

FROM OUR HILL

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June 27, 2010

8:30 a.m.

CalvaryConnection in the Chapel

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m.

Service of Prayer & Holy Communion
in the Chapel

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2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

## Thank You



So in my mind I sort of bungled my way through the 10:30 sermon Sunday. That is not the first time, but a last sermon leaves little margin for bungling. I was a bit overwhelmed by the meaning of the day and the expressions of love. I found comfort in the fact that the Book of Worship liturgy for saying farewell to a congregation allowed me to ask for and receive your forgiveness; that, and there is this last column. Maybe I can express myself better in print than in voice.

I do not think any pastor could feel more blessed than I. Calvary is an amazing congregation and I have been privileged to serve here twice! I am thankful for pastors who have gone before me and the foundation upon which I have stood, for staff colleagues with whom I

have known a particular grace and the strength that is team ministry, and for countless members of this faith community who serve Calvary faithfully and share their gifts beautifully; you have taught me much.

I am deeply indebted to God and you for the opportunity to be family among family and friends. You helped to raise my sons, nieces, and nephews, and my wife for that matter; you nurtured me, affirmed me, and challenged me. The long time together has allowed us to truly be a faith family with all of our strengths and weaknesses; to welcome agreement and navigate conflict with a never flinching love. It is not just about me or about you, but what we have been together, a healthy, vital faith community bearing witness to the Christ who makes us one in the Spirit.

In my sermon I acknowledged that like the disciples I returned to my Galilee (Green Hills) and, just as God promised, here I have seen the Lord. I thank you for that. I also shared a poem that was formative to me in my call: "We are simply asked to make gentle a bruised world, to be compassionate of all, including one's self; and then in the time left over, to repeat the ancient tale, and go the way of God's foolish ones". (from a lecture by Peggy Way) It has kept me grounded as I seek to live out the Great Commission; the mission statement formulated by Jesus.

Let me close by saying how grateful I am for the experience of Sunday. The reception was lovely and the banana pudding a fun touch (you knew!). I was humbled by the center display representing my time at Calvary and the ministry we have shared, the rolling power point with scripture so thoughtfully woven between pictures, as well as the kind words spoken to me. You honored me and one of my passions by the gift to the St. Andrew Endowment Fund, established by the Nashville Area Foundation. Income from that fund provides scholarships for individuals pursuing pastoral ministry in seminary. What a great gift! I have so cherished the opportunities I have had to work with and mentor students from Vanderbilt Divinity School. Then later in the day I opened the card and found the check you gave our family. I simply do not have words to say how touched we are by your generosity. You are instruments of God's extravagant love! We thank you.

And of course I appreciate that so many were able to be in worship Sunday. Just being together is a gift. I think I bungled through the service because I was overwhelmed by the prayer Libby Baxter offered at the reception as a blessing for Patti, David, Dane, and me. Later in the sermon I quoted from a poem by Yeats, "While on the shop and street I gazed, my body of a sudden blazed; twenty minutes more or less, it seemed, so great my happiness that I was blessed and could bless". Libby set my soul ablaze.

So again thank you all; I will miss serving God with you at Calvary. Keep on making gentle the world and repeating the ancient tale. Tether yourself to this covenant community so that you may be blessed and can bless. Calvary is a special congregation! I move on a better pastor and a better person for our time together...and to God be the glory.

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.

### Children's Summer Sunday School Update

There will be no children's Summer Sunday School meeting on July 4.

## CHURCH FAMILY

We are pleased to announce our two newest Calvary Members: Barbara and Jack Norman.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 27, 2010

8:30 a.m. CalvaryConnection

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 28

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

2:30 p.m. Prayer Time

7:30 p.m. Open Gym

### Tuesday, June 29

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group

### Wednesday, June 30

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, July 2

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

## Calvary Welcomes Rev. Mark Forrester

On Sunday, June 27, Calvary welcomes the Reverend Dr. Mark Forrester as our guest preacher. Dr. Forrester is the chaplain of the Wesley/Canterbury Fellowship at Vanderbilt University. A native of Nashville, Rev. Forrester received his Master's of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School in 1983 and his Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary in May 2005. He was ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church in 1983 and spent eight years as a pastor of a congregation before becoming a chaplain at Austin Peay State University. He has been the campus pastor at Vanderbilt since 1993. The students from Wesley/Canterbury Fellowship say that "Rev. Mark Forrester is our marathon-running, Monty-Python-loving, gourmet-cooking, deep-thinking leader."

Rev. Forrester will preach on the gospel text of Luke 24:13-16,28-31, "The Church at the Crossroads." We look forward to having Rev. Forrester with us at Calvary, and we thank him for his generosity in sharing with us.

On Sunday, July 4, Calvary's newly appointed Senior Pastor, Steve Angus, will be in the pulpit. His "official welcome" will be Sunday, July 11, in the worship service, followed by a potluck lunch for Steve and his family. Please plan to stay for lunch, and bring a dish to share to welcome the Angus family.

## 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.

# CHOIR TOUR 2010



We led worship at Gulfview UMC on Sunday morning.

**Back L-R:** Will Lambert, Will Kaufman, Andrew Phillips, Kris Lott, Patrick Nichols, Benjamin Rhett, Dylan Lott, Natalie Shuff, Scott White, Jennifer Oakes, Jon Edwards, Amanda Currie, Alli Moore, McKenna Monk, Karen Jenke, Millie Wert, Meredith McAdory, Bitsy Ward, Deborah Graham

**Front L-R:** Matt Ward, Maggie Ward, Claudia Rhett, Lauren Brooks, Marianna Cheplick, Katy Kaufman, Pam Rhett, Emma Sneed, Andrea Walkup, Austin Walkup, Hannah Walkup. **Not pictured:** Allison, Jenny, and Claire Lott



A night of fun at the Family Recreation Center...Bumper Boats!



Marianna Cheplick and Amanda Currie wait to perform at the Mathison Retirement Center



Adult participants on the Youth Choir Tour included Pam Rhett, Kris Lott, Lauren Brooks, Deborah Graham, Will Lambert, Andrea Walkup, and Bitsy Ward

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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>

