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Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2011
8:30 AM Worship Service

Welcome to ***Uplift!*** We're glad you're here today! If you are our guest today, we have an Uplift guest card in the pew pocket for you to complete. For your small children, a nursery is located through the right front sanctuary door. **Hearing assistance devices are also available from our *Uplift* sound team.** We welcome you and look forward to worshipping with you today. We invite you to enter into worship just as you are. Now is the time to worship!

MessageRev. Alex Martin

"Christmas Expectations"
John 1:6-8, 19-28 (Pew Bible Page #750)

During the time of commitment, you are invited to make public any decision you may have regarding acceptance of Christ as Lord and Savior, rededication of life, or church membership.

You may also come to the altar to pray.

Worship, Sound, and Technical Assistance provided by Uplift Worship Team

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Good Shepherds: Sam Critz ((341-8248) Jim Byrd (789-1763)
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“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL” - WE GATHER

Prelude..... *“The Shepherds’ Christmas”*..... Price
Welcome to Worship Rev. Alex Martin
*Fellowship & Greeting Time
Call to Worship..... *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* arr. Sue
Calvary Joybells
Invocation..... Margaret Layman

“HOW GREAT OUR JOY” - WE WORSHIP

*Carol of Praise..... *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*..... No. 184
(Stanzas 1 & 4)
Lighting of the Advent Wreath Gray and Mary Jane Shelton
The Church Family at Prayer Rev. Alex Martin
Children’s Musical Spotlight: **Arrest These Merry Gentlemen**
(Children 4 years through 2nd grade may exit for Children’s Worship.)
*Carol of Giving *“Away in a Manger”* No. 205
(Stanzas 1 & 3)
*Offertory Prayer
Offertory..... *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”* arr. Dicie
Calvary Joybells
*Doxology No. 668

“DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR” - WE LISTEN

Scripture Reading..... **John 1:6-8, 19-28**..... Rev. Alex Martin
(Pew Bible Page #750)
Choral Mediation..... *“An Advent Garden”*..... arr. Martin
Message **“Christmas Expectations”**..... Rev. Alex Martin
*Carol of Response..... *“As With Gladness Men of Old”* No. 193

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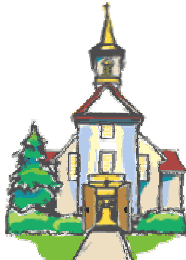
“GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN” - WE DEPART TO PROCLAIM

*Closing Comments & Prayer Rev. Alex Martin
*Congregational Response..... *“O Come, Let Us Adore Him”* Traditional/Wade
*Postlude *“In Dulci Jubilo”*..... Martin

***Congregation please stand.**

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WELCOME
TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Calvary Baptist Church

If you are a guest today at Calvary, we are so glad that you are here. Thank you for worshipping with us. A guest card is inserted in the pew pockets; please complete it and drop it in the offering plate so we will have a record of your visit. Several information centers are located throughout the building filled with information about our church, its ministries and a map of our facility. We also have a website with daily Bible readings and devotionals for adults and children: www.calvarybcmntairy.org

For those with babies and/or small children, we provide a nursery and children's church during both services.

Below is a listing of our Sunday School classes. Please take the opportunity to visit one or several of these over the next few weeks.

If you have any questions about Calvary, please see one of the ushers today or contact the church office during the week (786-4778). Again, thank you for being with us today. We are glad that you are here.

"Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;" Psalm 96:9

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY WE HAVE A CLASS FOR YOU

<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Room</u>
NURSERY BED BABIES	211	YNG ADULTS 1	20S - 30S	202B
2 YEAR OLD CLASS	212	CO-ED 1	20S - 40S	117
3 -4 YEAR OLD CLASS	213	CO-ED 3	30S - 40S	114
KINDERGARTEN	217	CO-ED 4	40S - 50S	FELLOWSHIP HALL
1 ST - 2 ND GRADE CLASS	121A	CO-ED 5	50S - 70S	115
3 RD GRADE CLASS	121B	PAIRS&SPARES	40S -70S	113
4 TH - 5 TH GRADE CLASS	119	LADIES 1	50S - 60S	118
6 TH ,7 TH , 8 TH GRADE CLASS	102	LADIES 2	50S - 60S	112
9 TH - 12 TH GRADE CLASS	103	LADIES 3	50S - 70S	111
College & Career	Chapel Prayer Room	LADIES 4	60S - 70S	120
		LADIES 5	75+	201
		MEN 1	40S - 50S	116
		MEN 2	60+	200

