

FROM OUR HILL

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CYCS and CUMC Equals a Winning Combination

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August 29, 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 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14



I am discovering that most weeks are exciting around “Our Hill.” This week has been no exception. Enthusiasm and activity have filled the air as our Young Children’s School has been preparing to get back into full swing. Early in the week I had the opportunity to meet with the CYCS staff and listen in on some of their hopes and expectations for the new school year. On Thursday, I had the opportunity to greet and visit with the parents of the incoming and returning students. Again the energy level was very high!

When I learned that I was to be the senior pastor at Calvary, one of the details about the church that excited me was the church’s long and celebrated legacy of week day children’s ministry. The CYCS has been a licensed program since 1968. The daily program offers a variety of self-motivated activities, small group activities, computer use, and outdoor or gym play. The 3’s, 4’s and 5’s participate in Every Day Math and Handwriting without Tears Curriculum, which is centered on a play based learning model. The program has 166 children enrolled and ministers to 125 children on a daily basis through twelve classes and a staff of 38. The children range in age from six weeks to five years old. Each of the lead teachers has a Bachelors degree and many of the assistant teachers have CDA, AA or BS degrees. The CYCS is a State of Tennessee Three Star program which is the highest certification awarded.

I hope you feel as good about this information as I do! Jesus and his church have always been concerned about the needs of children and their families. The mission statement of the school states:

**Calvary Young Children’s School is a ministry of Calvary United Methodist Church—providing quality education in a safe, nurturing environment.**

It is essential that we take to heart the truth of the first part of this statement, Calvary Young Children’s School is a ministry of Calvary United Methodist Church. This is a reminder to the church that the CYCS is an extension of the ministry of this congregation. By being such, it is an offering we make to God, and when we give something to God, it should always be our best. I am thankful for those individuals who are striving always to make the CYCS the best we have to offer to God. It also means that we have a responsibility to be in prayer for this ministry.

I am excited that this Sunday during the 10:30 service we will be having a time of prayer and commissioning for our CYCS and its staff. You will have the opportunity to meet some of the children’s families and some of the staff. We will then offer a congregational prayer on behalf of all of them, led by Pastor Stephanie. She is a vital part of this ministry, and I am excited, as are many others, that she will be leading the CYCS’s weekly Chapel Service.

Come this Sunday and let us celebrate another way in which we serve Jesus in our community: through our Young Children’s School.

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.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE REPORT



Thanks to everyone for contributing to the school supply drive! A car load of supplies was delivered

to the LPpencilbox. Your contribution helped to alleviate a significant financial burden for Metro teachers, allowing them to focus on caring for Nashville's children – a great way to respond to Jesus' call to care for the children around us!

## CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to **Sharon Golden** for her husband's (Maurice Golden) safe return from active duty

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 29, 2010

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

### Monday, August 30

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

### Tuesday, August 31

- 8:00 a.m. Covenant Group
- 6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee (223)

### Wednesday, September 1

- 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, September 2

### Friday, September 3

- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

## 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."

## We only need 10 more children's Sunday School teachers for the Fall – sign up today!



Every time a child is brought forward to be baptized, the Calvary congregation enters into a covenant relationship with God on behalf of the child. Each of you has promised to "do all in your power to increase her/his faith, confirm her/his hope, and perfect her/him in love" for each of the children within the Calvary family. It has been a joy watching many of you live into this covenant relationship by serving with children at Vacation Bible School, Mission Camp, Summer Sunday School, and other summer ministries.

Entering a new ministry calendar provides you with yet another opportunity to increase a child's faith, confirm their hope and perfect them in love – serving as a Sunday School teacher! If you are looking to return to the children's Sunday School classroom after a year or two away – there is room for you! If you are considering new ways to be in ministry and live into your baptismal covenant – there is room for you! The curriculum that we will use for children ages 3 thru 5th Grade is new to Calvary this year. The children's Sunday School classes will be using Living the Good News which is both lectionary-based and learner-centered. The teacher roster is still very, very open for both lead teachers and shepherds.

