

# 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.

### August 15, 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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Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

## CREATED TO LEAP



I recently read some amazing information about an antelope known as the African impala. Impalas are reddish-brown with white and black markings. Their ears, eyes, chin, throat, belly and buttocks are white. From the middle of the lower back to the tail and on the back of each thigh, they have black stripes. Male impalas weigh 117 to 167 pounds and are 30-36 inches high, while females are only 88 to 117 pounds and 28 to 34 inches high.

These residents of southern and eastern Africa are amazing leapers. From a standing position they can jump to a height of over 10 feet. When running, one leap can cover a distance greater than 30 feet. Yet what I find most amazing about these magnificent animals is

that they can be kept in an enclosure in any zoo with a 3-foot-high wall. You see, impalas will not jump if they cannot see where their feet will land.

The truth is many of us approach life much like the African impala. We insist on "Looking before we leap." We do not want to make any movement unless we know with a certainty where we will land. This cautious approach to life can sometimes offer a momentary false sense of security but it also denies us the opportunity to experience many blessings on the other side. In the language of the Bible, this jumping without seeing is called "Faith."

Over the past week I have seen this kind of faith at work in the life of one of Calvary's own. It was only a couple weeks ago that many of us watched as Lauren Brooks completed her training through the Center for Youth Ministry Training. She was commissioned to be a worker among youth.

I have seen this kind of faith at work in Lauren as she has discerned what God would have her do with her life at this present time. Within the safe and loving arms of Calvary she has grown as a woman of faith and as a leader of teens. It has been not only a wonderful experience for her, but for those who have mentored her and for those she has helped disciple for Jesus. Now after two years of working at Calvary as the Assistant Youth Director, the opportunity has presented itself for her to make a leap of faith!" Here is how she has expressed it:

*I have accepted the position of Youth and Young Adult Director at Creivewood UMC. It's important to me that you understand that my decision to leave Calvary is a response to God's call in my life. It is a choice I have made after much deliberation, prayer, and conversation. I love Calvary. I care deeply about the church, the people, my childhood memories, and the parts I have played in the ministries of this community of believers. This is a place I have learned to love God and was blessed with the opportunity to serve in response. It is important now for me to take this next step in my development as teacher and leader.*

Selfishly I do not want to see Lauren leave. I am sure many of you feel even stronger about this. However this is what Lauren has been preparing herself for and now God has placed her in the place of God's choosing. Thus this is a time for Calvary to rejoice. Another one of our own is going out to serve! I know you will let Lauren know how proud you are of her for having the faith to leave the walls of Calvary and go in "response to God's call in her life."

This is also a time for us to take inventory of ourselves. It is never easy to move outside our comfort zone. "Is God leading us as a church to make a leap of faith?" "What ministry is God calling you to leave your comfort zone to do?"

Remember, we may not know exactly how our feet will land but we do know who will be there to catch us.

Blessings, Pastor Steve



## CHURCH NEWS

Please consider donating altar flowers for Sunday morning worship! Contact Deb Barcus, Lois McConnell or Betsy in the church office (297-7562) with questions or to participate in this ministry.

If you have materials for From Our Hill, please contact Betsy (betsy@calvaryumc.com or 297-7562) by Wednesday afternoon.

### **A Note from Pastor Steve....**

I thought you would like to know that the Pastor's Discretionary Account is without funds! Please consider donating to this important ministry!

## CHURCH FAMILY

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, August 15, 2010**

8:30 a.m. Calvary Connection (Chapel)  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
4:00 p.m. Gathering with the Pastor  
6:00 p.m. UMYF  
6:30 p.m. Communion (Chapel)

### **Monday, August 16**

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
2:30 p.m. Prayer Time

### **Tuesday, August 17**

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee

### **Wednesday, August 18**

10:30 a.m. Women's Support Group  
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
5:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, August 19**

7:00 p.m. Unity Build Meeting (FH)

### **Friday, August 20**

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

## Community Care Fellowship

It is that time again for Calvary United Methodist Church to serve lunch at Community Care Fellowship for the 5th Sunday serving on Sunday August 29th. We served 262 people in May using 30 casseroles. Please let me know if you can make a casserole to be delivered to the church kitchen downstairs next to the Chapel no later than 10:30 on the 30th. My goal is to have at least 30 casseroles. In addition, I can always use 4 others to help serve the meal so let me know if you are interested. Thanks for your consideration

## Remnant Class Sunday School Invites Visitors

The Remnant Sunday School Class would like to invite any interested persons to visit their class on the last Sunday in August and throughout September. Remnant will be hearing from different leaders at Calvary concerning their ministries and vision for Calvary. The class meets in Room E308 from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

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| August 29    | Steve and Gretchen Angus              |
| September 5  | Bob Currie, Lay Leader                |
| September 12 | Kevin Walkup, Church Council Chair    |
| September 19 | Nancy Freeman or Larry Brown, Finance |
| September 26 | Mat Eads, Stewardship Chair           |

