

# Calvary Baptist Courier

## September 2011

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### **You have 66 unread Bmails**

Email is a great new means of communication, isn't it? It's great to have such easy, up-to-date information flow with loved ones and with people with whom you want to do business or just keep in touch. Every time I open my inbox, my eyes scan the sender column first of all, glad to see one name, disappointed not to see another. And then there is always the name that I know will be there every time: in fact, it is there a dozen times every time. All forwards. All jokes or political tirades or odd photographs. And the problem is, I actually enjoy maybe 25% of the scads of items he forwards to me — so I start clicking away and time goes by. Occasionally there are so many forwards that my eye doesn't catch an important email that is swamped in their midst, somewhere.

How do you feel as a parent when an important email to your son or daughter goes unacknowledged, especially if you find out that for some reason it wasn't even read? It happens, doesn't it — emails updating your son on family news, or seeking his input on upcoming plans, or asking your daughter how her new job is going?

Your Father in Jesus has sent you 66 Bmails (Bible mails) that for most of us are going mostly unread because we're too distracted by stuff we're getting from other senders seeking to entertain us or politicize us or advertise to us. Mail, mail, mail from other senders: we just "don't have time" to go open our own Father's B-mail in Sunday School or Bible study or even on our own at home. How much life would be lost to you if you left emails from your kids or family or friends unopened? How much have you seen lost because they've done that with emails you sent to them? God's Bmail is in your inbox. He's sent it for some important reasons. Are you opening it? It's something to think about.

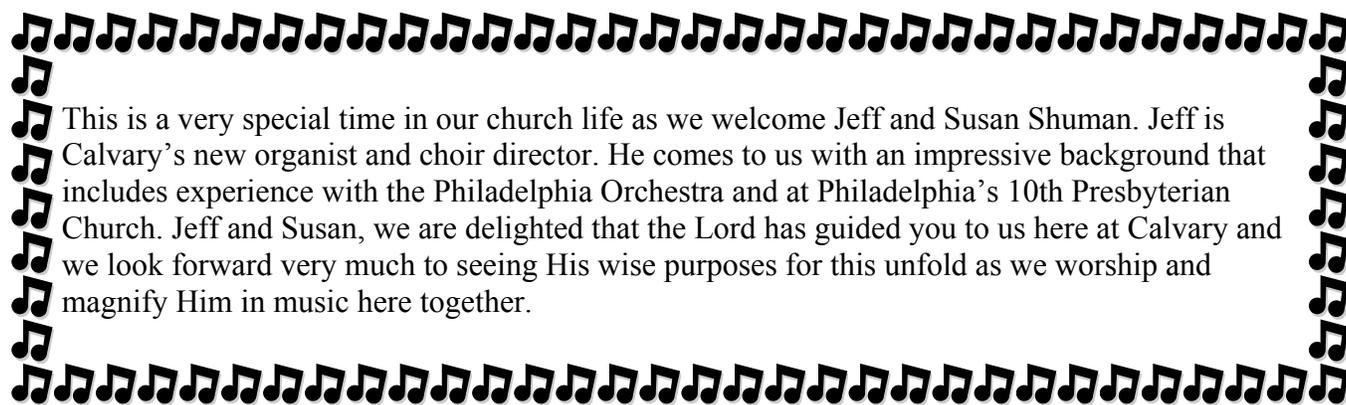
Shalom,

*Peter P. Wilson*

## Council Notes

*by James D. Lewis*

The Calvary Baptist Church council met on August 16, 2011. This is a synopsis of that meeting. As of the end of July, we are \$8,420.83 in the red. Vacation Bible School was a riot this year! We had an average of around 20 children attending each night. We sacrificed chocolate bars to God, sat in the belly of the great fish, and watched the mystery serial of Chadder Chipmunk's visit to the Panda Park. We sang, we danced, we ate, and just generally had a good time. If you weren't there helping, you missed a good time.... Martu and Lum's housewarming party was a great success. Afterward, Martu treated us all to dinner at the Chinese restaurant on the golden strip. If you weren't there helping to celebrate, you missed a good time.... Pastor Pete will be on vacation in Turkey from August 19<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>. He plans on seeing the seven churches from Revelation as well as other sites. He asked for our prayers for his safety while he is gone. Larry LeFeber and Mark Mahserjian-Smith will be leading the services on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, respectively. The personnel/nominating committee will be meeting with Jeffery Shuman on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 P.M. regarding his application for the organist/choir director position. Say a prayer for them on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Pete is looking for input from the membership re their feelings about continuing the TV advertising spots. If you would like to help support this effort financially or have an opinion regarding the continuation of this program, contact Pastor Pete. Larry Green is working on quotes for repairs at the parsonage. He hasn't had any response to his queries as yet. The council has decided to use the receipts from the cook book sales to purchase a refrigerator to replace the one currently in the church kitchen. The funds collected at our yard sale will be dedicated to the special account for (eventual) roof repairs. AWANA will be starting up again on September 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with this effort, contact Duane Yeagle to volunteer. The Baptist women's group has scheduled a women's breakfast on October 1<sup>st</sup> at DeSantos in Montoursville. More details will be forthcoming. The church picnic is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> at Short Park off Northway Road. We are looking for an individual interested in leading the Mother's Morning Out program. If you are interested, contact Pastor Pete. We will be having another yard sale on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. We are currently accepting donations for this effort. Women's Sunday will be September 11<sup>th</sup> with (my favorite) Vicki Lewis speaking. The greeter for September will be Candy Clark. The counters for September will be Shirley Beyer and Jim Lewis. The fellowship meal coordinator for September will be Kathy Temple. The next council meeting will be September 20<sup>th</sup>. Ken Bower and Helen Yoas will be presenting the prayers for the offering on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Communion servers on September 4<sup>th</sup> will be Helen Yoas, Ben Mazzullo, Jim Lewis, and Larry Green. Ken Bower will offer the prayer for the bread; Ben Mazzullo for the cup.



