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HungerEnds Backpacks

Weekend Food Program at Franklin Elementary

Calvary's September Emphasis:

Pop-Top Pasta Cans

(Chef Boyardee or Campbell's Type)

Because of economic hardship, there are children in our immediate community whose most nutritional meals come when they are at school. This means, however, that weekends can be times when they are unable to eat properly. Franklin Elementary School's "HungerEnds" Backpack Food Program addresses this need by sending children home on Friday afternoon with a backpack filled with nourishing foods. On Monday, the backpacks are returned and filled again for the next weekend.

Calvary Baptist has decided to support this valuable ministry. As this new school year has begun, the school has enrolled 44 children in the program, representing 26 area families. This marks a dramatic, 40% increase in the number of children served compared to last year.

Won't you help by donating items for these children? This month's emphasis is "pop-top pasta cans" (like those made by Chef Boyardee and Campbell's). A donation box will be available at the church. For more information, please contact Kent Moser.

Thank you for your continued support!

*For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink:
I was a stranger, and ye took me in. Matthew 25:35*

On Sunday, September 11th, Calvary Baptist will hold a special "Service of Remembrance" to reflect upon the 10 year anniversary of the 9-11 attacks, to seek God's guidance, and to celebrate His continuing Lordship over our nation and our world. We have invited area "first responders" to be our special guests for this time of worship, and we hope that you'll join us, too. Because of the unique focus of this day, our deacons have agreed that we will follow our "Combined Service" worship schedule. This means that Sunday School will begin at 9:30 AM and worship will begin at 10:30 AM. We encourage you to invite others to join us.



September 11, 2011

11:00 AM-3:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Deacons of the Week:

September 4 Mary Jo White (786-4852)

September 11 Brent Hull (786-7992)

Deacon Good Shepherds:

September 4 Ron Stephenson (789-5297) Sam Critz (789-8153)

September 11 Earl Varney (789-2249) Debbie Howlett (789-9696)

First Care Teams:

September 4 Charlie & Betty Wagoner (786-6055)

September 11 Guy & Mary Sparger (786-6906)

Church Statistics

Budget Year	Budget to Date	Receipts to date	Expenditures to date	Receipts minus Expenditures
08/28/2011				
General	\$405,936.00	\$375,419.78	\$338,004.23	\$37,415.55
Debt Retirement	\$15,181.00	\$15,536.61	\$6,079.47	\$9,457.14
Transportation	\$11,760.00	\$3,932.94	\$2,268.86	\$1,664.08
Debt Reduction Funds Available		\$18,728.76		
Loan Balance as of 8/09/2011		\$48,734.23		
WEEKLY RECEIPTS		08/21	08/28	
Operating Income		\$7,267.03	\$6,879.92	
Debt Retirement		\$84.00	\$130.00	
Transportation		\$19.00	\$14.00	
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE				
SS Enrollment		517	517	
JOY Home Bound Ministry		20	20	
Bible Study		209	200	
Uplift Worship		90	77	
10:55 AM Worship		193	190	
Total Worship		283	267	



Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 4

- 8:30 AM Uplift
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:55 AM Traditional Worship
- 5:00 PM Women's Bible Study
- 5:30 PM No Youth Hangtime

Monday, September 5

Labor Day—Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

- 6:00 PM Prayer Cottage @ Morrisons
- 6:30 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, September 7

- 12:00 PM J.O.Y. Luncheon
- 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal
- 6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Children & Youth Activities
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Night SS
- 6:30 PM Unpacking our Mission
- 6:30 PM Outlive Your Life
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 8

- 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday, September 9

- 7:00 PM Prayer Cottage @ Marions

Sunday, September 11

- Remembrance Service*
- Deacon Elections*

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Combined Worship
- 11:00 AM Blood Drive

- 4:00 PM Church Council Meeting

- 5:00 PM Women's Bible Study

- 5:30 PM Youth Hangtime

Tuesday, September 13

Church Directory Photo Day

- 6:30 PM B.Y.W.

- 6:30 PM Prayer Cottage @ Calvary

Wednesday, September 14

Church Directory Photo Day

- 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal
- 6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Children & Youth Activities
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Night SS
- 6:30 PM Unpacking our Mission
- 6:30 PM Outlive Your Life
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 15

- 5:00 PM Friends Feeding Friends
- 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

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ministry.*

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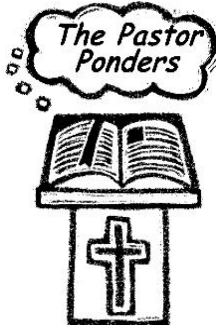
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SCHEDULE of VOLUNTEERS

