

Calvary Baptist Courier

October 2008

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
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from the PASTOR'S desk

BLESSINGS AND NEEDS

During our congregational prayer ministry on Sunday mornings, we've begun separating the sharing of praises and thanksgivings from the sharing of requests for intercession and petition. I think it is useful to do that. People need to spend unbroken time thinking of God's being and blessings. God's blessings encourage us. We also need to spend unbroken time thinking of our needs and anxieties and those of others. Our needs humble us.

Blessings and Needs: we at Calvary as a body are experiencing both right now. What blessings are you aware of that encourage you about our ministry? If you don't see any directly, listen as others share on Sunday.

Our needs at this time are certainly front-and-center as well. Are we humbling ourselves — which is God's purpose for us in this time of stress, particularly of church finance stresses?

A few weeks ago we made a lot of practical suggestions for cutting expenses and increasing income. But that's all stuff we can do. I am concerned that during these same weeks we have not seen a corresponding increase in attendance at our weekly Prayer Meeting. For the most part, Calvary folks have not been coming together to ask God for what He — and only He — can do for us now.

In the scriptural record, any time God's people faced such pressures, He made it very clear that this was why He'd brought those pressures to bear and that such group coming-together and prayer to Him is what He wanted to see and what He was waiting for. May we learn from them and not be slow to grasp this as they so often were. God's word also warns us that too slow can finally mean too late.

Shalom,

Peter Wilson

October

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: 9:10 am - Sun. School Open 9:30 am - S. S. Classes 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
5 <i>World Communion Sun</i> 2:30 p.m. - Life Chain	6	7	1 9-11:30 a.m. - Mother's Morning Out B - Ben Mazzullo	2 9 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	3 7:00 p.m. - Family Games Night	4 A - Harvey & Louise Snyder (10-4-41)
12 Follow. Worship Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) 3 p.m. - Installation - Pastor Cookley at Central Baptist	13 <i>Columbus Day</i>	14	B - Pam Green 15 9-11:30 a.m. - Mother's Morning Out	16	17 Pastoral Relations Committee	18 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Dr. Woods Church Vision Workshop at Moreland Baptist
19 3-6 p.m. - ABCOPAD Youth Training Event at Calvary	20	21 6:30 p.m. - Church Council Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 "Catch up" Offering	27 A - Grover & Mary Updegraff (10-27-57)	28	29	B - Bill Snyder 30	31	A - Mike & Shelby Long (10-25-97)
				B - Caiden Lantz B - Steve Ohmmeis	B - Greytor Turney	

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Council Notes

by Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on September 16, 2008. These notes will be brief, since my computer went down half way through the meeting and I lost everything I had typed to that point. Short term memory is not what it once was . . . As of the end of August, our deficit was \$8,035.77. The choir is back in action and looking and sounding good. We will be collecting for the World Mission Offering this month. Please give generously. Jim and Vicki Lewis will be in charge of the fellowship meal in October. Jack Hopkins gave a breakdown of the structural problems in the sanctuary (primarily the roof and window facings.) He has an estimate for \$13,700 for these repairs. Since the roof will have to be repaired before the insulation can be added, the council voted to go ahead with these repairs. We need all members of the congregation to prayerfully consider how you can be a help in taking care of these problems. Calvary's American Baptist Women's group will be taking a love offering for Jenny Brown, granddaughter to Jack and Betty Brown. The ABCOPAD biennial convention will take place on October 24th through 26th in Altoona. There is still time to sign up to attend if you desire. See Vicki Lewis or Pastor Pete for details if you are interested. Pastor Pete noted that he would like to see members attend the workshop entitled "Identity, Vision, Mission, and Results" by Dr. C. Jeffrey Woods taking place at Moreland Baptist Church on October 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The counter for October will be Jim Lewis and the greeter for October will be Penny Ohnmeiss.

From Jenny Brown in Kykotsmovi, Arizona

9-22-08

Dear Calvary Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your financial support and prayers as I serve another year at Hopi Mission School. I have been so blessed by the family of God as He has led me to different ministries. He is so faithful! I thank God for you and am encouraged by you!

