

1st Corinthians 3:9 "We are laborers together with God."

My dear friends, today I sit in my office wishing I could be outside on this most beautiful day. The sun is shining, the fall colors are gorgeous, and I honestly confess that I would love to be on the golf course hitting a golf ball. I give thanks today for many things and want to give God all the glory for so many wondrous and marvelous works he has performed in our congregation and indeed is still performing as I write

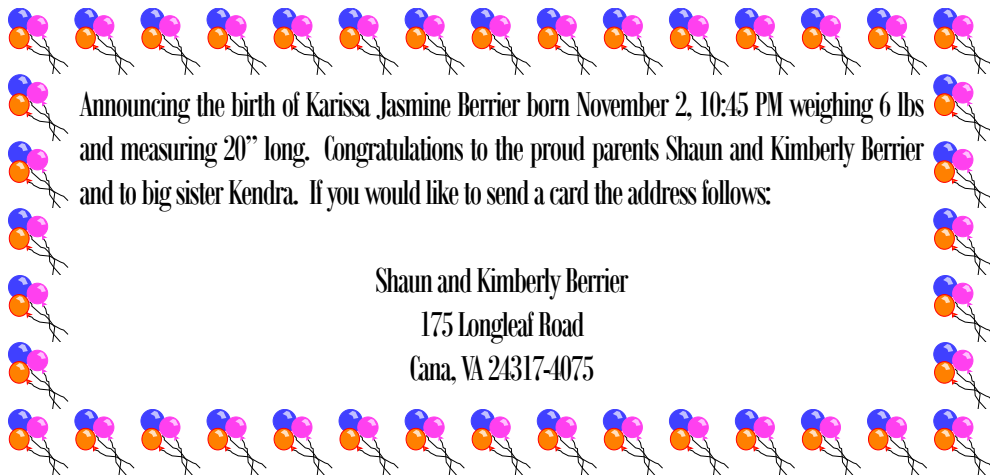
this article. I give thanks for how people are responding to the call to service in areas like our fall family festival. I absolutely loved hearing the laughter, seeing the smiles, and watching the children play and enjoy themselves in God's house. I also believe the adults had as much fun as the children. I give thanks for the way this church is ministering to those in need both in our congregation but also in our missions giving like our Baptist Children's home offering. Last Sunday was one of the most powerful and amazing video clips that I have seen in a long time. It moved my heart so much I could not help but cry both tears of pain but also tears of joy seeing what God has done in a young ladies life. I give thanks as I watched our congregation come together to work on our visioning and core values and hear honest discussion and laughter around the table. The list could go on and on but the bottom line is that God is moving and working in us as His people and through us to minister to others in His name. I am extremely grateful and excited that God has blessed me to be able to work with you at this time of your journey.



The above verse of scripture speaks of how I see us today. We are laborers together. There had been divisions in the church but Paul calls them back to the reality that all of us labor together but it is always God who gives the increase. We are the Body of Christ doing the Lord's work together. I emphasize the word together because all of the people are equally important in His work and every person has a calling and a responsibility to do what God calls them to do. We have a lot of work ahead of us but with the attitude I see here at Calvary I am firmly convinced that God is bringing us together for one of the greatest and most exciting times yet ahead for His people called Calvary church. He also has blessed us with a new staff member to come along and help and so I welcome Hunter to our ministry staff team and look forward to seeing the wisdom and passion he has to bring in our labor together. Hunter, welcome and thanks for answering the call. (Like your pastor he loves to eat!) I look forward to seeing what God is unveiling in His people in our visioning and mission discernment work. Please be in prayer as we seek to discover our vision and mission for the church today. When we all get focused and agree this is what God desires there will be no stopping us as we "**Labor Together.**"

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor David



Announcing the birth of Karissa Jasmine Berrier born November 2, 10:45 PM weighing 6 lbs and measuring 20" long. Congratulations to the proud parents Shaun and Kimberly Berrier and to big sister Kendra. If you would like to send a card the address follows:

Shaun and Kimberly Berrier
175 Longleaf Road
Cana, VA 24317-4075

Prayer Concerns

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

James Belton; Margaret Bowman and Tessa, Gail Proffitt's sister and niece; **Alan Burton,** husband of co-worker of Katarina Jarrell and Libby Marion; **Donovan Culler,** Chris Vernon's brother; **Jeff Hall,** friend of Lee Mills; **Lillian Hiatt;** Jo Hodge; **Mildred Jarrell;** Margie Lee, Cricket Westmoreland's sister; **Margie Norman;** Evelyn Nowlin; **Pam Peake;** **Ronnie Smith,** Cody Smith's grandfather; **John Tilley,** Audrey Ramey's grandson

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

Thank you for the memorial to my mother's church (Fancy Gap Baptist). We appreciate every prayer, visit, card, and call during her illness and death. Thank you for the food you brought. Please continue to pray for us.

