

FROM OUR HILL

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March 7, 2010

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

Youth Sunday

11:45 a.m.

Youth Auction and Luncheon in CLC

6:30 p.m.

Service of Prayer & Holy Communion

in the Chapel

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Psalms 119:25-32

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 4:10-11

Mark 7:5-9



## The Cycle of Tradition

One of the hardest parts of my job is, each year, having to say goodbye to a group of seniors as they graduate from high school and move into the next step of their lives. On the flip side, each year, a new group of seniors step up and accept the leadership roles of the youth group. I am always amazed at this process! Each year we are guided by our youth in new directions.

The seniors this year are no different. They have been very active over the last few years and have inspired many of our current ministries such as the community garden and our weekly tutoring work. This group of seniors had the pleasure of starting youth

group as seventh graders the same year I started as the youth minister here at Calvary. The youth ministry has taken many different shapes over the last five or so years. One example is the seniors' leadership in worship.

This leads me to youth Sunday. Each year, the seniors, with help from the Youth Council, pick the topic for youth Sunday. This year, they picked the theme of Traditions. The entire worship service will focus on how the world-wide Church, Calvary UMC community, and individuals connect and grow from our past. We will have meditations from Amanda Currie, Andrew Phillips, Scott White, and Sara Schott on how they will continue their faith journey in the years to come by standing on faith foundations they have received from this congregation, their family, and other communities of their lives. They will challenge us by looking at the creeds and beliefs that the church lives by and remind us of the importance of not to just going through the motions but to put those words and beliefs in to real actions.

As a community we vow together at baptism to, "Renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." Our youth ministry is living proof of our congregation putting that statement in to action.

This congregation uses its gifts in many ways, particular if we take a look at the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). Financial gifts are made at our youth auction that has allowed for the youth to work on homes and help families in Appalachia for the past forty years. As they prepare and spend a week away in service, they know that they are being prayed for by their faith community back home. Your presence can be seen with the adult volunteers we receive for the trip. We need numerous volunteers to go each year. For every four to five youth that go on ASP, we need two adults. Last year we took fourteen adults, and hope to have that many again this year. Think about how many members of our congregation have gone on ASP as an adult volunteer over the last forty years. If we averaged 10 adult volunteers for the last forty years of ASP that is 400 volunteers and 2,000 days of vacation days used by those volunteers to go on those trips. What an awesome show of support!

Calvary does a great job of nurturing all of our children and youth. As we hear four seniors' stories about their faith foundations, many of you may resonate with their experiences. A lot of us remember going on ASP as a youth at Calvary and even participating in youth Sundays and UMYF. It is funny how we now are the ones giving back and supporting today's youth. In a few years, the same youth will modeling the same actions they have learned from Calvary to others and the cycle will continue.

Please join us this Sunday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for worship and for the youth auction and luncheon in the Christian Life Center after the service as we celebrate our youth!

Kris Lott, Director of Youth Ministries



## CHURCH FAMILY

There is a 90th Birthday Celebration for Rev. Ben Alexander on Wednesday March 10th. Ben served as Senior Pastor of Calvary from 1974-1976. If you would like to send a card:

**Hendersonville First UMC**  
**Attention: Ben Alexander's 90th Birthday**  
**217 East Main Street**  
**Hendersonville, TN 37075**

We extend our love and sympathy to **Mary Alice Barnes** and her family in the death of her sister, Nellie Harper.

We also extend our love and sympathy to **Vivian Brandon** and her family in the death of her mother, Dorothy Bracey.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 7, 2010

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Youth Sunday - Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Youth Auction & Luncheon
- 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 8

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service
- 1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness
- 5:30 p.m. Staff Parish Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Open Gym

### Tuesday, March 9

- 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. Education Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Children's Council

### Wednesday, March 10

- 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 11

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service

### Friday, March 12

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

## 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.

## Wednesday Worship on March 10

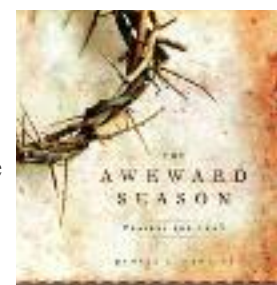
Join us for the Wednesday Nite Live meal and Lenten worship on March 10, 2010, when the theme of worship will be "Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate." Worship Leaders will be Stephanie Baxter Dunn, Libby Baxter, Tom Metcalfe, and the Sanctuary Choir. The WNL meal begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center and is followed by worship at 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The menu for March 10 will be Barbecue, Slaw, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cornbread, and Brownies. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Make your reservation for the meal by calling the church at 297-7562 by Monday, March 8 at noon.

## Your Lay Leader Wants to Hear from You.

In I Corinthians 12, Paul describes the importance of everyone's different gifts to the Body of Christ. Combining our gifts with those of other Calvary members is what makes this church the vital and unique congregation it is. I'm Bob Currie, your lay leader this year and I'd like to hear about your gifts and your ideas of how these gifts can contribute to Calvary's ministries. Your gifts include your thoughts, ideas, and feelings, those things that inspire and motivate you as well as the things that bother you. According to our Book of Discipline, the role of lay leader is to be the "primary lay representative of the laity". To accurately represent you, I'd like to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me and share your vision of what you would like to see happening at Calvary and in God's world through Calvary. I can best be reached at bobc2@comcast.net but can also be reached (preferably during non-work hours) through my cell phone at 308-5049 or home phone at 352-7387.

