

Proverbs 19:21 “Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

Decisions! Decisions! Decisions! Everyday our lives are faced with decisions on what to do, where to go, how to spend, and how to act. We are faced with a myriad of choices that often seem overwhelming and at best stretches our patience. Yes my friends, something as simple as what do you want for supper can become a huge thing after having to make so many decisions in a day. Does this sound familiar to you? Do you struggle and wonder if there is an easier way? I know that there are days for me that I just want to run away and go to a deserted island and forget the hassles. Yet my friends we cannot get away or runaway as we are faced with taking care of our responsibilities.

The church also is faced with decisions both from the staff side and the congregation. That is why we have business meetings. Yet for many people they would rather clean the attic so to speak than attend business meetings. Every church I have served has the same problem. The few who attend business meetings also are accused of running the church. I have heard many excuses over the years why people don’t attend. I will not give them all but here are a few that keep surfacing over and over again.

1. I don’t want to go because there is always fighting and ugliness at business meetings.
 2. Business meetings are boring.
 3. It doesn’t matter because they same old bunch gets their way.
 4. I don’t have time.
 5. It always happens after dark and I don’t get out after dark.
 6. I don’t like to get involved in the politics of the church.
- I am not interested in that part of the church why come?

These are the top excuses I hear year after year. Each person believes they have a real reason for not going. I must respond by saying that every church member has the right, the privilege, and the responsibility to come and be a part of the decisions of the church. It is a biblical responsibility and a necessity if we are going to truly be a congregational led church. God desires for us to create an environment where we can prayerfully discuss and come to an understanding and agreement to what God wants us to do in Kingdom work. If only the few comes then we really do not have congregational leadership and the few controls the whole. That is not fair to the congregation or to the few. It builds mistrust and causes divisions because we do not take our church membership seriously. God has blessed us with so many blessings and we do not need to take them for granted. It is been true for far too many years that we have had the wrong attitudes, and many times bad behavior in our church business meetings. Yet, that does not change the fact we are responsible for coming together to make our decisions. In the past few months we have strived to create a prayerful and holy meeting where we can prayerfully discern what God desires.

1. We need to understand that business meetings are an act of worship not just a “manmade thing”.
 2. We need to understand each person is responsible for their attitude, actions, and words during this time.
 3. We need to understand every person has the right to ask questions and a committee should not be offended by questions.
 4. We need to evaluate when, where, and how we conduct business meetings.
 5. We need to realize that every member regardless of how long or how short of a time they have been a member has equal rights and an equal voice.
- We need to learn to ask the right questions. These questions are how does this glorify God? Does this help us to accomplish our vision and mission God has given us? Will this help us to minister to others?

I would encourage you to come to the business meetings. I know that we can create an environment where we can worship, pray, and discern God’s will together as he would have us to do. I would love to see 240 people at our next business meeting and at every meeting afterwards. May the Lord grant you wisdom, peace and strength as you serve him daily.

Your servant in Christ,



| <i>Recent Contributions</i> | |
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| In memory of Ruth Barker | In memory of Tillman Hoover |
| Ladies 4 SS Class | Ladies 4 SS Class |
| Howard and Thelma Shelton | In honor of Daylon Greene |
| Zeo Stone | Ladies 4 SS Class |

Prayer Concerns

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

Mike Doby; Sandra Francis, Mike's mother; Doug Franklin, Keith Doyle's cousin; O.C. Franklin, Keith Doyle's uncle; Andrew Gregory, Jennifer Gregory's son (recent visitors at Calvary); Lillian Hiatt; Ronald Hill, Lori Hiatt's father; Clancy Lyons, Margaret Layman's brother; Neil Martin, Tony Martin's brother; Daniel Proffitt; Betty Southern

Remember the Bereaved

The Family of Mary Ruth Golding Barker in her death, Mary Nell Byrd's mother

The Family of Gerald Bowlin in his death, Mary Jo White's great-nephew

The Family of Tillman Hoover in his death, Jeannette Bristol's brother

Note of Thanks

The Family of Roger Tolbert acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you for the donation to Hospice. We only needed them for a short time, but they helped so much. To the Golden Circle: Thank you for your kindness and prayers during this time with Roger.