In Christ,

Jenny Brown

Junior Church Leaders—REMINDER to monthly volunteers:

Week 1 — Steve Ohnmeiss

Week 2 — Darlene Nixon

Week 3 — Barbie & Jennifer Hoover

Week 4 — Karen Mazzullo

Week 5 — Sue Green

Fall 2008

Barakel days and nights are starting to cool down. Leaves are beginning to change from summer green to fall colors. Autumn is in progress and so are our fall retreats. We've had families, grandparents, couples and ladies and will have men and fathers and daughters before the end of October. It's a great time to be here at camp.

Lee especially enjoys the cooler days of autumn. He leads a worship walk along the shores of Shear Lake each Saturday and Sunday morning during retreats. This fall he is sharing about Creator worship. In his free time, he likes to read about nature – the birds, the bees, the trees.

Eleanor works mainly in camp cleaning and food preparation for the retreats during this time of year. She will be helping with Pioneer Club at the church in Fairview from November through March. She enjoys a walk in the woods or a good book to read in her spare time.

Eunice and John are enjoying their one year old Nora. She is walking on her own now and jabbering a lot when we talk with them on the phone. They continue with their church ministry in Sparta, Wisconsin.

Jenny is in her second year of teaching third grade at the Hopi Mission School on the Hopi Indian reservation in northeast Arizona. She has 11 students this year. She is also helping to coach the cross country team. Even the elementary students run cross country out there.

Titus has begun his first year as a student at Michigan Tech University in Houghton in the Upper Peninsula at the base of the Keweenaw Peninsula. It is beautiful country up there. He is beginning his studies in the Forestry Department in environmental sciences and applied ecology. He is enjoying learning about the area and the school. He is also getting involved in some of the Christian groups on campus.

Summer camp ran well this year and we had a great summer staff to work with. We pray that campers will continue to think about and act on decisions they made here this summer. The new west side cook and his family joined staff during the summer. Kieth and Susan Boeve and their 4 children are a great addition to staff.

New projects around camp are the zip line which is being constructed in the snow valley area. If all goes as planned, it will be ready to use next summer. In the west side camp area a new lodge is taking shape. Cement was poured this week for the floor and a couple of the rough side walls went up also. It is fun to see another building being constructed, knowing that it will be a great place for campers to stay when they come to camp. We are thankful for how the Lord continues to provide resources and people. He is a faithful God!

Thank you for praying for us and camp and sharing with us financially so that we can continue to serve here at Barakel. We are grateful for you and we pray for you too. Let us know of any specific requests that we can be praying for you.

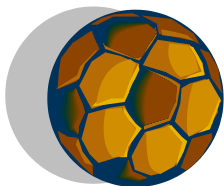
Serving a faithful God, Lee & Eleanor Brown

Thanks so much for your
gift of money in July.

BUILDING REPAIRS – SANCTUARY –

As had previously been announced, we are proceeding with plans to insulate the ceiling in the sanctuary with blown-in insulation. We are planning on doing that work ourselves, at a cost of approximately \$1,300.00 and to pay for it out of our Building Fund. However, before we can do that, we have a more immediate problem – repairing the roof over the sanctuary. If you will look above you at the ceiling in the sanctuary, you will see four areas where the tiles have become water-stained. An inspection of the roof from the inside shows five holes in the roof that must be repaired, as well as filling in the gaps around all of the windows in the tower. At the same time the gutters need to be cleaned out and repaired. This is obviously not a planned expense nor was it budgeted for this year, and it is also something that will have to come from the Building Fund monies. The cost for this work will come to \$13,700.00. This work on the roof began in September, and when it is completed, the job of insulating the ceiling above the sanctuary will be started. This is just a broad outline of what will have to be done in the next few weeks. A more detailed report on both of these projects will be made soon.

Jack Hopkins, Property Committee



OPERATION KID TO KID UPDATE

From Sarah Reid

I wanted to thank all the kids, adults, and members of the congregation for your help in bringing recreation and, most importantly, the gospel, to children in South Africa.

Our goal was to raise \$100, enough to purchase 10 soccer balls. I am pleased to announce that we surpassed that goal by \$134. God truly blessed our gifts to this project.

All of the money raised above our goal will be used to help defray additional costs. These costs include shipping, air pumps, needles, and any other costs related to distribution.

