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The Messenger

The Newsletter of Calvary Baptist Church

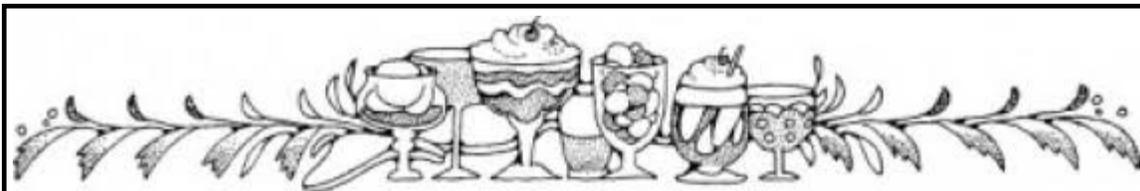
With eyes fixed on Christ, we equip believers to carry the Gospel through service.

Calvary Kool Kids

On August 9th join us at Northside Lanes in Winchester for Calvary Kids Camp Bowling! The cost is \$1 for shoe sizes up to 4.5 and \$3.50 for shoe sizes 5 and up. We will get one free game of bowling and one free hot dog per child. We will meet at the bowling alley at 11:45 am. Remember this is for one free game. Parents, we ask that you stay with your child and do not drop them off for this event.



Please RSVP to youthpastor@calvarywinchester.org or secretary@calvarywinchester.org.



DESSERT & DEVOTION

Everyone is invited to join us for a time of fellowship on Wednesday, August 15th at 6:30pm at the Frazier home. (206 Wakeland Drive, Stephens City) Please bring a dessert to share.



2012 Church Picnic

August 26 at 5pm

We have reserved the FFA shelter at Sherando Park in Stephens City. It has picnic tables, a grill and sits directly beside a huge playground. This will be a potluck event... WITH ICE CREAM. Please bring a main dish, sized to feed your family, and either a side or dessert to share. Bottled water will be provided. We are also encouraging you to bring a few chairs and, if you have them, a camp table or card table. If you are inclined to make ice cream to share, we will be organizing an Ice Cream Crew (there will be electrical outlets available). Please see Adrienne Harris or Kristi Rock for more information. More details will be announce soon.

New Sermon Series: The Prevailing Church: Pushing Down the Gates

On August 12 we will begin a missions emphasis that will continue for four weeks, finishing on September 2. We will be considering what is expected of Calvary Church as we determine what is its mission and purpose. In order for the church to fulfill its mission, the members and attendees must be people on a mission. What does that look like? What opportunities are available to us?

Perhaps we will find answers to these questions and more as we hear from various missionaries and mission opportunities this month. On August 12, I plan to set the tone of the series by explaining its title when I share the first message, "The Marks of a Prevailing Church." Then over the course of the next several Sundays, we will hear from the following missions leaders:

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| August 19 | Craig Waddell, Partnership Missions Coordinator, Virginia Baptist Mission Board |
| August 26 | Wade McHargue, Youth for Christ Missionary, recently completing service in West Africa |
| September 2 | Charles Rock, National Director of the Angel Tree Ministry, Prison Fellowship (and a member of Calvary Church) |

Please prayerfully prepare your heart and mind for "The Prevailing Church: Pushing Down the Gates" message series.

I plan to be present each Sunday throughout the series. I will use the time away from weekly sermon preparation to do sermon planning for the rest of the year and to focus on visiting the church membership.

A Note from Your Pastor

On July 31 I completed four months as the senior pastor of Calvary Church, Winchester. As evidenced by the reports I have received from the Fireside Chat, conducted with the Wednesday night attendees in June, and by the meetings with the Pastor Support Team (two meetings were required to accommodate everyone's schedule), we are "on course with fair skies ahead." There is a general sense of good will and we are to continue "full speed ahead."

Everyday, I thank God for the privilege of serving you and for allowing me to work in partnership with our excellent staff members, Carrie and Chris, and with Calvary Church's dedicated volunteers.

-Pastor Doug Frazier



Vacation Bible School Update

I would like to personally thank everyone who was involved with VBS. This year was our best yet! By the end of the week we had 64 children registered, and our average attendance each night was around 58. VBS is a formative time for a child's faith and by volunteering your time, you are responsible for a child learning about their Creator and possibly coming to know Him as Savior.

Thank You, Chris Tucker & Mike Arney

Youth & Junior High Update

We had a total of 28 people stay the entire week at Creation. Pastor Doug, Stephanie Arney, and Mike Gadd all joined us for a single day. Some of the members from the hispanic congregation that meets in our building joined us for the week. This week always means a lot to our students and we are already making plans for next year. Our Junior High camp at Crossroads in Lowesville, VA was the third week in July. Our students participated in rock climbing, rappelling, archery, and got to spend time learning from missionaries about the Virginia Baptist partnership with Standing Rock Reservation in the Dakotas. A new feature this year for the students was the chance to swim in the mountain stream on the camp, they even got to go down a 75 foot slip and slide!

