

Points to



PONDER

Romans 1: 16 Amplified Version: For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) of Christ, for it is God's power working unto salvation for deliverance from eternal death to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and a firm reliance, to the Jew first and also to the Greek

I don't know about you but I am really very tired of the cold, damp, and sometimes very windy weather. The snow can go on now and let the robins and flowers come with the warmth of spring sunshine and beautiful blue skies. Yet according to the weather man we have more to contend with. But, all in all, I still praise the Lord for the opportunity to minister in His name to a lost and hurting people.

I am very proud as I have already heard of many people who are going to fill a bucket for Haiti. Once again you have shown why this church is so mission minded. I do not think I have ever seen a church so quickly and willingly give with so much open heartedness as Calvary Baptist. I am so very proud of you as a congregation as you seek to share what God has blessed us with. I know this is just one way that you show that you are not ashamed of the gospel. You want to let people know the good news that God loves them and cares for them. You are becoming the open hands and open heart of Jesus in your giving. It really does not matter to you as you have said; "If there is a need we want to try to meet it." When these buckets go to those who have suffered so much, I know that it will definitely show them how much God cares. I would like to take a special time before we ship them on a Sunday morning for a prayer that not only will this meet their physical needs but also their spiritual needs as well.

My dear friends, it is becoming clearer and clearer that this church has a passion for the Gospel. You want Christ-centered sermons and teaching, you want Christ-centered music and worship. It is indeed a moving time for our church. I even am hearing from those in leadership that something good is happening. As we continue to work on our leadership and organizational needs we must always keep this question in the forefront. Is this helping or hindering in the sharing of the Gospel? Leadership then must ask these questions, am I ashamed of the Gospel and do I understand the power of the Gospel to save and transform lives? What we are doing now is laying a critical foundation for your work in the years ahead. This is one reason that we need all of you at the group discussion meetings in the fellowship hall. If you ask, most will say they are informative, interesting and enlightening. On top of all of that they are fun at times. (Yes, you can have fun at meetings.) As you continuously seek God's face and leadership in all that we do we shall always remember that is about sharing the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It really is all about Him.

In closing let me say that I am proud of our deacons, our leadership people, and the transition team because I know everyone of them has a burning desire to see God work in and through us. I watch as so many of you quietly and efficiently go about doing ministry that touches so many lives. I watch as Sunday School classes quietly share what they have collectively to meet needs and I watch as you sometimes smile and sometimes with a tear in your eye give from the bottom of your heart and pocketbook. So let me say this as your pastor. **I KNOW WITHOUT A SHADOW OF DOUBT THAT YOU ARE NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPLE OF CHRIST.** Thank you my friends being the wonderful church you are.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor David

Prayer Concerns

The following people have been added to our prayer concern list since our last newsletter:

Harold Burnette, *Debbie Hiatt's father*; **Bob & Kay Ferris**, *requested by Marie Conzone*; **Ralph Hiatt Sr.**, *Ralph Hiatt's father*; **Maggie Lowe**; **Paul Lowe**; **Mike McCraw**; **A.J. Moses**, *extended family member of Pam Peake*

Remember the Bereaved

The family of **Louise Myers** in her death, *mother of Sylvia Chilton, the Administrative Assistant at the SBA office*

Please join us.....
for a shower honoring the upcoming marriage of



Kasey Nowlin and Corey Meadows

Sunday, February 28th

2:00—4:00 P.M.

Calvary Baptist Church



Registered at Wal-Mart and Belk

Shower given by family and friends

*The next Round Table Discussion will be held
Sunday, February 28 at 5:00 PM



Dear Church Family,

After prayerful consideration, I have decided that the time has come for me to retire. Therefore, I have submitted my letter of resignation as church pianist effective April 5, 2010. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve our Lord and this church for the past 23 years. I also thank you for your love, encouragement, and support. It has been my privilege to work with Paulette, Carolyn, this wonderful choir, and the special handbell ringers—all talented and committed to serving God with great joy through music. I will miss the fellowship we have shared. After leaving here I will be joining Boonville Baptist Church. Again I thank you for your love and friendship. May God richly bless each of you.

Eugenia Pearson



Dear Church Family,

It has been a joy and a privilege to serve as organist at Calvary for the past 19 years. As you know Eugenia and I have worked closely as a team during all these years. It is not an easy decision for me, but I feel the time is right for me to step aside and open the door for a new era in the music ministry at Calvary. Therefore, I am announcing my resignation effective April 5, 2010.

I thank the choir, Paulette, Eugenia, and Tony for making my job such a blessing and I thank the congregation for your support. I look forward to the future and what God has in store for us.

In Christ,
Carolyn Greene

Sunday School Snippet

²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

Romans 8:24-25 (New King James Version)

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (New King James Version)

"It's my money and I need it now!" All of us have probably heard that expression shouted from an open window among other places in the J. G. Wentworth commercial. If you are like me, when it comes on, my first thought is to switch to another channel. In my searching for content for this article, I ran across a web page with a slight variation of the slogan, "It's my money and I want it now."

Our church is right in the middle of a transition period and we want it done, now. Our Sunday School is involved in this as well. There was a folk song popular in the 60's titled "The Times, They Are A-Changing", which the title at least fits our church. Things are changing and we want the change to be over now. Change keeps on going and with it takes patience. I have hope that our Sunday School will grow and be strong in the work that we do. Growth and strength both take time and anything time related involves patience. When I was younger, I know that I was not a very patient person. (My wife may tell you that I still am not.) My job for the past several years has been working with computers and I feel that working with those things has helped me with patience. I have seen quite a few changes in computers and technology with the growth of what technology can do. I have observed that the faster the computer does what it is supposed to do, the more impatient we tend to become. We have evolved into an "instant" society. How did we ever get through a day without a microwave? With that being said, I will admit there are times I still need to work on my patience.

With God's help and direction, our Sunday School can and will grow. Include Sunday School in your prayers. God will renew the strength of our Sunday School. Being a part of Sunday School will renew our strength in Him as well. It will take time, but with His help and some work on our part, it can happen.

*Bob McPherson
Sunday School Director*

To the Uplift Praise Team, Staff, Personnel and Congregation,

After much time in prayer and discussion with my family, I resign my position as Minister of Music – Contemporary Service, effective March 14, 2010. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Church through the Uplift service for the past 5 years.



To Fonda, Keightley and Jonathan, I love you and thank you for your support.

I would like to especially say "Thank You" Shane Mauck, Sheryl and Ted Hulme, Warren Conzone and Ethan Goings for the chance to work with such a wonderful team. You truly are amazing and have a great heart for worship. May God richly bless you for all you do in His service.

I would also like to thank Paulette Surratt for her dedication, example, and partnership in the music ministry, and Carolyn Greene, Eugenia Pearson and Tom Douglas for the many times I was honored to join you with special music.

Thanks to the congregation of the Uplift and Traditional Services for allowing me to minister through music.

*In Christ,
Tony Dalton*

Helpful Reminders	February 21	February 28
Youth Snack Supper	Tony & Deena Martin Sam & Becky Critz	Rex & Stephanie Gregory Mike & Carol Lowe
Nursery Workers	Uplift	Uplift
Bed Babies—4 years	February 21	February 28
Children's Church	Laurence & Yvette Townsend Gerald & Angela Brown	Tony & Melissa Varney Sam & Becky Critz
	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies / Toddlers	Sharon Hardy, Stephanie Gregory	Linda Gordon, Johnny Surratt
2 & 3 Year Olds	Gray & Mary Shelton	Sherry Hiatt, Lori Hiatt
Children's Church	Kerry & Paxton Berrier	Jamie Smith