

# Calvary Baptist Courier

## March 2009

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### “WHO’S IN THE PEWS?”

In last Sunday’s sermon, we saw Paul commend Timothy, about whom he could have commended many things, for one thing in particular: “(Timothy) takes a genuine interest in your welfare (while) everyone (else) looks out for his or her own interests.” (Philippians 2:20-21.) In this, Paul urges the Philippians then, and God urges us today, to, like Timothy, have Jesus’ attitude of not looking only to our personal interests but beginning to look also to those of others around us in the congregation (2:4).

In studying Philippians for Sunday mornings lately and I Corinthians for Wednesday Bible Study, it is striking me how much God’s word urges and re-urges us church folks to get to know each other. There are all kinds of reasons for this: all kinds of benefits for ourselves and for our church and for Christ’s kingdom. Equally, and sadly, to the extent that we turn a deaf ear to that constant urging, our churches and our very lives are lessened and God’s kingdom’s growth passes us by.

In an effort to facilitate greater awareness and interest in one another here at Calvary, we will be starting a new version of the old “Who’s in the pews?” column in the *Courier*. It will be in a format called “25 random things about me.” This is your invitation to draw up such a page about yourself and submit it in the newsletter article box in the hall by the office: just a list of 25 facts about yourself in one phrase or sentence per fact. I also urge you to plan to sit with someone you don’t know at the next fellowship meal, or each month to pick a different church person you don’t know and set a date to get together for coffee during the week.

Who knows how God will bless this? I’m excited to think of the new “Who’s in the pews?” and to hear back from any who try these other mix-and-match ideas. Let me, in advance, like Paul, (like God!), commend any of you who take on this attitude and put it into action.

Shalom,

*Peter P. Wilson*

# Council Notes

*By Jim Lewis*

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on February 17, 2009. These are the highlights of that meeting. As of the end of January, the church was \$12,324.69 in the red. Pastor Pete has been conferring with Frank Frischkorn about holding a workshop in the area on church issues. Details will be provided as they develop. Casey Hersh joined the church by profession of faith on February 1, 2009. Pastor Pete advised that he has a couple of individuals who are interested in being baptized in the near future. We are planning a hymn sing on a Sunday evening this spring. No date has been set as yet. Pastor Pete has addressed the idea of having the annual Christmas Carol Festival here at Calvary this year. This also has not been firmed up yet. Vacation Bible School has tentatively been set for August 10<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> this year. If you are interested in participating, contact Duane (especially if you are interested in leading the effort). The music committee will be meeting in the near future. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, contact Emily Turney. Pastor Pete noted that there are missionaries in the area who may be available to speak to our congregation. The mission committee will look into this possibility. Pastor Pete is hoping to get Betty Brown to get a video of her grand-daughter Jenny's work on the reservation of the Hopi Mission School in Arizona. We are running low on kitchen supplies. Please remember this when you see the basket at the end of the table at the next fellowship meal. If funds are not donated for this purpose, members will be asked to bring their own table service to future fellowship meals. It was noted that we, as a congregation, need to do a better job communicating with our homebound members. A postcard or phone call will be much appreciated by these individuals. The women's committee recently held a work day to wrap bandages. Since the Cedar Run Baptist Church recently decided to redo their pews, they offered their old pew cushions to any church who wanted them. Pastor Pete took them on behalf of our congregation. You should have noticed them in the sanctuary already. The council approved a request to acquire a round vinyl table (similar to those in the Fellowship Hall) for use by the downstairs Sunday school class. Both adult Sunday school classes will be supporting a fund raiser that will include a meal and a white elephant sale. Details will be provided as they develop. Sue Green has volunteered to act as church photographer; however, that doesn't mean other members cannot take pictures for the church photo project. Duane Yeagle will be counter for March; Helen Yoas will be greeter; and Robin Turney will manage the fellowship meal. The next council meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Vicki Lewis presented the first installment of a program on human trafficking on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Be looking for future program dates.

