

FROM OUR HILL

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August 22, 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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Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

## An Invitation to FEAST



What constitutes a FEAST for you? It is one of those terms we use to describe a special event yet what makes it truly special varies from person to person. If it has been a long day at work or school, simply to sit down and enjoy a bowl of ramen noodles can be a feast. For others what we would describe as a feast really has nothing to do with food. Food just happens to be present. What makes the meal into a feast is the company. Thus being able to sit down with a family member or a special friend transforms that "bologna and crackers" into a feast fit for royalty.

I want you to start thinking FEAST when you realize it is Wednesday. For some of us the work or school week is half over and what this event calls for is a FEAST with kindred spirits.

On September 8 we will be launching Calvary FEAST. It is intended to provide what we have noted above but also it serves as an acronym which stands for: **Fellowship, Education, and Serving Together.**

You may be thinking, "Well, how is FEAST different from "WNL?" We are hoping to combine some of the things that many of us loved about WNL with some fresh ideas and opportunities.

For example:

- **Food.**  
There will still be "food" but with a fresh menu prepared by a new caterer that includes a kid friendly plate.
- **Children ministries.**  
There will be childcare for infants-toddlers.  
Music for Pre K-Kindergarteners led by our new Music Assistant, Amanda Craft  
Disciple opportunities designed for children.
- **Adult Fellowship and Study**  
Pastor's Bible Study with Steve Angus (9 weeks) 6:15-7:00 p.m.  
Invitation to the Old Testament (9 weeks) 6:15-7:30 p.m.  
Invitation to Psalms (9 weeks) 6:15-7:30 p.m.  
Family - The Forming Center (9 weeks) 6:15-7:00 p.m.  
Financial Peace University (13 weeks) 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Opportunities for Intergenerational Experiences**  
"Trunk or Treat"  
Concert "Dust and Ashes"  
Children's Christmas Musical  
Nashville Philharmonic Flute Musical

This is just a sampling of what midweek FEAST can become. We are looking for other ways that can help satisfy the hunger you may be experiencing. Please let the staff know if you have suggestions or have interest in developing a group on Wednesday evenings. We are asking you to "register" for these opportunities so we can properly prepare for them. You can do this online or by calling the church office.

I look forward to enjoying a tremendous FEAST with you on Wednesday evenings.

Blessings, Pastor Steve

PS....

Don't forget to check out the "Youth" and "Adult" pages on our website for other opportunities to FEAST if Wednesday doesn't work for you.

PSS....

Last week in my FOH article I mentioned that Lauren Brooks had accepted a position as Youth Director at another church. After some time of prayer and soul searching Lauren felt that her ministry at Calvary was not complete. She reconsidered her decision and I am pleased to share that Lauren will continue as our Assistant Youth Director. I will be sharing with you in the new future some of the changes that will be occurring within her area of responsibility. Lauren has a passion for Jesus and for youth! That is a winning combination.

## 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.

### 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!

### Organ Update

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Organ Pledges</b>     | <b>\$ 150,485</b> |
| <b>On Hand 8/16/2010</b> | <b>82,463</b>     |
| <b>Pd on Pledges</b>     | <b>34,752</b>     |
| <b>Pledge Balance</b>    | <b>115,733</b>    |
| <b>Total Committed</b>   | <b>\$198,196</b>  |

## CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to J.D. and Jackie Richardson on the birth of their son, James Wyatt Richardson. Wyatt is the grandson of **Steve and Gretchen Angus**.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, August 22, 2010**

- 8:30 a.m. Calvary Connection (Chapel)
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 p.m. Communications Committee
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF
- 6:30 p.m. Communion (Chapel)

### **Monday, August 23**

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
- 2:30 p.m. Prayer Time
- 5:30 p.m. Staff Parish (223)
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee (204)

### **Tuesday, August 24**

- 8:00 a.m. Covenant Group
- 7:00 p.m. Steering Committee

### **Wednesday, August 25**

- 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 26**

- 11:00 a.m. Adult Fellowship (FH)

### **Friday, August 27**

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

# Finance Report

Have you been shocked by your A/C bill this summer? Then you can imagine what the Calvary A/C bill is like. This time of year is a time of high electricity bills and constant repairs to the hundreds of working parts of our cooling system. It is also a time when congregants are off enjoying vacations and visiting family. These two forces combine to create a real crunch in our cash flow- we have a lot going out and not as much coming in. We are now about 60% through the year. Please check to make sure that you have paid 60% of your pledge.

