

# Calvary Baptist Courier

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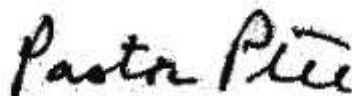
### THOUGHTS ON THE PASSING OF HARVEY SNYDER

People often think of a church's history in terms of its pastorates. Many churches have a gallery of photographs of all their pastors. The pastor is certainly the most visible and the most public face of a church. From one pastor to the next, personality and priorities may vary greatly and such changes can very much be part of the outworking of God's plan for that congregation.

But deeper than its history or visible public face is a congregation's character, and its character is made up largely of its long-time members – people who have been in a congregation for decades or a lifetime. Harvey Snyder was one of those long-timers here, and a young person who may have left Calvary years ago could come back two or three pastorates later and say, "Hey! There is Mr. Snyder. I remember him from choir or serving communion!" That is the ongoing core of the life of the church.

Sometimes those long-timers can have trouble with change. When I was a pastor candidate being interviewed by the membership in 1997, Harvey was the only person who spoke up objecting to my being called. For this he got a tongue-lashing from a member of the search committee who wanted me voted in. Later on, that search committee member came to see my being called as a terrible mistake. But Harvey? Once the vote was taken and I moved in, Harvey took the lead in welcoming me, introducing me to other pastors, and helping me work through some of the changes some folks here felt God had brought me here to help make. In that, he left an example for younger people who are now taking their places as the older, long-term core – and character – of Calvary.

Shalom ,



## COUNCIL NOTES

*By Jim Lewis*

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on October 21, 2014. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of September 30, 2014, our expenditures were \$7,009.02 less than we took in. Efforts to purchase the house on Washington Boulevard are progressing. A bank account has been set up as Woodlands Bank to manage the financial issues related to this purchase. We are currently waiting for a closing date. Ten church members participated in the Northumberland Association Fall Fair at Moreland Baptist Church in October. A good time was had by all who participated. We are happy to have Duane and Tammy Yeagle back in the fold. Operation Christmas Child boxes are due to the church by November 16<sup>th</sup> – that is coming up pretty quickly. The literature has not yet been received for this program. We are currently looking for individuals to replace those who are cycling off the church council. If you are approached about serving in this capacity, please consider it prayerfully. East End Lumber has been contracted to replace the gutters at the church. They hope to complete this by November 21<sup>st</sup>. The Thrive program keeps growing. The ESL group now has participants from Peru, India, and Thailand. The White Cross Christmas program will be coming up soon. Please give generously to this worthwhile program. Seventeen members of the congregation participated in the Life Chain a few weeks ago. This continues to be an issue as God would have them deal with it. It was noted that one of the churches in Muncy is using their First Friday events to contact the members of their community. Pastor Pete is considering changing our Games Night so that we can put Calvary before the community on First Fridays. Election Day is November 4<sup>th</sup>. We will hold a bake sale and possibly a soup sale. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer of the church on Sunday for those who wish to participate. The church council is planning on initiating a Facebook page for the church. If you would like to help with this effort, see Duane Yeagle or Helen Yoas. The greeter for November will be Jody Lantz; the counters will be Sandy Snyder and David Snyder Jr.; the fellowship meal coordinator will be Elizabeth Koons. November 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Communion Sunday also; servers for Communion will be Jim Lewis, Larry Green, Dave Lantz, and David Snyder Jr. Dave Lantz will offer the prayer for the bread; Jim Lewis will offer the prayer for the cup. The next council meeting is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

*A note from Kathy Temple ...*

Dear Church Friends & Family,

Just a note to say hello and thank you for the invite to the Fall Tea. I really enjoyed my afternoon with all of the ladies. Sue & Pam did a wonderful job as always.

I can't believe it is November already. Where has the summer gone? My sister Bonnie had a slight coating of snow on her deck this a.m. Brrrr .... It's too early for that.

I have been keeping busy this past summer. I was on several outings with the Boy Scouts. We have about 4 new scouts to the troop so keeps things interesting.

I've been doing well – fighting a cold right now.

I pray everyone has a good holiday season.

Your friend in faith – *Kathy Temple*

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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 December 2014 issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier*.

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**2014 Church Council:** Larry Green, Sue Green, Dave Lantz, Jim Lewis (ex officio member and church clerk), Doris Paulhamus, David Snyder Jr., Sandy Snyder, Robin Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member and interim moderator), Helen Yoas (treasurer)

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
NOVEMBER**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p><b>EACH SUNDAY:</b> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service 7 pm – Multi-language Bible Study</p>	<p><b>EACH MONDAY:</b> <b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b> 8:45-10:15 am – ESL Class* 6:30-8 pm – Chinese 1 Elementary School and Middle/High School Classes 6:30-8 pm – Spanish 2 Middle/High School Class 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class*</p>	<p><b>EACH TUESDAY:</b> 7-8 pm – Spanish 2 High School/Adult Class</p>	<p><b>EACH WEDNESDAY:</b> 8:45-10:15 am – ESL Class 4:45-7 pm – AWANA Youth Clubs (K-12 grade) 7:00 pm – Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:30-9 pm – ESL Class* 8:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal</p>			
<p><b>2</b> Communion Service Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service B – Lillyana Colley</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4 Election Day</b> Food &amp; Bake Sale</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> B – Scott Hecker B – LumNyoi Hpauda</p>	<p><b>7</b> 1:30 p.m. CWU World Community Day 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> A – Keith &amp; Melissa Cumberland (11-9-02)</p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:00 p.m.– Finance Committee Mtg.</p>	<p><b>11 Veteran's Day</b> B – Dave Lantz</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> B – Chris Traugh</p>
<p><b>16</b> Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due</p>	<p><b>17</b> A – Tim &amp; Candy Clark (11-17-01)</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> B – David Snyder, Jr.</p>	<p><b>25</b> B – Chris Clark A – Ben &amp; Karen Mazzullo (11-25-65)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27 Thanksgiving</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b></p>						<p>Note: B – Birthday A – Anniversary *English-as-a-Second-</p>

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