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April 20, 2008

8:15 a.m.
Celebration Service in the Sanctuary

9:15 a.m.
Adult and Children's Sunday School

10:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m.
CalvaryConnection in the CLC

6:30 p.m. – Service of Prayer
and Communion in the Chapel

Acts 7:55–60;
Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16;
1 Peter 2:1–10;
John 14:1–14

Calvary Cares Line: 385-1600

For an update on the joys and concerns of the church, please call the above Calvary Cares Line number.

2008 Church Budget

\$1,593,000

Monthly receipts needed
for the 2008 Budget:
\$132,750

Receipts to 3/31/2008	\$ 277,413
Disbursements to 3/31/2008	357,862



Each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
in the Christian Life Center

April in CalvaryConnection

APRIL 20
"Show Us the Father"
Susan Spieth Preaching

APRIL 27
Peter van Eys Preaching

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Calvary member ranks
high in Global Competition

Last Book Circle
until September

Parents' Institute
begins this Sunday
during Sunday School

Let's Keep Talking

I appreciate the conversations that are happening concerning the visit of Estonian youth this summer. As I have mentioned, the relationship between Calvary and the Lighthouse Children Center is strong and blessed. That so many are expressing their thoughts about what such a visit to the United States might mean to these young lives, is further evidence of God's Spirit in all of this.

I admit that my initial reaction to the idea was one of hesitation. The Lighthouse Children Center offers support and care to children and youth from poor families in Tallinn. Often the ones served roam the streets because there is little adult supervision at home. At the Lighthouse Children Center these young people are fed, offered basic hygiene care, given help with school work, and nurtured in Christian love. Programmatically, opportunities in music and drama, English language classes, field trips, and summer camps are designed to enhance their lives. The Center has computers that the children and youth may use for homework, communication, and expanding their world.

The Lighthouse Children Center seeks the emotional, physical, and spiritual well being of every child or youth that comes through their doors. Mall Tamm, the director, has such a heart and passion for each one. It is her dream that some of the Lighthouse youth might have the opportunity to see the United States, and she convinced our Estonia partnership team.

The concerns are many. First, it is a big financial undertaking; however, we have the resources to do whatever we feel God is calling us to do. Second, it brings very poor chil-

dren into homes of wealth, exposing them to lifestyles and material possessions that will most likely never come their way. This is where I had my pause. Yet, Mall is convinced that the Estonian youth will benefit from such time with successful people, particularly good Christian people.

She is very transparent about using the opportunity of coming to the United States as a motivation for staying in school and good behavior. She hopes the actual experience will open their eyes to the value of education, to the expanse of God's love, and to the fundamental goodness of people. She has shared with me that it is hard for the children and youth of the Lighthouse to conceive of a church community overseas that cares so much about them.

It seems on the one hand that there might be some risk to exposing poor Estonian youth to the abundance of our community. They might react with depression, jealousy, anger, and/or resentment. On the other hand, they are already very familiar with the gap between poverty and wealth. Tallinn is a beautiful European capital that has become a favorite destination of travelers from the States. They see the gain of many Estonians because of a growing market economy, as well as the steady flow of tourists with discretionary money.

Furthermore, these youth have access to television programming from the United States and a window to the world through the internet. They already have perceptions of the people and values in this nation. I believe the Calvary members who have traveled there have provided a helpful corrective to some of the stereotypes the media perpetuate about US citizens. Visiting us can further address that.

Within conversations around Calvary, it has been noted that the same dynamic exists between the poorest children in Nashville and

the average home life of a child in our congregation. There are advantages and opportunities we enjoy that the poorest of Nashville will never know. Yet, we would not hesitate to offer a poor child in the inner city of Nashville a cross cultural experience with the Calvary congregation, precisely because cross cultural experiences can be educational and profound for all involved.

I am thankful for the honest discussions about how we can best be in ministry with the Lighthouse Children Center community in Estonia. I lean toward supporting Mall's vision, aware that she is on the front line in caring for these children and youth. Her love for these young people is amazing. She knows her population, and she has a long range vision for growing the relationship between Calvary and the Lighthouse. She wants the trip to the United States to be something offered every five years so that it truly is an incentive for these children, living on the margin, to stay in school and to make good choices.

