



## HERALD

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### FAMILY LIFE MARRIAGE CONFERENCE COMING TO GREENSBORO!

October 28, 29 & 30, 2011

Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel



Life has a way of overwhelming a marriage. Jobs, kids, activities, errands. Before you know it, checking your email is more important than carving out a date night. Family Life's Weekend to Remember marriage getaway is a chance to make a change. It's a time to re-discover each other. Step away from the daily life; you'll find a warm, engaging environment that's all about making progress in your marriage!

Calvary is putting together a "group" to attend. Contact Bob or Pam Peake ([REPeake@surry.net](mailto:REPeake@surry.net) or 320-3222) if you are interested. If you are you will leave the weekend with encouragement, hope and practical tools to build and grow your relationship.



### BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, September 18 @ 5:00pm

The Pastor's Covenant will be presented for vote. All members are encouraged to attend and vote on matters important to the life of our church.



All five Deacon nominees were elected by the church in last Sunday's election. Please pray and offer your support to them as they begin their service. The new deacons for 2011-2014 are: Benny Lisk, Bob McPherson, Kent Moser, David Stone, and Johnny Surratt.

The J.O.Y. group is planning a luncheon trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre on Tuesday, November 29, to see their "Holiday Spectacular." Tickets will be \$30 for Calvary and J.O.Y. members and \$40 for others. All ticket money is to be given to FrancesMcBride. This includes lunch, tip and show. You may call Frances at 368-5648 to reserve your ticket.



#### Deacons of the Week:

September 18 Gray Shelton (789-5821)

September 25 Lee Mills (789-3314)

October 2 Mary Jane Shelton (789-5821)

#### Deacon Good Shepherds:

September 18 Jim Byrd (789-1763) Randy Gentry (710-3066)

September 25 Sherry Hiatt (320-2622) Norris Hodge (786-7594)

October 2 Danny Lineberry (320-3018) Wade Marion (789-9388)

#### First Care Teams:

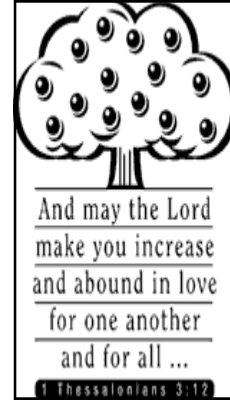
September 18 Daylon & Carolyn Greene (786-1426)

September 25 Phil & Sherry Hiatt (320-2622)

October 2 Donna Keck (786-8507) Earl Varney (789-2249)

# Church Statistics

Budget Year 09/11/2011	Budget to Date	Receipts to date	Expenditures to date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$422,850.00	\$393,065.13	\$345,161.46	\$47,903.67
Debt Retirement	\$16,150.00	\$16,456.61	\$6,079.47	\$10,377.14
Transportation	\$12,250.00	\$4,110.94	\$2,268.86	\$1,842.08
Debt Reduction Funds Available		\$19,732.76		
Loan Balance as of 8/09/2011		\$48,734.23		
<b>WEEKLY RECEIPTS</b>		09/04	09/11	
Operating Income		\$10,869.75	\$6,775.60	
Debt Retirement		\$836.00	\$84.00	
Transportation		\$114.00	\$64.00	
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>				
SS Enrollment		517	517	
<b>JOY</b> Home Bound Ministry		20	20	
Bible Study		175	201	
<b>Uplift</b> Worship		67	314	
10:55 AM Worship		154	314	
Total Worship		221	314	



## Calendar of Events

<u>Sunday, September 18</u>	<u>Sunday, September 25</u>	<u>Sunday, October 2</u>
8:30 AM Uplift	8:30 AM Uplift	8:30 AM Uplift
9:45 AM Sunday School	9:45 AM Sunday School	9:45 AM Sunday School
10:55 AM Traditional Worship	10:55 AM Traditional Worship	10:55 AM Traditional Worship
5:00 PM Business Meeting	5:00 PM Women's Bible Study	5:00 PM Women's Bible Study
5:00 PM Women's Bible Study	5:30 PM Youth Hangtime	5:30 PM Youth Hangtime
5:30 PM Youth Hangtime	<u>Monday, September 26</u>	<u>Tuesday, October 4</u>
<u>Monday, September 19</u>	12:00 PM Prayer Cottage @ Stone's	6:15 PM Grief Share
6:00 PM Finance Meeting	<u>Tuesday, September 27</u>	<u>Wednesday, October 5</u>
<u>Tuesday, September 20</u>	10:30 AM Women In Mission	12:00 PM J.O.Y. Luncheon
6:15 PM Grief Share	Medical Ministry	5:30 PM Fellowship Meal
<u>Wednesday, September 21</u>	<u>Wednesday, September 28</u>	6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal
5:45 PM Fellowship Meal	5:30 PM Fellowship Meal	6:30 PM Family Praise Night
6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal	6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal	7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Children & Youth Activities	6:30 PM Children & Youth Activities	<u>Thursday, October 6</u>
6:30 PM Wednesday Night SS	6:30 PM Wednesday Night SS	6:30 PM Deacons Banquet
6:30 PM Unpacking our Mission	6:30 PM Unpacking our Mission	7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
6:30 PM Outlive Your Life	6:30 PM Outlive Your Life	
7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	
<u>Thursday, September 22</u>	<u>Thursday, September 29</u>	
6:45 PM Prayer Cottage @ The Lowe's	7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	
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worship, discipleship, missions and  
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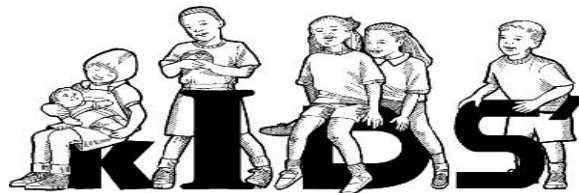
Ministers ..... Our Church Family  
Pastor ..... Rev. Alex Martin  
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Minister of Music ..... Rev. Stephen Farrar  
*(email—steve@calvarybcmtairy.org)*

