

John 4: 35

“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already unto harvest.”



I am looking out my window and see the beautiful sunshine of the day and enjoying a time of reflection over the last week. Our Vacation Bible School was a huge success and many lives were touched in so many different ways. Our leaders and workers were working like a well oiled machine. I personally want to thank all that worked so tirelessly and with such joy in serving our children through this tremendous ministry. This year we also have the opportunity to reach out to some new families due to the Vacation Bible School prospect list of families who do not attend church. So overall we can give this year's VBS a big solid five stars. Thank you again Calvary Baptist Church for all the work and support for the Lord.

I also thought our Patriotic Service was a very memorable and touching service. I hope you all enjoyed the music as much as I did. We are blessed to have dedicated ministers of music that put such thought and planning into each service. I was deeply touched as I saw the men and women who served come forward and to each one of you I say thank you for your sacrifice that we might enjoy the freedoms that we have today. Words will never be enough to convey my gratitude.

I would like you to reflect with me on the above scripture and realize that it was our Lord Jesus who was speaking to the disciples. There are some key words we need to notice in this particular scripture. Jesus recognized and knew clearly the mission God the Father had sent Him to do. In this scripture he tells the disciples to get their focus off of the wrong thing and get their focus on the right thing. Don't wait and say there is time left but know that the time is NOW to reap the harvest. Get your focus on the job at hand. Don't you see the harvest is ready to gather into the barn? Lift up your eyes off the selfish things and see the things God wants you to see: the souls of men and women, boys and girls are ready to be harvested for the Lord.

After thirty years of serving the Lord through local congregations of mostly wonderful people, I will have to say there is one thing that I have discovered. Churches are very easy to get their focus on the wrong thing. They focus on what they don't have instead of what they do have. They focus on negatives instead of positives. They look more to find something wrong instead of something right. They focus more on taking care of themselves instead of seeing a field ripe for harvest.

When I watched all the people working together for VBS I saw people who were focused on the right thing. I saw people reaching out to people of all ages and ministering to them in many different ways and in turn was blessed themselves. I was especially proud of our young college age and teen workers who were fantastic working with kids. I asked if they were having fun and all said yes. We are so blessed by God with all that he has given us here at Calvary Baptist Church. We have great people of all ages. We have a great physical plant and we have the financial resources to do what ever God is calling us to do. So my dear friends, let us look up toward God, let us look out on the fields of harvest, and let us look in and make sure we are focused on what God wants us to focus on which is redemptive work to reach people. May Christ's presence, power and love be with you and in you as you answer the call to work in the fields of harvest.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor David

Recent Contributions

In Memory of Gloria Chappell

Mike and Renee Francis

Steve and Tina Gause

Janice Newman

In Memory of Naomi Hodge Newman

Bill and Peggy Smith

In Honor of Howard and Thelma Shelton

Myrtle Wagoner

Prayer Concerns

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

James Belton; **Eva Dockery**, *mother of co-worker of Robin Horton*; **Donna Jarrell**, *friend and co-worker of Gloria Best*; **Clancy Lyons**, *Margaret Layman's brother*; **Evelyn Nowlin**; **Rachel Phillips**; **Annie Stevens**, *Lori Hiatt's grandmother*; **Don Thompson**

Remember the Bereaved

The Family of Gloria Chappell in her death, *Ernestine Chappell's daughter-in-law*

