

# FROM OUR HILL

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## Calvary Cares Line: 385-1600

For an update on the joys and concerns of the church, please call the above Calvary Cares Line number.

### March 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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Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Phillippians 2:5-11

Luke 19:28-40

## And Jesus said: “Could you not stay awake with me....?” (Matthew 26:40)



I have known and know several folks who sit down to watch a 9:00 pm show and are asleep by 9:15. Been there done that myself.

Which has the effect of seeing the set up and missing the conclusion, as well as the storyline between the two. Sooner or later we awaken, maybe to credits rolling but just as likely to static, fuzziness, or a test pattern on the screen. And wondering who shot J.R. A similar occurrence, though with much more intentionality, is that car ride with pillow in tow and the “wake me up when we get there” statement. Unless you are the driver, napping can make the travel time feel much shorter, though you miss a lot along the way.

While the Liturgical seasons mirror the Gospel story, for many, participation in the life of the covenant community (Church) mirrors the “wake me up when we get there” approach to journeys. This is most evident during our annual spiritual walk through Holy Week. March 28th is Palm Sunday and we will recall the holy clamor “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Luke 19:38) that greeted Jesus when he arrived in Jerusalem. There are many honest discussions about the level of noise that occurs just prior to worship each week, well here is one Sunday when Jesus asserts that should the people be silenced even the stones would shout out.

The days following Palm Sunday carry us from the temple to an upper room, from a garden to the high priest’s house, from Pilate to Herod, and from a cross to a tomb. The story of the last week of Jesus’ life moves us to the threshold event of our faith, the resurrection of Jesus.

Each Holy Week day, at noon in the Chapel, scripture will be read and prayers will be offered that draw us into the story. On Thursday evening we will gather in the sanctuary to commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his arrest and crucifixion, and on Friday evening we will again come into the sanctuary to experience the passion of our Lord and Savior. Easter Sunday, April 4th, some will greet the new day in a sunrise service at 6:30 am in the Chapel, and many will join to celebrate the resurrection in 8:30 am and 10:30 am sanctuary worship services.

There is opportunity for all Calvary members to journey through Holy Week with eyes wide open and fully immersed in the narrative of Holy Week. Unfortunately, there are too many who come on Palm Sunday and then again on Easter Sunday, skipping the Last Supper, the garden, the trial, the cross, the burial, and the waiting. To do so relegates the Easter proclamation to a rolling of credits without really knowing what happened (at best) or a pleasant fiction (at worst). Friedrich Nietzsche noted that where there is no death there can be no resurrection.

Shouting is central to the readings of the coming week. “Hosannas!” mix with “Crucify him!” and ultimately give way to “Alleluia!” There is also a very palpable sound of silence. Jesus prays, Peter fails to speak the truth about knowing Jesus, and voices give way to tears. Our own human experience knows pain and death, understands betrayal and fear, and recognizes every emotion from intimacy to confusion captured in the Holy Week drama.

Here is the caution. Those of us who are Christians know that Jesus is raised from the dead. Consequently, on this spiritual journey there is a temptation to say “wake me up when we get there”; that, and those who simply fall asleep in spite of their best intentions; think disciples in the garden of Gethsemane.

I look forward to seeing you in worship Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The story we will tell, of the last days of Jesus life, open us to a fuller understanding of his resurrection; and we are an Easter people!

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor



## CHURCH NEWS

### Easter Lilies

If you would like to place a lily in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone, please call Betsy at the office (297-7562). The cost of each lily is \$12.

The **Music City Bronze handbell choir** will present a concert on April 18, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is Nashville's premier community handbell choir!

## CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our love and sympathy to **Lucy Johnson** and her family in the death of her sister in law, Betty Solomon.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 28, 2010

8:30 a.m. CalvaryConnection  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
3:00 p.m. K-2 Children's Choir  
3:45 p.m. 3-6 Children's Choir  
4:00 p.m. Youth Bells  
4:30 p.m. The Way of Blessedness  
5:00 p.m. *The Awkard 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 29

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

### Tuesday, March 30

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service  
4:00 p.m. Tutoring at Cottage Cove

### Wednesday, March 31

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service  
12:00 p.m. Your Faith at Work (#307)  
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
6:15 p.m. Praise Team  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, April 1

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service  
7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday

### Friday, April 2

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service  
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
7:00 p.m. Good Friday

# Register Now for Church Retreat – Deadline is March 28

## “Even Eagles Need a Push”

“Life is God’s gift to us; what we do with it is our gift to God.” Come and explore this theme together with friends old and new on Calvary’s Church Retreat at beautiful Beersheba Springs Assembly, April 30 – May 2, 2010. Retreat leader Dr. Vin Walkup says, “All of us are recipients of ‘God-gifts’ in our lives, and many of us need some encouragement to open those gifts, make them our own, and discover where and how to use them. This retreat is an opportunity to take some steps along life’s journey in identifying and claiming the “God-gifts” in our lives. We will help each other “un-



wrap” our God-gifts, claim them for our own, and find some places where we can put them to use as God intends.”