Administrative Assistant..... Billie Doyle  
*(email—billie@calvarybcmtairy.org)*

Part-time Office Assistant..... Ann Richardson  
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Organist..... Carolyn Greene  
Pianist..... Jean Williamson  
Sound Engineers ..... Phillip Hiatt, Danny Lineberry



Helpful Reminders	September 18	September 25	October 2
Youth Snack Supper	Hulls, Martins	Karen & Randy Beasley	Brenda Barfield, Angela Brown
Nursery	Uplift	Uplift	Uplift
	September 18	September 25	October 2
Bed Babies—4	Randy & Karen Beasley	Craig & Buffy Inscore	Andy & Cari Robertson
Children's Church	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Traditional	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies /	Anne Forrest, Carolyn Underwood	Sandy Nowlin, Evelyn Nowlin	Danielle Sechrist, Rachel Hull
2 - 4 Year Olds	Lee & Judy Mills	Kent/Kyle Moser, Dawn Stanley	Cathy Stevens, Denise Cain
Children's Church	Judy Meinecke	TBA	Sherry Hiatt, Lori Hiatt



## The Pastor Ponders: Respect for the Living

I conducted a funeral recently. I must confess: funerals are not my favorite part of being a pastor. But I am humbled by the opportunity that I'm given to walk with families through times of significant loss. And I take seriously the responsibility of helping people see grief through the lens of God's gracious love, given to us in Jesus.

One element of the funeral experience that still has a surprising power for me is the drive from the chapel to the cemetery. I don't know what other people do with those moments, but for me they are usually silent ones—used to reflect on the comments that *have been* shared in worship and that *will be* shared at the graveside. But the thing that makes the drive “surprisingly powerful” is the way that the community responds to the funeral procession as it passes.

You need to understand; I spent the early years of my ministry in a very busy, urban area. In that environment, there was no way that you could stop traffic for a long line of cars, making their slow trip to the cemetery. So after a funeral ended, the time for the graveside service was announced, and people generally got there as well as they could...by whatever route they could.

But here in Mount Airy (and, I'm sure, in other small towns throughout the South), we still make that slow and solemn journey of grief together, and—in an amazing way—the town grieves with us. People let the parade move along uninterrupted, regardless of what the traffic lights say. And many drivers still pull off to the side of the road as a sign of respect for the deceased.

Now, as a sign of respect, this practice of pulling off the road does seem to have a certain “holy appropriateness” to it. It helps us remember, I think, that we truly are connected to one another in a deep and sacred way (regardless of whether or not we like to admit it). I'm reminded of the famous passage from the 17<sup>th</sup> century poet, John Donne: *“No man is an island; entire of itself...Each man's death diminishes me, for I am involved in mankind. Therefore, send not to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee.”*

But I also wonder—in this case, at least—if our practice is somehow backward. Don't get me wrong; it is a good thing to pull over for a passing funeral. But the fact is that we're paying respect to someone who can no longer appreciate it. At the same time, we rush and speed past living souls... persons created in God's image and made uniquely for His purpose... individuals who certainly deserve *at least as much* respect as we show to those who are deceased. As theologian C.S. Lewis reminds us:

*“It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses...to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you meet may one day be a creature which—if you saw it now—you would be strongly tempted to worship...or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destinations.”* (C. S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity*)

I'm sure that my work will continue to involve me in funerals. And I suspect that members of our community will continue to show respect by pulling over as funeral processions pass (at least I hope they will). But maybe once in awhile, we ought to pull off to the side of the road (or stand off to the side of the hall) and pay attention...because passing by us is a glorious procession of God's children, all so valuable that Jesus Christ would give his life for each and every one. Maybe then, we'd show some respect for the living. And wouldn't that be a practice worth celebrating?

*Alex L. Martin*



## Prayer Concerns

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

Jeanette Easter, *Catha Stroupe's mother*; Rebecca Mabe; Lavon Thompson; Margie Uttomark, *Eric Hiatt's cousin*

## Remember the Bereaved

The Family of Daylon Wilhoit in his death, great-grandson of Daylon & Carolyn Greene  
The Family of Michele Simmons in the death of her mother

## Note of Thanks

THANK YOU DONORS! We collected 32 units of blood on our goal of 30 at our blood drive on September 11! Because each unit can save 3 or more lives, our blood drive saved 96+ lives! A special thank you to Janet McPherson for the German Chocolate pie door prize!