Announcements

- ◆ It is time to get our church softball league together. If you are interested in being a part of our league call Shane Gammons at 336-429-1490. Leave a message and he will return your call.
- ◆ The Budget and Finance Committee have prepared request letters for next year's budget. If any group or committee has not received a letter and would like a line item included in next year's budget, please contact Bob Peake.
- ◆ Youth Mission Trip—July 6—11. The mission team will meet Sunday, July 5, after HangTime to pack the trailer. The team will leave the church at 9:00 AM Monday, July 6. If you would like to help send them on their way, please join them in the church parking lot Monday morning.
- ◆ Crosspoint Sports Camp is fast approaching, July 20—24 at Anderson, South Carolina. Parents, please make sure you have all the required paperwork completed and turned in to Marie Conzone. Also make sure all fees are paid prior to departure date. Thank you.
- ◆ Transition Team Training Retreat is scheduled for July 24 and 25. Please pray for this team of people as they prepare themselves to receive the training they will need for the consequent work. This group of people will lead our church in discovering God's will of purpose, mission, vision and organizational needs that makes up the identity of our church and prepares us for spiritual renewal and new leadership into the future.
- ◆ The GA's are sponsoring a **Mother-Daughter Banquet** Wednesday, July 8, and want you to come and have fun with us. You do not need to be enrolled in GA's to come. Just be the right age...**rising 1st graders to 6th graders**. Bring your daughter, granddaughter, or great-granddaughter...or all 3 generations! The theme is "**Order My Steps**" and will include a shoe fashion show. There will be entertainment, door prizes, and games. Tickets will be \$2.00 each and no more than \$6.00 per family. See Sylvia Gentry, Donna Keck, Beth Southern, Jennifer Greene, or Kimberly Berrier for tickets. Sign up on the Bulletin Board and someone will find you.



Jackson Robert Gardner was born June 30th, 2009 at 5:50 AM, weighing 8lbs and 4oz. He is the son of Robbie and Jennifer Nations Gardner. His grandparents are Tim and Donna Gardner. He is the nephew of Kevin and Nichole Gardner Watson and cousin to Kolby and Josie Watson.

On behalf of the church membership, the Personnel Committee says a big Thank You to Paulette Surratt, our Minister of Music, in recognition of her 10 year anniversary. Paulette does a fantastic job with the music ministry, adding an inspiration to the worship experience. Take the time to congratulate her as well and especially on this milestone of 10 years.



Sunday
School
Snippet

This past Sunday we celebrated our freedom of worship in a patriotic service. It was a meaningful time in which we honored our veterans, both past and present and the sacrifices they have given. It has been said many times, "Along with freedom comes responsibility." We all have responsibilities, some harder to fulfill than others. As part of our freedoms, our church offers a means for people to worship, teach, learn, and grow in our responsibilities, not only to our church, but of much more importance, our responsibilities to God. Our Sunday School is one such means in which anyone can be a part and allow us to easily carry out some of those responsibilities. Be an active participant, if not already. The rewards of these responsible freedoms will be everlasting.

Bob McPherson
Sunday School Director

Notes of Thanks

Thank you so much for your many acts of kindness during the sickness and death of our loved one. You truly are a caring church family. May God bless you all.

The Naomi Newman Family

Your kind expression of sympathy has helped me cope with my tremendous grief over the loss of my sweet beautiful Louella, the "love of my life."

Jim Grimes

From the Media Center—In order to make room for new materials and keep up with changing technology, we will no longer accept donations of VHS kids movies. We do, however, have space for children's DVDs.

New to the Media Center—*Fireproof* DVD; *Dewey—the Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World*, *Take One* by Karen Kingsbury, *This Side of Heaven* by Karen Kingsbury, *The Face* by Angela Hunt, *The Love Dare* by Stephen Kendrick, *Marley and Me* by John Grogan, *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch.



Helpful Reminders	July 5	July 12
Youth Snack Supper	TBA	TBA
Uplift Breakfast	Gerald & Angela Brown	Jim & Lilnette Phillips
Nursery Workers	Uplift	Uplift
	July 5	July 12
Bed Babies—4 years	Bob & Pam Peake	Emily Mauck, Andrea Phillips
Children's Church	Gerald & Angela Brown	Laurence & Yvette Townsend
	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies / Toddlers	Benny & Pam Lisk	Tony & Deena Martin
2 & 3 Year Olds	Evelyn Nowlin & Wilma	Randy & Karen Beasley
Children's Church	Gloria Best & Erika Martin	Stephanie Gregory, Margaret Layman