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We will have a special guest at our next BYW meeting (Tuesday, November 8th; 6:30 PM). Julie Keith, a consultant with the NC WMU, will be sharing with us ways that we can reinvigorate women's ministries at our church. We invite and encourage all of the women at Calvary to attend.



Church Council

The first Church Council meeting for the new 2011-12 church year will be held on Sunday, November 13, at 4:00 PM in the fellowship hall. All committee chairpersons or a representative will need to be in attendance for this meeting.

Operation Christmas Child

Help us meet our goal of 135 shoeboxes for the year before the November 13th deadline. These shoeboxes help share the love of Jesus with children in parts of our world that have been devastated by war and natural disasters. You may fill your box with a variety of items, such as small toys, school supplies and personal hygiene items. **DO NOT INCLUDE** used items, war-related toys, chocolate or perishable food items, liquids, medicines or breakable items. Be sure to include a **check for \$7** (payable to Samaritan's Purse) in your box to cover the costs of shipping and processing. **BRING ALL BOXES TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN SUNDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 13th.**



Surry County Schools will be collaborating with the Salvation Army to assist needy families during Christmas. If you would like to sponsor one or more children from Franklin Elementary School, please contact Melissa Hart at 786-2459. Each sponsor will be given an "angel" with information for shopping purposes. This will include a wish list and sizes for each child. The recommended amount per child is approximately \$100.00. If you choose not to shop, you may give monetary donations to the school's Empty Stocking Fund. Donations will be used to purchase items for children who do not have sponsors.

Holiday poinsettias may be publicly displayed at the church in memory or in honor of a loved one during the Christmas season. The poinsettias, which are \$10 each, will be placed in the sanctuary on December 4th. If you are interested in buying one or more poinsettias, use the order envelopes located in each of the information centers.



Deacons of the Week:

November 6 Randy Gentry (710-3066)

November 13 Sylvia Gentry (710-0727)

Deacon Good Shepherds:

November 6 Wade Marion (789-9388) Norris Hodge (786-7594)

November 13 Danny Lineberry (320-3018) Margaret Layman (786-8859)

First Care Teams:

November 6 Donna Keck/Earl Varney (786-8507)

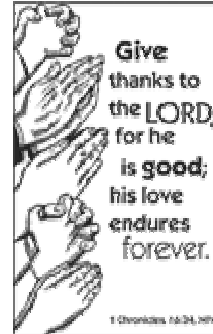
November 13 Charlie & Betty Wagoner (786-6055)

Church Statistics

Budget Year 10/30/2011	Budget to Date	Receipts to date	Expenditures to date	Receipts minus Expenditures
General	\$41,933.75	\$38,015.96	\$26,339.27	\$11,676.69
Debt Retirement	\$1,132.05	\$1,522.00	\$0.00	\$1,522.00
Transportation	\$377.35	\$341.00	\$0.00	\$341.00
Debt Reduction Funds Available		\$21,402.76		
Loan Balance as of 10/1/2011		\$47,197.08		

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	10/23	10/30
Operating Income	\$10,187.62	\$5,013.00
Debt Retirement	\$349.00	\$335.00
Transportation	\$49.00	\$69.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		
SS Enrollment	517	517
JOY Home Bound Ministry	20	20
Bible Study	194	179
Uplift Worship	78	Combined 198
10:55 AM Worship	179	
Total Worship	257	198



Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 6

- 8:30 AM Uplift
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:55 AM Traditional Worship
- 5:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 8

- 5:30 PM Usher & Welcome Committee Mtg
- 6:30 PM B.Y.W.
- 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday, November 9

- 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 Jesus Loves Me
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 10

- 5:30 PM CBFNC Gathering@Flat Rock

Friday, November 11

Veteran's Day

Sunday, November 13

- 8:30 AM Uplift
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:55 AM Traditional Worship
- 4:00 PM Church Council Meeting
- 5:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 15

- 6:15 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, November 16

- 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 PM Praise Service
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 19

NC Baptist Wake Forest Football



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 worship, discipleship, missions and
 ministry.