Sincerely, the Young Adults Sunday School Class

P.S. Our next blood drive is scheduled for January 15, 2012.



Congratulations to Tasha and Jackie Crotts on the birth of their daughter. Carrigan Joy was born on September 6, 2011 at 10:11 Am in Richmond, VA. Proud grandparents are Rex and Sharon Hardy and great-grandparents are Bill and Peggy Smith.



### The Yokefellow Ministry

Suggested Items for September: Canned Vegetables. Collection baskets are located at church entrances for your donations of any non-perishable items.

### Medical Ministry Food Bags

1 can yellow vegetable, 1 can green vegetable, 1 can fruit, bag of rice, jar of peanut butter, box of crackers, can of beef stew, plastic bottle of fruit juice (optional). Please double bag these items and leave them on the front pew of the chapel. The bags will be collected and distributed at the Medical Ministry Clinic the fourth Tuesday of the month. Food may be brought anytime during the month.

### The Shepherd's House

These are some items needed that you may drop off at 227 Rockford Street:

Trash Bags                  Sugar                  Coffee                  Coffee Creamer

### Food Round-Up

Did you know that Food Lion will donate a percentage of your grocery bill to Baptist Children's homes each time you use your MVP card? You can submit your name and the 12 digit code from your card by calling 1-800-476-3669 Ext 1209 and providing your information, or you can download a sign-up sheet and flyer from [www.bchfamily.org/support/foodroundup](http://www.bchfamily.org/support/foodroundup)

### School Supplies

BYW is collecting school supplies to give to local schools in our community, helping 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 be dropped off in a box outside the nursery

### HungerEnds Backpacks

Weekend Food Program at Franklin Elementary. **Calvary's September Emphasis:** Pop-Top Pasta Cans (Chef Boyardee or Campbell's Type) A donation box will be available at the church. For more information, please contact Kent Moser.

# Sunday School Snippet

<sup>1</sup> My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, <sup>2</sup> for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. <sup>3</sup> Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. <sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.  
Proverbs 3:1-6 (New International Version)

January is still four months away, and another calendar year will begin. But the fall of the year also brings about a time of new. A new school year has begun, and a new church year will start up in October. With new times upon us, we also have new and renewed challenges facing us. We have seen a recent revitalization of the College & Career Sunday School class. This is a group of young people who are at a decisive point in their lives. Some have recently finished high school and have set out on a particular career path. Some others are in college or have completed college and also are working to achieve success in their chosen vocation. Regardless of our various ages, we all come across decisive points at various times. We all strive for success in our lives.

Fall of the year is also the beginning of another football season. In the NFL, there are currently 32 teams and after the first weekend of games, there are 16 teams with an undefeated record and the other 16 teams are winless. As the season progresses, the better teams continue to achieve success with additional wins. The 16 teams that started the season without a win would like for that game to be their only loss, although sometimes it does not work that way.

We all have choices and we all hope for success. As the writer of Proverbs notes for us, "Trust in the Lord.....and He will make your paths straight." God is available for the college and career adults to make good decisions in their lives. He is available just as much for all of us. We may start the season with a loss, but we can put that loss behind us and start building success through winning with Him.

As a side note, the Sunday School is still in need of a 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School teacher. We have a couple who are currently working with the class, but they need some additional help. This is an opportunity for someone to provide some valuable teaching to these young people. If you are interested or know someone that may be willing to provide this leadership, contact me, Cathy Stevens, or any member of the Nominating Committee. Teaching can be an example of what the writer of Proverbs included in the verses above. It may not be the NFL, but it will lead to a winning record.

*Bob McPherson*  
Sunday School Director



The deadline to reserve and pay for your tickets to the 2011 NC Baptist Wake Forest Football Church Day has been extended until October 2. The event will be held on Saturday, November 19th. Each ticket is \$25 and includes a speaker, meal voucher, and ticket to the game. Our church bus will provide transportation to this event. To reserve your ticket, contact Danny Lineberry at (336) 745-1320.

If you are willing to serve as one of Calvary's messengers to the Surry Baptist Association for the 2011-2012 church year, please be prepared to volunteer at the September 18th business meeting or call church clerk Johnny Surratt (786-1286) so that your name can be placed in nomination for these positions. Messengers to the Surry Baptist Association will represent Calvary at the four quarterly meetings of the Surry Baptist Association and to any other specially called business sessions.



*Just a  
Reminder...*

Please contact Gray Shelton by Sunday, September 18, if you plan to attend the annual Deacon/Pastor/Staff and spouse banquet. The banquet will be held in the church fellowship hall on October 6 at 6:30 PM and will be catered by Soppers. The cost is \$10.00 per person. You may call Gray at 789-5821 or email him at [grayandmary@embarqmail.com](mailto:grayandmary@embarqmail.com).