Love, Mary Nell Byrd

Recent Contributions

In Memory of Ruth Barker	By: Bill and Peggy Smith
In Memory of Helen Childers	By: Golden Circle SS Class
In Memory of James Culler	By: Bill and Peggy Smith
In Memory of Roger Tolbert	By: Don Byrd
In Honor of Ken and Barbara Nowlin	By: Phil and Sherry Hiatt
In Honor of Zeo Stone	By: J. A. and Claudia Bryant
In Honor of Zeo Stone	By: Bill and Peggy Smith
In Honor of Zeo Stone's birthday	By: Johnny and Paulette Surratt

The Shepherd's House is completely out of trash bags and sugar. If you would like to help of either of these items please take them directly to the Shepherd's House at 227 Rockford Street, Mount Airy.

The Last Lecture—Audio CD Donated by: Libby Marion
The book is also available
Great Americans— The Life and Times of George Washington*
What Do You Say When A Monkey Acts This Way?
Donated by: Sherry Hiatt
Sleeping Beauty —Donated Anonymously



Helpful Reminders	November 8	November 15
Youth Snack Supper	Tony & Deena Martin	Rex & Stephanie Gregory
Uplift Breakfast	Laurence & Yvette Townsend	Warren & Marie Conzone
Nursery Workers	Uplift	Uplift
	November 8	November 15
Bed Babies—4 years	Bob & Pam Peake	Laurence & Yvette Townsend
Children's Church	Sam & Becky Critz	Greg & Mary McCormick
	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies / Toddlers	Danielle Sechrist, Rachel Hull	Benny & Pam Lisk
2 & 3 Year Olds	Debbie Howlett, Juanita Nichols	Kent & Kyle Moser, Dawn Stanley
Children's Church	Donna Keck, Morgan Beverly	Donna Keck, Morgan Beverly



Traveling each morning to my work at Surry Community College, I have a fantastic view of Pilot Mountain as I cross the bridge over Interstate 74. Looking south from the bridge is a view of Pilot Mountain on the right and Sauratown Mountain on the left. I do make sure that I only look when there are no cars coming. One recent morning was especially beautiful with the sunrise at about

7:20. The clouds above the horizon were in different shades of orange layers. Higher up, the clouds changed from layers to a wide layer of cotton, also with sunlit orange. I wanted to stop and make a picture, but did not have a camera other than the one on my cell phone. Also I did not think it would be a good idea to walk out on the bridge to make the picture. When I saw this sight of the sunrise over the two mountaintops, I could not think anything other than simply "God is good". Ironically, my daughter who lives in Durham, also commented on the beauty of the sunrise the very same morning. If that were not interesting enough, I was visiting my sister who lives 75 miles southwest of here and she also commented on the same sunrise. God's work covers a lot of territory and is seen by a lot of people. We can see in a beautiful sunrise what God can do, but what can we do for Him? We can learn more about Him, communicate with Him, and become closer to Him. Our Sunday School is an avenue to do all three. If you are a part of Sunday School, invite others to be a part. If you have never been in Sunday School or it has been a while, be a part.

Thinking that it was time for the newsletter to come out, I wrote this article a week early, but did not send it to the office. Then this past weekend made me realize why I did not send it in. I needed to include something about this in the article. The Fall Festival was attended and enjoyed by a large number of people, some of which were visiting our church. This past Sunday we had 267 in Sunday School. Both of these shows that God is working in our church and people are participating. God has provided a fabulous sunrise for us to make a new day. We do not have to stop and make a picture, He has planted the sunrise in our hearts. Let's make this a productive day for Him.

*Bob McPherson
Sunday School Director*

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

School Choirs Holiday Concert—November 22 at 7:00 PM. We will host these area choirs for a special community concert: Cedar Ridge Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Jones Intermediate, and White Plains Elementary.

Advent Devotionals are available in the Vestibule and on the table to the right of the nursery. Advent begins on Sunday, November 29, so go ahead and pick up your Advent Devotional for this season. There are four devotionals to choose from and an Advent Calendar. **Adults** choose from either *A Grand Miracle* (if you do not have children in your home) or *Wait for the Light* (if you have children in your home). The Devotional for **youth** is *This Is So Embarrassing!* The Devotional for **children** is *Messengers For The Messiah*. Advent Calendars are available for all children and you should start opening the windows on December 1.

Co -Ed 1 Sunday School Class is collecting donations from Calvary members and classes this year for our Thanksgiving mission project. We have changed our usual Thanksgiving meal because of limitations on time and human resources. This year we will give money collected to assist First Baptist Church of Mount Airy with financial support of the annual Joanne Jordan Memorial Meal project. Money collected is used to order a prepared and boxed meal from Lowe's Foods, which consists of a 10-12 lb. turkey, dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, and a pumpkin pie. The approximate cost for a boxed meal and a New Testament is \$33.00. With a portion of the money collected, additional boxes of food from Lowe's Foods will be purchased. These meals will then be subdivided by Sunday School class volunteers on Tuesday afternoon/evening before Thanksgiving into individual plates. Members of our class and other church volunteers will deliver meals to the shut-ins of our church family. This would take care of families in our church that only have 1 - 2 people per household. If you or your Sunday School class are interested in helping support this outreach and/or help with preparation and delivery please contact a member of Co-Ed 1.