## Meet the Author & Support our Youth

On Sunday, March 7, during the Youth Auction, the Reverend Pam Hawkins will sign copies of her new book, *The Awkward Season: Prayers for Lent*. The cost of the book is \$15.00, and \$5.00 of the purchase price will go toward Youth Missions.



## Our Brothers and Sisters in Chile

Several of you know that I lived in Chile for 7 months during college. As a report, I have heard from everyone I know there after the earthquake, including the group home and sheltered workshop where I worked, and the host family I lived with for a semester. No one I know sustained any injuries nor structural damage to their homes and other buildings. However, our brothers and sisters in Chile and the Methodist Church there will surely need much assistance as they recover from one of the largest earthquakes on record.

Donations to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) for emergency relief work in Chile can be made online ([www.gbmg-umc.org](http://www.gbmg-umc.org)) or by mail. Please make checks payable to UMCOR and mail to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. Please indicate Chile Earthquake, UMCOR Advance #982450 on the memo line of your check.

In the peace of Christ,

Jessica Bridges

# 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.

**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**



## The Young Children's School receives 3 Stars!!!

Each year the Young Children's School is assessed by the Department of Human Services, our licensing agent, using the Infant-Toddler Environmental Rating Scale and the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale. The ITERS and ECERS assessments have 7 categories that each room is rated on. The categories are: Space and Furnishings, Personal Care Routines, Language-Reasoning, Activities, Interaction, Program Structure, Parents and Staff. Within each of these categories, a series of 43 subcategories exist, including but not limited to, room arrangement for play, meals and snacks, using language to develop reasoning skills, nature and science, supervision, curriculum, schedules and discipline. Each subcategory is rated on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 being inadequate and 7 being excellent.

Our goal, of course, each year is to obtain a rating of a 7 in each area. This is a hard task indeed but one that our staff works diligently to achieve. Each year, our scores get closer and closer to that perfect score of a 7! This year Calvary YCS came very close to perfection with an overall score of 5.16. We couldn't be more proud of our staff and our scores. Receiving this score awards the Young Children's School a 3 Star Rating, the highest rating in the state of Tennessee!!

This year the rooms that were randomly chosen to be observed were the Turtles, Penguins, Monkeys, and Lambs. No one ever wants to be a room chosen but when they are; they rise to the occasion and shine, shine, shine! And that is just what Ms. Gloria, Ms. Lori, Ms. Carla, Ms. Claire, Ms. Missy, Ms. Kelsey, Ms. Mandy and Ms. Terry did!

## Journalists will share Haiti experience during Sunday School time March 28

Two United Methodist journalists who traveled to Haiti nine days after the January 12 earthquake will show photographs and share their experiences during the Sunday school hour at Calvary Palm Sunday, March 28, beginning promptly at 9:15 in Fellowship Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Mike DuBose and Kathy Gilbert spent 10 days in Haiti capturing images and filing stories for United Methodist News Service (UMNS).

Mike has been the staff photojournalist for UMNS since 1995. Assignments have taken him to more than three-dozen countries and most of the 50 states. Previously he spent 10 years as a photographer at The Tennessean and the Knoxville News-Sentinel and was staff photographer for the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville.

A native of Oak Ridge, Mike has an undergraduate degree in journalism from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a master's degree in photography from Ohio University. He and his wife Jane have two children, Mary, a senior at Hillsboro High School, and Frank, a seventh grader at Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet School. They are active members of Belmont United Methodist Church.

Kathy has been a news writer for UMNS since 2002, covering stories in several African countries, the Philippines, South Korea and Japan and throughout the United States. Previously she was a staff writer and editor for the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

A native of Louisiana, she has worked for the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate, the Ruston Daily Leader, the Shreveport Times and the Texarkana Gazette. She has a degree in Journalism from Louisiana Tech University.

She and husband Calvin have two children, Emily, 24, who works at a day care center and Ethan, 21, a student at the Berklee College of Music in Boston pursuing a degree in guitar performance.

To view some of the Haiti stories and photographs filed by Mike, Kathy and others, go to: [http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.5719935/k.E27B/Earthquake\\_in\\_Haiti\\_The\\_Church\\_Responds.htm](http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.5719935/k.E27B/Earthquake_in_Haiti_The_Church_Responds.htm)

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**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.

## CONVERSATION OVERHEARD

- Abe Hey, Bob, are you going to the church retreat?  
Bob Oh, I thought it was for some special group.  
Abe No special group, it is for everyone, families, singles, all ages.  
Bob Where is it?  
Abe At the Methodist conference center at Beersheba Springs. Its up on the Cumberland Plateau, on the rim of a mountain.  
Bob How far is it?  
Abe It takes about 1 1/2 to 2 hours depending on how heavy your foot is.  
Bob When is it?  
Abe Friday April 30 to Sunday May 2  
Bob I work on Fridays  
Abe The retreat starts at 7:15 Friday night with a gathering of everybody.  
Bob It sounds rustic. Where do we sleep? In tents?  
Abe We sleep in motel sized rooms with 2 double beds, private bath, heat and air, and the bedding and towels are provided.  
Bob Sounds good to me. Can I bring my dog?  
Abe Sorry, "no dogs allowed"

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.