

Calvary Baptist Courier

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Now Hiring

A couple of days ago, someone asked me if I thought God was telling us something as a church in the recent deaths of several of our members. I said yes, that I've been hearing Jesus saying that He has big work for us to do and the laborers are few. Mothers' Morning Out is on hold due to lack of workers. The International ministry and Awana and Children's Church can use a couple of more hands on deck. And there are other efforts we could be doing (including outflow projects to our neighborhood and beyond) that are on hold pending the arrival of a couple of folks with certain abilities or resources, or even just workable schedules. We need to be praying for new laborers and inviting new people to come join us in our work.

Of course, we should have been inviting people to come with us to church all along. When is the last time you did that? I need to remind us all of that continually. Most people who come to a church and stay with it were invited there by someone in that church—someone they could sit with and who could introduce them around. Surveys show that people who know a churchgoer, and who have not had that churchgoer invite them to come with them to church, conclude that either the churchgoer doesn't think their church has much to offer (most people tell others if they like a restaurant or a sports team or a TV show), or that their church friend doesn't really believe that the gospel is for everybody. Most unchurched people said that even if they didn't feel motivated to start searching for a church, that they would go with a friend if they were invited. Oftentimes we Christians are so concerned that we might do some damage if we say too much, that we do more damage by saying too little.

The work fields are there, in and around Calvary. We need people and resources to do the things some of us feel God has for us to do. Let's ask people to come join us in growing in Him and in serving Him. God sends no churches from the skies, it's from our hearts they must arise.

Shalom,

Peter P. Wilson

Council Notes

by James D. Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on September 20, 2011. This is a synopsis of that meeting. As of the end of August, we are \$9,478.86 in the red. Pastor Pete has been very busy recently with Shirley Beyer, Doreen Slaybaugh, Harvey Snyder, Larry Green and Ed Chaapel in the hospital. Shirley broke her hip but is at home now and doing well. Doreen is at home and undergoing radiation treatment. Ed has refused further treatment and is at home also. Larry is home now after his bout with pneumonia. Paul Winner is now in the Williamsport Home. Harvey Snyder is at Manor Care. All of these individuals would welcome a card, a call, or a visit. We mourn the passing of our dear friend, May McLaughlin, on September 14th. May was a fixture in this church and was well-loved by everyone. She will be sorely missed. Her memorial service was well-attended and lots of people shared their loving memories of her. The Wednesday night Bible study is currently centered in Acts; Sunday sermons are presently in the book of Exodus. Pastor Pete has been entertaining members with tales of his trip to Turkey. More stories are sure to be forthcoming. Barbie and Jennifer Hoover have moved their membership to the First United Methodist Church where Barbie's fiancé attends. We are currently soliciting our membership to display their musical talent on Sundays (vocal or instrumental). The choir could also use some more members. If you are interested, contact Pastor Pete. We are looking for workers who would like to lead children's church once a month. Contact Pastor Pete if you would like to help with this program. The fellowship meal in November will be our Thanksgiving meal. Duane Yeagle has volunteered to supply two turkeys; Kathy Temple has volunteered to roast them. Thanks to these two for their generosity. Three members will be leaving the church council this year. A search committee will soon be looking for replacements. If you are approached, please prayerfully consider before answering. Doreen Slaybaugh is currently undergoing cancer treatment and cannot drive. She is looking for help getting to/from church on Sunday for her and Melissa. If you would like to help with this, contact Pastor Pete to volunteer. It would be greatly appreciated. We have received an estimate for repairs on the church/parsonage roofs of \$35,000. Pastor Pete noted that the parsonage roof is definitely leaking. If you would like to help with this effort, so note on your offering envelope. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated. Pastor Pete reports that AWANA has gotten off to a running start this year. The Baptist Women's group will meet for breakfast at DeSantos on October 1st. Contact Karen Mazzullo if you plan to attend. The women's group will be sponsoring a Stone Soup meal on October 22nd as a kickoff for the yearly canned goods drive. More details will be forthcoming. The International Women's group is also going very well. Thanks to the volunteers who are helping with this effort. The church yard sale went very well. We collected in excess of \$1,100. Thanks to all who helped with this effort. Larry and Sue Green's son and daughter-in-law have donated a Pack-and-Play crib for the nursery, to replace the old cribs which no longer meet safety standards. Thanks to them for this generous donation. The photo session for the church directory has been cancelled due to lack of participation from the congregation. Helen Yoas and/or Lynn Turney will be taking pictures to add to the directory of those who have not yet been photographed. Contact Pastor Pete for details. The greeter for October will be Penny Ohnmeiss. The counters for October will be Dan Yoas and Jim Lewis. The fellowship meal coordinator for October will be Vicki Lewis. If you have an idea for an article for the Courier, contact Helen Yoas. Communion servers for October will be Jim Lewis, Lynn Turney and Dan Yoas (with a fourth to be identified at a later date). Lynn Turney will pray for the bread. Dan Yoas will pray for the cup. The council has voted to send \$200 to Nancy and Francis Brinser to help with their flood recovery efforts. Donations are also being accepted to add to this amount. If you would like to donate, so note on your offering envelope. All donations will be gratefully appreciated. The next council meeting will be October 18th.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MAY McLAUGHLIN.....



