

Membership News



The following people have transferred their membership:

Marshall & Theresa Heidt	First Baptist of Mount Airy
Sherrie Randall Higgins	First Baptist of Stanleyville
Joseph Miller	Providence Baptist Church in Raleigh
Eric Southern	Haymore Memorial Baptist Church
Randy Surratt	First Presbyterian Church of Mount Airy

As most of you know our beloved pastor has been hospitalized this week. So in place of his "Points to Ponder" we offer this devotional from the **Upper Room Online Daily Devotional**.

They Also Serve

Read Exodus 4:10—16

Moses said to the Lord, O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.

-Exodus 4:10 (NIV)

GOD would not allow Moses to use a handicap as an excuse to back away from what God asked him to do. After Moses reluctantly agreed, he found that with God's guidance, he was able to lead the people out of bondage.

Through the ages, God has strengthened and worked through those with impairments. Their accomplishments have been a witness to what is possible when we realize that God is with us. John Milton, the British poet who wrote Paradise Lost, was blind. Speaker and writer Helen Keller was both deaf and blind. Both are awesome examples of the power of God. When we have an emptiness, God fills it.

When I become despondent because of the physical impairments of my advancing years, I remember the nation that grew from Abraham and Sarah, who seemed too old to have a child. If I give myself to my church and community, God will still work through me. In whatever I do, I can serve as a witness that God will use my gifts and talents, despite the limitations that come with aging.

Raymond Bottom (Mississippi)

Prayer

O Lord, help us to see our opportunities to help others. Amen.

Thought for the Day

At every stage of our lives, God can use our talents to serve others.

Prayer Focus

Those adjusting to physical impairments

Helpful Reminders	July 19	July 26	August 2
Youth Snack Supper	Ted & Sheryl Hulme Kent & Karen Moser	Randy & Karen Beasley Tony & Deena Martin	Frank & Kristi Clawson Bodey & Vicki Fields
Uplift Breakfast	Warren & Marie Conzone	Laurence & Yvette Townsend	Mike & Cheryl Barkman
Nursery Workers	Uplift	Uplift	Uplift
	July 19	July 26	August 2
Bed Babies—4 years	Laurence & Yvette Townsend	Shane & Gina Gammons	Tony & Melissa Varney
Children's Church	TBA	Randy & Karen Beasley	Mike & Lauren Barkman
	Traditional	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies / Toddlers	Julie Warren, Vicki Fields	Denise Stone, Sandi Nowlin	Brent & Anita Hull
2 & 3 Year Olds	Mary Lynn Goins, Sherry Hiatt	Ruth Davis, Sandra Dunbar	Kent Moser, Dawn Stanley
Children's Church	Denise Cain, Ann Forrest	Sherry Hiatt, Lori Hiatt	Debbie Howlett, Libby Marion

Recent Contributions

In Honor of Golie & Betty Southern

Roger & Donna Keck

Gray & Mary Jane Shelton

Guy & Mary Sparger

Helen Watson

Mary Jo White

In Memory of Mary Edith Snow Baer

Golden Circle SS Class

In Memory of David Simmons

Farah S. Davis

Roger & Donna Keck

Guy & Mary Sparger

Helen Watson

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for your donation to the Joan and Howard Woltz Hospice Home in memory of Elmer Dunbar.
The Dunbar Family

Prayer Concerns

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

Mary Farmer, *Leslie Mill's grandmother's sister*; **Charles Fleming**, *Leslie Mills grandfather*; **Ray Goins**; **Don Jones**, *father of co-worker of Sherry Hiatt*; **Tracy Maynard**, *father of friend of Billie Doyle*; **Bill Nowlin**; **Evelyn Nowlin**; **Lois Phillips**; **Barbara Pike**; **Annie Stevens**, *Lori Hiatt's grandmother*; **Don Thompson**; **Tony Varney**

