

# FROM OUR HILL

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

#### June 20, 2010

8:30 a.m.

CalvaryConnection in the Chapel

9:15 a.m.

Reception for Peter and family

10:30 a.m.

Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m.

Service of Prayer & Holy Communion

in the Chapel

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I Kings 19:1-15a

Psalms 42

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

## Steve Angus will bring a Fresh Voice



My first preaching experience was the topic of conversation in a side huddle at annual conference. At my age reminiscing is a popular sport and there were folks there who were there. Laughter was coupled with comments about my firm grip on the pulpit, not of the pulpit; evidence of my grip remains. (Moving to the center of the chancel area when I preach guards me from scarring Calvary's pulpit)

I did not enter the ministry because I felt called to preach; I have become a preacher because I went into the ordained ministry. The nuance of all that is between me and God, though I would gladly explain myself further to anyone interested. As Rev. Will B. Dunn says,

“communication is my business.”

That is just a lead in to say that I have come to enjoy preaching while preaching. For a time I wrote my sermons out and preached from a prepared manuscript; a bad storm the last Sunday of June 1980 changed that. Since, I have committed them to memory, with notes ranging from typed bullet points to scribbling on the bulletin. Or, yes, on napkins. Under full disclosure, I admit to writing out some sermons in order to keep a copy, and even use a manuscript when I feel it important to do so. I can also explain that further if anyone is interested; considering my business and all.

My sense is that the content of my sermons has matured as well as the method of preparation and style of delivery. There is something to be said for experience and living and practice, not to mention regular feedback from sermon listeners. One of my first congregations prided itself on teaching/training young pastors. I have been formed at every stop along the itinerant way.

In 1989 I decided to be a lectionary preacher, primarily using the assigned gospel reading. With text in mind, sermons come together as I pay attention to world events, the happenings in my day, and the members of the church. That last piece is critical. The years I served two congregations at once, the sermons were often different on a given Sunday because the two congregations were experiencing different issues.

In another side huddle at annual conference, one that included Steve Angus, I heard a gentleman tell Steve how much his father loved to hear Steve preach. I smiled. There is much to be said for the United Methodist way of moving pastors around when it comes to preaching. Someone once commented on my long tenure at Calvary by asking how many different ways I can tell folks God loves them. Steve will be a fresh voice, a faithful voice.

Steve felt called to preach at a young age, and comes to Calvary excited for the opportunity to lead worship and preach here. I am certain God will anoint him anew for that ministry. However, you too have a part to play in the impact of his preaching ministry, for his preaching will grow more meaningful and more efficacious as he grows in his knowledge of your joys and concerns, as he is received into your hearts and lives.

Let me say I have been blessed to have been the primary preacher at Calvary the past 11 years! It is a holy charge that has offered me a sublime joy, made all the richer by the length of our time together and the quality of our relationships. I will miss preaching among you very much. Ah, but there is this Sunday! I hope to see you then; my napkin is ready and I want to tell you “God loves you!” one more time.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor



## CHURCH NEWS

**Do something sweet.** Help fund the Estonia Light House Children's Ministry 2010 camp by purchasing jelly in Masters Common. Flavors of the week are: blueberry, blackberry, strawberry, peach, raspberry, and grape. Cost is \$5.

### Calvary Softball

Upcoming games for the Calvary Church Softball Team:

Friday June 18 9:00

Thurs. June 24 8:00

Game times will be 55 minutes.

All games will be played at the field at the corner of Vaughn Rd. and Old Hickory Blvd across from the Steeplechase. We love to have fans. If you have kids they love to play in the area beside the field.

## CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our love and sympathy to **Tina Caldwell** and her family in the death of her uncle, Larry Jenkins.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 20, 2010

8:30 a.m. Calvary Connection

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

6:00 p.m. UMYF

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Holy Communion

### Monday, June 21

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

2:30 p.m. Prayer Time

7:30 p.m. Open Gym

### Tuesday, June 22

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group

7:00 p.m. Steering Committee (223)

### Wednesday, June 23

10:30 a.m. Women's Support Group

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

5:30 p.m. Praise Team

6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### Friday, June 25

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

9:00 p.m. Church Softball

## NO SUNDAY SCHOOL JUNE 20

June 20 will be Peter's last Sunday at Calvary; there will be no Church School class sessions that day.