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## **BROUGHT TO YOU BY CALVARY KIDS PAGES**

From: Isabel Bates <.....@gmail.com>  
To: Admin@calvarywilliamsport.com  
Sunday, February 22, 2009 3:55 AM

Just to say THANK YOU for taking the time and making the effort for people like me that do not have a clue on how to put lessons together let alone craft ideas together for our Sunday School class, but yet have a passion for children to learn the word of God and hide it in their hearts. Thank you once again.

## Looking Forward to 2009, (continued )

By Vicki Lewis

When I wrote the first article about 2009, I carried you through events in June. Today, I'll let you in on the plans that we made for the remainder of the year. Before that, here is one additional detail about the "**Spring Fling**", which is being sponsored by the Adult Sunday School classes on **March 21**. You may remember that this will be a fundraiser, and for \$5.00 a plate, you can have ham loaf, mac and cheese, and green beans. One more feature has been added, and that is a **white elephant auction!** Start looking now for those treasures around the house, and save your money so you can make your purchases! We always have fun with this and March 21 should be no exception.

Now, on to other things: In **July**, the women of the church will have a **lunch picnic** at Short Park on the 18th. More details will be forthcoming, but save this summer Saturday for the fellowship and summer foods that will be featured!

Congregational Business meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 22.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held during the week of August **10 through 14**, and the **annual church picnic** will be held on **August 15**, at Short Park. This is always a time of good food and fellowship as we celebrate the end of summer and the successes of VBS.

**September** brings two important dates: the **19<sup>th</sup>** will feature a **Women's Breakfast**, and the **20<sup>th</sup>** is **American Baptist Women's Day**, and we will again feature the women of the church in leading roles. Be thinking and praying about how your talents can be used on these important days.

The **Northumberland Baptist Association Fall Fair** will be held on **October 11**, more details will be announced later.

November brings us into the holiday season, and we will start the season by **decorating the church on Games Night, December 4**. Come to play games, or decorate, or both!

**On December 13**, we've planned to host the **Christmas Carol Fest and a Memento Display**. This is a new activity that will feature your favorite Christmas nativity sets, or ornaments. They will be enjoyed by all who come to sing carols as they come to the fellowship hall to have cookies and coffee. Start now to think of the special Christmas mementoes you'd like to share. **On the 20<sup>th</sup> of December**, we will have a **special Kid's Christmas**, featuring the children of the church during the Sunday School and worship hours. We're not sure exactly how this will shape up, but if you think you'd like to be involved, let us know and we'll gladly accept your ideas and your energy! **Also on that same day, the Pastor invites us to the parsonage for annual Open House following caroling to the homebound.**

On **December the 27<sup>th</sup>**, Pastor Pete is planning a **retrospective look at 2009**, featuring the pictures that Sue Green and others are currently taking of our activities during the year. Peter says this is being done in some of our sister churches, and is always popular with the congregation.

We round out the year with Games Night and fellowship on **New Year's Eve**.

Whew! Sounds like lots of work but lots of fellowship, too. Come and enjoy!

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**NEW PEW CUSHIONS:** We thank Cedar Run Baptist Church for the gift of pew cushions, made available by their recent remodeling project. The cushions were originally presented to Cedar Run by Guy Shaeffer in memory of his wife, while Calvary's Harvey Snyder pastored there.