Sermon Notes:



Prayer Concerns (as of December 8, PM)

Use our On-line Prayer Concern Form at:

<http://www.calvarybcmtairy.org/Forms/PrayerForm.htm>

Recent Additions to our Prayer Concerns

Jim Armbrister, friend of Gray Shelton; **Sylvia Cornett**, Sandra Dunbar's sister; **Leonard Davenport**, Faye Jarrell's brother; **Claude King**; **Caroline Kirkman**; **Mary Lou Lawson**, grandmother of Julie Gurley's friend; **Don Thompson**; **Ann Young**, cousin of Pam Peake

Remember the Bereaved

The Family of Norma Ella Hill Jarrell in her death, cousin of Kester & Rachel Jarrell and Norris & Faye Jarrell

The Family of Ronald McMillian in his death, neighbor of Phil & Sherry Hiatt



Third Sunday of Advent

(The 1st and 2nd Candles Are Lit) Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer: Here am I (Isaiah 58:6-9)

On this third Sunday of Advent, we can feel the growing light of Christ beginning to warm our hearts. But do we understand that this light must not be hid under a bushel? The light that God gives to us allows us to see the world in all its need and brokenness. And into this world, we are sent with good news of great joy: "Unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord." **(The 3rd Candle Is Lit)**

Today, we light the third candle of our Advent Wreath, and we pray – that by its light – we will tell the story and share the mission of Jesus, who is the Light of the world.

People: Let us declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness and into His wonderful light.

Ministers	Our Church Family
Pastor	Rev. Alex Martin (e-mail— pastoralex@calvarybcmtairy.org)
Minister of Music	Rev. Stephen Farrar (e-mail— steve@calvarybcmtairy.org)
Administrative Assistant	Billie Doyle (e-mail— billie@calvarybcmtairy.org)
Office Assistant.....	Ann Richardson (email— ann@calvarybcmtairy.org)
Organist	Carolyn Greene
Pianist	Jean Williamson
Custodian.....	Carlos Delfin
Audio Engineers	Phil Hiatt, Danny Lineberry

A Christmas Tradition

The 'Chrismon Tree Gifts' is a beautiful part of the Christmas tradition here at Calvary. These gifts not only add a festive note to our sanctuary and its holiday decorations, but they also represent a concrete way that we seek to embody the spirit of the season by being a blessing to others. This year – as in years past – our congregation will collect unwrapped gifts under the Chrismon Tree in the sanctuary. You may bring these gifts to the church at any time, but this year's 'highpoint' of the collection will be the Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 18. All gifts that are collected will be given to the Blue Ridge HOPE (shelter for domestic abuse) and The Shepherd's House so that they can minister to children that come to these facilities throughout the Christmas season and beyond. Please give prayerfully and generously so that we can continue to share the love of Christ with our community.



*A Celtic
Christmas
Celebration*

Tapestry of Light

By Joseph M. Martin

Come and join us on

Sunday, December 18

at **10:55 A.M.**

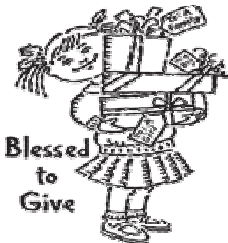
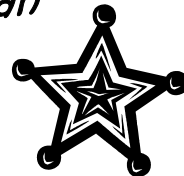
as the Adult Choir leads us through traditional carols drawn from the British Isles (Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and England), and scripture readings that celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise to send us the light of Christ.



Join us for the Children's Musical Performance

Arrest These Merry Gentleman

Sunday, December 18th 6:00 PM



If any class or group sponsored a child from Franklin Elementary School, please remember to deliver your gifts to the Salvation Army's satellite distribution center on Renfro Street beside Ollie's before 2:00 PM on December 14th.

