

# FROM OUR HILL

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

### June 13, 2010

8:30 a.m.

CalvaryConnection in the Chapel

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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I Kings 21:1-21a  
Psalms 5:108  
Galatians 2:15-21  
Luke 7:36-8:3

## Letting Steve Angus be Your Pastor



The Calvary parsonage is a very large (and beautiful) house! It has been a privilege to live in such a wonderful neighborhood and with so much space, something I have thanked God for daily since June of 1999. Let me also thank you.

I have lived in seven parsonages (headed to my eighth) across two annual conferences, and can testify that Calvary's is a gem. With packing and culling the order of the day, I am especially aware of the square footage; the large rooms, the closets, the attic, the basement. If Patti wanted to avoid me; it was possible. If the boys wanted to bowl; the hallway was their private alley. If we wanted to host the Parkison/van Eys clan; tables could be connected across rooms that

allowed us all to sit down together. And, if we wanted to keep something; well there are those large rooms, closets, attic and basement.

We humans tend to fill available space, and there is that whole hunter gatherer impulse. To be blunt, we have lots and lots of stuff; from cherished keepsakes (pictures of my parents as children) to ridiculous junk (a box with many examples of the four stages of pencil making). Maybe I thought I would finish what the workers started at the pencil making factory a son visited in the first grade. Fill the space we did.

Going through our possessions is work, but brings a good tired. We are not just sorting our way through belongings, we are journeying through memories. So many things connect us to people and recall occasions; we have smiled and begun many a sentence with "Remember when...?" In fact, the whole process has brought further affirmation to us of the deep roots we have established in this place.

Being a minister requires me to wear many different hats, which might explain my hair somewhat. I enjoy the variety that comes with the call; allowing for God's sense of humor and human limitations, it is an amazing life. To be sure, I understand that I am better suited for some tasks than others. Maybe a matter of gifts, or preparation, or interest; at this point it just is, and I am accepting of that.

Yet let me tell you which hat I most delight to wear, pastoral care. That has been true in every appointment, but the length of time with Calvary has opened new dimensions to this particular ministry. I cannot overstate the profound blessing it has been to know individuals and families more fully, and the sublime grace it has been to be received as a pastor in your life. Here too I thank God, I thank you.

Since pastoral care has been such a significant portion of my ministry at Calvary, and by definition relational, it will be the hardest aspect from which to transition. But I know a new appointment places me within a different congregation and shifts my pastoral care responsibilities. Likewise, a new Senior Pastor will come into your midst to assume primary pastoral care of the Calvary membership.

Not being your pastor brings a measure of grief for me, but I am comforted to know that pastoral care is an area about which Steve Angus feels a similar passion. He has a reputation as a people person, with a gentle spirit and a caring heart. He has a keen appreciation of worship as pastoral care, of being genuinely present with people, of both absorbing pain and offering grace.

My heart and soul are filled with great love for the Calvary membership. Unlike 3620 Hoods Hill Road there is an endless capacity! I will forever be blessed by the memories, the relationships, and the privilege I have known being your pastor. It is my prayer that you will give Steve Angus the same honor and joy. I know he and his family will love the parsonage; allow him to know and love you, and to be known and loved by you. The house comes with being the Senior Pastor here, but the latter is the greater gift.

Peter van Eys, Senior Pastor



## CHURCH NEWS

**Do something sweet.** Help fund the Estonia Light House Children's Ministry 2010 camp by purchasing jelly in Masters Common. Flavors of the week are: blueberry, blackberry, strawberry, peach, raspberry, and grape. Cost is \$5.

There will be an **Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting** on Tuesday morning, 10:30 a.m., in room 307.

### Calvary Softball

Upcoming games for the Calvary Church Softball Team:

Friday June 11 9:00

Friday June 18 9:00

Thurs. June 24 8:00

Game times will be 55 minutes.

All games will be played at the field at the corner of Vaughn Rd. and Old Hickory Blvd across from the Steeplechase. We love to have fans. If you have kids they love to play in the area beside the field.

## CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our congratulations to **Libby Baxter**, who will be ordained a Deacon on Monday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Brentwood UMC.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 13, 2010

8:30 a.m. CalvaryConnection

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

6:00 p.m. UMYF

6:30 p.m. Prayer & Holy Communion

### Monday, June 14

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

2:30 p.m. Prayer Time

7:30 p.m. Open Gym

### Tuesday, June 15

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group

10:30 p.m. Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (307)

6:00 p.m. Finance Committee (204)

### Wednesday, June 16

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

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

4:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee (223)

5:30 p.m. Praise Team

6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### Friday, June 17

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

9:00 p.m. Church Softball

## NO SUNDAY SCHOOL JUNE 20

June 20 will be Peter's last Sunday at Calvary; there will be no Church School class sessions that day.

You are invited to gather with all the Calvary Family in the CLC from 9:15 to 10:15 for a reception to honor and thank Peter, Patti, and family for their 11 year ministry at Calvary

## MEET OUR NEW PASTOR JULY 11

You are invited to a pot-luck dinner following the 10:30 worship service on July 11 to celebrate the arrival of our new senior pastor, Rev. Steve Angus, and to meet him and his family. While his first Sunday at Calvary will be July 4, this event the week after the holiday will allow more of us to give them a warm Calvary welcome. Please bring your pot-luck dish to the CLC during the Sunday School hour and then join in greeting them following the worship service.

## SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

For several years the Evangelism Committee has provided refreshments on Sunday mornings, in Masters Common and the hallway outside the Chapel. It has offered a gathering place for members going to and from worship or Sunday School, as well as for visitors seeking further information about Calvary. Those who have prepared the food and drink come early to set up and stay late to clean up; we are all indebted to them! Please note, that at the end of June this ministry will be suspended until further notice.

## WE NEED YOU!

Volunteer to teach children's Summer Sunday School for one or two weeks in July or August. This way is a great way to show our school year Sunday School teachers how thankful we are for what they do and for members to get to know the children of Calvary. Contact Stephanie at [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com) for more information!

## Children, Youth and Adults to Study "Green Church"

The month of July is "Green Church" month at Calvary. During the Sunday School hour, children, youth and adults will focus on becoming more ecologically sound in outlook and action as stewards of God's creation.

There will be a combined Adult Sunday School class on this topic for any interested individuals or classes during July. In this class, we will explore how caring for the environment is an act of Christian faith and a way of showing love to God and neighbor. If your class would like to attend this series, please let Libby know by calling 297-7562 or by email ([libby@calvaryumc.com](mailto:libby@calvaryumc.com)).

## A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE CALVARY PIPE ORGAN

The Calvary Church Council, in the May 25th meeting, authorized a capital campaign to fund maintenance and upgrade of the Sanctuary pipe organ. The goal is \$275,000 and efforts to raise that amount are underway. You will be hearing much about this; both how to contribute and the work to be done. The Calvary pipe organ is one of our most cherished properties and your Calvary leaders are excited to announce this campaign.

# THANKS TO PETER

Time is running short for us to express our sincere thanks to Peter for his leadership and supportive presence as Calvary's senior pastor for these last 11 years. His calm manner in times of stress and change have helped most all of us through our periods of grief and anxiety. He has led us in our times of joy as we celebrated births and weddings. He has provided considerable wisdom and vision in committee meetings when the path to the right decision was less clear to the rest of us. He has taught us the Word each week in a personal, conversational way that belies the astute biblical scholarship underlying his message. He has modeled what he teaches by being Christ's hands and feet in many ways such as helping the homeless on our doorsteps and developing Calvary's relationship with the church in Estonia halfway around the world. We have been blessed by his presence at Calvary in so many ways.

Now is our opportunity to express our appreciation. Please prayerfully consider your appreciation for Peter's ministry at Calvary. Don't let your thanks go unsaid. Let him know how much you have appreciated his leadership and caring in a personal note or e-mail. Also, please contribute to his going-away gift by sending or delivering your contribution to the church so it is received by next Friday, June 18 or putting in the offering plate this Sunday, June 13. Please be sure to write "Peter's gift" on the note line on the check or envelope. Finally, be sure to attend the reception on June 20 where we will celebrate Peter and Patti's many contributions.

## Thank you from Anne and Terry Carty.

As many of you know, Terry Carty will become the pastor of Kingston Springs United Methodist Church on June 29. As we transition to worshipping and participating fully at Kingston Springs we will treasure our time at Calvary (22 years!) and the 'faith family' that we will miss so much. You have been our extended home and have helped us raise our children. You have been such a large part of our spiritual growth and that of our children.

At the recent informal reception during the Sunday School hour we were reminded of all the people we have known in the worship programs, music programs, Sunday School classes, Disciple Bible Studies, Wesley Sermon studies, Second Sunday Singing, riding in the Church van, and in so many other ways. Thank you for all you are to us. We promise to come back for special occasions and at every opportunity in between.

Love, Anne and Terry Carty

## Thank you from Rebecca Carty

Thank you for all the prayers and help that I got from Calvary and its members when I lost my home in the flood recently. You were there when we piled up my ruined belongings and you were there for the harder part of tearing down the walls. You brought lunches and water. And mostly you were 'there' for me in prayers, expressions of kindness, sweaty hugs, shared tears, and the times of laughter when we had all suffered too much work and feeling of loss.

My home was in the floodway on Delray Drive and we are hoping that it will be included in the 'buy out' so I can get a new start. While it may be a long time before I get re-settled, I am secure in knowing that I have a family at Calvary! Thanks again.

Rebecca Carty

## SUNDAY JUNE 13

Youth Vocal  
and Handbell Choirs  
to lead  
10:30 a.m. worship

## Annual Conference: June 13-15

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## Galactic Blast VBS at Calvary UMC

Vacation Bible School 2010 will be Out of This World!

At Galactic Blast VBS, cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily Bible missions, kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. Join us on this cosmic combination of faith and fun as cadets develop a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ!

\*Galactic Blast cadets are ages 4 by July 12, 2010 through completed 5th graders.

\*\*There is a registration fee of \$15. This can be paid by check to Calvary UMC, 3701 Hillsboro Road, Nashville, TN, 37215 or can be paid on the first day of VBS at check in. Please email [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com) for information on scholarships.

### Date/Time

Date: July 12th - 16, 2010  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Volunteer Registration End Date: July 10th, 2010 at 12:00 PM

Participant Registration End Date: July 10th, 2010 at 12:00 PM

### More Information

For more information visit [www.calvaryumc.com](http://www.calvaryumc.com)

Learn more about Galactic Blast VBS 2010 at [www.cokesburyvbs.com](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com)

Visit here to register (Participants & Volunteers):

<http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/calvaryumc.com>

