

# FROM OUR HILL

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## February 28, 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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Genesis 15:1-12

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-45



## Youth Sunday is March 7th - One Worship Service at 10:30

Over the years, Youth Sunday has been a spiritual high point in Calvary's worship life. The services have been theologically provocative and generationally affirming. The youth write the liturgy, provide the sermons, offer the music, and have introduced visual arts such as painting and dancing. We as a covenant community have been exceedingly blessed to receive their gifts.

It is an affirming day in many ways. Youth Sunday provides an opportunity for the youth to share their faith with the very congregation that committed (with many of them) to "increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love" (UMH page 43) at the time of their baptism. Youth Sunday coalesces thoughts and beliefs our youth have embraced through Calvary's Sunday school and music ministries, fellowship and mission opportunities. From holding some of these young folks in the nursery to teaching Vacation Bible School to coaching a youth basketball team, so many Calvary adults have an impact on the development of our children and youth. How beautiful the circle of love and life and faith we share in Christ Jesus!

Youth Sunday is also affirming of youth as a demographic. It is too easy for generations to lose touch, and therefore appreciation for what each has to offer to the other. A full sanctuary with ages ranging from a few months old to 100 years old (that is a common occurrence at Calvary!) provides a forum for exchanging wisdom and insight gained at every stage of life. We are exceedingly fortunate to know a wide age span in this community of faith, and what grace to be enfolded into the energy and perspective of our youth.

Youth Sunday is a day that includes lunch and an auction. The meal is a fun time of fellowship and the auction is the major fundraising event for our youth mission experiences. Even as I encourage you to come to worship, stay for lunch, and be generous in support of our youth through the auction, I would acknowledge that the Calvary congregation has a long history of understanding the importance of this day. Spiritually as we continue to "order our lives after the example of Christ, that, surrounded by steadfast love, [our youth] may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal," (UMH page 49), and programmatically as we provide the funds necessary for a vibrant and vital mission emphasis in our youth ministry.

So, I trust you will be present in worship at 10:30 Sunday morning March 7th. You need to know there will be one worship service that morning and it will be in the sanctuary; this is so we can come together as one worshipping community that day. We are so richly blessed at Calvary to know all the joys of covenant life. Our youth are one of those blessings, come share in the joy!

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

Would you enjoy a night out, while we watch your children? Need someone to mow your yard or paint your fence? Tired of those dirty window? Does your silver need a new polish? Need some computer help?

If you answered **YES**, to any of these questions please come to the **YOUTH AUCTION/LUNCHEON ON MARCH 7**, following worship to find out how the youth can help.



## CHURCH AT A GLANCE

### ESL Volunteers Needed

Anyone interested in teaching English to non-native speakers on a weekly basis, please contact Jessica Bridges via email ([jessica@calvaryumc.com](mailto:jessica@calvaryumc.com)), phone, or catch her around the church.

## CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our love and sympathy to **Brad Dillard** and his family in the death of his grandmother, Alene Dillard

We extend our love and sympathy to **Betty Young** and **Candie Ferrell** and their families in the death of Jeff Byrd, Betty's nephew and Candie's cousin.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, February 28, 2010**

### *BLOOD DRIVE IN CLC*

8:30 a.m. CalvaryConnection  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
11:30 a.m. Estonia Summer Camp Meeting  
3:00 p.m. K-2 Children's Choir  
3:45 p.m. 3-6 Children's Choir  
4:00 p.m. Youth Bells  
5:00 p.m. *The Awkward Season* Small Group  
5:00 p.m. Children's Snack Supper  
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir  
5:30 p.m. Children's Handbells  
6:00 p.m. UMYF  
6:15 p.m. Adult Handbells  
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Holy Communion

### **Monday, March 1**

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service  
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
7:00 p.m. Open Gym

### **Tuesday, March 2**

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group  
10:00 a.m. Book Circle  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service  
4:00 p.m. Tutoring @ Cottage Cove  
6:00 p.m. YCS Board Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 3**

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service  
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
5:30 p.m. WNL  
6:15 p.m. Praise Team  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### **Thursday, March 4**

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service

### **Friday, March 5**

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service  
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
5:00 p.m. Room in the Inn

### **Saturday, March 6**

11:00 a.m. Youth Auction Setup

## Help needed on the Hill

Are you reading this newsletter on paper? Do you have an email address? Please help us reduce our postage and paper cost by receiving your From Our Hill in your email box rather than your mail box. If you would like to make the switch, please send an email to [kris@calvaryumc.com](mailto:kris@calvaryumc.com).

In addition to postage and paper, From Our Hill requires volunteer time to fold and label. If you would like to help on Thursday afternoons, please email [lori@calvaryumc.com](mailto:lori@calvaryumc.com).



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 12 – JULY 16, 2010**

**Put these dates on your calendar and be sure to join us for Galactic Blast: a cosmic adventure praising God!**

\*Participants are those who are four by July 12, 2010 through completed fifth graders.

