

Calvary Baptist Courier

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OUTFLOW

As we follow Jesus with Luke this year, we see Jesus tell his followers that He will make them (us!) "fishers of men." The fishing they knew then did not involve hooks and bait; it involved nets and light. Light? Yes: fishing was done at night (Luke 5:5). The fishermen hung lamps on their boat. The fish, who stayed down deep to avoid the blazing daylight sun of those latitudes, were drawn to the nets by the lights shining in the nighttime darkness. In the same way, people who hide from God in the world's darkness - or just can't see Him because of it - are drawn to the light that Jesus can place in us.

In another image, Jesus says that we will become like fountains of spring water, flowing out to people in a thirsty land. The OUTFLOW series draws us to principles that will renew the light and living water in us, enabling us to develop and enjoy a life filled daily with God's love, joy and hope - that then shines and flows out naturally to family, friends, neighbors and strangers. It's not a "technique" - it is a Christ-centered lifestyle that is natural, simple and heartfelt. People appreciate having it around and are drawn to us and our churches (the nets) and to Jesus.

Beginning in Lent we will have a five-week focus on OUTFLOW on Wednesday evenings. See me to get a book of daily readings. In our meetings, we will discuss the readings, watch video testimonies of how people have applied the principles, and plan ways we can do so here and now. If Wednesday does not work for you, let me know and we could set up an alternate time or two as well.

I've seen individuals and churches truly renewed by this intentional focus on simple basics. May Calvary too be a place of light in the darkness and a place where people will come to find the true answer to their spiritual thirst.

Shalom,

Peter C. Wilson

Council Notes

by James D. Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on February 15, 2011. This is a synopsis of that meeting. Our balance continues to be in the black (though dwindling quickly) with \$442.70. We received a \$500 donation this month for the roof repair fund being kept in the building fund (this is a proactive effort to collect funds for roof repairs BEFORE we need them-it will inevitably be necessary in the foreseeable future). If you would like to help with this effort, just note your donation on your offering envelope. Our Wednesday night Bible study on Romans will be wrapping up soon. We will be starting a special program on "Outflow" (an ABCOPAD instigated program) in the near future. We lost two good men since last month. Bob Wolfe passed away on January 26, 2011. Dale Reid passed away on February 5, 2011. Our condolences to their families. The choir has begun doing an opening choral number at the beginning of services. Pastor Pete would like to see church members getting involved in the musical program. Accordingly, anyone who would like to sing or play an instrument during services should contact Pastor Pete. We are looking for a Children's Sunday School teacher. If you are interested in performing this valuable service, contact Pastor Pete. The funds collected during the Souper Bowl drive will be donated to the United Churches' food pantry. Jody Lantz has begun working with an "English as a second language" group in the church. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact Jody Lantz. Vacation Bible School will be held from August 8 through 12 this year. If you are interested in participating, contact Duane Yeagle. Our church has signed up to participate in an ABCOPAD program titled "Protect My Ministry". It involves getting background checks done on all youth ministry workers. The Baptist women's group prepared roller bandages for a hospital in the Congo last week. We are working on starting an active Baptist men's group. See Pastor Pete for information, or to participate. All congregation men are encouraged to become involved and to help us set a direction for our participation. The photo shoots for the new photo directory went well. There will be a make-up date soon for those who were unable to have their pictures take on the recent scheduled dates. We collected \$83 from the recent fund raiser at Hoss's Restaurant. Thanks to all who supported this effort. The counters for March will be Helen Yoas and Jim Lewis. The greeter for March will be Jim Lewis. Kathy Temple will be fellowship coordinator for March. The next council meeting will be March 15, 2011. During our communion service in March, Ken Bower will give the prayer for the bread. Donna Camp will give the prayer for the cup.

THE VEILED FUTURE

God has been merciful in veiling the future so we cannot see,
He would have us walk by faith and this is best for you and me.
If we knew that pain was out there waiting us in a certain tomorrow,
Every day between this and that would be over-shadowed by our sorrow.

If we know that fortune was waiting us in a certain tomorrow,
We'd fill each day with uneasiness and with that fortune in mind be
led to borrow.
So when the day of our fortune came we would need it all to pay,
The money we had already spent as we looked toward this day.

So God teach us to live a day at a time and neither pain or fortune to
borrow,
As we face each new day and its unknown tomorrow.
Christ taught us to pray for daily bread and to trust God with our
tomorrow,
And when people obey Christ's word and learn to live a day at a time
they save themselves a lot of sorrow.

J. R. M. 2/19/70

A Poem by Rev. John R. MacGorman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, 1948-1955, from his collection, "Christian Rhymes That Comfort and Challenge".

