B – Hunter Gee	26	27	28	29 B – Tristan Turney	30	
							Note: B- Birthday A - Anniversary

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