WE as a church can be a part of the mission of Crossroads by attending the work weekend coming up on September 13-16. See Chris Tucker or Mike Gadd for more details.

Reflections from a VBS Volunteer

The broken crayons have been tossed in the trash and the dried glue has been scraped from the tables. A number of craft masterpieces have been affixed to refrigerators, while others disintegrated somewhere between the church and car doors. Some of us are staring at piles of debris shoved into boxes and tote bags, trying to determine if we'll ever reuse foam plane kits and coloring pages about Zimbabwe. The last notes of the last song have died away, and the fruit punch pitchers have been scrubbed clean of their red stains. Another Vacation Bible School has ended.

In a nation of some 300 million people I assume there are many who are not familiar with this annual ritual. They have my sympathy. For the uninitiated, Vacation Bible School (VBS, as we veterans call it) is a week-long program for children offered by Christian churches of various denominations. Students ranging in age from preschool to sixth grade spend between two and three hours per night listening to Bible stories, learning songs and the accompanying sign language (an apparent requirement for modern VBS), working on craft projects, and playing outside. At some point, a snack and fruit punch (preferably Kool-Aid) must be served. I'm pretty sure this last item is a rule enshrined in the Old Testament and the U.S. Constitution. Ask Google.

Why do I feel sorry for those unfamiliar with VBS? Because it strips away our so-called sophistication with a mixture of pudding-covered smiles and time spent on a swing set. Because it's unbearably sweet when a four-year-old drags her mother over to you and introduces you as her teacher. Because everyone should experience the blessed calm that follows the storm of separation anxiety.

But my favorite thing about VBS is the way it forces me to distill my faith down to its essence. I'm not theologian, but I imagine every verse in the Bible has been analyzed by countless Smart People, with controversies to match. But as I work with children for 10 or so hours in a five-day span I have to revisit the old, old stories and try to see them from a fresh perspective.

Because, let's be honest, Christianity is both simple and incredibly challenging. Here's what my preschoolers heard this week: God is amazing and He made everything. He loves His people and looks out for them. In fact, God loves all of us so much that a long time ago He sent His Son Jesus to the world as a very special baby. And one day Jesus died, but He didn't stay dead. He is alive, and He wants us to love God and love other people.

Another Vacation Bible School has ended. In another year or so I'll be ready to step onto the playground again.

-Rita Pettit

Outreach Committee News

Conquering Kid's Cancer

Calvary Family we are inviting you to "Get Your Shave On!" But don't worry, we aren't asking to see your bald heads....that is unless you'd like us to!!!! We are asking for your help. On September 28, we are hosting a golf tournament for The St. Baldrick's Foundation. Ammy Doeden is leading this effort. This foundation and its mission has found a home in her heart. The Outreach Committee is also taking this on as one of its outreach projects for the year.



Important Update: Jordan Arney will be shaving in September and we are challenging the congregation to raise \$1000 to make that happen. With as many people that want to see him do something with his hair I think this will be easily reached!

*We will be doing a Spirit Night at Chick fil A on August 17th from 6 - 8.

*We will be doing a Fundraising weekend at Five Below on August 25 and 26th. We will have fliers for that in the bulletins and up front in the Sanctuary that people need to bring with them to the store for us to get credit.

*We will also be doing another Spirit Night at Chick fil A on September 14th from 6-8.

Bald is Beautiful! ~Ammy Doeden

A Simple Greeting Can Save A Life

We at Calvary Baptist Church consider ourselves to be a friendly church. And we are. Did you realize, though, that a simple greeting to a stranger before, during or after church can save a life?

I read an article recently about a small church in Colorado. During the greeting time one of the members turned around and met a man for the first time. What this member did not know was that the man had planned to take his own life later that day, but had decided to give God "one more chance." And there he was in that church, that worship service, that Sunday morning.

Well, pleasant greetings were exchanged in that moment and the church member went on to greet other guests and church members. When the church member saw the man again after the service, the visitor was obviously distraught. Instead of passing it off and moving on to what he wanted to do, the church member prayed with him and introduced him to one of the pastors. The pastor took the man to his office and met with him for about 90 minutes.

As a result of this intervention, that began with a simple handshake and greeting, the man was a totally different person. He was content to live and resumed the therapy he had been under previously.

So, continue greeting visitors to Calvary. You never know when just a simple greeting could save a life.

-Mike Graham
Outreach Committee Chairman

Upcoming Women's Ministry Events:



- **August 12th at 3pm-** "Stuffing the bag" event. The Shenandoah Baptist Association is collecting toiletry items for the Migrant Workers coming to the area to pick the apples. The items needed for each bag: deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, shampoo and hair brushes, bug repellent, wash cloth and towel. Yellow collection boxes are in the hallway by the Children's Church Room.
- **September 29th** will be the 5th Saturday – Craft and Crop...more details to come.
- **We will have a LADIES RETREAT on October 12-13th**, and we will be focusing on Beth Moore's "Perfect Storm" series. We will be going to Capon Bridge, WV for this Retreat!!! Times and details will be coming--There will be a small fee to cover food and a donation to facilities. We will be using Amazing Grace Baptist Church in Capon Bridge, WV!
If you have any questions about Women's Ministry, please contact Cheryle or Adrienne.