We are in need of:

**Toddlers & Twos:** 1 lead teacher, **3-year-old class:** 2 shepherds

**Kindergarten class:** 1 lead teacher and 1 shepherd

**1st Grade class:** 1 lead teacher, **2nd Grade class:** 1 shepherd

**4th Grade class:** 1 lead teacher and 1 shepherd

**WE NEED ONLY 10 MORE PEOPLE TO HELP MAKE THIS MINISTRY POSSIBLE! CONSIDER THIS YOUR CALL TO SERVE.**

Please contact Stephanie to consider ways that you can serve with this valuable ministry of discipleship. 297-7562 or [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com)

## Habitat series – Part I: Calvary participating in Unity Build Sept. 18-Oct. 10



Under the “Unity Build” banner, Calvary and a coalition of churches and community groups, will construct a house this fall in Habitat for Humanity’s new Park Preserve sub-division in north Nashville.

Since 1994 Calvary has provided money and labor to help build 17 Habitat houses. Founded in 1976 by the late Millard Fuller, the non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry has built more than 350,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.75 million people in 3,000 communities safe, decent, affordable shelter.

Despite its success and popularity, Habitat struggles with the myth that it is giving houses to poor people. That is not the case, stresses Julia Charles who is coordinating Calvary’s participation in this year’s Unity Build. “Working class families unable to obtain conventional house financing are given an opportunity for home ownership,” she said. “Generally this includes those whose income is 30 to 50 percent of the area’s median income.” Habitat homeowner families make a \$500 down payment, benefit from a no-interest loan, and contribute 475 hours of “sweat equity” on the construction of their home or someone else’s home. They also work with a budget coach and participate in classes on household budgeting and home maintenance.

The beauty of the Habitat program, according to Calvary member Gladys Wolfe, is that the homeowner’s monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses. Gladys and husband Bill have been deeply involved with Habitat since Calvary’s first build in 1994.

“From the first nail to the last, helping build a Habitat home is a heart-warming experience for all involved,” said Gladys. “It’s not just wood, windows and doors. It’s tears and smiles as the family drives the first nail in their house; it’s volunteers writing a blessing for the family on the walls before the siding goes on; it’s the excitement of the family on dedication day when they receive the keys to their house.”

Habitat builds houses in partnership with those in need regardless of race, religion or any other difference, according to Gladys. “Applicants must meet three criteria: need, ability to repay the mortgage, and a willingness to partner with Habitat,” she said.

Speaking during Calvary worship services April 25, Ophelia Foster shared how her life has changed since moving into her new Unity Build house in 1998. Her daughter Nakeya, who was then eight years of age, is now a student at Tennessee State University. Ophelia has paid off her mortgage and has recruited her local church to help sponsor a Habitat home in the near future. “I believe in Habitat,” she exclaimed. “It works and truly does break the cycle of poverty.”

Participating in the Unity Build this year are members of 20 Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Lutheran, Episcopal and Catholic churches, Church Women United, the Sertoma Club of Nashville, and staff of the United Methodist Publishing House. Workdays for Calvary participants are scheduled for Sunday, September 19 and Saturday, Oct. 9th.

To learn more about Habitat internationally, go to: <http://www.habitat.org/>

To learn more about the Park Preserve project go to: <http://tinyurl.com/239gntk>

**NEXT WEEK: PART II -- Calvary volunteers make Habitat home possible.**



## MUSIC NOTES

We are thrilled to introduce our new Assistant Music Director, Amanda Craft. Amanda is a 2006 graduate of Belmont University with a degree in Vocal Performance. She is currently working towards a master’s degree in Music Education at Belmont. Amanda is the voice teacher at St. Edward’s School and works with the Nashville Children’s Choir. Amanda is so very excited to be at Calvary and has much to offer our music ministry. Amanda will be working primarily with pre-school through 6th graders here at Calvary. Welcome Amanda!

## 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 (221-4933)

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## BIBLE STUDIES 2010

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

This is the last Sunday to make 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.