

FROM OUR HILL

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May 16, 2010

Confirmation Sunday

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Combined Worship in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m.

Service of Prayer & Holy Communion

in the Chapel

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Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

## Giving Thanks for Jessica Bridges



Almost three years ago I received a call asking if Calvary would partner with the new Turner Scholars Program at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Though field education is a component of the Master of Divinity program, the Turner Scholars experience was designed to be different. Rather than one year of field education, they would serve as interns in a local church setting for the three years of their study. The idea was based on the dual premise that three years provided an opportunity for a student to really learn and contribute within a congregation, and provided an opportunity for a faith community to really know and form relationship with a student. We said yes, and soon Jessica Bridges arrived.

She has been part of the first class of Turner Scholars; consequently, development of the program expectations occurred along the way. However, there was a basic outline for a three year learning experience. The first year Jessica was to attend at least one meeting of every committee, council, task force, and board within Calvary; to immerse herself in how we are structured for mission, ministry, and decision making. The second year she was to focus on one particular ministry area to become a full participant in the planning, development, and implementation that takes place in committee work; through conversation together we decided upon Missions. By the third year she was to have assumed some leadership and initiative. We have been particularly blessed by her passions for the environment and social justice.

Indeed, she was instrumental in connecting Calvary to the Community Sustained Agriculture program; she put signs throughout our facility to prompt conservation of energy, placed recycle bins around the church, advocated for a Green Team, and led small group conversations on matters of eco-justice. More recently she led our effort to offer English as a Second Language lessons to workers and residents of the Green Hills community.

It has been my privilege to meet with her regularly, and a joy to know Jessica as a full and faithful member of the Calvary staff. Out of her eagerness to learn, she has been an inquisitive voice leading myself and others to articulate the thought behind ideas and actions. That has been a beautiful gift to me personally and within the life and structure of this faith community.

I believe that God has used Calvary to help Jessica discern her call and to help form her response; how awesome the opportunity God entrusted to Calvary! I also believe God used Jessica to deepen our understanding of loving God and neighbor. With her graduation on May 14th ends the internship; so let me invite you to join me in thanking her and God for our time together.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor

## A Note of Thanks

Dear Calvary Family,

Jennifer, Sam and I wanted to thank you all for the support and love we have received the past months with the passing of Benjamin. Calvary felt like our home the first Sunday we walked through the door over 10 years ago. In that time the feeling of home and family has held us through many wonderful, but difficult experiences. We are blessed to have such a loving and supportive congregation, lay staff, and group of ministers.

Benjamin's life with us was too short, but we know he is still held by the love and promise of life with Jesus. Our acceptance of that is due to the very love and support provided by Calvary as a whole and our wonderful group of lifelong friends we have in the LOGOS Sunday school class. We really feel like you picked us up and carried us along whenever we needed it for much of the last few years. Thank you.

In Christ's love,

The Dillards



## CHURCH NEWS

### Get on-line with "Our Calvary @ Work"

Stay connected through the newest communication hot-spot

"Our Calvary @ Work"

Create your own profile

Learn about other members

Keep up with committee reports

Learn what is happening in the church

### Ready to register?

Visit Master's Common before 10:30 service on Sunday May 16 – we'll have several laptops set up for your convenience – or, register from home.

On the Calvary home page ([www.calvaryumc.com](http://www.calvaryumc.com)) click on "EXTRA!", then "Our Calvary at Work"

## CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our congratulations to Captain Ryan and Mrs. Melissa Deaton Corrigan in the birth of their son, Noah James, on April 9th. He is the grandson of **Terry and Gretchen Deaton.**

Many Calvary folks will remember Gladys Sullivan. We have learned that she died March 20th in Hawaii. Notes may be written to daughters Mary Alice Sullivan and Margaret Koebke, 100A S. Lanikai Place, Haiku, Hawaii, 96708

