

Calvary Baptist Courier

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Hopes for 2015/16

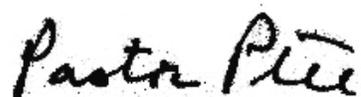
At the August church picnic we spent a few minutes writing down and then reading aloud some things we would like to see in Calvary's life in the year of ministry that lies ahead. Quite a few folks had written down "more children"; some thought about young adults or families; some were concerned for deepened missions awareness and participation. What did you write down? If you weren't there, what would you have written down?

After we shared, we listened to Apostle Paul in a few sentences from his letter to the members of another small church, where he wrote down the things that he was praying for for them (or really any Christian church). Look at Colossians 1:3-14. First, there is thanks for specifics of spiritual life and health they are showing now. Before we ask God for anything more as a church, let's thank Him for what we already have. What are you thankful for that God has already blessed us with at Calvary? Stop and think and thank Him now.

Second, Paul prays for them to have "knowledge of God's will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding ... to live ... worthy of the Lord ... pleasing Him ... bearing fruit in every good work." We talked about fruit as a term that refers to the 9-fold spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:22-23) in some places and to new believers in others.

All these things we listed at the picnic are good and desirable; they are "fruit". But notice what Paul prays for first. Why? Because for the fruit to have roots and grow and be good fruit, those other factors must be present already—and those we can work for and should pray for. Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). If we pray for and focus on those things Paul prayed for, Jesus, as a good shepherd, will bring to us children, young adults, and people with a calling for missions. Like Paul, let us pray to be the kind of church Jesus will want to bring these new people to.

Shalom ,



COUNCIL NOTES

by Jim Lewis

The Calvary Baptist Church Council met on August 18, 2015. This is a synopsis of the minutes of that meeting. As of July 31, 2015, our expenditures were \$9,237.34 less than we took in. Vacation Bible School took place early in August. While attendance was low, enthusiasm levels were not and a good time was had by all in attendance. The participants in VBS collected \$80 for new testaments for Thailand. Our generous congregation donated \$608 for the One Great Hour of Sharing this year. Thank you for your support to this worthy cause. Ken Bower was welcomed back to the fold after a short stay at First Baptist Church. Mary A. Kline (aka Mary A. Jones), who attended here in the 1990's has moved her membership to the Hanover First Church of God. If you have been attending here for a long time, you may remember Mary. Choir will resume blessing us with their voices in September. Welcome back ... The World Missions Offering will be coming up soon. I know we can count on the generosity of our congregation. Over \$1000 was collected at the annual yard sale. Thanks to all who helped set up and man this effort, and those who donated the materials for the bake sale and the yard sale. Both AWANA and Bible study are moving to Tuesday from Wednesday in September. The Thrive/ESL/International group programs are moving their classes to Mondays and Thursdays, also in September. The Life Chain demonstration is coming up on October 4th. Let Lynn Turney know if you plan to attend this most worthy cause. Look for Operation Christmas Child to take off in late October/early November. This is a worthy cause, so get your shoeboxes ready early to support this effort. Darlene Nixon and Katherine Robinson will be the greeters in September; Jim and Dottie Lewis will be counters; and Dottie Lewis will be the fellowship meal coordinator. Communion servers for the first Sunday in September will be Dave Snyder Jr., Jim Lewis, and Larry and Sue Green. Helen Yoas will offer the prayer for the bread and Larry Green for the cup. The next council meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2015.

NEWS

ABW—LADIES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS - The American Baptist Women (ABW) of Calvary have planned a breakfast for Saturday, September 19th, at 8:30 a.m. at Perkins Family Restaurant, 160 Via-Bella St., Williamsport.

The ABW White Cross quota has been received. A collection will be taken soon for the Philadelphia Racetrack Project.



...forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal... Philippians 3:13–14 (ASV)

This year's motto for the World Mission Offering is "Stretch Forward." We will begin taking the offering on October 4 and accept it throughout the month of October. Calvary's goal is \$500.00. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins and next month's newsletter, and please begin to consider your donation prayerfully.

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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.

2015 Church Council: Larry Green, Sue Green, Jim Lewis (ex officio member and church clerk), Doris Paulhamus, David Snyder Jr., Sandy Snyder, Lynn Turney, Robin Turney, Pastor Peter Wilson (ex officio member and interim moderator), Helen Yoas (ex officio member and treasurer)

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER**

<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 – Multi-language Bible Study	EACH MONDAY: PASTOR'S DAY OFF 7:30-9 pm – ESL Classes* & Adult Spanish Class	EACH TUESDAY: 5-7 pm – AWANA Youth Clubs (K-12 grade) 7 pm – Bible Study and Prayer Meeting		EACH THURSDAY: 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8 pm – Fall Youth Classes start. 9/10 7:30-9 pm – ESL Classes*		
		1 5-7 p.m. – Awana resumes 7 p.m. – Bible Study & Prayer Meeting (Note: Both now meeting on Tues.)	2 B – Duane Yeagle	3 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal resumes B – Adam Kittrell	4 7 p.m. – Family Games Night	5
6 Communion Service Fellowship Luncheon (pot luck) following the worship service	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10 6:30-8 p.m. – Thrive Fall Youth Classes begin	11	12
13	14 B – Pastor Peter Wilson	15	16 7:30 pm – Church Council Meeting B – Jim Lewis	17	18	19 8:30 a.m. – ABW Breakfast at Perkins
20 B – Ashley Hallabuk	21 B – George (Jack) Brown	22 B – Noah Hallabuk	23 B – Katherine Robinson	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			Note: B – Birthday *English-as-a Second- Language Class

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