

Calvary Baptist Courier

May 2010

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ALL THESE EARTHQUAKES ... YOUR GUN-LAP?

“Nation will rise against nation ... There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of the birth pains.” (Matthew 24:7-8)

Back in high school track, my longest race was the 2-miler. Two miles meant eight laps around the track. It was easy to lose count or to slack off with monotony. And so, as the first runner began his eighth lap, the officials fired a gun, signaling to all the runners. The message? “Time is short! If you haven’t been putting out and pulling your weight for the team, put out now! If you’re tired: dig deep! Kick into gear! Gun it! Run to win and finish with respect!”

To followers of Jesus, outbreaks of earthquakes like we’ve been made aware of lately are not just natural processes at work in the tectonic plates that underlie earth’s crust. They are divinely controlled “acts of God” that have been labeled for us, by Jesus, as intentional warning signs: a gunshot. Even if His return isn’t imminent this time (and I believe there are other signs that it well could be), He is certainly sending the signal He said He would send to wake up each of His followers to get busy about the work of His household if they have not been. In His parables later in Matthew 24 and 25, Jesus paints pictures of the urgency of His concern for each of us: for you and me to be “wise” in how we are using our individual time, talent and treasure for the life and work of His household.

How are you being wise? Where are you being busy about the Master’s household in light of His anytime return (or your anytime return to Him)? In His household here at Calvary, we need workers to get busy soon in many ways: for our 2010 Vacation Bible School outreach to children and families to be a success; to help with children on Sunday mornings and in next fall’s AWANA and Mother’s Morning Out. Our homebound need folks who can call them on the phone or visit them and perhaps read them a devotional passage once a week. We could use more voices in choir to lead us in praising God. Maybe summer schedule changes will enable you to join the prayer ministry on Wednesday night: it’s the most important work of the church.

Jesus told us not to miss the signal of the cluster of earthquakes. God has fired the gun-lap pistol again. Are you one He’s telling to “gun it”? If so, come tell me and we’ll figure out how to get you busy—and ready to meet Him with a joyful report.

Shalom,

Peter P. Wilson

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

B – Birthday A - Anniversary

May

<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>	<u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> 10 am-noon – Open Sanctuary & Library 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal <i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<u>EACH SATURDAY:</u> 9 AM – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting 8 AM-12:30 PM - CLI <i>Sat</i>
<u>EACH SUNDAY:</u> 9:00 am – Kids & Adults light breakfast 9:25 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service	<u>EACH MONDAY:</u> Pastor’s Day Off					1 ASCENSION DAY Clean Up Day
2 Communion Service Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service	3	4	5 9-11:30 a.m. – Mother’s Morning Out	6 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER A – Mike & Rachel Dance (5-6-06)	7 C.W.U. May Friendship Day at Pine St. U.M. – noon lunch - 1:15 p.m. program 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	8 Last C.L.I.
9 MOTHER’S DAY Light breakfast of “Muffins for Mom”	10 B – Betty Brown	11	12	13	14 B – Joann Loper	15 CHURCH YARD SALE
16 BROWN BAG SUN. Bring a bag lunch and stay after church.	17	18 ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting (in the lounge)	19 9-11:30 a.m. – Mother’s Morning Out	20	21	22 ABW Work Day
23 PENTECOST	24 ← PASTOR	25 WILL BE IN	26 WISCONSIN FOR	27 CONFERENCE →	28 B – Rebekah (Foust) Albitz B – Karen Mazzullo A – Lynn & Robin Turney (5-28-77)	29
30 “catch up” offering	31 MEMORIAL DAY A – Dan & Helen Yoas (5-31-86)					

