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June 1, 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 6:11–22; 7:24; 8:14–19
Psalm 46;

Romans 1:16–17; 3:22b–28
Matthew 7:21–29

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 2008

Insurance on our van and buses
\$ 203.40

Maintenance on van and buses
\$ 228.34

Fuel for our van and buses
\$ 337.34

Thinking about Memorial Day 2008

I count it a sublime privilege to officiate at a service of death and resurrection. Those worship experiences impart a particular grace and proclaim an enduring hope. This community of faith is gifted with loving and caring response in the midst of grief. We are blessed. And, walking through the



time of death with a family brings me to a new level of intimacy with folks. I am blessed.

We have had several deaths of church members this calendar year; and in light of Memorial Day, there is a story from one of the services that I wish to share. Claude Weaver was a veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Chosin Few, survivors of the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir. In preparation for the meditation at his service of death and resurrection I researched the battle and learned what a brutal and costly one it was; of the 15,000 Allied forces only 3,000 survived. One account called it the Marine Corps' finest hour.

There were a couple of other members of the Chosin Few who attended Claude's service; one of them came forward to speak. He recounted that he and Sergeant Weaver were part of a squad of about 330 assigned to protect a hill overlooking the Chosin reservoir.

During the five night, six day battle their commanding officer urged the soldiers on by saying, "You will all make it out of here, dead or alive." Only 35 (I think that was the number he said) of their group survived, but all of the dead were carried out as well. It was a powerful witness.

I read a sermon by Jennifer Mills-Knutsen which illustrated that same assurance with a story out of our U.S. offensive action in Afghanistan several years ago. Operation Anaconda did not go as smoothly as expected, yet even with casualties and wounded all around, the prevailing concern was that none be left behind. Major General Buster Hagenbeck was quoted in the Los Angeles Times as saying, "The soldiers that went in, they went in to get a buddy out. We will always do that."

The United States is currently in war, adding weekly to the number of those who are to be remembered each Memorial Day. It is a sobering day. First, because there are families with very fresh grief over loved ones who have given their lives in service to this nation; second, because it reminds us how many wars and armed conflicts dot human history; and third, because there are men and women who are willing to lay down their lives for causes greater than themselves.

It is not lost on Jesus that courage, sacrifice, and commitment are intricately woven into the fabric of friendship and deeply grounded in the power

of love. Facing his own death and comforting the disciples, he tells them no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends, and then calls them friends (John 15:13-15). Here is framed the sacrifice of Jesus within the context of friendship and love, powerful forces that can move human beings to do extraordinary things in the most difficult of circumstances, and compel commitment to a higher good.

Memorial Day 2008 is a time to pause and give thanks for all who have given their life for our nation, and to commend grieving families to God's love. In remembering we are sure to be moved by stories (heard or read) of soldiers taking care of each other in profound ways, often at great risk. It is also an appropriate time to pray for peace on every shore. As the Prince of Peace, Jesus paints a vision of a day when war and killing will be no more. Yet, according to Scripture there is a very real battle between good and evil happening all about us. Mutual trust, support, commitment, and sacrifice are expected of the followers of Jesus Christ in order to draw others into the Kingdom of God. There is something much greater than any nation at stake in the Christian life, and I assure you that God does not want anyone left behind.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

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Vacation Bible School
Registration Form

Support
Estonia Missions
with the
Celebrity Mystery Dinner

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT CALVARY Executive Assistant

Executive Assistant to Senior Pastor and Church Council
Clerical and computer skills mandatory
Hospitality skills include phone and personal contact
Strong organizational and planning skills
Good interpersonal skills
Attention to detail and documentation skills needed
Ability to multi-task and juggle assignments from various volunteer groups
Supervisory/management skills required
College Degree (Bachelor Degree or higher) or equivalent experience

Send resume to:
Paula Lovell, Lovell Communications
2021 Richard Jones Rd. Suite 310
Nashville, TN 37215
email: lovell@lovell.com

Welcome Allison Porter

Please join us in welcoming Allison Porter to Calvary's staff for the summer. Allison is serving as Interim Age Level Administrative Assistant for the summer of 2008, assisting Jule Nyhuis, Kris Lott and Libby Baxter with administrative tasks. A graduate of Hume Fogg high school, Allison has recently completed her first year of college at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. A political communications major, Allison interned for Bart Gordon this past school year. Allison is a life-long member of Calvary and was an active participant in UMYF, the youth choir, and the handbell choir. We are happy to have Allison working with us this summer.