This is a very special time in our church life as we welcome Jeff and Susan Shuman. Jeff is Calvary's new organist and choir director. He comes to us with an impressive background that includes experience with the Philadelphia Orchestra and at Philadelphia's 10th Presbyterian Church. Jeff and Susan, we are delighted that the Lord has guided you to us here at Calvary and we look forward very much to seeing His wise purposes for this unfold as we worship and magnify Him in music here together.

# Calvary News

SEPTEMBER

**Come to the Fall Rummage and Food Sale**, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16 & 17, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Please consider donating your good saleable items. We will also be accepting clothing (*must* be clean and in good condition!). Place all items on the stage in Fellowship Hall or call the church office to arrange a pickup time (322-7256). Help is needed to set up and sell. Please donate hot dogs and baked goods to be sold.

**American Baptist Women's breakfast** planned for October 1 at 9 a.m. at De Santo's, 906 Broad Street, Montoursville. Mark your calendar for a good buffet breakfast and fellowship.

**Our second annual Stone Soup meal and canned food drive** will be October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Start now to collect those cans so we can beat last year's total of 404.

**September 11<sup>th</sup> is Calvary Women's Sunday.** We will lead the service and the singing, with Vicki Lewis blessing us with a message.

Have you had your picture taken for the upcoming photo directory? A number of people were unable to have their picture taken at the originally scheduled session. We are currently working to get another photo session set up so we can have everyone included. You DO NOT need to be a church member to have your picture taken. Please don't miss this opportunity to have a professional photo taken at NO CHARGE. Speak with Kathy Temple for more details.

## Recipe Corner...

### CREAM OF CHICKEN AND GNOCCHI SOUP

*From the kitchen of Kathy Temple*

2 cans cream of chicken soup  
2 cans milk  
1 tsp Italian seasoning  
Several tablespoons grated carrot  
1-1/2 cups left-over chicken  
1 package cooked gnocchi drained well  
Salt and pepper to taste.

Combine first 5 ingredients in medium sauce pan and heat over medium heat. Meanwhile, cook gnocchi and drain well. When soup base is heated through, add gnocchi and serve.

This makes a hearty meal when served with your favorite tossed salad and Italian bread.

## **AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S WHITE CROSS GIFT OF THE HEART PROGRAM**

Disaster survivors need essential items to reclaim their homes and lives. Through White Cross, you can help prepare special recovery kits which provide tangible assistance to people in need and also show that neighbors near and far care.

Won't you help Church World Service build an inventory of health kits needed in the event a disaster happens?

There will be a signup sheet for donations in the church lounge **beginning September 11, 2011**. We will be collecting five of each of these items.

The contents of these Health Kits are:

Hand towel (16" x 28") — Washcloth — Wide-tooth comb — Nail clipper — Bath size bar of soap — Toothbrush (in original packing) — Six Band-Aids

Plus we will be collecting 5 one-gallon Zip Lock Bags & \$2 for shipping/processing for each kit.

*Karen Mazzullo*  
White Cross Coordinator  
Calvary Baptist Church

### **TV SPOTS UPDATE....**

Churches (even a small church) can make a big impact in their world by finding a "niche" ministry possibility and taking it on for the Lord. Several years ago, Calvary did that by purchasing some high-quality, distinctive, evangelistic TV spots from a non-profit organization that puts our name and contact information at the end and then schedules as many spots a month as we can afford. These TV spots raise key life issues and link them to Jesus in striking ways and are seen by people at home, in motels, in bars, in jail, etc.

Please remember to pray for these "seeds" that Calvary sows month after month after month. If you would like to sponsor a month's worth (3-4 showings) for \$100, please see Pastor Pete, or see Pastor Pete as well if you would like to see us purchase a new spot or increase the number of showings.

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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 October 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](mailto: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

# SEPTEMBER

## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

B – Birthday

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<u>EACH WEDNESDAY:</u> 5-7 pm – AWANA Sparks and T & T Clubs 7 pm – Bible Study and <i>Wed</i> Prayer	<u>EACH THURSDAY:</u> 7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal <i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<u>EACH SATURDAY:</u> 9 am – Evangelism Team Prayer Meeting <i>Sat</i>
<u>EACH SUNDAY:</u> 9:30 am – Kids Club, College Class and Adult Class 10:40 am – Worship Service	<u>EACH MONDAY:</u> Pastor's Day Off			1 2-4 p.m. – International Women's Program  B – Dale Lundy	2 7:00 p.m. – Family Games Night  B – Duane Yeagle	3
4 Communion Serv.  Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following worship service	5 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	6	7 AWANA resumes  Choir Rehearsal resumes (normally on Thursdays)	8 2-4 p.m. – I.W.P.	9	10
11 AB Women's Sunday	12 3-5 p.m. – International Women's Program	13	14  B – Rev. Peter Wilson	15 2-4 p.m. – I.W.P.	16 8 am-2 pm – CHURCH FOOD & RUMMAGE SALE  B – Jim Lewis	17 8 am-2 pm – CHURCH FOOD & RUMMAGE SALE
18	19 3-5 p.m. – I.W.P.	20 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting  B – Ashley Hallabuk	21  B – George Brown	22 2-4 p.m. – I.W.P.  B – Isaiah Dance B – Noah Hallabuk	23 <b>FALL EQUINOX</b>	24
25 "Catch up" Offering  B – P.J. Winner	26 3-5 p.m. – I.W.P.	27	28	29 2-4 p.m. – I.W.P.	30	

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