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



It is back-to-school time! For families with children and youth, among other things, this means a trip to the store to get new pencils, pens, backpacks, and other goodies. Teachers working in Metro Nashville schools are responsible for providing many of their own classroom supplies, which can become a financial burden. The LPpencilbox works to alleviate this burden. We will be collecting school supplies to help fill the store on Sundays, August 8 (TN sales tax free weekend) and 15. Remember to pick up extra school supplies and bring them to Calvary on those Sundays! For more information contact Stephanie at [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com) or Kris at [kris@calvaryumc.com](mailto:kris@calvaryumc.com)

## Adult Fellowship – Gathering with Steve and Gretchen

If you have not had a chance to attend one of the gatherings with our new pastor, Steve Angus, and his wife, Gretchen, you are invited to join us on Thursday, August 26, at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Steve and Gretchen Angus will be our guest speakers, and they are eager to share their life and faith stories with us, meet you, and hear about your dreams and visions for Calvary. Please call the church at 297-7562 to let us know if you will be attending the gathering and lunch or just the gathering. All persons at Calvary who have not yet had a chance to attend one of these gatherings are invited to attend on August 26. If you have questions, call Libby at the church.

# BIBLE STUDIES 2010

“If you make my word your home you will indeed be my disciples.” (John 8:31 NJB)

Now is the time to consider making a serious commitment to your intentional faith development in 2010-11 by enrolling in a Bible study. You can find brochures detailing possible Bible study offerings in Masters Common, in the acrylic box outside Libby Baxter’s office (Room E212) and on Calvary’s website ([www.calvaryumc.com](http://www.calvaryumc.com)). You may register by filling out a form or online. Below are abbreviated descriptions of some of the offerings:

**DISCIPLE I** 34 weeks, Sept.-May; 2 ½ hours per week; Wed. or Sunday evening

You must complete DISCIPLE I before taking DISCIPLE II, III, or IV

**DISCIPLE II** 32 weeks, Sept.-May; Leader: Tad Wert; Sundays 4:30-7:00

**DISCIPLE III OR IV** 32 weeks, Sept.-May; 2 ½ hours per week; Wed. or Sunday evening

**Invitation to the Old Testament** 8 weeks; 1 ½ hours per week; Wed. or Sunday evening

Invitation to the New Testament offered in the Spring

**Invitation to Genesis, or the Psalms, or John, or Romans** – all 10 week studies, 1 ½ hours per week, Wednesday or Sunday evening

**Pastor’s Bible Study with Steve Angus** – Wednesday evenings and/or weekday morning

**Companions in Christ Studies: The Way of Grace, The Way of Prayer, The Way of Forgiveness, The Way of Blessedness, or The Way of Discernment** – all 10 weeks studies, 1 ½ hours per week, Wed. or Sunday evenings

**Financial Peace University** 13 weeks; Led by Larry and Ann Brown; Wed. or Sunday

**“This I Know”** Led by Pam Hawkins; 7 weeks; Sundays 4:30-6:30.

Questions: Contact Libby Baxter at 297-7562 or [libby@calvaryumc.com](mailto:libby@calvaryumc.com). For detailed descriptions of classes, pick up a brochure or look at the website. All classes begin after Labor Day.

## CALVARY ORGAN PROJECT MOVES FORWARD!

The called meeting of Calvary’s Church Council on August 1st approved moving forward with the project to repair and update our Organ with the understanding that we would commit to only the work that the current financial commitments would allow. That total as of August 6 is \$184,384. This allows for the repairs, upgrading to digital, and adding some ranks that the Music Committee is choosing.

According to the current revised schedule that is being finalized by the Trustees with Schantz Organ Company the total amount to be spent is \$179,000. There is a need for some dollars to be held in reserve for the additional electrical work that will be needed in the Chancel area to accommodate the improvements. We hope to have a schedule available soon for the needed ranks that are not being added at this time, but could be with additional gifts. Schantz has agreed to hold the current prices if anyone would like to add a gift that could add a rank. These would need to be made before production begins in the Schantz factory and that is expected to be in November.

We will keep you posted as things progress with any changes so that you may continue to increase or make new gifts as opportunity provides. Also paying your pledges as early as possible is a great help to meeting payment deadlines.

The Worship and Music Committees and Trustees are very appreciative of the great generosity of Calvary members in such a short period of time. Blessings to you all!

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## ASP Sunday School Presentation - August 15 in Chapel

The 2010 Appalachia Service Project Mission Team is presenting their trip in the Sunday school hour this Sunday, August 15 in the chapel. All Sunday School classes are invited. Come hear about and see the different jobs and stories from this year's trip. We will also hear from two Calvary members that served on the ASP Summer Staff this year.

