

Our new hymnals have arrived and been placed in the pews. Thanks to Helen Watson and Billie Doyle for their record-keeping and to Caroline Kirkman and Lanny and Lindy Wood for unpacking the hymnals, applying the dedication/memorial plates, and placing them in the sanctuary.



Some of our old hymnals have been placed in the chapel so there is now a full set of hymnals there for worship. If you donated one of the old hymnals in 1992 and want to keep it, please contact Paulette Surratt as soon as possible. The church will attempt to donate many of the remaining ones to another church.

Many thanks to those who have donated the new hymnals. Listed below is a partial list of donors for whom the hymnals were placed in memory or in honor. Additional lists will be published as space permits until all dedications have been acknowledged.

Hymnals in Dedication

In Honor of

Dorcas SS Class
 Sandra Douglas
 Tom and Lillie Douglas
 Billie Doyle
 Laura Douglas Duncan
 Vera Forrest
 Randy and Sylvia Gentry
 Randy Gentry
 Revis and Sylvia Gentry
 Sylvia Gentry and Daylon Greene
 Sylvia Gentry
 Gabriel George
 my daughter and her husband,
 Kathy and Rodney George
 Stephen and Julie George
 Ray and Vernell Goins
 Golden Circle SS Class
 Linda Gordon
 Our Grandchildren
 Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren
 Gene Gravley
 Carolyn Greene
 Carolyn Greene
 Carolyn Greene
 Carolyn Greene
 Daylon Greene
 Stephanie Gregory
 Christa Grymes and Family

In Memory of

My Friend, Anita Dowell
 Bobbie Dowell
 Denny Faw
 James and Dorothy Golding

 Virginia Gravley
 Louella Grimes
 Louella Grimes
 Louella Grimes
 Ray Haas
 Raymond and Lottie Hanks
 Robert and Delle Harry

By

Sylvia Gentry
 Tom and Lillie Douglas
 Johnny and Paulette Surratt
 Johnny and Paulette Surratt
 Tom and Lillie Douglas
 Ladies 3 Sunday School Class
 Johnny and Paulette Surratt
 Sylvia Gentry
 Randy Gentry
 Helen Watson
 Randy Gentry
 Randy and Sylvia Gentry
 Caroline Kirkman

 Sylvia and Randy Gentry
 Johnny and Paulette Surratt
 Johnny and Paulette Surratt
 Johnny and Paulette Surratt
 Ray and Vernell Goins
 Mary Jo White
 Johnny and Paulette Surratt
 Calvary Baptist Church Choir
 Johnny and Paulette Surratt
 Eugenia Pearson
 Helen Watson
 Johnny and Paulette Surratt
 Johnny and Paulette Surratt
 Owen and Sandra Stone

By

Chris Dotson
 Ladies 3 Sunday School Class
 Sylvia Faw
 Warren, Marie, Christina
 and Nicholas Conzone
 Gene Gravley
 Jim Grimes (33 Hymnals)
 Peggy Smith
 Donald and Loretta Vaughn
 Faye Haas
 Bob and Janet McPherson
 Guy and Mary Sparger

Prayer Concerns

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

Kennedy Boyette, infant cousin of Ashley Mills; **Linda Doby**, Mike Doby's aunt; **Lenora Frye**, **Jackson Gardner**, grandson of Tim & Donna Gardner; **Anita Goins**; **Ray Goins**; **JoAnn McMillian**, friend of Mike Doby; **Jerry Nowlin**; **Faye Seal**; **Henry Smith**, Lora Jones' nephew; **Lavon Thompson**

Remember the Bereaved

The Family of **Shirley Smith Edwards** in her death, sister of Bill Smith

The Family of **Geneva Slate** in her death, Mike McCraw's aunt

The Family of **Floyd Thornburg** in his death

The Family of **Greg Watson** in his death; son of Bobby & Bonnie Watson

Note of Thanks

Dear Calvary Church Family,

Thank you so much for the luncheon, plaques, and love offerings. It has been an honor to serve you and the Lord here at Calvary. We will always be a part of you whenever we are. Thanks again and God bless.

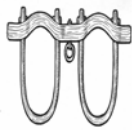
Paulette, Eugenia, and Carolyn

Total contributions received to date for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$2,871.

Operation InAsMuch Mission Projects

1. **Operation Bulldog Backpack**—please bring your non-perishable food items to the church by Sunday, April 18th. You may also make a monetary donation, make checks payable to Franklin Elementary School. This project provides a backpack of food for needy children to take home on the weekends.