Having them come to Nashville gives the wider Calvary membership an opportunity to meet these young people, and in turn, strengthen the long term support and nurture we can share. The sobering reality is this: the gain for the Estonian youth who visit us is directly dependent upon our integrity as a people of faith. We may live in abundance; we may be surrounded by materialism and consumerism that deadens the soul; yet, we can be in the world but not of the world. We have a chance to receive these visitors and teach them by our example the love of God that sees no distinction between rich and poor. We can offer a glimpse of the Kingdom of God that knows no national border and values every life.

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Wednesday Nite Live Explores "The God of the Old Testament"

On April 23 and April 30, the topic for Wednesday Nite Live's series "Serious Answers to Hard Questions" will be "The God of the Old Testament." According to one common stereotype, the Old Testament presents us with a religion of judgment, fear, violence, legalism, and nationalism. A different selection of texts, however, can yield a different view of the Old Testament and its God. After viewing a DVD presentation by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Jule M. Nyhuis will lead the group in discussion. Dr. Amy-Jill Levine is the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University. Holding a B.A. from Smith College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Duke University, Dr. Levine's numerous publications address Christian Origins, Jewish-Christian Relations, and Sexuality, Gender and the Bible.

You are invited to the Wednesday Nite Live meal in the Christian Life Center at 5:30 p.m. and the program in the Remnant Classroom, Room E308, at 6:15 p.m. The menu for April 23 will be Turkey Divan, Garlic Cheese Grits, Baked Apricots, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children with a family maximum cost of \$18.00. Make your reservation for the April 23 meal by calling 297-7562 by Monday, April 21 at noon.



Viktoria Lasberg
one of the youth visiting
Nashville from Estonia

CALVARY AT A GLANCE

Book Circle

The Book Circle will meet Tuesday, April 22, at 10:00 a.m. in room 309. Mary Nelle Bryant will review "Jezebel" by Lesley Hazelton. The author, using major advances in the last 40 years in archaeology, Middle East history, and history of religion, tells a new version of the age-old story of Jezebel's life. This will be the last meeting of the Book Circle until next September. Please join us.

Calvary's Knitting Ministry

There has been a change in the day the knitting group is meeting each month: the new day will be the **second Tuesday** of each month. Mark your calendar to join the knitters on Tuesday, May 13, at 1:00 p.m. in room 223.

Recycle your newspapers!

Don't forget that you can recycle your newspapers at Calvary, and the money received from the recycling goes toward the operating budget.

The green dumpster for newspaper is located behind the Sanctuary.

Belmont Mansion Lunch and Tour

There is still space available for the historic Belmont Mansion Lunch and Tour on Thursday, April 24. The group will depart from Calvary at 11:00 a.m., lunch is at 11:30 in the Grand Salon, followed by a one hour tour of the mansion with curator Mark Brown. The cost is \$23.75 per person, payable on the day of the tour. Call Carol Stedman at the church office to make your reservation.

CHURCH FAMILY

Thank you

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy in the death of my mother. They were very comforting to me and my family. I am very blessed to work in such a caring, loving place.

Thanks, Tina Belton

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 20

- 9:15 a.m. Parents' Institute
- 3:00 p.m. Brass Ensemble
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band
- 3:30 p.m. K-6 Choir
- 4:00 p.m. Wesley Study Group
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Handbells
- 4:30 p.m. Dave Ramsey Financial Peace
- 4:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Group
- 5:00 p.m. K-6 Snack Supper
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:30 p.m. 3-6 Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Handbells

Monday, April 21

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
- 4:30 p.m. Yoga Class

Tuesday, April 22

- 8:00 a.m. Covenant Group
- 10:00 a.m. Book Circle
- 6:00 p.m. Congregational Care
- 6:00 p.m. Education Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Church Board

Wednesday, April 23

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
- 5:30 p.m. WNL Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Programs
- 6:10 p.m. Kingdom Kids
- 6:15 p.m. Praise Team
- 6:15 p.m. WNL Program
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 24

- 11:00 a.m. Departure for Belmont Mansion Tour

Friday, April 25

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

Parents' Institute at Calvary UMC

Living Faithfully in a Consumer Culture

Sunday, April 20, 2008

9:15–10:15 a.m.

in the Christian Life Center

*Protecting our Children
from the Onslaught of a Consumer Culture*

(Lecture by Jule M. Nyhuis)

Jule has been Calvary's Minister to Children and Their Families for nearly seven years.

