

Calvary Baptist Courier

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A Special Day in May

If I were to ask you to name the three “mega”- holy days of the Christian year, I know you’d quickly answer, “Christmas, Easter...” - but most people, including most church people, can’t identify the third. The third mega-holy day is ... Pentecost.

Thud! Sounds kind of anti-climactic, doesn’t it? We don’t make much of that day. Jesus, however, did—telling His disciples over and over of that big day that He was sending and that they were to wait for and be set in motion by. When the day did come, it did so with more fanfare and public impact than either Christmas or Easter. Pentecost is the day on which the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and gave birth to the church (the new body of Christ on earth) and to the church’s mission and role until Jesus returns.

If a church is to be doing its God-given mission and role, it must be working with the Holy Spirit as He does His work; it has to be Holy Spirit-oriented. Just as Jesus’ first disciples walked with him, we are told to keep in step with the Spirit. This is one reason serious prayer needs to be part of all our planning and work; if it isn’t, we go on our own strength and vision and they are (at best) inadequate.

Jesus said in John 16 that the Holy Spirit is necessary to make people aware of the reality of sin (how many people aren’t aware of that these days—hence no need of Jesus or the church. We need the Holy Spirit to do that work!); to make us in the church concerned for righteous living because we don’t have Jesus visible with us, showing us how exciting and fulfilling that is (how many of us are pretty content with our lack of godliness. We need the Holy Spirit to do that work!); and to make people expect the judgment that is coming (how many people ignore that unavoidable Day—or choose to believe unbiblical, feel-good stories that misrepresent our coming judgment; We need the Holy Spirit to do that work so that we will “be ready” and non-believers will begin to fear God and look for assurance of forgiveness).

Let’s take this coming Pentecost (May 27th) as a time to begin to think more Biblically about this wonderful presence of God among us and “magnify” the Holy Spirit’s being and role, the way Jesus did.

Shalom,

Peter P. Lee

Council Notes

by Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on April 24, 2012. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of March 31, 2012, our expenses were \$4,356.29 in excess of the amount collected (down about \$600 from last month). Utility expenses were down in March and we received some rather substantial monetary gifts in March. We held a foot washing ceremony on Maundy Thursday. Those who attended were blessed by this very symbolic ceremony. Our organist, Jeff Shuman, was stricken with a kidney stone and hospitalized on Easter morning. Pastor Pete had to scramble to find the appropriate recorded music for our Easter services. The service, however, went well. The choir will start their summer hiatus in mid-May. Helen Yoas informed the council that she has in her possession a proof of the new church directory. This has been a long time coming, but should come to fruition in the near future! The council/Pastor Pete are considering holding an Easter sunrise service and breakfast next year. It will be finalized when we get closer (nearly a year from now). Mark Mahserjian-Smith, Pastor Wilson, Duane Yeagle and Robin Turney are planning to take a mission trip to Haiti later this year. We are very proud of all of them for their commitment. A proposal in the amount of \$14,124.00 was submitted by Barr Construction in Cogan Station to repair the sanctuary roof. The congregation gave their approval to accepting this proposal on April 29th as recommended by the church council. The AWANA youth group held a pizza party on April 25th following their final meeting of the summer. They will start up again in the fall. The mother/daughter tea scheduled for May 12th, as of the council meeting had attracted few reservations. Sue Green is working on remedying this situation. Penny Ohnmeiss will be preparing her customary potted plants for mothers on Mother's Day. The funds collected at the Election Day bale sale have been designated for the hospitality account to help fund expenses there. Our Burmese brother Mar Tue has a video on the persecution going on in Burma. This video will be presented to the congregation in the near future. Vicki Lewis is working on an update to the prayer chain. If you are not on this chain but would like to be, contact Vicki. Pastor Pete would like to get our older youths involved in the Christian camping experience and will be showing a camping video in the near future for their benefit. The greeters for May will be Marianne Hopkins and/or Penny Ohnmeiss. The counters for May will be Larry Green and Shirley Beyer. The fellowship meal coordinator for May will be Penny Ohnmeiss. Duane Yeagle, Larry Green, Ben Mazzullo and Vicki Lewis will be communion servers. Jim Lewis will offer the prayer for the bread; Helen Yoas will offer the prayer for the cup. The next council meeting is scheduled for May 15th.

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2012 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Ken Bower, Donna Camp, Larry Green, Jim Lewis (church clerk), Vicki Lewis (council moderator), Ben Mazzullo, Penny Ohnmeiss, Lynn Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Duane Yeagle, Dan Yoas, Helen Yoas (treasurer, ex officio member)

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MAY

				EACH WEDNESDAY:	EACH THURSDAY:	EACH SATURDAY:	
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>		1-3 pm – International Women's Program No AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs until Fall 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer <i>Wed</i>	7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal <i>Thu</i>		9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting <i>Sat</i>
EACH SUNDAY: 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service	EACH MONDAY: Pastor's Day Off	1	2	3	4 Noon luncheon CWU 2101 May Friendship Day @ First Church of Christ Disciples 7:00 p.m. Family Games Night	5	
6 Communion Service Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service A – Michael & Rachel Dance (5-6-06)	7	8	9	10 B – Betty Brown B – Allen Grimes	11	12 2:00 p.m. – Mother/Daughter Tea in Fellow. Hall	
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14 B – Joann Loper	15 7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	16	17	18	19 9 a.m. – ABWM North. Bapt. Assoc. Spring Mtg. at Moreland Bapt. 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Luncheon at Watsontown Bapt.	
20	21	22	23 A – Dave & Jody Lantz (5-23-98)	24	25	26	
27 PENTECOST "Catch Up" Offering	28 MEMORIAL DAY B – Rebekah Albitz B – Karen Mazzullo A – Lynn & Robin Turney (5-28-77)	29	30	31 A – Dan & Helen Yoas (5-31-86)			
							Note: B- Birthday A - Anniversary

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