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**June 8, 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

Genesis 12:1-9  
Psalm 33:1-12;  
Romans 4:13-25;

**Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

**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 4/30/2008      \$ 378,010  
Disbursements to 4/30/2008      491,311

**Where our money goes...**

**APRIL 200**  
Vacation Bible School  
\$1865.72  
Youth Choir  
\$1,060.55  
Child Care Givers  
\$1,254.63

**INSIDE**

**4&5A**



**"Parker's Place"**  
Dedicated on May 22

**8A**

Bring a treasure from home and find out how much it is worth!

## First Impressions

I enjoyed a few days in New England this week. The weather was beautiful and that whole 'April showers bring May flowers' was still evident. Travel through small towns was slowed Monday by the Memorial Day gatherings on the village greens. That was a good thing; the smell of hamburgers grilling, the sight of so many US flags, the sound of bands playing, and the feel of community were welcomed experiences replayed every few miles down the road.



I was there with my son Dane, and our friend Gabriel, to visit a few colleges; they are both rising High School Seniors and 'tis the season. We took official tours at three places and walked the campuses of five others. I thought I might share a few general observations comparing the three. Each had a female student lead the tour, but one wore a sun dress and sandals presenting a preppy look, another wore a professional outfit with jacket and shoes to match, and the third wore a tank top, denim shorts and flip flops. Being a 'fashionista' myself, I was naturally in tune with this. The first two kept us on every side walk while the third had us cut across campus lawns, the first two spent much time talking to us while walking backwards (must have been a job skill requirement) while the third spoke and walked beside us.

There were clearly differences in campus culture. Two of the colleges had community gardens that the students tend for area residents. Two of the campuses had student art sculptures and art pieces all over the grounds; one campus has every building equipped with the capacity to measure CO2 levels in order to keep the temperature constant all year; and one campus had mailboxes for the students that were open slots above their names and majors. On that last campus we learned that no building was ever locked.

One college had no exams, just projects; and there, when we asked about sports, were told that they only had inter-collegiate co-ed soccer because "we are not really into commitment." On that same campus we greeted a young woman (preparing to graduate May 31st) who was selling many of her clothes; they were spread out on the grass.

All three tours revealed exciting places to pursue higher education. We learned of solid academics and vibrant campus communities. Each tour guide was obviously pleased with her respective school. I realize that my travelogue does not really offer the more substantive distinctions between these schools, but there are impressions one makes right away when visiting a place or meeting people.

That same truth holds for church buildings and congregations. There are so many choices for a Nashville resident wanting to attend a Christian worship service on any given Sunday morning. It is good to ask every now and then why someone would

choose Calvary. We are quick to give visitors a tour of our facilities and promotional literature that shares information about our mission and ministry by members who are feeling positive about this church. Yet, the likelihood of a visitor returning is contingent on many factors, not the least of which is general impression.

In other words, were they spoken to and welcomed? Was the gathered community multi-generational, and more importantly do the generations interact? What was the mood of worship? Is there evidence that the buildings and property are well cared for? How is this congregation connected to ministry outside the walls (announcements, offerings, bulletins, bulletin boards, people communicate this)?

To be sure, there are matters of theology that are distinctive and important when one claims a faith community, but many people will allow a 'theological stretch' where they find vital relationship and a connection to ministries that make a difference in the world. I am very grateful for an Evangelism Committee that not only pays attention to the formal contact we make with visitors through the week but also cultivates a positive first impression when visitors enter Calvary. Toward that end, the Evangelism Committee helps make the link between every facet of our covenant life together and how we will be perceived by visitors. It is imperative that we all understand that link in order to offer visitors a good first impression, and ultimately Christ.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

## Summer room changes for children's Sunday School

**TAKE NOTE!!!!** Due to light construction scheduled to begin soon, the rooms for children have changed for the summer. Our church Nursery for infants up to toddlers temporarily has been moved to room 255. Toddlers and Twos will meet as always in room 252. Those completing 3 & 4 year old Sunday School will meet together in room 254. Those completing Kindergarten through 2nd grade Sunday School will meet upstairs in room 364. Those completing 3rd through 5th grade Sunday School will meet upstairs in room 350. Those completing Confirmation will meet in room 355 through June 8 then will move to the Jr. High Youth Room beginning June 15. Evening Child Care will take place in room 255. Contact Jule with any questions.

## Scholarship applications now available

**ESTABLISHED IN 1990:** Following Jeff Johnson's death in 1990, the Johnson Family and the College and Career Class began a scholarship fund in his memory. Through the years, generous gifts in memory or in honor of loved ones have helped the fund grow. Between 1992 and 2007, 59 scholarships for a total of \$81,800 have been given to 36 persons to assist in their educational pursuits.

**TO APPLY:** Applications are available in the church secretary's office (**The application deadline is September 1**). The awards will be made before the end of the calendar year for use in the spring semester.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for the scholarship, an applicant must: 1) have been an active member of Calvary for at least a year; 2) be enrolled in a recognized program of study, undergraduate or graduate level; and 3) have a financial need.