The church was shocked and saddened by May's sudden passing on Sept. 14th. Her memorial service was filled with remembrances by friends from her years here at Calvary as well as from her years of nursing: two different worlds, but she served quietly, efficiently, and selflessly in both of them. Many of her nursing friends never knew her name was May; she was always called "Mac" because there was another "May" working there when she arrived at the Williamsport Hospital in 1951. That was one of the numerous stories told at the memorial service, and we'd like to add some of our own memories of May, here.

Duane Yeagle: When my children were younger, around 2002-2004, May let me use her car to travel to New Hampshire to get my kids: about 400 miles, round trip.

Ken Bower: I met May when she was doing White Cross. I always started the New Year with May, when she invited me over for pork and sauerkraut.

Shirley Beyer: I will always remember working in the kitchen with May, doing snacks for VBS.

Sue Green: May was our American Baptist Women's White Cross chairperson for 30+ years. She served with love and compassion for these needs of our missionary families.

Janice Green: May was very good to Mother (Marie Green). She visited often and brought the TandyTakes that Mother loved. She was probably the most faithful visitor from Calvary.

Penny Ohnmeiss: May was a pleasure to know and be around. Our little private joke was, if she would call me, or when I'd see her at church, she'd say, "Did it rain down your way (in Montoursville) this week?" even when she knew it had rained hard for several days. And then she'd laugh. So when it rains, I think of May.

Vicki Lewis: May was with us on Easter dinner of 2011. She was always considerate to bring a "hostess gift", and brought a cutting of a cactus that had a blossom that was different from the usual. We've rooted the cutting and hope to have blooms that will remind us of May's interest in plants and consideration of those who extended hospitality... She served faithfully on the Nominating Committee with Duane and me for many years. Always had ideas and insight into the folks who would be effective to serve and was willing to ask them to do so.

Karen Mazzullo: I remember May teaching Melia Lantz how to roll bandages for White Cross; they enjoyed themselves as much as I enjoyed watching them.

May was a vital member of the Calvary Baptist Church family and will be missed. Since the gathering of these memories began, two more long-time members and brothers in Christ were also called home: Ed Chaapel, on September 26, and Gen. Paul Winner, on September 28. We will speak more of them, both World War II veterans, next month, as part of a Veterans' Day message.

Calvary News

- **Our second annual Stone Soup meal and canned food drive** will be Saturday, October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are asking you to bring one can per person of clear soup (no cream soups) to add to the pot for our Stone Soup meal. In addition, bring one can per person to start the drive (two cans total). Start now to collect so we can beat last year's total of 404 cans.
- Today (October 2nd) is the first Sunday of Pastor Appreciation Month, and we'll be celebrating Pastor Wilson at the Fellowship Luncheon after church. However, if you miss that opportunity, please be sure to make time sometime soon to thank him for all he does for us and for the Lord at Calvary Baptist.
- Thanks to all who worked and shopped at the two-day Rummage Sale on Sept. 16 & 17. Receipts are still coming in, but profits are expected to total more than \$1,200.00, which will be added to the Building Fund for roof replacement for the church and parsonage.
- To deepen your understanding and application of scripture in 2012, I can recommend the devotional guides (for all ages) of Scripture Union. I have used Scripture Union's daily guide since I was in college. Scripture Union led John Stott to Christ in England in the 1930's and Billy Graham says, "I am totally, completely, and forever a Scripture Union man." For information, talk to me, or call 1-800-621-LAMP, or go to www.ScriptureUnion.org.
Pastor Pete
- One matter that losing friends to death should bring to our attention is pre-planning: of funeral arrangements, of knowing about the hospice ministry, etc. If you would like to attend a 1 1/2 to 2-hour seminar on these matters, please tell Pastor Wilson.
- *Looking ahead.....* You'll be hearing about Little Dresses for Africa and what it means to the Calvary Baptist Women in the next newsletter. In the meantime, visit their website at www.littledressesforafrica.org/blog/, to find out how they're "making a difference, here and across the ocean, one little dress at a time!"

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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 November 2011 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.**

2011 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Ken Bower, Donna Camp, Larry Green, Sue Green, Jim Lewis (church clerk, ex officio member), Ben Mazzullo, Penny Ohnmeiss, Kathy Temple (moderator), Deb Titus, Lynn Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member), Dan Yoas

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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 WEDNESDAY: 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer	EACH THURSDAY: 2-4 pm – International Women's Program 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal		EACH SATURDAY: 9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting
EACH SUNDAY: 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service	EACH MONDAY: Pastor's Day Off 3-5 pm - International Women's Program					1 9 a.m. – ABW Breakfast at DeSantos, Mtsvl. B – Ben Mazzullo
2 World Communion Sunday Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service 2:30 p.m. – LIFE CHAIN	3 B – Herb Betts	4	5	6 12:00 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting	7 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	8 8:00 a.m. – ABC Habitat Work Day B – Pam Green
9 5:30 p.m. – Northumberland Fall Fair at Moreland B – Elizabeth Koons	10 Columbus Day	11	12	13	14	15
16 B – Alicia Koeb	17	18 7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting	19	20	21	22 2 nd Annual Stone Soup Meal (Kick-off for Canned Food Drive)
23 B – Bill Snyder	24	25	26	27 A – Grover & Mary Updegraff	28	29
30 "Catch up" Offering B – Caden Lantz B – Steve Ohnmeiss	31					

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