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Council Notes

by Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on April 20, 2010. These are excerpts of the minutes of that meeting. Our budget deficit as of the end of March was \$4,675.29, about \$500 more than the previous month. Through a savings account initiated by council and a tentatively approved legacy grant of \$3000, we now have sufficient funds to move ahead on the projection system for the sanctuary. The Northumberland Association summer fair will be in Milton on June 27th. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We have had quite a few visitors during services recently. Pastor Pete suggested that council members (and, by extension, all members) make them feel welcome and sit with them during services, if possible. The choir will go on summer hiatus at the end of May. Anyone who would like to help with special music over the summer, contact Pastor Pete or Joanne Kiehl. Pastor Peter will be presenting a series of videos during Sunday School this summer including videos on Mormonism, Islam, and Jehovah's Witnesses among others. Following completion of this video series, the Sunday School program will be from a book on the Lord's prayer. It should be an interesting summer. The council is looking for a volunteer to chair the Missions committee. If you are interested, contact Pastor Pete. AWANA will end for the summer on April 28th. Our American Baptist Women's Group will have a workday on May 22nd. We have a church rummage sale scheduled for May 15th. We are currently looking for someone to head up this effort. We will have a church cleanup date on May 1st. All members are urged to assist with this effort. May 18th is Election Day. We will be having a bake sale for the occasion. If you would like to help by managing this effort, or putting in some hours, or by donating baked goods, let Pastor Pete know. If you would like to head up the "Mother's Day Muffins" project on May 9th or the "Donuts for Dads" project on June 20th to celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day, contact Pastor Pete. The counter for May will be Larry Green; the greeter for May will be Candy Clark; Penny Ohnmeiss will manage the fellowship meal. Duane Yeagle, Lynn Turney, Jim Lewis and Larry Green will serve communion in May. Ken Bower will give the prayer for the cup; Larry Green will give the prayer for the bread. The council will meet next on May 18th.

A fan letter for CalvaryWilliamsport.com...

From: Janet Newman <janetn@....com>

Subject: great kids website

To: admin@calvarywilliamsport.com

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2010, 12:19 PM

Thank you for the wonderful website. I use it every week teaching SS.

Jan from Jersey Shore, PA.



FILL OUR SHOPPING CART

The Missions Committee of Calvary Baptist Church has set a goal for the month of May, 2010. Our goal is to fill our shopping cart with items for the Shepherd of the Streets program.

The collection will begin Sunday, May 9 and finish on Sunday, May 30. So when you are shopping for yourself or your family, add a few items to your shopping cart which will help fill the Calvary Baptist Church shopping cart for our needy neighbors.

The items to be donated are:

- Soap – (liquid or cakes)
- Toothpaste – (large)
- Tooth Brushes – (adult & child)
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Oil or Cream
- Q-tips
- Diapers – (any size)
- New or good, clean used sheets, pillowcases, blankets
- New or good, clean used bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths

***Missions Committee
Calvary Baptist Church***

Coming up in May

Mother's Day Muffins is our way of honoring the ladies of Calvary Baptist Church on Mother's Day, **May 9**. At 9:00, come join us for this time of fellowship and celebration on this important day. Then stay for Sunday School!

Brown Bag Sunday is on **May 16** and this monthly time of fellowship started when several families who normally go out to eat after services decided to bring a sack lunch or leftovers and eat at church, with many agreeing to make a contribution of some or all of the money they would have spent dining out. It's a good way to continue the themes that were introduced during the worship service, and sends us on our way home having had yet another chance for fellowship. We'd love for each of you to come and join us during this informal time.

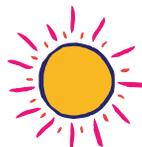
Election Day at Calvary is always a special time as we have community folks come into our church to vote and survey the array of baked goods which we offer for a donation. If you'd like to bake cookies, brownies, or other specialties, contact Vicki Lewis. If you can come to help on Election Day, that would be appreciated. It's **May 18**, and the polls are open early to late. If you can be a hostess for an hour or two, let Vicki know.

Yard Sale

Saturday, May 15th - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. We are looking for CLEAN, useable items. (eg. household items, tools, books, toys, clothes, working appliances, furniture) These can be brought to the church and placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall. If you need your items picked up, call the church office. Hot dogs, soda and baked goods are also needed to sell (see sign-up sheet in the lounge.) All monies received will go to the general expenses. Questions??? See Penny Ohnmeiss or Sue Green.

American Baptist Women of Calvary

We are having a sewing work day on **Saturday, May 22**, at 1 p.m. SEWING, YOU SAY? I DON'T SEW!!! We need your helping hands for measuring, cutting, and pressing to complete lap-robos and walker bags. These will be given to our local nursing homes and hospitals. Please bring scissors and measuring tape. Also, your Love Gift boxes will be collected. Thank you — Sue Green.



Beginning in June, we'll get into our summer schedule for **Sunday School**, and Peter will offer lessons on other religions: presentations that should be compelling for all of us. His topics will include Mormonism, Islam, and Jehovah's Witnesses. Plan to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 for Christian Education.

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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, May 28, 2010 for the June 2010 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.**

2010 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Ken Bower, Donna Camp, Larry Green, Jim Lewis, Vicki Lewis (Chair), Ben Mazzullo, Kathy Temple, Deb Titus, Emily Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Duane Yeagle