

Calvary Baptist Courier

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So Easy to Do ... So Vital for Ministry

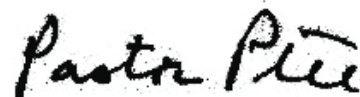
First, let me say thank you to each one who sent me a card for my birthday in September. Each one was appreciated and encouraging. They made me pause to think about encouragement and just how vital it is to folks keeping on keeping on in carrying out their ministries. As I said from the pulpit, I get paid to do what I do and that paycheck is always a monthly encouragement! But so much of what Calvary is all about is done by folks we don't pay. A lot of what you said to me in your cards could be said to many others. And should be said. And we are commanded to say!

The letter of Hebrews which we are digging into on Wednesdays, now, has a lot to say about encouragement. In 3:13 we are warned that without our encouragement, people can become "hardened." Hardened; burnt out; feeling like no one is getting anything out of what I am doing for them and the Lord. People start a work with such enthusiasm. In time, hardened? Scary. In 10:25 we are told that one key reason for our gathering together on Sundays is to encourage one another so that, far from becoming "hardened", people coming here are being "stirred up" - "stimulated" - to keep on keeping on with good works in an attitude of love.

So in preparing yourself for Sunday each week, let me suggest that you look at your bulletins or recent newsletters or last year's annual report book and come to church planning to encourage one other person in their ministry—one different person each Sunday. Something like: "I pray for you when your program is taking place." Or, "I'm proud my church does what your ministry does." Or, "I like the way you (*fill in the blank*)." Or, "Tell me something that has made you feel good about your ministry lately." Or, "What you did/said really meant a lot to me."

Encouragement in the church is a ministry of its own—a vital one that keeps all the other ones going properly. It is so easy to do ... and so vital that it is done. Let me encourage you to take on the ministry here. Let me encourage you—and let me say "thank you" in advance! - for being an encourager.

Shalom,



COUNCIL NOTES

By Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on September 17, 2013. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of the end of August, our expenditures were \$280.69 more than we took in. On Sunday mornings, there will be juice and cookies in the lounge after services. Pastor Pete started this in the hope that we would stop and visit for a few minutes before leaving. As of this writing, the choir should be back in place in the choir loft. Plans are in the works to start a Sunday School class of older teens and college students. On September 26th, we had a visit from Pastor Tanis Derolus and his wife Esther. They are the folks that run the mission that Jim Lewis and Duane Yeagle are going to every two years in the Dominican Republic. We shared a nice lunch and conversation with them and a few other members of our congregation. It was good to see them again. Flyers will be available soon for the Christmas shoebox ministry. The World Mission Offering will be taken up in October. This is a worthwhile program that deserves our support; please be generous. The personnel/nominating committee has been reconvened to search for prospective new council members to replace the five that are cycling off the council this year. If you are asked to accept a nomination, please prayerfully consider it. Just in case you hadn't noticed, the scaffolding is no longer in the sanctuary and the sanctuary ceiling is now completely repainted. Kudos to Duane and Dan for this fine effort. The International Ministries group has started yet another endeavor—Spanish language classes. If you have an interest in this program, contact Jody Lantz. Fourteen ladies attended the recent ABW ladies' breakfast and had a good time. Frank Frischkorn will lead a retreat titled "Respectable Sins" here on October 5. The ABW group will be making pillowcase dresses here on October 19th. If you would like to participate, see Sue Green, Penny Ohnmeiss, or Karen Mazzullo. Election Day is November 5 and we will be having a bake sale here on that day. If you would like to assist or provide baked goods for this effort, contact Penny Ohnmeiss. The council approved several disbursements from undesignated missions funds, including the ESL program. The greeter for October will be Darlene Nixon. The counters for October will be Helen Yoas and Lynn Turney. The fellowship meal coordinator will be Jody Lantz. The next council meeting will be October 15th.

Calvary News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – On Saturday, October 19 at 9 a.m., anyone wishing to help make “Pillowcase Dresses” should meet in Fellowship Hall. If you have any new or good clean pillowcases you may bring them along with scissors and any trim you may have. The completed dresses are given to those going on mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Haiti to give to the children. We hope to see you here to enjoy a FUN morning together.

The Northumberland Baptist Association Men will be having their quarterly dinner and program at Muncy Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. RSVP by October 17

The **ESL program** here at Calvary would welcome additional volunteers for teachers or classroom assistants. Classes are from 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. No experience is required – just a heart to welcome students and a willingness to learn.

HAITI MISSION TRIP – Building rubble homes for those still living in tents since the earthquake of January 2010 - January 18-27, 2014 – Cost \$1,475.00 If you would like more information, please speak with Pastor Pete.

A donation has been made and a fund set up for **air-conditioning the Fellowship Hall**. If you would like to contribute to this project, please designate that on your check or envelope.

CALVARY COOKBOOK “FEEDING THE FLOCK” is still available at the new low price of \$6.00 for almost 500 recipes in a 3-ring binder that is easy to use and to add recipes to. See Sue Green or Helen Yoas.