You are invited to gather with all the Calvary Family in the CLC from 9:15 to 10:15 for a reception to honor and thank Peter, Patti, and family for their 11 year ministry at Calvary

## MEET OUR NEW PASTOR JULY 11

You are invited to a pot-luck dinner following the 10:30 worship service on July 11 to celebrate the arrival of our new senior pastor, Rev. Steve Angus, and to meet him and his family. While his first Sunday at Calvary will be July 4, this event the week after the holiday will allow more of us to give them a warm Calvary welcome. Please bring your pot-luck dish to the CLC during the Sunday School hour and then join in greeting them following the worship service.

## A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE CALVARY PIPE ORGAN

The Calvary Church Council, in the May 25th meeting, authorized a capital campaign to fund maintenance and upgrade of the Sanctuary pipe organ. The goal is \$275,000 and efforts to raise that amount are underway. You will be hearing much about this; both how to contribute and the work to be done. The Calvary pipe organ is one of our most cherished properties and your Calvary leaders are excited to announce this campaign.

## WE NEED YOU!

Volunteers are still needed! Volunteer to teach children's Summer Sunday School for one or two weeks in July or August. This way is a great way to show our school year Sunday School teachers how thankful we are for what they do and for members to get to know the children of Calvary. Contact Stephanie at [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com) for more information.

## CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

There will be no children's Summer Sunday School meeting on June 20 or July 4. This Sunday, children are invited to join their families at the farewell reception for Peter and Patti during the Sunday School hour.

## TO THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE OF GOD AT CALVARY UMC:

Thank you so much for your kindness in letting New Creation Choir stay at your facility. It was wonderful! You have an awesome rec and youth center. It was neat to meet your people and hear from the surrounding business about how God has touched other's lives through Calvary UMC. We have been impacted as well by your kindness and hospitality in the name of Jesus Christ.

Because He lives, Jason, Jordan, Scott, and Kerry

# MISSION CAMP 2010

Last week, nine of Calvary's children opened their hearts in love and their hands to serve their neighbors around Nashville. The hymn Jesús, Jesús became the group's prayer as they served their neighbors:

Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
Show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

**“Dear Lord, thank you for this day, please help these children heal and recover, in your name we pray. Amen.”**

Hank Thompson's prayer for the children at the Ronald McDonald House



**“[I understood the project at the Siloam Family Health Center to be mission] when writing the passages for the patients to comfort them.”**

Anna Grace Cole

**“I saw God in the people in the waiting area, and I saw Him bringing them to a good place.”**

**“I saw God when we saw what God can do.”**

Mission Camp children reflect on the Siloam Family Health Center

**“I liked when we weeded because we were able to talk with Ms. Keesha (a volunteer).”**

Savannah Martinez reflects on the House of Mercy

**“[I understood the project at the Gallatin Shalom Zone to be mission] because it was helping people less fortunate.”**

Grace Ann Robertson

**“When you see someone hurt, help them. If you made a mess, clean it up. No matter how hard it is, cooperate.”**

Allison Heard reflects on the House of Mercy



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## Galactic Blast VBS at Calvary UMC

Vacation Bible School 2010 will be Out of This World!

At Galactic Blast VBS, cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily Bible missions, kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. Join us on this cosmic combination of faith and fun as cadets develop a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ!

\*Galactic Blast cadets are ages 4 by July 12, 2010 through completed 5th graders.

\*\*There is a registration fee of \$15. This can be paid by check to Calvary UMC, 3701 Hillsboro Road, Nashville, TN, 37215 or can be paid on the first day of VBS at check in. Please email [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com) for information on scholarships.

### Date/Time

Date: July 12th - 16, 2010  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Volunteer Registration End Date: July 10th, 2010 at 12:00 PM

Participant Registration End Date: July 10th, 2010 at 12:00 PM

### More Information

For more information visit [www.calvaryumc.com](http://www.calvaryumc.com)

Learn more about Galactic Blast VBS 2010 at [www.cokesburyvbs.com](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com)

Visit here to register (Participants & Volunteers):

<http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/calvaryumc.com>