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 16, 2010

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

4:00 p.m. Youth Handbells

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir

6:00 p.m. UMYF

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Holy Communion

### Monday, May 17

6:45 p.m. Worship Task Force

7:00 p.m. Open Gym

### Tuesday, May 18

*Election Day @ Calvary*

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group

10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Caregiver Support group

4:00 p.m. Tutoring at Cottage Cove

6:00 p.m. Finance

### Wednesday, May 19

10:30 a.m. Women's Support Group

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, May 20

4:00 p.m. YCS Picnic

### Friday, May 21

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

6:15 p.m. Church Softball

## Reception for Terry and Anne Carty

At Annual Conference in June, Rev. Terry Carty will be appointed as Senior Pastor to a church in the Tennessee Conference. On Sunday, May 23, during the Sunday School hour, you will have an opportunity to thank Terry and Anne for their years of service and dedication to Calvary United Methodist Church and to wish them well in Terry's new appointment. There will be an informal reception for Terry and Anne from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You, or your entire Sunday School Class, are welcome to stop by for a few moments to express your appreciation for the Cartys' friendship and ministry among us through the years.

## 5th Sunday Meal - May 30

It is that time again for Calvary United Methodist Church to serve lunch at Community Care Fellowship for the 5th Sunday serving on Sunday May 30th. **I suspect with the devastation from the flood that there will be a tremendous need for our support and I would like to have at least 30 casseroles to serve May 30th.** 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. 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, [bgreer@capstarbank.com](mailto:bgreer@capstarbank.com)

## RECEPTION FOR TOM METCALFE

Calvary's organist, Tom Metcalfe is celebrating his 40TH YEAR AS CALVARY'S ORGANIST. Tommy came to Calvary as organist in 1970. **The Music Committee is planning to honor Tommy at a reception in the Christian Life Center on May 23, 2010.** The reception will be held immediately after the 10:30 worship service. During the 10:30 worship service the children, youth and adult choirs and brass ensemble will be performing a choral anthem that has been commissioned by Calvary to honor Tommy and his 40 years of service. The anthem was written by David Lantz, III and Susan Boersma. It will be published by Beckenhorst Press in the near future. The work is based on Tommy's favorite hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" and is called "Canticle Divine". Hope to see you all on May 23. It will be a wonderful day of celebration!

## Flood Response

As a Nashville community, over the past several weeks we have experienced something that has reshaped us. As a community of faith, we gather together knowing that God is with us – even in times like this. Since Monday, Calvary has distributed cleaning buckets to members and neighbors in need. Currently UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is assessing the situation in Middle Tennessee.

If you would like more information on UMCOR's response visit <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/newsroom/releases/archives2010/apleforprayers/?tr=y&aid=6316586>.

The Tennessee Conference has set up a relief blog with updates as they are available: <http://tnumcrelief.blogspot.com/>.

Please call the church office at 297-7562 if you are in need of assistance or if you would like to assist in cleanup efforts. We are here for one another in prayer and support!

# Calvary United Methodist Church 2010 Confirmation Class

## Alli

**Parents:** Tommy and Beth  
**Siblings:** Rachel and Sarah  
**School attended in 2009-2010:** Grassland Middle School

**Activities involved in:** slam, Sunday School, retreats

**Favorite aspect of Confirmation experience:** retreats and church visits

**Gifts or abilities you bring to the Calvary congregation:** friendly and smile

**Anything else you want to tell the Calvary congregation:** I can make my shoulders pop out of my back! I made my own Halloween costume last year – a light switch!



## Campbell

**Parents:** Jim and Elisa  
**Siblings:** Joel and Wilson  
**School attended in 2009-2010:** Battle Ground Academy  
**School attending in 2010:** Battle Ground Academy

**Activities involved in:** Vacation Bible School

**Other interests or hobbies:** BGA football, basketball, baseball  
**Favorite aspect of Confirmation experience:** going to all the different churches



## Claudia

**Parents:** Randy and Pam  
**Siblings:** Jordan and Benjamin  
**School in 2009-10:** Harding Academy  
**Activities:** dance, and, Middle School Chorus, Children's Choir, Children's Bells, and most recently Youth Choir (I'm excited about Choir Tour!)