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 Pianist..... Jean Williamson
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Sunday
 Uplift Service 8:30 AM
 Bible Study 9:45 AM
 Worship 10:55 AM



Join Us!

The Pastor Ponders: Living the Body – Partnering in Mission



Recently, our church family hosted the annual meeting of the Surry Baptist Association; and although I know that some of the meeting's messengers *and* some members of our church (*including* this pastor) were still feeling some 'discomfort' about the association's recent decision to remove Flat Rock Baptist from its membership, I've got to say that it was a good gathering. Through reports on recent ministries and through worship that was energetic and heartfelt, we were all reminded what powerful things can happen when God's people choose to focus on the faith and mission that unite us, rather than being distracted by the far less significant issues about which we differ.

Later this month, we will have another opportunity to celebrate our shared faith and mission. Our church—along with several others—will sponsor a "Fellowship on the Move" gathering of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina. The event will take place on Thursday, November 10, at Flat Rock Baptist Church and will include a dinner (at 5:30 PM), a selection of training sessions (6:30 PM), and a time of worship (7:30 PM). The evening will not dwell on business sessions or theological debates – just brothers and sisters in Christ encouraging one another to walk in a manner worthy of the calling we have received (Ephesians 4:1).

I hope that we can embrace and turn out for gatherings like these—not just because these are partner organizations which we support and which it therefore behooves us to understand—but because there are at least a couple key truths that our relationship with these partners underscores.

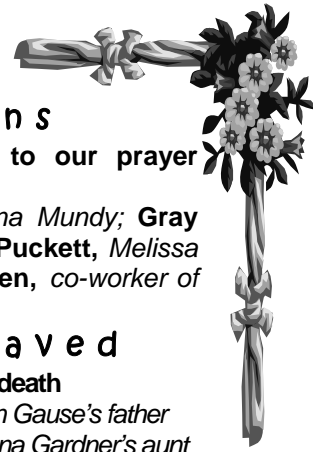
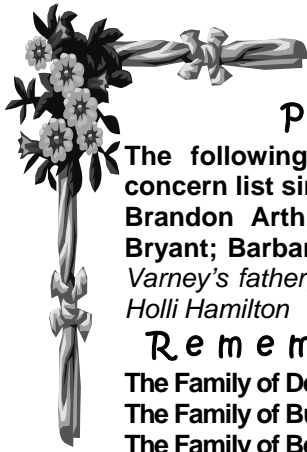
First, they remind us that we are a body. When we give our hearts and lives to Jesus, we do more than make a decision that brings us personal spiritual blessings. We get incorporated into the Church (and not just a church—as in Calvary Baptist Church—but THE CHURCH: the one great family of faith that spans every *tribe* and *nation* and *people* and *language* and *generation* and *denomination* and *theological persuasion...*) and as members of THE CHURCH, we belong to each other. We need the gifts that others offer, and they need ours... even when we have varying opinions about worship and church leadership and the fine points of theological debate.

Second, gatherings like these remind us that the mission is bigger than we are. We have been sent to seek and to save the world that God so loves. And no one person...no one congregation...no one association...not even one denomination... is ever going to be able to fulfill that mission alone. It takes all kinds of people...all kinds of approaches...and all kinds of styles and emphases. As a result, we do well to partner with others (and not just with our dollars, but also with our prayers and our hands-on ministry) because when we do so, we take one more step toward accomplishing the grander purpose for which we exist.

Come to think of it, these aren't bad principles for us to keep in mind as we nurture our partnerships within the family that we call Calvary Baptist Church. **We are a body...and the mission is bigger than we are.** And so it takes all kinds of folks—folks who like traditional worship and folks who like contemporary worship...folks who like the SBC and folks who like the CBF...folks who are financially secure and folks who are financially struggling...folks who need grace and...(well, that includes all of us, don't you think?)—it takes all of us to be the Christ-centered, caring church that God has called us to be.

