

Calvary Baptist Courier

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Rev. Peter C. Wilson, Pastor
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Tired of Fighting and Squabbling?

As this issue of the *Courier* goes out, we are looking forward to a special day on the annual church calendar. Next Sunday, June 8, is Pentecost.

In many ways, Pentecost, not Good Friday and Easter, celebrates the culmination of Jesus' earthly ministry on our behalf 2000 years ago. His death for our sins makes it possible for the Holy Spirit of God to come and indwell us individually and corporately as the church. "Power", Jesus said, is what the Holy Spirit would bring us: power to live out the "wisdom" (right ways of thinking, living, behaving) that God had called His people to for centuries.

It is very appropriate that Pentecost comes just as we are in the middle of a study and discussion of the book of James at Wednesday evening Bible study. James is the New Testament's "wisdom book" par excellence. James goes beneath behaviors to the sources of those behaviors deep inside us—places the Holy Spirit can now go to change us from the inside out. The homework insights and group discussions have been very enlightening, practical, and convicting—and, I hope, transformational. For example, we are currently in the middle of James's section on why we quarrel and fight (spouses, co-workers, fellow citizens, church members, etc.). I told the group how I'd just helped a couple with a typical issue of how to fight fair and not let their fights endanger their long-term commitment. That is pretty typical relationship counseling. James goes deeper, though, to the issue of drawing on "wisdom from earth vs. wisdom from heaven" and the underlying need for humility—what it is and how to bring that spirit from the Holy Spirit into our spirits.

I hope you can come to the ongoing James studies on Wednesdays. If you have not been, you don't know what you're missing—and what your life might be unnecessarily missing! Come and let the Holy Spirit bring God's word to life in you!

Shalom ,



COUNCIL NOTES

By Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on May 12, 2014. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of April 30, 2014, our expenditures were \$5,870.57 less than we took in, reducing our deficit by about \$900 from last month. Attendance at Adult Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible study have been up in recent weeks. This is a great trend! We didn't have any changes in membership enrollment last month, but we did have one individual change her name: Dottie Blanchard is now Dottie Lewis! Pastor Pete is still looking for individuals (or groups) interesting in providing special music during services—vocal or instrumental or both. If you have a desire for the spotlight, see Pastor Pete. We are in the process of taking up the One Great Hour of Sharing collection. This is a worthwhile cause; please give generously. The bake sale on Election Day raised \$92 for the church coffers. Good job ladies! The council is currently working on repairing and/or replacing the church gutters. The congregation recently approved a change to the requirement that the council must get congregational approval for any expenditures over \$1,000. It is now \$5,000. Awana is on hiatus for the summer and will be back in September. VBS is coming up in August. There is a meeting scheduled for those interested in participating in VBS on June 2nd at 7 p.m. Dave Fishel will be filling in for Pastor Pete in the pulpit on May 18th and Bob Apple from the Gideons will fill in on May 25th. We send them both our appreciation. If you are interested in getting in on the Holy Land tour next December/January, there is still room. Contact Pastor Pete for details. The greeter for June will be Sue Green. The counters will be Helen Yoas, Dave Lantz, and David Snyder Jr. The fellowship meal coordinator is Shirley Beyer. The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 16th, at 7 p.m.

Calvary News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—On **Saturday, June 21, at 9:00 a.m.**, anyone wishing to help to make **"Pillowcase Dresses"** should meet in Fellowship Hall. If you have any new or good clean pillowcases you may bring them along with scissors and any trim you may have. The completed dresses are given to those going on mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Haiti to give to the children. We hope to see you here to enjoy a FUN morning together!

SUMMER CAMP – In the past, we have received donations to help with the cost of sending the children to camp. This has been a real blessing to the families. As the time approaches and we have more children interested in going to camp, we are, again, asking for your help. Please put your donations in an envelope or attach a note marked "Camp." Any checks should be made out to Calvary Baptist Church. Thank you for your continued support.

SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES: While choir is on vacation, there are opportunities for vocal and instrumental sharing in the service. There are also a couple of choir Sundays during the summer that could use flute or guitar accompaniment. Please see Sue Green (570-546-7577) or sign up on the board outside the church office.

Dear Friends,

“The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as **we are one**, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me” (John 17:22-23).

With his beloved disciples, Jesus prays for connection and unity. Perhaps he knew that understanding our oneness would be one of our greatest challenges as human beings, and that is why one of his very last acts was to pray for unity. When we understand that we are of God, created by none other than the Creator of all creation, and that we are thus beloved, we reconnect to ourselves, to one another, and to our Divine Parent.

For seven decades now, nine denominations in the U.S., united as one, have together been connecting people through One Great Hour of Sharing. Sisters and brothers living in poverty who would have been otherwise overlooked, or outright forgotten, have been empowered by our gifts to the offering. The woman who has been a victim of war, attempting on her own to raise her family without any access to long-term food security, education, or health care, is now self-sufficient because of assistance from One Great Hour of Sharing. Families across North America, still struggling to survive after a devastating storm took everything in its path, are accompanied for the long haul, thanks to funds from One Great Hour of Sharing.

Each time a gift is given, a connection is made. Every single offering builds another bridge and tears down another wall. Each donation to One Great Hour of Sharing, no matter how large or small, reveals our unity, that in Christ Jesus we are one family. When one of us—anywhere on earth—hurts, we all hurt. As long as there is need, we are all in need. One Great Hour of Sharing enables us to fulfill those needs, for they are our needs.

We are the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, the homeless, the hurting. We are one with our sisters and brothers, and we will answer Christ’s call until we *all* are fed. Until all are fed.

Give generously to this great connector of our shared faith, work, and witness in the world.

Sincerely,

Robin Turney
Missions Chair, Offering Coordinator



Food, Fun, and Fellowship



ANNUAL FAMILY FAIR

Northumberland Baptist Association

Inflatables and Kids' Games

Bible JEOPARDY

***Come and see what exciting ministries
are happening in other churches!***

***Sunday, June 22nd from 3PM-5PM
First Baptist Church of Milton
316 Golf Course Road
Milton, PA 17847***

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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 2014 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.

2014 Church Council: Larry Green, Sue Green, Dave Lantz, Jim Lewis (ex officio member and church clerk), Doris Paulhamus, David Snyder Jr., Sandy Snyder, Robin Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member and interim moderator), Duane Yeagle, Helen Yoas (treasurer)

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
JUNE**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<u>EACH SUNDAY:</u> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service 7 pm – Multi-language Bible Study	<u>EACH MONDAY:</u> Pastor’s Day Off 7:15-8:15 pm - Middle School Spanish Class 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class	<u>EACH TUESDAY:</u> 7-8 pm - Adult Spanish Class	<u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u> No AWANA Youth Clubs (K-12 grade) until Fall 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class	<u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> No Choir Rehearsal until Fall		
1 Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service.	2 7:00 p.m. – VBS Meeting in church sanctuary No Middle School Spanish Class for summer	3 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 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night B – Nathaniel Betts	7
8 PENTECOST	9 B – Darlene Nixon	10 A – Scott & Margie Hecker (6-10-72)	11 A – Allen & Debbie (Koons) Grimes (6-11-94)	12 B – Shirley Beyer A – Rob & Kathy Foust (6-12-82)	13 B – Robin Turney	14
15 FATHER’S DAY	16 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	17 B – Mark Green B – Tammy Yeagle B – Helen Yoas	18 B – David Snyder, Sr.	19	20 B – Landen Sternner	21 B – Cole Koons
22 Northumberland Baptist Association Fair at Milton A – Rev. Mark & Susan Mahserjian-Smith (6-22-85)	23 B – Emily (Turney) Traugh	24 B – Mary Updegraff	25 B – Hunter Gee	26	27	28 3:00 p.m. – Molly Yeagle & Tim Colley wedding
29 B – Tristan Turney	30					

Note: B – Birthday
A - Anniversary

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