Thanks again for helping to make Operation Kid to Kid an overwhelming success.

DR. C. JEFFREY WOODS

Dr. C. Jeffrey Woods is Associate General Secretary for the American Baptist Churches, USA. He is responsible for encouraging the health and vitality of the 35 regional jurisdictions throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Dr. Woods holds an M. Div. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and has furthered his education with additional courses and holds certifications for a number of psychological and organizational instruments.

He has published six books and over thirty articles in various religious, academic, and business journals, several of which have received awards. He has taught courses in leadership, research design, and statistics as an adjunct professor at Indiana University, Indiana Wesleyan, and Methodist Theological School of Ohio.

Over the last twenty-five years, Dr. Woods has delivered sermons, speeches, presentations, and keynote addresses in nearly every state and province in North America.

"Church Health and Church Growth: Finding the Leverage Points"

With so much written about church growth and church health, it can be difficult to sort out the hunches from reality in order to know what works and does not work in promoting church health and congregational renewal. In this workshop, Dr. Woods draws from his involvement on the "Pulpit and Pew" project as well as numerous research papers presented at the Religious Research Association over the last few decades in order to respond to questions such as:

- What are the marks of a healthy church?
- What are some common and rare forms of community ministry?
- What is the relationship between church health and church growth?
- How much do church size and location influence its ability to grow?
- What inspires a person to visit a church, return, and eventually get involved?
- Are New Paradigm and megachurches a model for reaching the unchurched?

"Identity, Vision, Mission, and Results"

This workshop is based upon Woods' most recent book (under contract with Chalice Press) "The Agility Model." For a church or region to be agile, it must have strength, speed, and balance. During this hands-on coaching session, Dr. Woods guides the participants through the process of clarifying identity, discerning vision, narrowing essential priorities and producing results. Come and explore topics such as:

- How do we decide what to keep, abandon, and create?
- How can our motto serve as a window to our vision?
- How do we build ownership for our vision?
- Are we a modality or a solidarity?
- How do we match our resources to the needs of the community?

Registration: 9:00 a.m.
Session One: 9:30 a.m.
Morning break (10 min.): 10:30 a.m.
Lunch: 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Session Two: 1:00 p.m.
Afternoon break (10 Min.): 2:00 p.m.

Look Who's
Coming to
MORELAND
BAPTIST for a
continuing
education
event!



Saturday
October 18, 2008
9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
.5 CEU's available

For information call:
570-546-2568

DIRECTIONS TO MORELAND BAPTIST CHURCH

From Milton traveling on I-180:
Take I-180 to Hughesville Exit - take 405 North to traffic light - go straight across to Rt. 442 East, travel 6 miles and make left turn up the hill following 4" x 8" church sign (sign is on right side of road). Continue up the hill on SR 2019 and turn right onto Moreland Baptist Road. Church is on your right.

From Williamsport traveling on 180:
Take exit 13B toward Hughesville. Coming off the ramp get in the left lane and continue on 405 North. At the traffic light continue straight ahead onto Rt. 442 East for 6.5 miles. Look for Moreland Baptist sign on right side of the road. Take next left up the hill on SR 2019. Church is off to your right.

From Bloomsburg/Berwick:
Take Rt. 61 West to Buckhorn Exit. Take Rt. 42 West (past Columbia Mall) - go left at stop sign - travel 4 miles on Rt. 42 through Milville. Stay on Rt. 42 until it runs into 442 west (do not turn right on 42 toward Eagles more, stay left on Rt. 442 West). Continue about 7 miles on Rt. 442 West, turn right following the Moreland Baptist Church sign onto Walters Road. At stop sign turn left. Church is down the hill on the left.

Continuing Education Seminar

with Dr. C. Jeffrey Woods at
Moreland Baptist Church
118 Moreland Baptist Road,
Muncy PA 17756
570-546-2568

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008
9:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME CHURCH: _____

PASTOR: _____

COST: \$10.00 includes lunch.

Please check if you would like CEU's []

Please make check payable to: Moreland Baptist Church and mail completed registration form and check to:
Moreland Baptist Church, 118
Moreland Baptist Road,
Muncy, PA 17756.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR BIENNIAL?
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2008

Dear Friends of ABCOPAD,

I hope you are making plans to "celebrate" with us in Altoona at the 18th Biennial of the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Our theme "The Power of Partnership" expresses to me the strength that we have as we partner with God and with each other in ministry and mission. YOU are a vital part of the partnership and I look forward to seeing you in Altoona.