2. **Food Roundup**—Our church will continue collecting paper products through Sunday, April 25th to help support the Baptist Children's Home of NC. Please bring paper towel, napkins, toilet tissue, Kleenex, foil and plastic wrap and place in the box by the nursery.



THE YOKEFELLOW MINISTRY OF GREATER MOUNT AIRY:

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR APRIL: COOKING OIL & DRIED BEANS

Collection baskets are located at church entrances for your donation of any non-perishable items.

THE SHEPHERD'S HOUSE

URGENT NEEDS: Coffee, Dishwashing Liquid, and Sugar
Please drop off your items at 227 Rockford Street, Mount Airy



Helpful Reminders	April 18	April 25
Youth Snack Supper	Jamie Smith Tonya Ratcliff & Marty Davenport	Jon & Jill Cawley Becky Montgomery
Nursery Workers	Uplift	Uplift
	April 18	April 25
Bed Babies—4 years	Laurence & Yvette Townsend	Tony & Melissa Varney
Children's Church	Katie Clifton, Lyndsey & Megan Berrier	Laurence & Yvette Townsend
	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies /	Sandy Nowlin, Denise Stone	Danielle Sechrist, Rachel Hull
2 & 3 Year Olds	Lee & Judy Mills	Debbie Howlett, Juanita Nichols
Children's Church	Kerry & Paxton Berrier	Jack & Dawn Stanley



¹²But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

1 Corinthians 15:12-17 (New International Version)

At various times in our lives, we have all looked back at something that happened or almost happened and asked the question "What if.....?" I have wondered "What if I had not moved to Surry County at the beginning of my senior year in high school?" Just speculating, that would have meant I would not have driven a school bus at North Surry and most likely would not have met Janet, my wife, I would probably not be an instructor at Surry Community College, I possibly would not be a part of Calvary Baptist Church, and the list could go on. I can see what maybe would not have happened, but cannot know what would have happened. Teachers of history sometimes relate to how history would have been changed if a decisive battle went a different way or some other event did not take place, at least the way that it did occur.

Paul writes in his letter to Corinth a what if. He is writing to and about some of the people that are denying the resurrection. Paul is better at this than I am, in that he is not speculating, he knows what the result is if Christ is not risen. Basically he is saying if the resurrection did not happen, everything else is a waste of time. But our faith tells us the resurrection did happen. Take it one step further, what if there were no Sunday School? If that were the case, it would certainly not be as severe as no resurrection. But there is a Sunday School and we can use it to strengthen our faith in Christ as well as testifying to others what God is doing for us. Paul tells his readers that if Christ was not raised, ".....our preaching is useless and so is your faith." Through Sunday School, the Word becomes strong, as well as our faith. Through faith, the speculation goes away because we know what is going to happen. What if our faith was as strong as Paul's.....? In regards to Sunday School, what if we had 350 people in Sunday on one Sunday? Our Sunday School attendance has been down recently, with a glimmer of hope on Easter Sunday with 260. There are three more Sundays until our Anniversary Sunday on May 2nd. Let's work to get a high number in Sunday School that Sunday and each of us will see the an answer to a what if. Paul would have looked favorably on Sunday School, it is not a waste of time.

*Bob McPherson
Sunday School Director*

F r o m Y o u r T r a n s i t i o n T e a m

As we near the end of the Leadership phase of our transition process, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to each one of you for your prayers, your support, and for your individual efforts over the past several months. The Leadership phase is the most time consuming and I believe the most important phase of the entire process. We are taking a hard look at church organization, professional staff needs, development of lay leadership, and we are comparing committees to team ministries. You will soon have the opportunity and I believe the responsibility to weigh in on all of this research to determine how we as Calvary Baptists intend to move into the future.

I believe that our studies will provide a clear picture of who we are and what we are about for our next Pastor. Our studies will also provide our Pastor Search Committee a profile of the kind of Pastor that we as a church are looking for. I am pleased to inform you that initial steps are underway to begin that search. The Deacons will soon be meeting to carry out their Constitutional responsibility of nominating persons to serve on a Pastor Search Committee. Those names will be brought before the church for your consideration and approval in the near future. Following election and training, the Search Team should be able to begin their work in late June or July. Please pray for our Deacons as they make these nominations. I also ask that you pray for those who will be nominated. It could be you.

The transition process has been a challenge for all of us. We have tackled some tough and sometimes sensitive issues. We have tried to do this with open minds and respect for one another. I believe each of us has a desire to work together for God's glory. As long as we keep that in the forefront of our minds, we're going to be just fine.