

January 2012



The Messenger

The Newsletter of Calvary Baptist Church

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

Words from Wellford

As the year draws to a close, three words are on my mind.

Gratitude. Thank you so much for the kind words, cards, and generous gifts you provided at the Christmas party. Although I am not out the door yet, with the work of the Search Committee seeming to be near its conclusion, my time with you is short. I recall a Sunday morning recently as I looked out at the congregation and had a sudden realization of how much I am going to miss you. I deeply appreciate all the ways you have supported me and encouraged me in my two years with you.

Joy. There are many ways joy is communicated during the Advent and Christmas seasons, but what I am remembering this moment is the children singing in worship and at the Christmas party last Sunday. Since we do not have a regular

children's choir, it is quite a privilege to see and hear them sing. I get very excited when I see the children leaving the sanctuary to go to Children's Church. Their numbers seem to be increasing. May their excitement about his season energize us as well.

Hope. As we enter a new year, the word "Hope" should be in the forefront of our thinking. These are indeed days of hope for Calvary Baptist Church. Soon you should be at the point of calling and welcoming your new pastor and his family. His entering into the life of the congregation should bring increased energy and enthusiasm into the life of the church. Experiencing his skills, ministry gifts, and interests may challenge you to new avenues of service and growth. While challenges still remain for Calvary, the road ahead looks promising. May God's grace be with us all.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Since November, our children have been collecting an offering in Sunday School, Children's church, and during Awana. This offering was collected for Samaritan's Purse. I am proud to announce that the children have raised \$55! With this money they are going to be providing families in third world countries with chicks, baby ducks, clothes, shoes, and milk for children. Thank you to all of the parents who helped the children collect their change and to the teachers who kept track every week.

-Chris Tucker

During the holiday season, we have a lot of extra snacks brought in for the children and youth. I would like to take this time to share with you some important things we need to remember. We have several children in our church with health concerns that require special diets. While you may be aware of a few of those children's specific needs, there are other situations that you may not be familiar with. As a church body we need to be more aware of what we bring to church to give to the children. If you are going to bring in a snack or give candy to a child, you need to ask permission of the parent and check with me or their teacher before giving it. This is an important issue that we need to be more aware of. I will be compiling a list for record keeping purposes of all the specific issues that we are facing. Please contact me if you have any questions.

-Chris Tucker

Pastor Search Committee

Chair- Bobby Tucker

Vice Chair- Chad Brannan

Secretary- Trish Ramsey

The Pastor Search Committee wants to keep our entire church up to date on the progress being made by your committee. In our most recent update to the church, we informed you that we had pared the number of candidates for the position of Pastor down from 102 to 3. In November, during our first phone calls with these 3 men, we had the opportunity to interview them. We believe they were frank and honest with their responses to us. Since that time, we have continued to be very busy in our effort to achieve our goal.

On December 4th and 5th, we conducted second interviews with the three candidates, and gave them an opportunity to ask us questions. They inquired about such things as: our current situation, our congregation, and our financial status. We answered their questions clearly and completely, and did not withhold information from them. We feel that this time of questions and answers has been beneficial to them and to us.

Since these three phone calls, we have with God's help, been able to narrow the candidates down to two men. The committee as a whole believe that both of these men have excellent qualifications, along with the desire to be our Pastor. Before the end of January, we plan to hear recorded sermons from each of these candidates and to meet both men and their wives in person. We hope to make a decision not too long after these meetings take place. We continue to ask for your prayers that we will follow God's will, and that as a result we will, in the not too far future, have our permanent Pastor filling our pulpit.

Prayerfully Submitted by Bobby Tucker, Chairman

Women's Ministry

The Ladies had a wonderful time at the December Cookie and Ornament Exchange event. We have our January event scheduled for Saturday, January 12th from 9am to 3pm with lunch being provided. Patsy's Pastry Pizza will be the main course for lunch and we will have sign up list for snacks and drinks. **We will call it the "Paper vs. Yarn Handcrafts Event". It will be an open session from 9a to 3p.** Are you in need of a quiet place to work on a current project or do you need some new ideas for a current project? This will be the place to bring a project to work on, whether it is scrapbooking, card making, crocheting or knitting and enjoy fellowship. We will have several Cricut© machines available for use to expand the options of paper crafts. You will need to bring the rest of the supplies - paper, pictures, colors, etc.

