

Romans 12:3-5 *"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one unto another."*

My dear friends, this morning I have much on my heart I would like to say and little space to say it. I stand in awe of God's mercy and power as we have seen God move in our midst, as we prayed and believed in many matters this past month. Our Wednesday nights are doing great. G.A.'s are doing great, people are visiting, and we are moving forward. The churches Transition Team are working both hard and diligent for you as they plan our heritage celebration on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. Out of this celebration comes the basis for our next work which will be reemphasizing our scriptural core values that are our building blocks for the future. Things like missions, discipleship, fellowship, and worship to name a few. We will be coming together as a church body to work and identify these core values on which our decisions are made for the future. We need **EVERY PERSON AT THOSE MEETINGS!** We are now going to move into the meat of our work as we prepare for the future and new leadership. I know that some are asking why is it taking so long? I will remind you that the process averages 18 months. We are only in the 6<sup>th</sup> month since I came. I also would remind you we are about six weeks behind due to my mother's illness and death. Yet my friends, we are moving forward. We are not stagnant, but ministry is happening, training is happening, people are having their needs met so the church is really functioning quite well. I am excited about what God is doing here at Calvary Baptist Church.

On another note we are starting a new church year with new leadership. I will be training the church council on how to function in ways that better our communication and really working together as a team. These church leaders as well as your deacons are people the church voted to lead. Yet I would remind both the church and the new leaders that leadership in Jesus' eyes calls for becoming a servant. From the pastor down we are called to lead by serving God and serving others. I have come across a really good job description for leaders. This is not my writing but came from an article written for people who desire to serve in a Presbyterian church. I believe it really is quite good.

1. Leaders seek to follow the servant leadership modeled by Jesus.
2. Leaders are followers. They follow the will of the group.
3. Leaders are visionaries. They are dreamers.
4. Leaders motivate. They inspire the rest of the group.
5. Leaders encourage the rest of the group. They know how to build morale.
6. Leaders appreciate and affirm followers. They are aware of individuals. They treat each one with respect. Leaders believe in you.
7. Leaders lead by example. They are role models.
8. Leaders can delegate.
9. Leaders have planning and organizational skills.
10. Leaders encourage participation and involvement.
11. Leaders teach.
12. Leaders are learners. They are teachable. They are open.
13. Leaders are good listeners.
14. Leaders are good communicators.
15. Leaders are empathetic. They see themselves and everyone in the group as equals.. They are we oriented.
16. Leaders are trustworthy.
17. Leaders hold up under pressure.
18. Leaders create change.
19. Leaders are creative.
20. Leaders are enthusiastic!
21. Leaders are committed.

We are entering a new era for Calvary Baptist Church. The leaders this year have a tremendous responsibility to help in leading us to a place where God wants us to go, and do what God wants us to do now. It will take all of us praying, working, and cooperating together as we learn, act on, and do the will of God. Our only goal is to please the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Head of the church. Leaders, look hard and long and what God is desiring for us as leaders. We have a awesome work and responsibility both to God and to each other as church members. We live to serve. We are accountable to God first, and to the church second. I look forward to serving with the leadership of the church this year. We have much to do and we ask that the church be patient with us as we seek to follow God's will in all things. We have new things to learn, and much prayer to be sure we are truly following God's will and not our own.

Your servant in Christ,

*Pastor David*

# Recent Contributions

## In Memory of Ruth Barker

J. A. & Claudia Bryant  
 Frances McBride  
 Ken & Barbara Nowlin  
 Wilma Roberson  
 Mary Jo Roberts



# Prayer Concerns

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

**Bea Conzone**, Warren's mother; **Sandra Francis**, Mike's mother; **O.C. Franklin**, Keith Doyle's uncle; **Pat Halsey**, former member of Calvary; **Lillian Hiatt**; **Claude King**, Barbara Nowlin's father; **Evelyn Nowlin**; **Debbie Overby**, Lois Phillips niece; **Sammy Overby** Debbie Overby's father; **Larry Westmoreland**; **Mary Jo White**