As I've traveled around the Region in recent months, there have been some questions asked about Biennial. Allow me to attempt to answer some of the questions you may have.

-Why Altoona? In the most recent biennials, evaluations strongly suggested the need to move to a more central location in the Region. We are a large Region. According to MapQuest: Scranton to Altoona is approximately 3 hours; Erie to Altoona: approx. 3 ½ hours; Waynesburg to Altoona: approx 3 hours and Dover, DE to Altoona: 4+ hours

-How much walking will there be in the Blair County Convention Center? The BCCC is no larger than any of the big hotels where we've met in recent years. All meeting rooms; bookstores (Christian Family and Judson) and displays are on the same floor.

-Is the Biennial for pastors only? NO, Biennial is for everyone, pastors and laypeople! If you are a pastor, I hope YOU are coming and will consider inviting some of your laypeople to come with you. If you are a layman or laywoman, I hope YOU are coming and will encourage your pastor to come with you. If you

are coming for a pre-biennial event (Women's Day or Ministers Council), please consider staying for the Biennial. You won't be sorry.

-What do you do at Biennial? We will sing together, study God's word (with Dr. Stan Slade), worship together, do mission together, hear from our Executive Minister about his vision for ABCOPAD.

-Will the Habitat House be completed? No, we do not expect the house to be completed before the end of 2008. We welcome volunteers during the Biennial to come work on the house (15 volunteers a day). Go to <http://www.abcopad.org> to sign up to volunteer). We hope to offer tours to the site on Sat. afternoon.

Have you ever not attended a meeting/event and then heard so much about it when it was over that you wished you had been there? Don't let this happen for the Biennial. I really do believe you will miss something special, if you don't attend.

Remember, registration deadline is next Wed., Oct 1. Registration must be done in advance in order for the Convention Center to provide for our needs.

If you still have questions, please feel free to contact me at dansuemacs@comcast.net or contact Carol Bicking at cab2644@aol.com or 1-800-358-6999.

Please be praying for the 2008 Biennial leaders, participants and Region staff. My desire is that God be glorified.

Grateful for your partnership in ministry through ABCOPAD,

Sue MacDonald, President

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

You and I follow Jesus because God used someone to share the Good News. We have continued and grown as followers of Jesus because God has used others to celebrate with us in victory, encourage us in defeat and call us forward in faith.

You can help to make the same things happen in the lives of people half a world away! That's why I am writing to ask you both to pray for and to give to the 2008 World Mission Offering.

Our congregation uses the World Mission Offering to support more than 2,500 short-term and long-term missionaries annually, bringing U.S. and Puerto Rico churches together with partners in 76 countries in cutting-edge ministries that tell the good news of Jesus Christ while meeting human needs.

Our giving to the World Mission Offering helps people

- come to Christ,
- grow in Christ and
- change their world with Christ.

This year International Ministries invites us to look at global mission in these terms:

**Be Surprised by God's People:
Receive. Give. Be transformed!**

**"They were all amazed and glorified God, saying,
'We have never seen anything like this!'" Mark 2:12.**

Like the four friends of the paralytic in the Gospel of Mark 2:2-12, people whose faith in Jesus Christ has made them creative, risk-taking agents of God's mission in the world, we help our neighbors around the world. Not only are we amazed by God's people, we are amazed at our own ability to take risks so that others might have a healing, saving encounter with Jesus.

I believe God is able to—and wants to!—use us to provide more support to global missions this year than last year. Please join me in embracing this challenge.

We have received from the Lord. Let us also give, be surprised by what God can do, and be transformed by God's grace!

Yours because of the always-surprising love of Jesus,

Pastor Pite



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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 October 30-31, 2008 for the November issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier* (to be distributed November 2.)

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.

2008 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Sue Green, Jack Hopkins, Jim Lewis, Vicki Lewis (Chair), Sarah Reid, Wanda Reid, Sandy Snyder, Robin Turney, Duane Yeagle, Helen Yoas