For her doctoral work, Jule completed a year-long practicum with Calvary families that examined cultural influences on their lives.

For her doctoral final project, Jule led a small group of Calvary children in an intentional practice of meeting with children of a different socio-economic background to see how gospel principles might be deepened in all those involved. In *Protecting our Children from the Onslaught of a Consumer Culture*, she will explore some of the findings of her work.



Sunday, April 27, 2008

9:15–10:15 a.m.

in the Christian Life Center

*Questions and Answers
for Conscientious Christian Living*

A panel discussion with the following parents and professionals:

Brenda Boon: mother of two grown children and Heal of Oak Hill's Lower School.

Dr. Brenda Dew: Licensed Professional Counselor–Mental Health Provider and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist; Professor at Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Kentucky; and Adjunct Professor at Peabody of Vanderbilt.

Dr. Ellamarie Parkison: mother of four grown children and grandmother of eight. Doctor of Education and retired Metro School teacher and administrator.

Tad Wert: father of two teenage daughters and math teacher at Harpeth Hall High School.

Team of Business Students ranks among best in Global Competition

Three business administration students from Emory & Henry College have been ranked as one of the top teams in the world for their expert skills in a business strategy simulation.

Matt Assenat of Troutville, Va., Matt Baldwin of Jefferson, N.C., and **William Griggs of Nashville, Tenn.**, are the co-managers of the fictional company, Chancellor Inc., and recently earned Global Top 100 rankings in two categories including earnings per share, 64th worldwide as well as return on average equity, 15th worldwide.

The team is part of Emory & Henry's policy and strategy capstone course. The Global Top 100 is recognized in the Business Strategy Game, an online exercise where class members from around the world are divided into teams and assigned the task of running an athletic footwear company in head-to-head competition against companies managed by other class members. Company operations parallel those of actual athletic footwear companies. Just as in the real-world, companies compete in a global market arena, selling branded and private-label athletic footwear in four geographic regions — Europe-Africa, North America, Asia-Pacific and Latin America.

Company co-managers must make decisions relating to plant operations, distribution and warehouse operations, work force compensation, online sales at the company's web site, sales and marketing and finance. The challenge is to craft and execute a competitive strategy that results in a respected brand image, contention for global market leadership and good financial performance as measured by earnings per share, return on investment, stock price appreciation and credit rating.

The team of Assenat, Baldwin and Griggs played the game aggressively while remaining fundamentally sound as they took out long-term loans to enable Chancellor Inc. to build capacity early in the game.

"Our strategy was to build our capacity early on to

develop economies of scale. We wanted to be low cost and have the highest market share, which would take advantage of our having the most available shoes to sell," said Baldwin, who is a member of the E&H football team, SIFE, Blue Key and Student Athlete Advisory Committee.



William Griggs (left) with his Emory & Henry team mates

Chancellor Inc. bought back the maximum shares of stock to make its return on equity and earnings per share higher, which were the categories in which the company was globally ranked. The co-managers also tried to be the leader in celebrity appeal by constantly keeping contracts with 2 or 3 celebrities concluding that it was an easy way to boost their company's sales.

"We learned from this game that you have to be able to adjust to the market conditions. We had one week

where we swept the private-label market due to having lowest price shoes and multiple companies countered the next week by under pricing us, even though it cost them money," said William Griggs, who is also majoring in mass communications and member of SIFE, Blue Key and the Teach and Learning Technology Committee.

Chancellor Inc. is currently competing globally in a super industry simulation using the same basic strategy.

"We want to be aggressive and have the highest market share once again. Also, we want to learn from the mistakes we made this time," said Matt Assenat, member of the E&H football team and Blue Key.

Team members credit Emory & Henry College for assisting and guiding them in their chosen career paths. Assenat and Griggs plan to graduate in May. Assenat looks forward to a career in financial services and Griggs hopes to become a small business entrepreneur. Baldwin plans to graduate in December, attend graduate school and work in business administration.

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