Church Statistics

Budget Year 10/01/11 thru 12/04/11	Budget to Date	Receipts to date	Expenditures to date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$83,867.50	\$79,782.08	\$58,756.61	\$21,025.47
Debt Retirement	\$2,264.10	\$4,298.09	\$329.02	\$3,969.07
Transportation	\$754.70	\$651.08	\$13.60	\$637.48
Debt Reduction Funds Available: \$24,178.76 Loan Balance as of December 1: \$ 46,406.72 If you have questions concerning the budget contact any member of the Finance Committee.				
Date	Bible Study	Uplift	Traditional	Total Worship
12/04/11	203	64	188	252



Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 11

8:30 AM Uplift

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:55 AM Traditional Worship

4:00 PM Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal

5:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Personnel Committee Mtg

Tuesday, December 13

6:30 PM B.Y.W. Cookie Stomp

Wednesday, December 14

4:00 PM Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal

6:30 PM Wednesday Night SS

7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 15

5:00 PM Friends Feeding Friends

Saturday, December 17

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

2:00 PM Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 18

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:55 AM Traditional Worship

Christmas Cantata

6:00 PM Children's Christmas Musical

7:00 PM Youth Christmas Party

Monday, December 19

6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 20

6:15 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, December 21

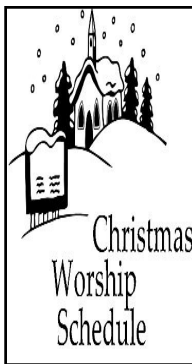
6:30 PM Church-wide Christmas Caroling

Friday, December 23

Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service



Sunday, December 18—No Uplift Service
 Sunday School—9:45 AM
 Choir Cantata—10:55 AM
 Children’s Musical—6:00 PM

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 25—No Uplift Service
 No Sunday School
 Worship Service—10:55 AM

Search Update: Minister to Youth & Children

Calvary’s personnel committee has received a number of resumes in response to our search for a new Minister to Youth & Children. We have already started the process of evaluating potential candidates, and we hope to begin conducting interviews early in the new year. Please keep our committee, our potential candidates, our youth ministry, and our church in your prayers as we ask God to lead us to the individual who will help us grow our ministry to young people.



In His Service,
 The Personnel Committee

Once again during the Christmas season, we will receive offerings for international missions and missionaries. All offerings given will go to missionaries serving on the field around the world. Offering options are Global Missions (CBF), Lottie Moon (SBC), and our own missionary family, Andy and Cari Robertson.



Special International Missions Offering envelopes will be available in each of the information centers; an envelope will also be inserted in today’s bulletin for your convenience. Begin now to pray for what the Lord will lead you to give. Our goal is \$3000.

Total Collected To Date: \$2,307.07



Connect with Calvary through “One Call Now”

Hopefully, you have received a letter explaining our church’s recent decision to provide better communication with our members through a phone, email and text messaging service called “One Call Now.” In order to help us make the most of this tool in the most cost effective way, we are asking each family at Calvary to provide us with the single, best telephone number for us to call with updates on the life of our church. Response cards that allow you to share this information were mailed with the letter, but these cards are also available in the church office. (The card also allows you to share email addresses and alternate phone numbers, and to let us know if you’d like to receive updates via text message.) If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office. Please complete a card and return it to us as soon as possible by bringing it to the office, placing it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or by mailing it. If you choose to mail the card, please affix a 29 cent stamp.

Nursery Workers	December 11	December 18
	Uplift	Uplift
Bed Babies—4 years	Rachel Harris, Jill Cawley	No Uplift Service
Children’s Church	TBA	No Uplift Children’s Church
	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies /Toddlers	Janet McPherson, Thelma Shelton	Anne Forrest, Carolyn Underwood
2 - 4 Year Olds	Julie Warren, JoAnn Surratt	Johnny & Mary Lynn Goins
Children’s Church	Ashley Mills, Stephanie Hawks	Deena and Molly Martin