Jean Baker Scholarship Announcement

Calvary Baptist Church and its Scholarship Committee is again pleased to award scholarships for the year of 2012. The recipients are Amanda Gadd, Amanda Hileman, Carrie Brannan and Chad Brannan. Calvary is extremely proud of our graduates and members as they strive to further their education. We prayerfully wish for you success as you continue your journey in life. Respectively submitted: Peggy Davidson, Jeanette DeLoatche, Norma Hockman and Harry Lutz

Shenandoah Baptist Association News

First Baptist Church will host a Stewardship Conference on August 14th, from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Jeff Cranford will lead Guidestone and Taxes, Janet Campbell will speak on Alma Hunt State Missions and Don Campbell will lead Stewardship Principles, Plans & Preparation

Operation Christmas Child

Sponsored by:



We have begun to think about packing Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The official due date for these boxes is November 4. However, it is a great time to start packing a shoe box as the stores stock up on school supplies and offer back to school incentives. For more information, there are OCC information packets at the front of the sanctuary, or you can go to: www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

Things to include in your box:

TOYS- small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES- pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS- toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth

OTHER- Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE- In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

Items to Avoid:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

Seekers Stamp Ministry

The seekers have continued to clip postage stamps this year. Dr. Livermon has arranged with some medical offices to let us have the envelopes that are sent to their offices so that we can clip the stamps.

We just mailed a box of 11,552 stamps to the Alliance Stamp Ministry in Florida. They process the stamps and sell them to raise money to purchase Spanish Sunday School literature. The total number of stamps that have been sent to Florida since the Seekers commenced this project is 356,385.

This process serves a two-fold purpose. The stamps are sold for a worthwhile purpose and the used envelopes we receive are recycled, instead of going in the trash.

If anyone is interested in participating in this effort, please see Keith McUlty to get a copy of the instructions and a supply of envelopes.



Dear Calvary Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and telephone calls during my recent surgery. Your support and concern are greatly appreciated.

Love, Your Sister in Christ,

Nina Fleenor

On the Calendar for August

August 1-	Business Meeting	6:30pm
August 6-	Joint Committee Meeting	7pm
August 8-	Property & Space	5:30pm
August 8-	Missions & Ministry	7pm
August 9-	Calvary Kool Kids- meet at Northside Lanes	11:45am
August 12-	Women's Ministry	3pm
August 13-	Missions & Ministry	7pm
August 14-	Outreach	6pm
August 15-	Dessert & Devotion at the Frazier's	6:30pm
August 16-	Congregational Life	7:00pm
August 19-	Church Council	Following the service
August 20-	Nominating	6pm
August 25-	Brotherhood Breakfaast	8:30am
August 26-	Church Picnic Sherando Park	5pm
August 27-	Deacons	7pm
August 28-	Stewardship	7pm



Birthdays

Wally Eichhorst	3
Judith Ellinger	4
Blake Gonzales	12
Chris Tucker	12
Kierra Black	14
Tyler Brannan	18
Christy Tucker	19
Paul Willison	21
Joel Gadd	23
Juanita French	28
Coleton Rohrbaugh	29
Caleb Ellinger	30
Sandy Fletcher	30

Serving This Month

Ushers

5	Terry Schrader, Bill Holbrook
12	Bob Hotchkiss, Steve Pettit, Harry Lutz
19	Eddie Musick, Keith McUlty
26	Jim Craig, Ross Mills, Norm Brigance

Greeters

5	Kathy & Steve Marks
12	Keith McUlty & Denise Schrader
19	Ada & Bobby Tucker
26	Brenda Vance & Punky Beightol

Nursery Attendants

	Babies	Preschool
August 5	Ammy Doeden & Hope Arney	Mike & Maura Arney
12	Melva Simmons & Caleigh Haskiell	Marcy & Noah Nelson
19	John & Becca Mills	Terri & Joel Gadd
26	Ammy Doeden & Hope Arney	Norman Brigance & Jordan Arney
September 2	Melva Simmons & Caleigh Haskiell	Mike & Maura Arney

Anniversaries

Steve & Rita Pettit	5
David & Judith Ellinger	7
Mike & Shannon Graham	9
John & Becca Mills	11
Mike & Stephanie Arney	13
Steve & Kathy Marks	15
Jeff & Cheryle Livermon	23
Dick & Rae Ann Brown	27

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30am Sunday School for All Ages
10:45am Morning Worship Service

Monday 10:00am Seekers Bible Study

Wednesday Night Activities Will Resume in September

Check Out Our Web Site
www.calvarywinchester.org

We continue to work at building an interesting and helpful church web site. If you have suggestions for additional material please let us know.

The **September Newsletter** be distributed on September 2. Please email your submissions for the next newsletter to Carrie by **August 28**. Thanks.

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The best time to reach a staff member in the office is between the hours of 9:00-12:30 Tuesday thru Thursday.

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