I'm so thankful to be part of this body, and I can't wait to see all the things that God will do within and among and through us as we partner in mission together. May God bring us together around the cross of our Savior, and may His love compel us to offer our lives to Him, to each other, and to the mission that we share.

Pastor Alex



Prayer Concerns

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

Brandon Arthur, son of co-worker of Regina Mundy; **Gray Bryant**; **Barbara Nowlin**; **Bill Nowlin**; **Mark Puckett**, Melissa Varney's father; **Betty Wagoner**; **Gary Wooten**, co-worker of Holli Hamilton

Remember the Bereaved

The Family of Denise Cain's grandmother in her death
The Family of Burlon Gause in his death, Stephen Gause's father
The Family of Betty Ruth Hicks in her death, Donna Gardner's aunt

Recent Contributions

In Memory of

Burton Gause
Golie Southern
Golie Southern

By

Co-Ed 4 SS Class
Lonnie and Rachel Jackson
Guy and Mary Sparger

Notes of Thanks



The family of Golie Southern acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you so much for your cards, calls, visits and food during Golie's sickness and death. He loved his church with a passion and was very upset when he was no longer able to attend. Your prayers, support, and presence in and out of the home and nursing home helped to ease his mind. God bless you as you continue to serve our Lord.

In His Service,

Betty, Jim & LuAnn and boys, and Dan & Beth and children

Dear Calvary Church family,

Thank you so much for the food, cards, visits, calls, and special prayers during our time of sorrow. We have truly felt your love and prayers.

Betty, Jim, LuAnn, Dan, Beth, and family



Franklin Elementary Backpack Program: By donating nutritious and convenient food items, you can help fill backpacks that are sent home with kids in need to insure that they're able to eat healthy over the weekend. In November, we're collecting single-serve fruits & vegetables. (applesauce, peaches, corn, carrots, etc.) Boxes for donations are located at the church entrances.

The Shepherd's House is in need of these items:

Trash Bags, Toilet Paper, & Paper Towels

You may drop off items at 227 Rockford Street. Mount Airy





A
Note from the
Minister of
Music

Dear church family,

I want to extend a heart-felt thank you to those who came for the housewarming shower that was held for me on Oct. 30. All of the gifts that I received were perfect for my needs in 'setting up shop' here in Mount Airy, and my little cottage is going to feel more like home as a result. I want to especially thank Margaret Layman and Mary Jo White for organizing the event; you two are the absolute best! This is yet more evidence of how generous and caring the Calvary congregation truly is, and for that, I am truly grateful.

The adult choir is now well underway in preparations for their Christmas musical, which will be presented on December 18, and the JoyBells will play a few more times before the year is out. I thought that both groups were outstanding in their musical contributions for the associational meeting hosted by our congregation on Oct. 24, and special thanks goes out to Mark Merritt and the VOCE choral group for their participation in the evening's mini-concert and business session. There are so many great things happening at Calvary, musically and otherwise, that I'm excited to see what God has in store in us as we come to the holiday season and beyond.

I pray that God will continue to provide His guidance as we seek His will in everything that we do.

Peace,
Stephen Farrar

Hymn of the Month

"Now Thank We All Our God," one of the most popular hymns sung at Thanksgiving and widely known in Germany as the country's unofficial "Te Deum," was written by Martin Rinkart, an Eilenberg pastor that lived through the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648), considered to be one of the deadliest periods in human history because of the suffering inflicted by its continual violence, plagues, and famine. Rinkart, who often put his life on the line for his congregation and those in need, wrote the hymn as a way of giving thanks to God for what He has given to us, and asks that He continue to grant us His grace and mercy:

*Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;*

No matter what may happen, we can always count on God's love, and I pray that we are reminded of His blessings as we approach the Thanksgiving season!