## July Finance Update

|                                     | <b>July YTD<br/>Actual</b> | <b>July YTD<br/>Budget</b> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                     | <u>(in thousands)</u>      | <u>(in thousands)</u>      |
| <b>Gifts</b>                        |                            |                            |
| Pledge                              | 479                        | 563                        |
| Other                               | <u>187</u>                 | <u>195</u>                 |
| <b>Total Gifts</b>                  | 666                        | 758                        |
| <b>Expenses</b>                     | <u>761</u>                 | <u>758</u>                 |
| <b>Surplus/<br/>&lt;Deficit&gt;</b> | <b>&lt;95&gt;</b>          | <b>Balanced</b>            |

## 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 - Brad Greer

## Last Chance – A Gathering with the Pastor

Our new Senior pastor, Steve Angus, will be wrapping up his "Gatherings with the Pastor" at Adult Fellowship on Thursday, August 26 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you have not had a chance to attend one of Steve's gatherings, please feel free to join us for this gathering. You will have an opportunity to hear about Steve's and Gretchen's faith journeys, to ask questions, and to share your ideas about Calvary's ministries.

Lunch will be served immediately following the program at a cost of \$8.00 per person. To make your reservation for lunch, call the church at 297-7562 by Tuesday, August 24, at noon.

## A Service of Healing

The Spiritual Formation Committee will sponsor a quarterly Service of Healing on Sunday, August 29, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. This will be a time of hearing Scripture, experiencing confession and pardon, prayer, and the opportunity to be anointed with oil if desired.

The United Methodist Book of Worship states: "Scripture strongly affirms ministries of spiritual healing ... The root of the word healing in New Testament Greek, *sozo*, is the same as that of salvation and wholeness. Spiritual healing is God's work of offering persons balance, harmony, and wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and relationships through confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

All healing is of God. The Church's healing ministry in no way detracts from the gifts God gives through medicine and psychotherapy. It is no substitute for either medicine or the proper care of one's health. Rather, it adds to our total resources for wholeness. ... God does not promise that we shall be spared suffering but does promise to be with us in our suffering. Trusting that promise, we are enabled to recognize God's sustaining presence in pain, sickness, injury, and estrangement. Likewise, God does not promise that we will be cured of all illnesses, and we must all face the inevitability of death. A Service of Healing, however, provides an atmosphere in which healing can happen. The greatest healing of all is the ... reconciliation of a human being with God. When this happens, physical healing sometimes occurs, mental and emotional balance is often restored, spiritual health is enhanced, and relationships are healed. For the Christian the basic purpose of spiritual healing is to renew and strengthen one's relationship with the living Christ."

## 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<br>Larry Brown, Finance |
| September 26 | Mat Eads,<br>Stewardship Chair           |

## 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.

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## Tennessee Conference Bishop's Flood Relief Appeal: Special offering on Sunday, August 22

The wind and water from the spring storms have passed for now, but tens of thousands of survivors have just begun a long path to recovery in more than 29 counties across the Conference. During our journey over the next few years, many will need our assistance in the form of spiritual or emotional support, building materials, volunteers, and more.

On Sunday, August 22, 2010, or another Sunday of your choosing, Bishop Richard Wills asks that we give an offering in Christ's name to serve our neighbors. Checks can be made payable to your local church and designated "2010 Spring Storms."

For additional information, contact:

Tennessee Conference Office

Disaster Response Team

615-695-2765 or

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