The church retreat is a special time for the Calvary church family to experience God’s gifts in nature, to rest and relax, and to enjoy intergenerational fellowship. The church retreat is for everyone – singles, married couples, persons with children, persons with no children, youth and children. Sign up today! To be assured of a room, the deadline for registration is Sunday, March 28. Registration brochures are in Masters Common and in the acrylic box outside Libby Baxter’s office. Turn in forms and payment to Libby.

## Sunday, March 28

**Calvary’s children, ages 3 through 6th grade, will gather with their Sunday School teachers in the Christian Life Center at 10:15 to process in with the palms. What a great opportunity to incorporate our children in worship in a meaningful way!**



## HOLY WEEK AT CALVARY

**March 28th 8:30 am** Palm Sunday Connection Service in Chapel  
**10:30 am** Palm Sunday Traditional Service in Sanctuary  
*Children Process with Palms in 10:30 Service*  
**6:30 pm** Prayer and Communion Service in Chapel

**April 1st 7:00 pm** Holy Thursday  
Communion, Foot/hand washing, Taize Music, Rev. Vin Walkup, preaching

**April 2nd 7:00 pm** Good Friday ~ Scripture, Drama, Liturgy, Music

**April 4th 6:30 am** Easter Sunrise Service in Chapel  
**7:00 am** Breakfast served in CLC (until 9:15 am)  
**8:30 am** Easter Sunday Connection Service in Sanctuary  
**10:30 am** Easter Sunday Traditional Service in Sanctuary  
**6:30 pm** Prayer and Communion Service in Chapel

## HELP!

Tuesday the 23rd someone dropped off a beautiful knit baby blanket and hat. Please call Joan Redman (665-1867) so that she can thank you for the wonderful gift and to let you know who the recipient will be.

# Haiti presentation to begin at 9:15 this Sunday in Fellowship Hall

At least five Calvary adult Sunday School classes -- Encounter, Horizons, Cornerstone, Remnant and Red Letter -- will be meeting together Palm Sunday morning for a special presentation on the Haiti earthquake. Any interested person, not just Sunday School class members, are invited to the one-hour session.

Mike DuBose and Kathy Gilbert will share their photographs and experiences beginning promptly at 9:15 in Fellowship Hall. The two United Methodist Communications staff members from Nashville went to Haiti nine days after the January 12 earthquake and filed stories and photographs for distribution through United Methodist News Service and the denomination's web site.

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST EASTER MORNING

Easter Sunday a complete breakfast will be served in the Christian Life Center.

Please come enjoy the food and fellowship as we celebrate Easter Sunday. Breakfast include Jere Baxter's world famous homemade biscuits (they put the Loveless to shame). There is no charge for the breakfast but a love offering will benefit the Organ Renovation Fund in honor of 40 years of service by Tom Metcalf, Organist

Volunteers to prepare and serve the breakfast are needed. Please contact Don Birdwell 430-7373 or [Don@BirdwellRealtyTeam.com](mailto:Don@BirdwellRealtyTeam.com)

# Yard Sale

**CALVARY UNITED METHODIST**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
Your contributed items for the sale and your volunteer time the day of the sale and the preceding week will be needed. Watch for details. Money from the sale will support:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Lighthouse Children's Center, Tallinn, Estonia

# Yard Sale

## CSA Subscription Time!

CSA = Community-Supported Agriculture. Calvary members have supported Avalon Acres Farms the past 2 years by purchasing shares of their produce (vegetables, fruit, meat, etc.) at the beginning of the summer season. Avalon Acres drops off from 9-9:25am on Sunday mornings. The new season will begin May 2. If you're interested in purchasing a CSA share, you can pick up an application outside of Jessica's office, go to their website (<http://www.avalon-acres.com/>), or call them at 931-628-3938. If you have questions about CSA's or supporting local farms, feel free to contact Jessica or others who have purchased CSA shares. There will also be a presentation at Wednesday Nite Live on April 14 about Food, Farming, and Faith - this will be an excellent time to learn and share information together!

## Fair Trade Tea for Sale!

We have leftover tea from Alternative Gift Giving, which is available for purchase. Tea = \$5/box (25 bags), and flavors include: English Breakfast and Earl Grey. If you would like to purchase a box or more of tea, please see Jessica or email her at [jessica@calvaryumc.com](mailto:jessica@calvaryumc.com).

## 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 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.



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# Calvary's Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 10 ~ 3pm - 4pm ~ Ages 2-4th Grade**

Please note that this is the Saturday following Easter – to celebrate the season of Easter we have scheduled the Easter Egg Hunt for April 10th.

**Donations needed:**

Donations of filled, plastic eggs are needed. Please use wrapped candy, stickers, etc. to fill the eggs. (No chocolate, please.) Please fill the “under 3s” plastic eggs with non-edible goodies only. Place your egg donations in the container outside Stephanie’s office.

**Thanks for your help!**