**Other Interests or Hobbies:** reading, enjoys knitting, collecting "things", plays piano, likes musicals, plays, and ballet

I appreciate the congregation and my Friend in Faith, Melissa McAdory, supporting the confirmands and our faith journey



## Grace

**Parents:** Rachel and Jerry  
**Siblings:** Will and Jackson  
**School in 2009-10:** Oak Hill School  
**School attending in 2010:** Harpeth Hall

**Activities:** Sunday School

**Other Interests or Hobbies:** basketball and rock climbing

**Favorite part of Confirmation:** getting to visit other churches

**Gifts or abilities you bring the Calvary congregation:** my friendliness



## Matt



**Parents:** Bob and Bitsy  
**Siblings:** Maggie  
**School in 2009-10:** Franklin Road Academy  
**Interests or Hobbies:** baseball and football

**Favorite part of Confirmation:** doughnuts

**Gifts or abilities you bring the Calvary congregation:** energy

**Anything else you want to tell the Calvary congregation:** I can pogo stick and wiggle my ears.

## Michael

**Parents:** Mike and Kim  
**School attended in 2009-2010:** Meigs  
**School attending in 2010:** Meigs  
**Activities:** basketball and bowling  
**Favorite part of Confirmation:** everything  
**Gifts or abilities you bring the Calvary congregation:** basketball



## Samantha

**Parents:** Laura and Marty  
**Siblings:** Abbie  
**School in 2009-10:** Grassland Middle School  
**Activities involved in:** slam, chorus, Sunday School

**Interests or Hobbies:** track, soccer, tennis, art

**Favorite part of Confirmation:** trips and church visits

**Gifts or abilities you bring the Calvary congregation:** friendly, smile, and helpful

**Anything else you want to tell the Calvary congregation:** I love mini origami! I love mini things!



## Zac



**Parents:** Brian and Kathy  
**Siblings:** Anna Kate  
**School in 2009-10:** JT Moore  
**School attending in 2010:** Montgomery Bell Academy

**Activities involved in:** confirmation, Sunday School

**Interests or Hobbies:** travel soccer, basketball

**Favorite part of Confirmation:** going to North Carolina

**Gifts or abilities you bring the Calvary congregation:** I like sports and sleep.

**Anything else you want to tell the Calvary congregation:** I can lick my elbow.

**REMINDER: CONFIRMATION  
SUNDAY - MAY, 16 - ONE  
WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY AT  
10:30 IN SANCTUARY.**

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## Finding Home

It is with most sincere gratitude and feelings of blessedness that I come to the “official” close of my time of service with the Calvary UMC community. It has been such a blessing to walk with you the past 3 years of my Divinity degree and internship at Calvary. I am thankful to Cal Turner, Jr. who acted upon a felt need to invest in new leaders in today’s church, to those at Vanderbilt Divinity School who have made the Turner Leadership Scholars program possible, and I am grateful for the serendipitous (perhaps Spirit-filled) timing of these visions coming together at the same time that I entered Divinity School. I am further thankful that a committee at Calvary UMC, in all its wisdom and faith, agreed to host a Turner intern for 3 years.

As I expressed in my sermon on Sunday, the Calvary community has surprised me these past few years – I did not expect to find “home” here, and yet I have. I don’t know if I conveyed just how much I appreciate surprise, but I want to thank each of you for surprising me – for revealing to me and welcoming me into a group of people who truly “get” community and “get” mission – two very important pieces of my call to ministry and my faith journey.

Calvary is a community of faith where I now hold firm roots, and will for a long time. We have prayed, eaten, discussed, gotten our hands dirty – and we ate and discussed a little more. I found some niches where some of my greatest passions were echoed in the Calvary community – in green initiatives, evangelism efforts, mission projects, worship and prayer life, Sunday school conversations. And all the while, you helped me to find my voice and way of being in ministry. For this, I am eternally grateful.

As I continue to live into my ministry and path toward ordination as a Deacon in Full Connection in the United Methodist Church, I will continue to build bridges between the church and the wider community. I have a vision (tentative as it may be) to start a L’Arche community on farm land in the Nashville area. L’Arche is a faith-based model of community for persons with and without intellectual disabilities. As a step in this direction, I am taking a position on June 1 with an agency called Progress, as a Live-in Companion with 2 adults with intellectual disabilities in Antioch.

I find comfort in the fact that I will still be nearby, and I hope and plan to remain involved at Calvary in new ways. I look forward to seeing how the Calvary community continues to imagine what living the gospel in Green Hills might look like moving forward.

Grace and peace,  
Jessica

