



**Psalm 100:4 "Enter into His courts with thanksgiving and enter His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name."**

Wow! I just cannot believe it, but Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Where, oh, where has the time gone? It seems like just yesterday that I was first coming on board and trying to learn my way around. I do not know about you, my friends, but it seems like every year time gets shorter and shorter.

Today as I write this newsletter article, my heart is full of thankfulness for God's many blessings that He has given us, both as individuals and as a church. We have seen many wonderful things happening around here this year. I see great Wednesday night events in our disciple and growing numbers coming to supper. The fall festival was a huge success. G.A.s are growing as well as R.A.s and our young people are learning. Our Sunday School numbers the last three weeks were good in spite of so much sickness. We welcomed several new members including five in one family last week. We are having two baptized Sunday morning. We have a new Interim Youth Minister who is absolutely wonderful and from what I hear he can really do a great job preaching. The church is coming together as we worked on our vision and mission. It is really clear what you, the church, wants us to be about: Christ centered in everything and focused on worshipping, learning (discipleship), missions, and ministering. The list could go on and on but I believe you are getting the picture.

Individually, we are thankful for our salvation, our hope in Christ for eternity, for the blessing of His word, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are thankful for our family and friends which are our church family. I am thankful for the opportunity that God has given me to come along side and walk with you during this time as you are preparing for new leadership. I have grown to love you as a wonderful group of people.

With this in mind, there are three things I would point out today to think about:. When we enter God's presence, let us enter with a thankful heart for all the good and wonderful things He has done. Let us be a people who continually praise God for His blessings. Let us bless Him in return by being the people He has called us to be, do the things he has called us to do, and bless others in His name as He wants us to do. I certainly want to come to worship with a attitude of thankfulness for what He has done, is doing, and will do. My prayer is that this will be the greatest Thanksgiving and Christmas season you have ever experienced. Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Remember there is no calories to be counted on Thanksgiving Day.

*Pastor David*

## From the Transition Team

Everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by his power, and everything is for his glory." Romans 11:36 As we continue to uncover God's vision for our church we know that God is directing our motions. When we seek our purpose within that vision if we are close in scripture and prayer we are to be assured that He promises guidance each step of the way. Many of you have shared what you believe Calvary's core values are and how you would like to see those carried into the future as building blocks for God's message of hope to be spread throughout the world. Continue to pray that God will give us direction and guidance as we articulate what we are hearing from Him. Humble yourselves in prayer each day that God will show us our current mission as a church that will fit beautifully into His overarching plan. May our church continue to depend on God and uplift each other as we step into our Promised Land and fulfill our service to Him.

# Prayer Concerns

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

**Pastor David Burgess and Shirley; Donald Goins, friend of Janet McPherson; Zacch Gregory; Jim Grimes; Timon Howlett; Bill Nowlin; Evelyn Nowlin; Bill Overby; Tom Pegram, co-worker of Erika Martin Gail Thomas, friend of Margaret Smith**

## Remember the Bereaved

The Family of William Haynes in his death, *Lillie Mae's husband*  
The Family of Mary Moser in her death

## Recent Contributions

**In Memory of Ruth Barker**

By: Bill and Inez Belton

**In Honor of Claudia Bryant**

By: Fannie Leonard

**The following people have transferred their memberships:**

*Mike, Cheryl, & Lauren Barkman to Salem Baptist in Dobson*

*Wendall & Debbie Hooker to Salem Baptist in Dobson*

*Ashley Bodford to Highland Presbyterian of Winston-Salem*



**Membership Transfers**

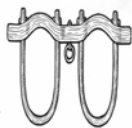


*Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series*  
*Shades of Blue* by Karen Kingsbury  
Several Bible Collection DVD's

*The Key to Personal Peace* by Billy Graham

*What Happens When I Talk To God?* Donated by Women In Mission in memory of Ruth Barker to honor Mary Nell Byrd in the loss of her mother.

**Please Check Your Shelves For Library Books!**



**THE YOKEFELLOW MINISTRY OF GREATER MOUNT AIRY:**

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR DECEMBER: CANNED MILK & CANNED PASTA

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

**Congratulations to our Cub Scout Pack #556 for the highest popcorn sales in all the Dogwood District!!!**

Helpful Reminders	November 22	November 29
Youth Snack Supper	Tony & Fonda Dalton	Becky Montgomery
Uplift Breakfast	Gerald & Angela Brown	Warren & Marie Conzone
Nursery Workers	<b>Uplift</b>	<b>Uplift</b>
	<b>November 22</b>	<b>November 29</b>
Bed Babies—4 years	Shane & Gina Gammons	Tony & Melissa Varney
Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church
	<b>Traditional</b>	<b>Traditional</b>
Bed Babies / Toddlers	Jan Varney, Jane Sawyers	Sharon Hardy, Stephanie Gregory
2 & 3 Year Olds	Cathy Stevens, Denise Cain	Gray & Mary Shelton
Children's Church	Donna Keck, Leanna Beverly	Eddie & Regina Mundy



*God is good! He was good yesterday,  
He is good today, He will be good tomorrow...  
no matter what!"*

These words are simple, yet provide a powerful witness. These words reflect the living faith of Mary Moser. Mary was only 19 years old and touched a lot of lives with her belief and her witness, not only to people she knew, but she also touched a lot of people who never knew her personally. Although Mary is no longer with us, her sturdy faith will be remembered. In this short amount of time, Mary learned who God was, is, and will be. And as the statement conveys, God's goodness does not waver with anything. Mary probably had no idea how many people she touched and we do not know how many lives will see us as we portray ourselves. Through Sunday School, we can grow in our knowledge and faith. We can continue to be reassured that God is good, no matter what.

With our involvement in Sunday School, we can also touch others to pass along this same message that Mary so strongly believed in. Mary's message influenced people she came in contact with, but on an even larger scale, her message was passed beyond the ones she knew. Our message can and will do the same, no matter what.

*Bob McPherson  
Sunday School Director*

## A N O T E O F T H A N K S

Just wanted to thank you for allowing us to use the church for our "Howlett Celebration." I will always feel that Calvary will also be home to me and I have many happy memories of my days there. We also appreciate all the support we received with your attendance. Calvary is blessed with wonderful members and everyone has always been awesome to not only my family, but also to Mom & dad as well. I pray blessings on you all and for Calvary.

*Tim, Cathy, Travis, Rhonda, Tyler, Sunny, Timon, Tanna, Tytus and Taylor Howlett*

Thank you for allowing us to use the Fellowship Hall for the reception for our children and grandchildren. Everyone had a wonderful time and just enjoyed each other so much. Most of all thank you for your attendance. The turn out was terrific. This occasion will stand in our memory for years to come. And a very special "Thanks" to those who made a special effort to make Tyler and Timon, our two soldiers, feel welcome. I know that this will be one of the highlights of their vacation. All of us will remember Calvary for being so caring.

*Tim & Cathy Howlett, Don & Lavon Thompson, and Mrs. Lawley Howlett*

## Highlights from the November 15th Business Meeting

1. Wade Marion was approved as Moderator and David Stone as Vice Moderator.
2. Approval of the September financial report.
3. Heard a report from the Building and Grounds Committee about plans to correct errors made on the Bell Tower.
4. The 2009-2010 budget revised by adding \$15,000 to the housing allowance line item for the youth minister's housing allowance and reducing the salaries and wages line by the same \$15,000 amount.
5. Heard a report from the Deacons concerning development of the deacons Ministry Teams which will replace the Deacon Family Ministry plan.