

# Calvary Baptist Courier

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### *The Message of the Children*

Wasn't it fun to see all the children (13 people? - had a hard time counting with so much squirming around!) up on the platform during their Mark 10 skit the other Sunday? Many thanks to Darlene for not only organizing all that, but for picking up children of her relatives and of other folks and bringing them here on Sundays and Wednesdays. Each child is a loving creation of God and many receive no guidance about that except for what they are receiving here. Are there some children whom you could start bringing to church? One of my favorite Bible themes is that God is the God of second chances. If your own children have not followed the Lord, is God offering you some others you can shepherd along for Him now?

Actually, un-churched kids do learn a lot about God, maybe at home, certainly in our current culture. God is mentioned maybe more frequently around them than anything else. Unfortunately, it's in the form of the phrase, "God damn!" No wonder so many children develop the way they do! Yes, God does damn, but that's not His true purpose or will. He damns "with his left hand." God is Love, and His will and heart are that all should be saved and come to know Him (1 Tim. 2:4). Our caring for a child is God's true self in his or her life, showing them that God, the ultimate reality in the universe and in whose image they are made, is not the cold and violent and aggressive being that the phrase they hear multiple times a day is teaching them.

In Luke 9, children appear again in the gospel story—in the form of what they can do for us. The disciples are comparing résumés to see who is the most important. Using résumé-less children, Jesus tells them that what makes an important Christian or church member is not their title or the regard others have for them—but the regard they show for others. Don't overlook the vital silent reminder to us that children in our midst have been sent to us to be. It's not what people think of you or that you can get others to do that makes you an important person. It's how you think of them—no matter how overlookable they are—and what you do for them that makes a great and successful Christian. We need to make ourselves like a little child—throw away the résumé, forget the title. Start focusing on doing what you can for others as God brings them and their needs your way.

Shalom,

*Peter P. Wilson*

## Council Notes

*by Jim Lewis*

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on September 18, 2012. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. While our expenditures through the end of August have been about \$4000 less than budgeted, our intake, through August, has been \$586.01 less than we have spent. Pastor Pete gave a very interesting report on his recent trip to Chautauqua during services this month. If you missed it, be sure to ask him about it. Pastor Pete will be in Haiti helping to build rubble houses for about a week. Adam Kittrell will be filling in for him in the pulpit on October 21st. Marcia Dickerson (some of the members of the church who have been here longer than me may remember her) requested a letter of transfer. She has joined with a Mennonite church in Frazer, PA. Our best wishes go with her. Since the council meeting, two individuals were interviewed for the position of organist/choir director. We have hired an individual named Arthur Erickson who works at Lycoming College. He will be starting in the near future. The adult Sunday school class is currently studying in Hebrews. If you are not there on Sunday morning at 9:30 AM, you are missing a blessing. Pastor Pete, Duane Yeagle, Robin Turney and Mark Mahserjian-Smith are leaving next week to build rubble houses in Haiti. Pray for them at every convenience. The World Mission Offering is being taken up through October. Please give generously. The spaghetti dinner/white elephant sale, always an interesting event, was quite successful, bringing in around \$250. The recent rummage sale brought in about \$800. Kudos to the individuals who made these events possible. As of the council meeting, the parsonage roof repairs had been completed with a cost overrun of \$1756 because there was quite a bit of rot the contractor was not expecting. Since the council meeting, the work on the sanctuary roof has been completed also. No need to bring your umbrellas into the sanctuary any more.... The next major project is likely to be the painting of the parsonage (tentative at this point). The ladies of the church met for breakfast at Fox's Restaurant on October 6th. The English as a Second Language (ESL) group did a nice job painting the rooms where they are meeting in the basement of the church. Jody Lantz has asked for assistance with the expenses of the ESL program. The council authorized a \$1000 love offering while permanent sources of financing this worthwhile program are explored. The greeter for October will be Ken Bower; the counters for October will be Jim and Vicki Lewis; the fellowship meal coordinator for October is Penny Ohnmeiss. The next council meeting is scheduled for October 8th (just prior to the Haiti team's departure). Communion servers for October will be Larry Green, Duane Yeagle, Jim Lewis and Lynn Turney. Ken Bower will say the prayer for the bread and Helen Yoas will pray for the wine.

# Some Faces of Calvary



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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)

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
OCTOBER**

<b>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OCTOBER</b>		<b>EACH WEDNESDAY:</b>		<b>EACH THURSDAY:</b>		<b>EACH SATURDAY:</b>	
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	1-3 pm – International Women’s Program 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer 7-8:30 pm – Internat’l. Prog.	No Choir Rehearsal <i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting <i>Sat</i>	
<b>EACH SUNDAY:</b> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service	<b>EACH MONDAY:</b> Pastor’s Day Off 1-3 pm – International Women’s Program						
	<b>1</b>  B – Ben Mazzullo	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  B – Herb Betts	<b>4</b>  B – Sengduntsin Hpauda B – Mariah Mahserjian-Smith	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night	<b>6</b> 9:00 a.m. – ABW of Calvary meet for Breakfast at Fox’s Restaurant	
<b>7</b> 10:40 a.m. – Worship & Communion Service (World Communion Sunday) Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following serv. 2:00 p.m. – Life Chain	<b>8</b> <i>Columbus Day</i> <b>4-6 p.m.</b> – Int’l. Women’s Program  7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting  B – Pam Green	<b>9</b>  B – Elizabeth Koons	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Beginning today (in place of Wed.)</i> <b>4-6 p.m.</b> – Int’l. Women’s Program  →→→ American	<b>12</b>  Baptist Biennial	<b>13</b>  in Altoona ←←←	
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Our mission team leaves for <b>Haiti</b> →  B – Alicia Koeb	<b>17</b> (Mission team includes:  B – Joyce Bower	<b>18</b> Pastor Pete, Pastor Mark Mahserjian- Smith, Mariah Mahserjian-Smith, Robin Turney, Duane Yeagle)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b>  A – Chris & Emily Traugh (10-21-11)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  B – Bill Snyder	<b>24</b> Mission team returns from <b>Haiti</b> ←	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  A – Grover & Mary Updegraff (10-27-57)	
<b>28</b>  “catch-up” offering	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> B – Denise Gee B – Caden Lantz B – Steve Ohnmeiss	<b>31</b> <i>Halloween</i>			<b>Note: B- Birthday A - Anniversary</b>	

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