Words cannot express what is in our hearts to say thank you for all the love that Calvary Church has done for Bill and I during my sickness and our time of trouble. Thanks for all the prayers we feel every day. Your encouragement keeps us going. The cards and calls are wonderful and we thank you for every one. Please keep us in your loving care and prayers as we continue to gain strength and get well.

Bill & Evelyn Nowlin

Martha Morgan, First Baptist Church, Friends Feeding Friends Program sincerely thanks all those who have contributed food and/or services to the Meal Program. The support provided means a great deal to the smooth operation and success of the meals.

On behalf of the American Red Cross and the patients in our hospitals, we say "thank you" for sponsoring the blood mobile at Calvary Baptist Church on September 6, 2009

The results of your drive are as follows:

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| <i>Goal</i> | <i>30</i> |
| <i>Presented</i> | <i>25</i> |
| <i>Productive</i> | <i>28 (10 automated red cells)</i> |
| <i>Percent of Goal</i> | <i>93%</i> |
| <i>First-Time Donors</i> | <i>0</i> |

A vital mission of the American Red Cross is to provide life saving blood to people in need anytime, anywhere. The success of this mission is continuously dependent upon volunteers like you and your participating donors. Each unit of blood can be separated into 3 life sustaining products; thus up to 94 patients (3x28+10) were sustained or saved by your efforts.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross Blood Program. I look forward to working with you again.

Ashley Gantt

Announcements



•End of Church Year

Our budget year ends September 30. If you have any expenses that need to come out of the 2008-2009 budget please turn in your receipts to the church office before the close of business on Monday, September 28. We need time to process them for payment on Wednesday, September 30.

•If you are willing to serve as one of Calvary's ten messengers to the Surry Baptist Association for the 2009-2010 church year, or if you are willing to serve as one of Calvary's eight messengers to the Baptist State Convention for the 2009-2010 church year, please call church clerk Johnny Surratt (786-1286) so that your name can be placed in nomination for these positions. Messengers are Calvary's representatives to each of these organizations with which we are affiliated. You do not have to serve as messengers to both. Messengers to the Surry Baptist Association will represent Calvary at the four quarterly meetings of the Surry Baptist Associations and to any other specially called business sessions. The four sessions are as follows: October 26, 2009 at Haymore at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM, January 25, April 26, and July 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM at locations to be announced later.

Messengers to the Baptist State Convention will attend at the Koury Center in Greensboro on November 9 through 11, 2009.

•**STAFF APPRECIATION PICNIC: On November 7** everyone is invited to attend a picnic to show appreciation to our wonderful staff and volunteers. The time will be from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Fisher River Park. Please bring a covered dish, lawn chairs, and musical instrument. We will sit around the fire and have a jam session and sing-a-long.

•To ensure that the newsletter and bulletin are completed in a timely manner, we are asking that all articles and announcements for the newsletter be turned into the office by 5:00 on Monday the week it will be published and all articles and announcements for the bulletin be turned in by 5:00 on Tuesday's.

BIBLE DRILL CLASS

What if every parent and child in your church could quickly find any reference in the Bible?

What if they could make personal application of the verse or passage?

What if parents and children worked together learning verses and their meanings?

What if children and parents felt that the Bible was more than a book used at church?

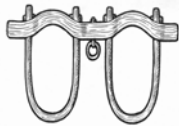
What if parents and children used the Bible together every day?

What if the Bible was seen as easy to use?

What if you could help children love the Bible?

What if you could help families love the Bible?

The answers to these questions could mean a changed life. **Bible Drills** is a means to becoming closer to God through studying and learning His Word. Each Sunday night at 5:45 we will meet with children **grades 4-6** for a Bible Drills class. Please join us in the Back Right Side Classroom of the Fellowship Hall for Bible Drills.



THE YOKEFELLOW MINISTRY OF GREATER MOUNT AIRY: SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER: CANNED VEGETABLES.

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

Staff and guest of **The Shepherd's House** would like to extend their great appreciation for all those who have donated items.

Here is a list of urgent need items:

Bleach Toilet Paper Dish Detergent Pine-Sol Disinfectant Spray