## CALVARY AT A GLANCE



**Valeria Zueva**  
One of the youth visiting Nashville from Estonia

## CHURCH FAMILY

## Thank you

Thank all of you for the cards, prayers, memorials and the support and love you have given me in the loss of my son, Ronald. You will always have a special place in my heart.

Rita Fuson-Frazier

## Baptism



Calvary welcomes our newest sister in Christ, **Jillian Grayce Mynatt**, daughter of Susan Jenke and Jeff Mynatt and granddaughter of Deborah and Burl Graham. Jillian Grayce was baptized at the 8:15 service on May 25, 2008. Pictured are Jillian, her mother Susan, and Peter van Eys.

## Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of **Sara Marshall** in her recent death and to **Nancy Pearson** in the death of her sister, Sally Wynn, whose service were held at Calvary on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

We also extend our love and sympathy to **Jim Conrad** and his family in the death of his father.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, June 8

Annual Conference  
6:00 p.m. UMYF

## Monday, June 9

Annual Conference  
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
4:30 p.m. Yoga Class  
5:30 p.m. Staff Parish

## Tuesday, June 10

Annual Conference  
8:00 a.m. Covenant Group  
1:00 p.m. Knitting Group  
6:30 p.m. Children's Council  
7:00 p.m. Trustees

## Wednesday, June 11

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
6:15 p.m. Praise Team  
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir  
6:30 P.M. VBS Helper, Teacher Meeting

## Friday, June 13

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

## Share your family heirlooms at Adult Fellowship

On Thursday, June 26, at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, Antiques and Personal Property Appraiser Connie Sue Davenport will be our special guest at Adult Fellowship. Bring \$5.00 and a "treasure" from your home, and Connie Sue will give you an estimate as to its worth. We will all enjoy hearing the stories behind the treasures that day as we share a little bit of our histories with one another. Lunch will be served following the program at \$7.00 per person. To make your reservation for lunch, call the church at 297-7562 by Tuesday, June 24 at noon.

## Calvary summer for children!!!

Meaningful fun awaits all those 3 years old by 21 July through those entering 6th grade in the Fall of 2008! Vacation Bible School this summer will be Beach Party 2008! Youth and adult helpers are needed too – all those who have completed 6th grade and up are invited to come help us all Surf through the Scriptures as we experience the Beach Be-attitudes! After Care will be available for a fee from noon until 4 p.m. for those entering K-6th grade in Fall 2008. To register see [www.calvaryumc.com](http://www.calvaryumc.com) to download a registration form, and to help, contact Andrea Walkup at 833-8035 or Claire Berg at 837-8537.



## Trip to Chaffin's Barn in July

Join us as we take to trip to Chaffin's Barn on Thursday, July 24, to see the musical comedy, *The Bop She Bops*. Chaffin's has this to say about the play: "Three women return to their high school reunion to prove they do have talent. This heartwarming tribute to girl groups of the 60s follows 'The Bop She Bops' rehearsals in their basement, let's us eavesdrop on their hopes and dreams, and enjoy 25+ top 40 hits from the 60s like 'These Boots Were Made for Walking,' 'My Boyfriend's Back,' 'Chapel of Love,' and 'Stop in the Name of Love.'" This show is sure to have everyone tapping their toes and maybe even doing a little 'bop she bopping' of your own."

This will be a matinee performance with a brown bag lunch. Bring your own lunch, and the drink will be provided. We will eat at 11:00, and the show begins at 12:00. The cost of the ticket is \$19.00. To reserve your seat on the church van and to purchase your ticket, call the church at 297-7562. Reservations and money are due at the church by Friday, June 27. Call Carol Stedman at the church with any questions.

## Pre-Teen Sexuality Education scheduled

Pre-Teen Sexuality Education is scheduled for August 8–10th for those entering 6th through 7th grades in the Fall of 2008. This will be a time to learn about building healthy relationships, valuing yourself and your own body, knowing the male and female reproductive systems, hearing about human sexuality from a Christian perspective, and honoring the good gift of bodies that God has given us.

The format of Pre-Teen Sexuality Education will be in three sessions (with 30 minutes for a meal together each time) beginning Friday, August 8 from 5:30–8:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 9 from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; and Sunday, August 10 from 4:00–7:30 p.m. Parents are involved in Friday and Sunday sessions. More information and registration forms will be sent home to those in this age group. Contact Jule with questions at 297-7562 ext. 104.

## Older Adult Council Programs August through December 2008

BE SURE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE INTERESTING PROGRAMS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Brook Thompson

Director of Elections for the State of Tennessee

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Boat Trip down the Cumberland River

on the Blue Heron Cruise

(weather permitting)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall - John and Anne Brown

"Our Year (2007) in the Republic of Georgia"

November - No Meeting

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall - Rosemary Brown

Lunch served after the programs in Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us for these programs and trips;

Call the church office at 297-7562 to make your luncheon reservation or with any questions.

