

Calvary Baptist Courier

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Journeying Together

Some pastors (myself included) are very fond of describing a congregation as a group of Christians who are journeying together through life. At times, there are opportunities to make that “journeying together” literal. Those who have been on even very short-term journeys together (like our trips in Larry and Sue’s motor home to Sight-and-Sound in Lancaster and to see ice hockey in Hershey) can testify to how much those experiences add to our ongoing experience of our lives being part of the greater Body-life in Christ. A couple of longer journeys for the Calvary congregation are beginning to take shape; perhaps one (or both) of them is right for you at this stage of your spiritual journey.

The first is a mission trip to Haiti, scheduled for January 2014. These trips are designed so that people of any age or physical limitations can probably participate. We already have some Calvary returnees and at least one newcomer looking forward to going this time.

The second is a trip to tour Biblical sites in Israel, probably in January 2015. Again, Calvary already has several folks giving this serious consideration. Participants in both trips will have preparation here and guidance during the trip to see that they individually, and the church group as a whole, achieve as much as possible of the spiritual potential of these very special journeys. On both trips, the body-life of Calvary will become more real—and realized—as will the part we as a church, and each of us individually, also plays in the larger Body of the Church worldwide and over centuries of time.

If you would like to find out more, please sign up in the lounge and I will keep you up to date on these great opportunities for you and us all.

Shalom,

Peter Plee

COUNCIL NOTES

By Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on February 19, 2013. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of January 31, our expenditures were \$713.30 more than we took in. High heating costs and excessive snow removal requirements partially contributed to this deficit. The Wednesday evening Bible study is just about to complete the study of Paul's letters—so, if you were thinking about getting started, now would be an excellent time... Pastor Pete has begun planning for a group trip to the Holy Lands in about a year. He has a signup sheet out for anyone who thinks he or she may be interested. There is also a signup sheet out for the next trip to Haiti (in January 2014) to build rubble houses. For anyone who thinks he or she may be interested, there will be a meeting in Wellsboro in April for those interested in the Dominican Republic mission. See Jim Lewis for dates and details. The choir is preparing now for the Easter cantata. More singers are welcome: especially sopranos. Ben Mazzullo will be teaching the adult Sunday school class in March. Our Souper Bowl collection brought in nearly \$500 this year, beating all past records. Thanks to all for your help. St. Anthony's soup kitchen will appreciate it. Jim Lewis and Shirley Beyer did an audit of the church financial records on February 18th; no discrepancies were discovered. Good work Helen ... We are still working on bids for the repair of the roof of the Fellowship Hall. We are also looking for a new contractor to do snow removal; let Pastor Pete know if you know of someone who might be interested. Pastor Pete noted that there will be a Northumberland Association women's retreat in the near future; let him know if you are interested in attending. Thanks to everyone who supported the recent White Cross project—if you made a commitment to this effort, be sure to get your donations in soon. The international group led by the Lantzes is currently meeting in the Lantz's home for Bible study on Saturday (possibly moving to Sunday evening), and holding a games night on the last Friday of each month. See Jody Lantz if you'd like to get involved. Jody and Martue Hpauda were recently interviewed by the *Webb Weekly* regarding the Kachin problem in Myanmar. They have also been to Washington to speak to our representatives about the issue. Pastor Pete has been contacted by a woman raising funds for a special project by doing odd jobs; see him for more information. Our biennial seder meal will be March 28th; the featured meat will be turkey. Vacation Bible School is tentatively scheduled for July 29th-August 2nd; if you are interested in participating, contact Duane Yeagle. The greeter for March will be Donna Camp; the counters will be Helen and Dan Yoas; the fellowship meal coordinator will be Doris Paulhamus. Communion servers will be Jim Lewis, Lynn Turney, Dave Lantz, and Duane Yeagle. Helen Yoas will pray for the bread; Lynn Turney will pray for the cup. The next council meeting will be March 19, 2013.

SPECIAL THANKS

I was half joking during Wednesday night Bible study recently about needing a woman to come in to cook and do ironing for me since my skills in those areas are so weak. One of our ladies (I won't embarrass her by naming her) took pity on me and brought in a lasagna and a cake the next Sunday. We have some great people in this church. I want to offer my heartfelt thanks for this show of love and generosity. I'm still working on the lasagna. The cake didn't last very long at all.

Jim Lewis

OUTREACH NEWS

Calvary's webpage recently received the following evidence that it's reaching people in many different places: "Dear sirs, I have put together a little booklet of Bible stories for kids that I would like to distribute to children of central Vermont. Many of these children have never been exposed to these stories. They think the manger is for Santa's reindeer. (I'm not kidding). I would like your permission to use your picture of the ascension of Jesus and perhaps the new heaven picture. I would include a tag to your website.

Sincerely,
Martha H. ———
Randolph, VT"

YOU ARE INVITED

On Sunday, March 17th, in the Fellowship Hall—immediately following the church service—there will be a special luncheon given by Wendi and Landen Sterner, celebrating life and all friends who have shown support during their journey to conquer the grief and survival of a loved one's suicide. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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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 2013 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.

2013 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Dave Lantz, Jim Lewis (church clerk), Penny Ohnmeiss, Sandy Snyder, Lynn Turney, Robin Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member and interim moderator), Duane Yeagle, Dan Yoas, Helen Yoas (treasurer)

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH**

EACH WEDNESDAY:

EACH THURSDAY:

EACH SATURDAY:

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer 7-8:30 pm – Internat'l. Prog.	4-6 pm – International Women's Program 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal		9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting
<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 4-6 pm – International Women's Program				1 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night B – Dwayne Koons	2 B – Jason Collins
3 3rd Sun. of Lent 10:40 a.m. – Communion Service Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service B – Janice Alston	4	5	6	7 B – Laura Collins	8	9
10 4th Sun. of Lent <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 5th Sun. of Lent Following Worship – Special Luncheon given by Wendi & Landen Sterner	18 B – Grace Betts	19 7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	20 <i>Spring begins</i>	21 B – Jolee Cumberland	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY	25	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Seder Meal	29 Good Friday B – Doris Paulhamus	30 B – Dan Yoas
31 EASTER SUNDAY 10:40 a.m. – Easter Cantata B – Jace Traugh						Note: B – Birthday

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