THOUGHTS

“God didn’t send me out to collect a following for myself, but to preach the Message of what he has done, collecting a following for him. And he didn’t send me to do it with a lot of fancy rhetoric of my own, lest the powerful action at the center—Christ on the Cross—be trivialized into mere words.

The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out. It’s written,

‘I’ll turn conventional wisdom on its head,
I’ll expose so-called experts as crackpots.’

So where can you find someone truly wise, truly educated, truly intelligent in this day and age? Hasn’t God exposed it all as pretentious nonsense? Since the world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, God in his wisdom took delight in using what the world considered dumb—*preaching*, of all things! - to bring those who trust him into the way of salvation.”

— I Corinthians 1:17-21
The Message version
by Eugene Peterson

Editor's note—it has been some time since we have presented a selection from “Christian Rhymes that Comfort and Challenge”, written by Rev. John R. MacGorman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church from 1948 until 1955. Sue and Larry Green came into possession of the privately-printed booklet which had been given by Rev. MacGorman to Sue's parents, Ken and Olive Waltz, whom the reverend called his “prayer partners”. Thanks once again to the Greens for allowing us to share Rev. MacGorman's words, perspective, and wisdom.

GETTING READY FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE

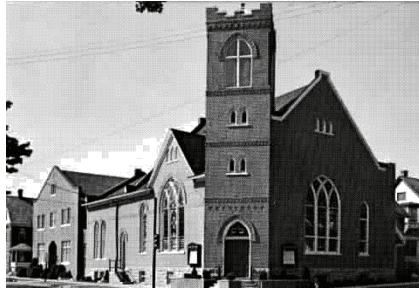
Am I ready for a church service just because my body is clothed and clean?
Is this outward preparation all that being ready for a church service does mean?
If as Jesus said worship acceptable to God is from the heart,
Is not outward preparation for worship only a part?

The preparation of my spirit for the worship service is important too,
And, without this preparation I am not prepared for worship that is true.
Getting the body ready for church takes time and well it might,
But getting the soul ready for the church service is even more important in God's sight.

Too often worship in a church service fails to do for us what it could,
Because we do not come to church in the spirit we should.
We spend time before our mirrors to see how well we can look before the congregation,
We should spend more time with God in prayer, Bible reading and quiet meditation.

Then—fresh from our devotions, we will enter the church in the spirit of prayer,
Then—because we are in the right spirit, we will feel God's presence there.
Then—with the presence of God a real experience in our heart,
We can worship God in spirit and in truth because of worship's true secret we have learned
the art.

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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 2013 issue of the *Calvary Baptist Courier*.

PLEASE NOTE: We hand out as many newsletters as possible to those attending the worship service in an effort to cut mailing costs. You may, if you wish, receive the newsletter by email, by emailing CalvaryCourier@gmail.com with “subscribe” in the subject line.

2013 Church Council: Shirley Beyer, Dave Lantz, Jim Lewis (church clerk), Penny Ohnmeiss, Sandy Snyder, Lynn Turney, Robin Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member and interim moderator), Duane Yeagle, Dan Yoas, Helen Yoas (treasurer)

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
EACH SUNDAY: 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service 7 pm – International Bible Study	EACH MONDAY: Pastor's Day Off 7:15-8:15 pm - Middle School Spanish Class 7:30-9 pm – International Program	EACH TUESDAY: 7-8 pm - Adult Spanish Class	EACH WEDNESDAY: 5-7 pm – AWANA Youth Clubs (K-12 grade) 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer 7:30-9 pm – International Program	EACH THURSDAY: 7:15 pm – Choir Rehearsal		EACH SATURDAY: 9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting
		1 B – Ben Mazzullo	2	3 B – Herb Betts	4 7 pm - Family Games Night B – Sengduntsin Hpauda B – Mariah Mahserjian-Smith	5 9 am – 2:45 pm Northumberland ABWM Retreat for Ladies & Men (here) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Frank Frischkorn
6 World Communion Sunday Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service 2:00 p.m. – Meet to go to Life Chain	7	8 B – Pam Green	9 B – Elizabeth Koons	10	11	12
13 Fall Assoc. Fair at Moreland Baptist Ch.	14 Columbus Day	15 7:30 pm - Church Council Meeting 6:30-9 pm @ Muncy Bapt. – video discus- sion re. Isaiah 9:10 (<u>The Harbinger</u>)	16 B – Alicia Koeb	17 B – Joyce Bower	18	19 9 am – Meet to make pillowcase dresses
20	21 A – Chris & Emily Traugh (10-21-11)	22 6 pm – A.B. Men @ Muncy Bapt. Church	23	24	25 B – Molly Yeagle	26 International Hike
27 A – Grover & Mary Updegraff (10-27-57)	28	29	30 B – Denise Gee B – Caden Lantz B – Steve Ohnmeiss	31 B – Tim Colley		Note: B – Birthday A - Anniversaries

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