## Lenten Retreat Opportunity

The Reverend Betsey Heavner is leading a Lenten Retreat at Glendale United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 6, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Glendale UMC is located at 900 Glendale Lane, Nashville, TN 37204. The theme of the retreat is "Pause on the Journey," and the cost is \$15.00 per person. Betsey Heavner is a teacher, writer, consultant and spiritual guide. She is currently on the staff of The General Board of Discipleship, is active in a small membership church in Nashville, and is committed to the renewal of people and congregations. To register for the retreat, call 297-6233.



Calvary extends a warm welcome to our newest sister in Christ, Isabella Roe Ellen Leek, baptized in the 10:30 worship service on February 21, 2010. Pictured are Isabella, mother Tiffany, aunts Lisa Robertson and Jo Ann Collins, and cousin Grace Ann Robertson.

## Lenten Worship Opportunities

**Sunday mornings:** 8:30 a.m. – Calvary Connection in the Chapel  
10:30 a.m. – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

**Sunday evening:** 6:30 p.m. – Communion in the Chapel  
**Mondays** 12:15-12:45pm – Weekly Prayer for Community  
In the Prayer Room

**Wednesday evenings:** 6:15 p.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary

*Note: Childcare will be provided throughout Lent for the 6:15 service.*

**Weekdays:** Noon to 12:15 -- Midday Prayers in the Chapel  
Monday through Friday -- February 17 – April 2

# WNL ~ Worship in Lent

Join us for worship in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. during the Wednesday nights of Lent. Worship will be based on the themes in Adam Hamilton's book *24 Hours That Changed the World*. You are invited to experience fellowship around the table at the WNL meal at 5:30 p.m. prior to the worship service. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children, and reservations are required by the Monday before each Wednesday night. Make your reservation by calling the church at 297-7562.

**March 3** "Condemned by the Righteous" (Mark 14:53, 55, 61-68, 70-72)

Worship Leaders: Peter van Eys and Stephanie Dunn

Music: Tom Metcalfe and Pam Rhett

**March 17** St. Patrick's Day Prayer Service with the theme of "Peace"

Special guests: Ulster Project Board Members and Participants

Note: This service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**March 24** "The Torture and Humiliation of the King" (Mark 15:15b-23) Worship Leaders: Libby Baxter, Kris Lott, Lauren Brooks, Calvary Youth

## Estonia Volunteers Needed

Are you being called to God's work with the street children of the Lighthouse Children's Center in Estonia this summer June 25-July 5? If you are interested or would like to explore what's involved, please come to an organizing meeting on Sunday, February 28 after the 10:30 service in the classroom next to Peter's office. Snack lunch will be provided. For more information in the meantime, contact Genna Mansperger at [gmkids@comcast.net](mailto:gmkids@comcast.net)

## Celebrate Our Youth

### Participate in the Youth Auction/Luncheon March 7

Calvary UMC Youth are committed in 2010 to continuing the long standing tradition of serving by giving their time and talents to others through missions outreach. Those involved in choir and handbells will take their show on the road to Florida to bring a bit of cheer and spread God's word musically at several nursing homes. Families in the poverty stricken mountains of Appalachia will benefit from home improvements provided by Calvary teens through the Appalachia Service Project. The Junior High youth will serve locally in Nashville helping with different agencies city-wide. Some will volunteer for Vacation Bible School. Some will tutor elementary age children locally.

Make your reservation by calling the church office or emailing [kris@calvaryumc.com](mailto:kris@calvaryumc.com).

## Thanks for Your Support!

The Senior High Boys Team finished their season with a defeat in the championship game. Even though they were not victories, they played a great game and gave it their all. It was great to have a gym full of fans cheering on the team. We will have to check the record books, but I believe that we the first wave ever completed in a Calvary basketball game.



The Senior Team: (from Left-to-Right) Archer H., Scott W., Andrew P., Greg T., Austin W., Clay K., Sam E., and Dylan L.

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## Lenten Food Drive for Barth Vernon UMC Food Pantry

Once again we have been asked to help our partner church, Barth Vernon UMC, stock the shelves of the West Nashville Food Bank. This ministry serves poor, elderly and disabled people in our own city and is run by volunteers from Barth Vernon who give out monthly food boxes containing meat and dairy products as well as the staple items we contribute.

The list of items needed is the same as in past years and many people prefer to bring all of the items at once during one of the last four Sundays of Lent. Others find it easier to follow this schedule:

- March 7- Cereal and/or oatmeal**
- March 14- Spaghetti and/or spaghetti sauce**
- March 21- Tuna and/or Tuna Helper**
- March 28- Soup and/or crackers**

Bring items to the Master's Common before Sunday school or church service. Calvary members have been very supportive in past years and have made a very big difference in the lives of the less fortunate.



**Feeding the  
Community**