Helpful Reminders	September 4	September 11
Youth Snack Supper	No Youth Hangtime	Kelly Smith, Cathy Stevens
Nursery Workers	Uplift	Uplift
	September 4	September 11
Bed Babies—4 years	TBA	Tony & Melissa Varney
Children's Church	Marie Conzone	TBA
	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies /Toddlers	Brent & Anita Hull	Janet McPherson, Thelma Shelton
2 - 4 Year Olds	Julie Warren, JoAnn Surratt	Johnny & Mary Lynn Goins
Children's Church	Mary Jane Shelton	TBA

The Pastor Ponders: The Youth in All of Us



Some of you may not know this, but I've been "pinch-hitting" as the Calvary Baptist youth minister recently. Of course, I don't want to make that sound like a bigger deal than it is. Mostly, I've just been leading some Bible study with our young people and working with our adult volunteers to coordinate some youth activities, and—in all honesty—if it weren't for the dedication and the passion that those volunteers bring to the effort, I wouldn't be able to manage even that. But still, it has been an important part of my overall ministry during these early days at Calvary... and so I wanted you to know about it.

On the one hand, I'm incredibly grateful for this time that I'm getting to spend with our middle school and high school students. It helps me get to know them and their families; and hopefully, it lets them know that they are just as 'worthy' of the pastor's attention—and just as important to our church's health and growth—as anybody else is. On the other hand, having the chance to be with our youth in this way makes me aware of how far I fall short of what they need. Not only do these 'young-adults-in-the-making' have special needs and concerns that could be better addressed by someone with the training and the passions to do so. They also need someone who has the time to be with them, to pay close attention to them, and to invest in them in a way that I can't manage amid the other duties that I deal with as pastor.

That's why I'm thrilled that our church is "*fixin' to get ready*" to begin a search for a new youth minister. As I think you'll see when our finance committee presents next year's budget proposal, the recommendation is being made that we include money for a youth minister salary. By the time you read this article, our youth council and personnel committee will have met to develop an "initial profile" for the youth minister we'll seek. And very soon, you'll be invited to participate in a Q&A session in which you'll have a chance to tweak that profile before any youth minister search begins.

I share all this with you partly to keep you in the loop...and partly to ask you to pray for the process as it unfolds. But even more, I share this with you in order to remind you that this is our process. You may or may not have a child who *was, is or will be* a participant in Calvary's youth ministry; but these are still our young people. They are "the youth in all of us." And since they are an integral part of this Body of Christ, we should care deeply about how they *come to faith...how they grow in faith...and how they express their faith* in ways that expand God's kingdom.

Of course, "caring deeply" for our youth involves more than just making sure they have a youth minister (as important as that is). Perhaps even more, it involves connecting with them in ways that help them understand their value in the eyes of God. It means getting to know them and praying for them and encouraging them. After all, there may be few gifts you'll ever give that have as much eternal value as taking the time to help a young person experience God's love. I know, because I was the recipient of just such a gift.

I know from my own experience and from the testimony of many others how wonderfully God worked to bring me and Calvary Baptist together so that I could serve this church family as pastor. Won't you join me in praying that God will work again to lead us toward the individual who can join our church family and nurture the youth in all of us?

Alex L. Martin

Prayer Concerns



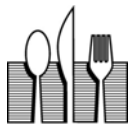
The following people have been added to our prayer concern list since our last newsletter:

Mike Doby; Evelyn O'Neal, Norris & Faye Jarrell's neighbor; Catha Stroupe

Deacon Election Sunday, September 11

The following Deacons were nominated and have agreed to serve if elected a three year term beginning October 1, 2011.

Benny Lisk Kent Moser Bob McPherson David Stone Johnny Surratt



The annual Deacon/Pastor/Staff and spouse banquet is scheduled for Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 pm. The banquet will be held in the church fellowship hall and catered by Soppers. The menu consists of beef tips, chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, baked macaroni and cheese, rolls, and two desserts. The cost will be \$10.00 per person payable in advance or at the door. Please contact Gray Shelton as soon as possible but no later than Friday, September 23. You may contact Gray at 789-5821 or grayandmary@embarqmail.com.

BYW is collecting school supplies to give to the local schools in our community to help those who are struggling and in need. Loose leaf notebook paper, composition books, pens, pencils, crayons, large and small book bags (new or slightly used), erasers etc..... they can drop them off in a box outside the nursery. We will be collecting these items through the month of September. Any questions can be referred to Hope Lineberry or any member of BYW.