Allison Porter

CALVARY AT A GLANCE



Support the Estonia Mission with Dinner and a Mystery

Come and enjoy tasty Estonian food
Come and solve a Celebrity Mystery

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008

6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center
Tickets on sale in Masters Common
\$10 in advance and \$15 at the door

Celebrities include:

- Peter van Eys as Elvis
- Susan Spieth as Tammy Wynette
- Genna Mansperger as Lucille Ball
- Elisa and Jim Parker as the Kennedys
- Plus many more guests to appear

Menu: chicken with cranberries, parsley potatoes, cucumber salad, homemade bread, cream puffs and pigs' ears.

**Help needed at Vacation Bible School
DESPERATELY NEEDED**

ADULTS to be Life Guards (teacher-helpers) for VBS. Contact Andrea Walkup to sign up. VBS is July 21-25, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

CHURCH FAMILY

Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to **Mary Stephens** in the recent death of her sister, Lillian Harwell.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 1
YOUTH CHOIR TOUR

Monday, June 2
YOUTH CHOIR TRIP
9:00 a.m. Mission Camp
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
4:30 p.m. Yoga Class

Tuesday, June 3
YOUTH CHOIR TOUR
9:00 a.m. Mission Camp
8:00 a.m. Covenant Group
6:00 p.m. YCS Board

Wednesday, June 4
YOUTH CHOIR TOUR
9:00 a.m. Mission Camp
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
6:00 p.m. Estonian Dinner
6:15 p.m. Praise Team
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, June 5
9:00 a.m. Mission Camp

Friday, June 6
9:00 a.m. Mission Camp
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

**Adult Fellowship welcomes
antiques appraiser**

Calvary will have its own version of "Antique Road Show" on Thursday, June 26 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Experienced antique appraiser Connie Sue Davenport will be on hand to appraise one of your family heirlooms. Bring \$5.00 and one of your family's treasures, ready to share the story behind it (as you know it) and see whether you may have a valuable treasure! All family heirlooms are true treasures, and we'll enjoy hearing the stories behind the objects. Lunch will be served after the program at a cost of \$7.00 per person. To make your reservation for lunch, call Carol Stedman at 297-7562 by Tuesday, June 24.



Tiina Peterson
One of the youth visiting Nashville from Estonia

Clip this form out of the paper and use it for registration, download a form off the Calvary website: www.calvaryumc.com, or pick up a registration form at the church office.

Vacation Bible School 2008

July 21 - 25

9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon*

COME SURF THE SCRIPTURES WITH US!



Registration is limited to the first 180 children - ages 3 years old by July 20th through children who have completed 5th grade. To register, please fill out and return the bottom portion along with \$10 per child by July 14, 2008 to:

Calvary United Methodist Church
Attn: VBS Chairpersons
3701 Hillsboro Road
Nashville, TN 37215

Questions? Call Andrea Walkup (833-8035) or Claire Berg (837-8537)



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Child's Name	Date of Birth	2007-2008 Grade
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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Parents' Names and Address: _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (please circle primary emergency number):
Home _____ Work _____ Cell/Pager _____

Does your child attend YCS during the summer session? ** Yes _____ No _____

Anything else you want us to know about your child (allergies, medical conditions, alternate drop off/pick up persons).

** If your child attends YCS and is in Morning Care, he/she will be brought up to VBS at 9:00 a.m. by VBS volunteers. If he/she is not in Morning Care, please take them to the CLC instead of their regular YCS classroom. All YCS children will be taken back to their teachers at 12:00 noon to continue the school day.

*CHILD CARE: (Enrollment limited to 25 children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.)
Fee: \$90.00 per family for the week.

(There is one fee for child care, regardless of the number of days used.)
CIRCLE which days you will need child care:

M - T - W - R - F - None

Vacation Bible School fee per child: \$10, and child care per family: \$90.00