# 2009 Lenten Calendar

## Make A Mite (coin) Box – Collect – Give to missions etc.

MAR 1 If you have had a vacation in the last year add coins to your box	Mar 2 Put a quarter in your box for each meal you eat today.	Mar 3 For each pair of shoes or sneakers you own put 1 coin in your mite box	Mar 4 Count the TVs and computers in your house and put in a dime for each.	Mar 5 Count the food “treats” in your house and put a penny in the box for each kind.	Mar 6 Smile and say hello to a neighbor.	Mar 7 Count the dolls or stuffed animals in your house & put a penny in your mite box for each one.
Mar 8 For each pet you have, or animals you love, put 1 coin in your mite box	Mar 9 If you have slippers put 1 coin in your mite box	Mar 10 Count the crosses you see today and put a penny in the box for each cross.	Mar 11 Put a penny in your box for each sweet you ate this week	Mar 12 Take all the garbage out on trash day.	Mar 13 If you have heat, air conditioning, or running water put 2 coins in your mite box.	Mar 14 Put a coin in your box for every telephone in your house. (counting cell phones!)
Mar 15 Put 1 coin in your mite box for each room you have in your house, apartment or condo.	Mar 16 Drive through town and count the SUVs, put a penny in the box for each SUV.	Mar 17 <b>Saint Patrick’s Day</b> , count the green things in your closet and put a penny in your mite box for each one.	Mar 18 Put a coin in your box for every phone call or text sent or received	Mar 19 Put a dime in your box for every coat you have.	Mar 20 First Day of Spring- Put a coin in your box for every flower you see	Mar 21 For each can or bottle of soda you have this week put 2 coins in your mite box.
Mar 22 If you have heat, air conditioning, or running water put 2 coins in your mite box	Mar 23 Put a coin in your box for every electronic device you use.	Mar 24 Put in a penny for each classroom in your Church School	Mar 25 Put a coin in your box for every TV show you watch today.	Mar 26 Count the trees around your house. Put a penny in the box for every tree.	Mar 27 Set the table for a family meal.	Mar 28 Add up the money you spent on fun this week and for every dollar put 10 cents into the box
Mar 29 Do you live in a house, apartment or condo? Put 2 coins in your mite box	Mar 30 Put a dime for each phone and cell phone in your family.	Mar 31 Hug your parents and tell them to have a good day.	APR 1 Pray for <b>children who don’t</b> have enough to eat.	Apr 2 Count the number of toy stores in your town and put 25 cents in for each one.	Apr 3 Put away all your toys and games.	Apr 4 Tell your family a Bible story you know. Put a coin in your mite box.
Apr 5 Palm Sunday Hosanna!  If you have special Easter clothes, put coins in your box	Apr 6 Put a coin in your box for each mile you drive or ride in a car.	Apr 7 Count the number of wheels on your cars and bicycles at your house and put a coin in for each one.	Apr 8 Say the meal-time prayer.	Apr 9 Maundy Thursday  Put a dime in your mite box for each person in your family	Apr 10 Good Friday  Give thanks for the blessings in your life and pray for those in need	Apr 11 Holy Saturday  The Lord is Risen! Happy Easter! Apr 12

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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, March 27, 2009 for the April issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier* (to be distributed March 29.)

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](mailto:CalvaryCourier@gmail.com) with "subscribe" in the subject line.

**2009 Church Council:** Shirley Beyer, Sue Green, Jack Hopkins, 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

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B – Birthday

# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>EACH SUNDAY:</b> 9:10 am – Sun. School Open 9:30 am – S.S. Classes 10:40 am – Worship Service	<b>EACH MONDAY:</b> Pastor’s Day Off		<b>EACH WEDNESDAY:</b> 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer	<b>EACH THURSDAY:</b> 10 am-noon – Open Sanctuary & Library 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal		<b>EACH SATURDAY:</b> 9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting
<b>1 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 10:40 a.m. – Worship & Communion in Sanctuary Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1 p.m. – Camping Board meets at Calvary  B – Janice Alston	<b>4</b> 9-11:30 a.m. – Mother’s Morning Out  B – Paul Winner	<b>5</b>	<b>6 World Day of Prayer</b> 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	<b>7</b>  B – Louise Snyder
<b>8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 10:40 a.m. – Worship in Fellowship Hall  Daylight Savings Begins	<b>9</b>  B – J. Edward Chaapel	<b>10</b> 9:30 a.m. – CLI Board meets at Calvary  B – Lois Thomas	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 10:40 a.m. – Worship in Fellowship Hall  B – Stacie Schearer	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	<b>18</b> 9-11:30 a.m. – Mother’s Morning Out  B – Doris Updegrave	<b>19</b>	<b>20 Spring Equinox</b>	<b>21</b> 5 p.m. – <b>Spring Fling Dinner &amp; White Elephant Sale</b>  B – Jolee Cumberland
<b>22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 10:40 a.m. – Worship in Fellowship Hall	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 10:40 a.m. – Worship in Fellowship Hall “catch up” Offering	<b>30</b>  B – Dan Yoas	<b>31</b>				

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