

Calvary Baptist Courier

November 2009

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From the Pastor's Desk

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, thoughts, cards, meals, calls and visits since my surgery on October 12. Things are going quite well according to my surgeon and the home therapists. At yesterday's appointment at Geisinger, the doctor told me that this will be a 3-month recuperation — so I ask for your continued patience and understanding as I try to be patient myself.

Our "Invite-A-Friend Sunday" plans have been a bit scrambled by all this. I will try to set a particular special Sunday for us all to focus on — but meanwhile, realize that any Sunday is a good Sunday. Ask the Lord to let you know if your friend is ready to be invited.

Now let me share with you a poem I've sent people over the years. It meant a lot to me when a pastor who was fighting cancer sent it to me when I was hospitalized following my car wreck in 1983. If you are also going through a time of sickness — or the next time you are — I hope this poem will speak to your heart.

I Needed the Quiet

I needed the quiet so he drew me aside
Into the shadows where we could confide,
Away from the bustle where all the day long
I hurried and worried when active and strong.
I needed the quiet tho at first I rebelled,
But gently, so gently my cross he upheld,
And whispered so sweetly of spiritual things,
Tho weakened in body, my spirit took wings
To heights never heard of when active and gay,
He loved me so greatly he drew me away.
I needed the quiet, no prison my bed,
But a beautiful valley of blessings instead —
A place to grow richer in Jesus to hide
I needed the quiet so he drew me aside.

— Alice H. Mortenson

A prayer: "Father, help me to learn what You are trying to teach me in this time of trial, so that my life will be enriched and so that You'll be able to call on me to comfort and enrich the lives of others in times of trial. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully in Jesus' name, Amen.

Shalom,

Pastor Peter

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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

B – Birthday

A - Anniversary

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
EACH SUNDAY: 9:00 am – Kids & Adults light breakfast 9:25 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service	EACH MONDAY: Pastor's Day Off		EACH WEDNESDAY: 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer	EACH THURSDAY: 10 am-noon – Open Sanctuary & Library 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal		EACH SATURDAY: 9 AM – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting 8 AM-12:30 PM - CLI
1 Communion Fellowship Luncheon Thanksgiving meal in place of our regular "pot luck"	2	3 Election Day Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall	4 9-11:30 a.m. – Mother's Morning Out	5	6 1:30 p.m. World Community Day at Shiloh Bapt. Church 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	7 B – Jack Hopkins
8	9 A – Keith & Melissa Cumberland (11-9-02)	10 10:30 a.m. – Camping Board meets at Calvary B – Ken Meckley (90 th)	11 Veteran's Day B – Dave Lantz	12	13 B – Larry Green	14
15 BROWN BAG SUN. Bring a bag lunch and fellowship after the worship service.	16	17 A – Tim & Candy Clark (11-17-01)	18 9-11:30 a.m. – Mother's Morning Out	19	20	21
22	23 .	24 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting B – David Snyder, Jr.	25 B – Christopher Clark A – Ben & Karen Mazzullo (11-25-65)	26 Thanksgiving B – Gail Telesca	27	28
29 1st Sun. in Advent "Catch up" Offer.	30 B – Scott Schearer					

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COUNCIL NOTES

By Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on October 20, 2009. These are the highlights of that meeting. As of the end of September, we were \$7,862.95 in the red. Our condolences go out to the family of Wanda Hoff, who passed away on October 15th. Ken Bower is home from Rose View following his recuperation from surgery. Pastor Pete is also home from the hospital following his recent knee replacement surgery. The Sunday School Rally Day breakfast in October was well attended. Pastor Pete has a college-aged Sunday school class going. All young adults are invited to attend. Church council had been considering participating in a 'Family Promise' program (a program to house a homeless family for a one-week interval) in conjunction with other local churches; however, council voted to hold off on this until we have the opportunity to observe the program in operation, considering the number of volunteers that may be required to implement such an effort here. Church council decided to change our missions' assistance program to a more balanced (50/50) split between local and worldwide missions. If you know of a worthy local mission that deserves support, let Duane know about it. We are looking for volunteers who would like to serve on the missions committee. See Vicki or Duane if you are interested in serving in this capacity. We will be holding a special Thanksgiving fellowship meal on November 1st. Turkey and dressing will be provided. The Calvary chapter of the American Baptist Women will meet on November 7th from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. in the lounge. All women of the church are encouraged to attend. There is a general election coming up on November 3rd. We are planning to have baked goods and coffee (as a minimum) available for this event. If you would like to help with baked goods or can be present at the church during part of the election period, let Pastor Pete know. Ben Mazzullo, Ken Bower, Larry Green and Donna Camp have agreed to serve on the church council next year pending approval by the membership at the next congregational business meeting. The council offers our thanks to these individuals for their willingness to serve. We have received \$1000 from the Northumberland Baptist Association (from the Bowman Trust) for programs to support senior/homebound members. Deb Titus is chairman of the homebound committee. Contact Deb if you would like to assist in this program. We will be holding a church clean-up in the spring prior to our planned spring garage sale. Thanks to Karen Mazzullo and Dave Lantz for volunteering to fill in for Duane at AWANA while he is in the Dominican Republic on a mission trip later this year. If you would like to help, the AWANA program can always use volunteers. See Duane to volunteer. Kathy Temple and Shirley Beyer will act as co-counters for November; Ben Mazzullo will be the greeter; and Kathy Temple and Shirley Beyer will co-manage the special Thanksgiving fellowship meal. If you would like to volunteer to count, greet, or manage a fellowship meal next year, contact Jim Lewis to sign up. The next council meeting will be November 24th.

Adult Sunday School Lessons for November

November 1--Grumbling and Complaining. We all know the Israelites complained. Learn about how Moses complained to God about the Israelites! Examine your own complaining ways!

November 8--Doubting and Rebelling. Israelites complain more; this time against Aaron and Moses and refuse to enter the promised land. How can our faith be encouraged in the face of rebellion?

November 15--Dishonoring God. Did Moses speak or strike at Meribah? What happened after that? Can we ever disobey God and prosper?

November 22--Obeying the Commands. Since we live under the new covenant, why bother studying the Old Testament? Wasn't the old law nailed to the cross?

November 29--Deciding to Follow. How do we recognize that we are starting to expect blessings on our own terms? How do we guard ourselves against this danger?

Come and join us in November!

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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, Nov. 27, 2009 for the December 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.

2009 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Sue Green, Jim Lewis, Vicki Lewis (Chair), Kathy Temple, Deb Titus, Emily Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Duane Yeagle, Helen Yoas