Remember the Bereaved

The Family of Mary Edith Snow Baer in her death

The Family of Joe Conzone in his death, *Warren's father*

The Family of David Simmons in his death

Announcements

- ◆ Departure for Crosspoint Sports Camp is Monday morning, July 20. Return is Friday, July 24. Parents, please make sure you have all the required paperwork completed and turned in to Marie Conzone. Also make sure all fees are paid today. Thank you.
- ◆ There will be a joint meeting of the Personnel Committee and Youth Council on Monday, July 20, at 6:00.
- ◆ 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 Surry Baptist Association will hold its quarterly meeting on July 27, 2009, at Victory Baptist Church at 7:00 pm. While any member of the church is invited to attend, the following members of Calvary have been elected as messengers: J.A. Bryant, Fonda Dalton, Mike Francis, Daylon Greene, Donna Keck, Danny Southern, Johnny Surratt, and Paulette Surratt.
- ◆ Women in Mission are sponsoring "Undie Sunday" on August 2nd and August 9th. We are collecting new underwear for foster children in Surry County. Bring new underwear (any size-babies through older teens, both male and female) and place in the food collection boxes located in the hallways. The garments will be turned in to the President of Surry County Foster Children for distribution to children who may come into the program overnight without a change of clothes. Women in Mission thanks everyone who participates in this project.
- ◆ Christian Growth Committee Meeting, August 3, 6:30 PM
- ◆ The Feel Gooder Concert—presented at Calvary Baptist Church—a chance to feel good about feeling better, Friday, August 7, doors open at 6:30 PM. Admission is free.

Sunday School Snippet

"What does Sunday School mean to me?" Some may see this as one of those rhetorical questions which cause us to think back on our individual histories with Sunday School. Being the son of a minister, I grew up in Sunday School in different communities. Regardless of how long we have been involved in Sunday School, the question should not be a difficult one to answer. I look at Sunday School as a part of my personal worship experience and I also see it as teaching me as well as refreshing my relationship with God. Since I am not able to attend a class on Sunday morning, I look forward to the Wednesday night Sunday School class to fulfill this. I know that different people will answer the question in different ways and I invite you to share these. If you would like to answer the question "What does Sunday School mean to me?" write it out and send it to me through the Sunday School office or by email at bob@calvarybcmtairy.org. I would like to use these in our Sunday School newsletter articles. If requested, I will include your comments anonymously. Sharing what Sunday School means to you can be an inspiration and ministry to others.

Bob McPherson
Sunday School Director



Notes from the Music Ministry

Please remember that the new Baptist Hymnals can be purchased in memory or in honor of someone for \$14.75. We need about 300 to fill the sanctuary and we have about half that many so far. Fill out a special envelope located in the information centers in the education building or use a pink offering envelope. Be sure to indicate to whom the hymnal is to be dedicated. Hopefully, we will have all the hymnals in place by the new church year.

Paulette

Notes on Worship...

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Psalm 96:1

This past Sunday morning, as I was walking in the early morning sun from my car to the Church, I heard the beautiful sound of birds singing. Approaching the Sanctuary, I noticed several gathered near the steeple forming what looked like a "Bird" choir. (They just needed some "Bird-Robes!".... I wonder how those are made?)

Anyway, the thought occurred to me, how pleased our Heavenly Father must be when He hears His creation sing a song of love and adoration to Him. Take a moment to consider how WE worship. Now, I'm not talking about *style* as it relates to music, I'm speaking of a *lifestyle* of worship, man to God. Is it heartfelt and expressive, or subdued and silent? I think we all could learn a valuable lesson from those birds! Our worship should be more than just a melody we sing. Our lives are an anthem God himself has orchestrated. So...how will we play it?

Remember, Worship is not a have to, it's a GET TO!

So, sing like a bird! God is listening!

In Christ,
Tony



Congratulations to Tasha Hardy Crofts and Jackie Crofts on the birth of their daughter Kylee Nicole Crofts on July 2, 2009 at 1:50 pm in Richmond, Virginia. Kylee weighed 6 lbs. 5 ounces. Congratulations also to grandparents, Rex and Sharon Hardy and great-grandparents, Bill and Peggy Smith.