With the ending of the holidays, Abba Care is in need of several items for their clients and we would like to make this our ministry focus for January. They are in need of new bottles, diapers (all sizes), wipes, winter/warm clothing for infants (0 - 6 mo.) - particularly boys and maternity clothes. Please bring unwrapped items, or you can donate towards funds to purchase some items for Abba. During lunch we will hear more about Abba Care and its ministry in our area.

If you can't attend for the whole day that is Ok - please come for lunch as we will have a brief meeting following lunch for those that would like to share ideas and thoughts for fellowship ideas and ministry projects for 2012 and 2013. One question that we would like to explore is how often we want to meet.

There will be a donation box at each of our meetings for those that are able and willing to donate towards expenses such as reminder postcards, food, supplies for projects and paper goods. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions.

We are excited for the opportunity to work with all ladies in our church - supporting and expanding our Women's Ministry. We cherish your prayers as we step forth and work with all women at Calvary to grow as sisters' in Christ.

In God's Love, Cheryle and Adrienne



**December Women's
Cookie & Ornament Exchange.**



Stamp Ministry

On December 20, 2011, the Seekers mailed another 12,729 stamps to the Alliance Stamp Ministry in Florida. Our total is now 325,986. When sold, the proceeds will be used to buy Sunday School literature in spanish. The USPS is going to raise the price of the flat rate boxes. Up until now the Seekers have covered the cost of shipping the stamps, but now we are asking for donations to help defer this cost. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please see Keith McUly.

On the Calendar for January 2012

- January 1- Happy New Year!
 January 8- Called Business Meeting Following Service
 January 9- Missions & Ministry Meeting at 7:30pm
 January 14- Joint Meeting of Outreach and Missions & Ministry at 12:30pm (@Nelson Home)
 January 15- Church Council Following Service
 January 16- Nominating Meeting at 6pm
 January 16- Classical Cottage Meeting at 7pm
 January 21- Women's Ministry Crafting Event at 9am
 January 23- Deacons Meeting at 7pm
 January 24- Stewardship Meeting at 7pm
 January 25- Annual Business Meeting at 6:30pm
 January 28- Brotherhood at 8:30am
 January 28- Classical Cottage SAT Prep Class 12-4pm

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. Some recent additions include:

- An updated picture banner
- An Inclement Weather Page
- A "widget" to be able to search for a word or phrase in any of several versions of the Bible (Resources page)



Serving in January

Ushers

- 1 Terry Schrader, Bill Holbrook
 8 Bob Hotchkiss, Steve Pettit, Harry Lutz
 15 Eddie Musick, Keith McUilty
 22 Jim Craig, Ross Mills, Norm Brigance
 29 Terry Schrader, Bill Holbrook

Greeters

- 1 Nina Fleenor & Patsy Musick
 8 Jim & Margine Craig
 15 Stevce & Rita Pettit
 22 Joan Funkhouser & Kathy Westover
 29 Shane & Amy Rohrbaugh

Nursery Attendants

January	Babies	Preschool
1	Mike & Maura Arney	Marcy & Noah Nelson
8	Ammy Doeden Hope Arney	Norman Brigance Jordan Arney
15	Melva Simmons Caleigh Haskiell	Terri & Joel Gadd
22	Mike & Maura Arney	Christy & Katy Tucker
29	Ammy Doeden Hope Arney	Norman Brigance Jordan Arney

Birthdays

Lisa Price	2
LeRoy Pritchett	4
Dorothy Wolfe	15
Matthew Rock	21
Lily Fletcher	25
Steve Tygart	25
Amanda Gadd	30

Anniversaries

Gene & Bernice Hedges
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:30am	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:45am	Morning Worship Service
Monday	10:00am	Seekers Bible Study
Wednesday	5:15pm	Dinner at Lighthouse Café
	6:30pm	AWANA Clubs
		Youth and Adult Programs

The next *Newsletter for February* will be distributed on January 29. We are asking that you email Carrie any items you want included by **January 19**. **Thank You!**

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