# Remember the Bereaved

The Family of James Culler in his death, *Christine Vernon's brother*



Praying God's Word by Beth Moore

Oceans Apart by Karen Kingsbury

Journey by Angela Hunt

Like Dandelion Dust by Karen Kingsbury

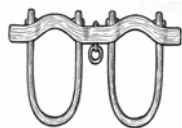
The Last Song by Nicholas Sparks

Wanted: Veggie Tales and Disney Classics DVD's

Staff and guests 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**



## THE YOKEFELLOW MINISTRY OF GREATER MOUNT AIRY:

**SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR OCTOBER: POWDERED MILK & OATMEAL**

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

Helpful Reminders	October 4	October 11
Youth Snack Supper	Brett & Gloria Best Ralph & Debbie Hiatt	Ted & Sheryl Hulme Kent & Karen Moser
Uplift Breakfast	Lawrence & Yvette Townsend	Warren & Marie Conzone
Nursery Workers	<b>Uplift</b>	<b>Uplift</b>
	<b>October 4</b>	<b>October 11</b>
Bed Babies—4 years	Corey & Ashley Mills	Craig & Buffy Inscore
Children's Church	Gerald & Angela Brown	Lawrence & Yvette Townsend
	<b>Traditional</b>	<b>Traditional</b>
Bed Babies / Toddlers	Jane Sawyers, Jan Varney	Benny & Pam Lisk
2 & 3 Year Olds	Randy & Karen Beasley	Mary Lynn Goins, Sherry Hiatt
Children's Church	Gloria Best, Erika Martin	Denise Cain, Ann Forrest

## Sunday School Snippet

Sunday School is personal, but yet something shared. In this article, Gray Shelton shares a broad perception of what Sunday School means to him.

*"Sunday School to me is a meeting with my extended family. We get to know each other, laugh together, and share each other's burdens. We study God's Word and mature into better Christian examples each week. I see people being made ready to serve in various capacities within the church. I see members of my Sunday School family becoming Sunday School teachers themselves. Although it is sad to see them leave, yet it is joyous to see their readiness to serve in a different capacity. Sunday School to me is where you really get into the Bible. Different perspectives are presented, discussed, and studied. We don't always agree totally, but everyone's ideas and understandings are respected. What we do agree on is the fact that the Bible speaks the truth. I'm thankful for my Sunday School teachers through the years who studied, prepared, sacrificed, and daily lived their lives as Christian examples for me. I am also thankful that my Mama and Daddy recognized the importance and significance that Sunday School held for me. Sunday without Sunday School is like fried chicken without gravy. Something good is missing."*

Speaking as a person with inside knowledge, Gray does like his mama's fried chicken and gravy (as do I), and he knows what Sunday School means to him. Come be a part of Sunday School and fill in what may be missing for you.

*Bob McPherson  
Sunday School Director*

## Announcements



**Sanctuary Flowers**—If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in celebration of a special event, or in honor or memory of a loved one, these are the dates we have open for the 2009 year:

October 11th and 25th

November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd

You may order fresh flowers or make a donation by using one of the beautiful arrangements available at the church. Mary Jo White will be happy to assist you in making your choice. You may contact her at 786-4852.

◆ **The College Ministry Committee** is needing names, addresses or email addresses for all college students in our church family. Please contact Mike McCraw at 789-4314.

◆ **The Boy Scouts** will be starting their annual popcorn sale. Support from our church family will be appreciated. We will have more information soon or you may contact Regina Mundy or Kent Moser.

◆ **Fall Festival**—Saturday, October 31 beginning at 3:00 PM at Calvary Baptist Church. Lots of fun, food, and family friendly worship!

◆ **2009-2010 Budget Results:** The results of the vote on the proposed 2009-2010 budget of \$532,659 are as follows: 95% voted to accept the budget and 5% voted not to accept it.

◆ **The Christian Growth Committee** is beginning to think about the Spring term of Wednesday night classes.

If you are being led to teach or facilitate a class on a particular subject, or if you would like to learn about a particular subject, please contact a member of the Committee.

Gloria Best, Sam Critz, Kim Morrison, Kenny Nowlin, Pam Peake, Danny Southern or Jan Varney, Christian Growth Director.