The 2011 NC Baptist Wake Forest Football Church Day will be held on Saturday, November 19. The kick off time is TBA (normally Noon or 3:30 PM). The event has always been a great opportunity for members of Calvary to spend time together. This year, we'll order tickets earlier to ensure better seating. Each ticket is \$25 and includes a speaker, meal voucher, and ticket to the game. Our church bus will provide transportation to this event. This year's speaker will be **Perry Tuttle**. Perry is a former Clemson football standout who played in the NFL for many years. He is known for his inspirational speaking and his work in sports ministries. Anyone interested can contact the church office or call Danny Lineberry (336) 745-1320. **Tickets must be reserved and paid for by September 11th.**



What does God desire *for* us and *from* us as the church family at Calvary Baptist? This fall, you are invited to help us answer that question by participating in one of several "Prayer Cottages" that will take place in September, October and November. A Prayer Cottage brings together brothers and sisters in Christ—often in a home—to deepen relationships with each other and with God by seeking God's will about a specific need or issue. Meeting just once a month, these gatherings help us to listen to God's voice as we discern together the directions in which He is leading us.

Below is a list of Prayer Cottage leaders, along with the date and time of their first meeting. You can sign up by contacting one of these leaders directly, or by using the sign-up sheets that will be available in the sanctuary lobby.

- ***Tommy & Kim Morrison.** Meeting on Tuesday, September 6th at 6 PM.
Place - 513 Ridgeway Drive. For more info call (336) 789-0842.
- ***Wade & Libby Marion.** Meeting on Friday, September 9th at 7 PM.
Place - 218 Cross Creek Drive. For more info call (336) 789-9388.
- ***Gray Shelton.** Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 AM.
Place - Calvary Baptist Church. For more info call (336) 789-5821.
- ***Carol Lowe.** Meeting on Thursday, September 22nd at 6:45 PM.
Place - 293 Beamer Road. For more info call (336) 786-5821.
- ***David Stone.** Meeting on Monday, September 26th at Noon.
Place - 468 Pine Creek Trail. For more info call (336) 789-1177.
- ***Debbie Howlett and Jan Varney.** Meeting at 264 Holly Hill Drive.
Time to be Announced. For more info call (336) 789-9696.

A
Note from the
Minister of
Music

Dear church family,

Wednesday night activities are now underway, and we are getting up to speed with our handbell and adult choir rehearsals. We would love to see some new faces behind the handbell tables and in the choir loft, and there is no better time to join either group than now! Handbells meet at 6:15pm, right after the Wednesday night dinner, in the Bell Room (Rm. 218), and the choir meets in the sanctuary at 7:15pm.

Speaking of choir, we are about to get underway with preparations for our Christmas musical, *Tapestry of Light*, by Joseph Martin. A choir retreat will be scheduled shortly in the next month or so; stay tuned to our next few newsletters for more details. Also, the Christmas program committee will be meeting soon to begin planning for our children's Christmas program, so be on the lookout for more on that as well.

I really, really enjoyed the food, fellowship, and old-fashioned hymns that we sang together during our first Praise Service on Aug. 24. But as great as it was, I thought that it would be even better to see even more of our congregation come together for more events like these; what do you all think? Let me or one of our Christian Growth committee members (chaired by Kim Morrison) know. After all, there's nothing like praising God together through music that binds a church family together!

Finally, there are plans being made to organize and recruit new volunteers for our sound ministry team. We have been extremely blessed to have the talents and passion that our current sound ministry members have for their task during our two Sunday morning services; however, they have been stretched a bit thin by having to put a lot of hours every single week in order to help make our services the best that they can be. We need more volunteers to ease some of the pressure that's been on them (though goodness knows, they've been so willing to do the work as long as they have!), and the only things that are required are an enthusiastic spirit and an interest in learning how to operate the technology. If you are able and willing to help, please contact me or one of the sound ministry team members (Phil Hiatt, Danny Lineberry, or Sam Critz) – we'd love to have you on board!

No matter what's thrown at us – hurricanes, earthquakes, or even a bad week – we have the comfort of knowing that the Lord will always be by our side, supporting us every step of the way. I pray that we, the church, continue to seek Him in everything that we do in the days ahead.

Peace in Christ,
Stephen Farrar

Hymn of the Month

Isaac Watts, commonly known as the father of English hymnody, wrote the hymn "*Jesus Shall Reign*," in 1719, and it is known as the earliest hymn that has an overt missionary theme. The hymn, which is a paraphrase of Psalm 72, has been used by many missionaries throughout the centuries in their efforts to spread Christ's love to other nations, giving rise to a popular story that an entire tribe in the South Seas sang this hymn when their king converted their nation's constitution into one based on Christian principles. As we sing this hymn during our worship services this month, I pray that our voices and hearts will join those that are mentioned in the hymn's final stanza:

*People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.*

Remember your Directory Photography Appointment on
Tuesday, September 13 & Wednesday, September 14.