25 Random Things About

1. James Donald Lewis
2. Born September 16, 1949, in Kane, Pa.
3. Grew up in (mostly) small towns in McKean County (Smethport, Rixford, Rew, Bradford....).
4. Graduated high school as an honors student from Elizabeth-Forward High School, Elizabeth, Pa., near Pittsburgh in 1967.
5. Served in the USAF from April 3, 1969, to April 1 (April Fool's Day), 1992.
6. While in the service, served stateside in Kansas, Illinois, New Mexico, Alaska, and Louisiana. Served overseas (1971-1972) in Vietnam during the Vietnam Conflict and (1991-1992) in Turkey during Desert Storm.
7. Married August 8, 1969 to Beverly Smith from Cuba, N.Y. This marriage ended in divorce.
8. Son, Donny, born January 23, 1971, Forbes AFB, Topeka, Ks, 8 lbs 10 ½ oz.
9. Daughter, Cindy, born March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), 1975, Kirtland AFB, NM, 10 lbs 11 oz.
10. Have three grandchildren (from daughter): Morgan and Miranda, fraternal twins, born November 30, 1994, and Cody, born September 12, 1997.
11. Married Vicki Brunson, July 28, 1990. Have one stepdaughter, Lee Ellen Brunson.
12. Graduated from Penn College in 2001 (high honors) with an associate's degree in Landscaping and Nursery Management.
13. After graduation, discovered that no landscaping business in Lycoming County was interested in hiring a man my age to do landscaping work. Subsequently, began my own business which I have been operating since 2001.
14. Work part-time at Williamsport Hospital doing valet work and cleaning floors (mostly, floors).
15. Have worked full time seasonally (December through March) for Nevill's Flowers in Montoursville since 2001.
16. Before entering the service, worked variously making cheddar cheese, cottage cheese, and safes and filing cabinets.
17. After retirement from the military, worked as Human Resource Manager for an outpatient mental health clinic in Shreveport, La, for five years.
18. Returned to Pennsylvania in 1997 to be near my grandchildren. Lived in Wellsboro for two years before moving to Montgomery and then to Williamsport.
19. A few years after Vicki and I moved here, my daughter married a man she met on the internet (horrors) and moved to Kentucky, taking my grandchildren with her!
20. Got into landscaping because I wanted to do something I enjoyed (gardening). Now I don't have much time to work in my own gardens....
21. Collected coins until my near vision got too poor to see tiny, indistinct details on coins. Particularly enjoyed collecting civil war tokens.
22. While in Turkey, collected carved Meerschaum (a soft mineral) pipes and handmade wool carpets.
23. Enjoy feeding squirrels (and some birds) at my backyard bird feeders.
24. Became a Christian and was baptized in 1974 at the age of 34 in Anchorage, Alaska, at Calvary Baptist Church.
25. Many of my best friends can be found in one place on Sunday morning....

A SUNDAY SCHOOL MINUTE

By Ben Mazzullo

During a recent praise and thanks time at the Sunday service, Donna Camp gave thanks for Sunday school. She said how much the attendees enjoyed the group discussions as the day's Scripture was studied. Donna also praised the good teachers.

Speaking as one of those teachers, and I am sure that Vicki Lewis, our other regular teacher, would agree, teachers are only discussion leaders; everyone who attends Sunday school is a teacher. Their thoughts often give a new insight to the text of our Sunday lessons. Quite often, someone will relate his or her own life experience showing how the words of that day's lesson in the Bible lifted them, guided them or corrected them.

For example, in one Sunday's text, Jesus instructed his disciples that all must learn to serve and even to be as humble as a slave. That brought on diverse comments, such as how working for a kind, decent master (that is, a boss or store or office manager) can make all the difference in one's workplace. Those who served the public "on the other side of the counter" working as retail staff talked of the challenges of dealing with difficult customers, or conversely, the rewards dealing with especially pleasant, considerate people. You never know where a discussion will lead.

Donna Camp invited everyone to come to Sunday school. You can join with her in a "teaching group" of students all offering unexpected insights on the Gospel every Sunday. We are beginning a new study arc this March, please join in. Come to listen; come to discuss; come to learn.

Recipe Corner — thanks to Kathy Temple

Hamburger Pasta Soup

1 lb. ground beef
1 large onion chopped coarsely
1 large container beef broth**
1 cup pepe macaroni (small round pasta shaped like beads)

Brown ground beef with onion and drain. Meanwhile, cook pepe macaroni as directed, drain. In large sauce pan combine cooked pepe, browned ground beef, broth, and simmer slowly until onions are completely cooked. May be served with crackers for a quick pick me up or serve with your favorite cheese sandwich for a hot nourishing meal.

**Substitute a can of Campbell's Cheddar Cheese Soup and a can of milk to have cheeseburger soup. If you want more liquid add more broth or another can of cheese soup and milk

ENJOY My family enjoys this after a really cold day working outside.

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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 April 2011 issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier*.

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.**

2011 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Ken Bower, Donna Camp, Larry Green, Sue Green, Jim Lewis (church clerk, ex officio member), Ben Mazzullo, Penny Ohnmeiss, Kathy Temple (moderator), Deb Titus, Lynn Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Dan Yoas

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

B – Birthday

March

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u> 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm – Bible Study and <i>Wed</i> Prayer | <u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <u>EACH SATURDAY:</u> 9 AM – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting 8AM-12:30 PM - CLI <i>Sat</i> |
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| <u>EACH SUNDAY:</u> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service | <u>EACH MONDAY:</u> Pastor’s Day Off | 1 B – Dwayne Koons | 2 | 3 B – Janice Alston | 4 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night B – Paul Winner (95 th) | 5 |
| 6 10:40 a.m. Communion Service Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service | 7 | 8 | 9 Ash Wednesday B – J. Edward Chaapel | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 1 st Sun. of Lent (Daylight Savings Time begins) | 14 | 15 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting B – Stacie Schearer | 16 | 17 | 18 B – Doris Updegrove | 19 |
| 20 2 nd Sun. of Lent | 21 Spring Equinox B – Jolee Cumberland | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 3 rd Sun. of Lent “Catch up” Offering | 28 | 29 B – Doris Paulhamus | 30 B – Dan Yoas | 31 | | |
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