

Exodus 6:8 ***“And I will bring you unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, and to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it to you for an heritage: I am the Lord.”***

This coming Sunday we are coming together to celebrate our heritage. Calvary Baptist Church has a very rich heritage indeed. You will be seeing many things to remind you of how God birthed this church as well as how He has worked in and through the people of Calvary Baptist. It is an awesome presentation and indeed we should all fall on our knees and worship the Lord for His great grace and mercy toward us. God has wrought a marvelous work through His people called the church in Mount Airy. It should humble us and call us to a fresh commitment to following wherever He leads us. The word heritage is used in this passage to denote a portion that God has given to Israel. God has given us a portion to work in at our place of service. I am encouraging you to see our portion in a fresh light and celebrate what God has done but also celebrate what God wants to do in the future. I like the definition of celebrate which is to observe and commemorate an event with ceremonies and festivities. It also means to make known publicly, proclaim widely, and praise widely and finally to participate in a party or a good time. Sunday we will be doing all those things together as a church. We are celebrating our portion that God has given us and also the portion He is giving us in the future. The Bible says to shout praises unto the Lord. I think we should shout praises for all the blessings and ways that God has worked with us in the past. Yet the story is not over; we have not arrived on our journey together. We still have the job of uncovering and clarifying our vision and mission that God is giving us for the future. We have more work to do in our portion that God has given us. We have vineyards to plant, harvests to reap, ministry to do, worship to give and celebrations to have as we move into the future. In our journey we like the Israelites will go only where God leads. Do only what God tells us to do. This my dear friends is a **“time of discovery”** in seeking a fresh encounter with God and discovering our future together. So church let's come together Sunday and “party hearty,” celebrating and remembering all God has done for us as we prepare for the work God is calling us to do in the future. It is an exciting time as we see what God is doing. See you Sunday my friends.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor David



The GAs have had two events where the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was promoted. The first was at the GA Recognition Service in August where Lottie Moon Teacake Cookies and the Lottie Moon story were presented. The girls collected a little more than \$76.00. This past Sunday, Sweets were made available and donations collected for missions in honor of Lottie Moon. A little over \$500.00 was collected. To date the unofficial total is \$589.57. It cost about \$790.00 a week to support a missionary. Who will give \$200.43 to make a new total enough to support one missionary for a week? Maybe someone would like to give enough to support one missionary by themselves.

We love missionaries GAs of Calvary Baptist Church.



There are sign up sheets for the chili cook off for the Fall Festival on the bulletin board on the upper level of the church. We need contestants and judges for this event. Please join us for this exciting time! All you have to do is make your favorite recipe of chili and bring it to the fellowship hall in a crock pot by 4:00pm Saturday night, October 31. The judging will start then. If you eat yours with cheese, crackers, sour cream and/or hot sauce you can bring that as well. We will have prizes for the winners!

Please contact Marie Conzone if you would help with the set up and clean up of the kitchen that evening.

Prayer Concerns

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

Revis Gentry, *Randy Gentry's father*; **Vicky Hodges**; **Wendal McKiff**, *Donna Keck's cousin*; **Catherine Slate Parker**, *friend of Helen Watson*; **Dot Tolbert**; **Liam Emory Vernon**, *Reid & Amanda Vernon's baby*

Remember the Bereaved

The Family of **Ralis Edwards Hanna** in her death, *aunt of co-worker of Keith Doyle*

Recent Contributions

Don and Mary Nell Byrd in memory of **Roger Tolbert**
Golden Circle SS Class in memory of **Helen Childers**

A Note of Thanks

Thank you so much for all the love shown through prayers, phone calls, cards, and food during the loss of my father. Your love means so much to our family.

In Christ,
Kerry Berrier

Announcements

The 107th annual session of the **Surry Baptist Association** will be held with Haymore Memorial Baptist Church on Monday, October 26. The afternoon session will begin at 4pm and the evening session will begin at 7pm. While any church member is invited to attend, the following church members have been elected as messengers to the association: J. A. Bryant, David Burgess, Mike Francis, Daylon Geeene, Donna Keck, Danny and Beth Southern, Johnny and Paulette Surratt, and Mary Jo White.

Highlights from the Annual Church Profile (as compared to last year's)
Submitted to the Surry Baptist Association

	<u>Category</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
Membership		764	746
Additions	Baptism	9	3
	Letter	10	6
Losses	Letter	27	15
	Death	4	12
Sunday School Average Attendance		266	232
Worship Service Average Attendance		294	262
Vacation Bible School Enrollment		213	256
Total Contributions		\$763,944	\$493,131
	Undesignated	\$430,523	\$397,029
	Designated	\$325,945	\$95,407
Total Missions Expenditures		\$90,990	\$75,331
Church Debt		\$79,944	\$26,652

If you plan to attend the **Baptist State Convention** at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro on Nov. 9-11 as a church messenger, please call church clerk Johnny Surratt (786-1286) so that you can be provided with the proper credentials that will allow you to vote at the meetings.



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.



The first lesson in the current unit of the **Formations** Sunday School unit is entitled “*What does Discipleship Cost?*” Since I taught the Wednesday Night Sunday School on this lesson, I did a little research on discipleship. I ran across an Internet article entitled “*A Theology of Discipleship*” which is located on the United Methodist Church’s web site. I used part of this article in

the lesson and not only is the part worth repeating, but here is some additional content from the article.

“Discipleship is about loving God...It is more than an acknowledgement of God’s existence or a statement of belief regarding God. It is total devotion, head-over-heels-in-love-with adoration. It is the deep desire to know God, to be one with God, and to worship God.

There are a variety of ways that we can develop our knowledge of and love of God. These include

- *Prayer*
- *Bible study*
- *Worship*
- *Fasting*
- *Conversation with other Christians*

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, called these practices means of grace. They are means for developing our relationship with God and for experiencing God’s presence in our lives. These practices help us spend time with God, a significant factor in loving God.” (<http://www.umc.org/>)

Of the above items, all except for fasting are an intricate part of Sunday School. The discipleship lesson discussed what we should be willing to give up to follow Christ. Discipleship through Sunday School only costs time. And the cost will certainly pay for itself. Not only be a part, but invite someone to be a part with you.

*Bob McPherson
Sunday School Director*

From the Transition Team

Living in your promised land is where God longs for you to reside. A church seeking the heart of God, spending time with him, sharing His message with others, and ministering to a scared and troubled world is how we, as His church body, can reside in our promised land. The freedom God has promised his chosen people is ours to claim in overwhelming and powerful ways going beyond our greatest expectations. God always had a vision and mission for His Israelite people and still has one for us today. As we begin to ask God for direction, guidance and a clear understanding of his vision we should begin to ask, “Is our church willing to step out on faith and move into our promised land?”

Helpful Reminders	October 18	October 25
Youth Snack Supper	Joanie Riggs David & Denise Stone	Jamie Smith Tonya Ratcliff, Marty Davenport
Uplift Breakfast	Gerald & Angela Brown	Jim & Lilnette Phillips
Nursery Workers	Uplift	Uplift
	October 18	October 25
Bed Babies—4 years	Staff of Mayberry Learning Ctr	Bob & Pam Peake
Children’s Church	No Children’s Church	TBA
	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies / Toddlers	Staff of Mayberry Learning Ctr	TBA
2 & 3 Year Olds	Staff of Mayberry Learning Ctr	TBA
Children’s Church	No Children’s Church	Debbie Howlett, Libby Marion