

FROM OUR HILL

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August 1, 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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Hosea 11:1-11

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

## WISE COUNSEL FOR ALL OF US



Several have asked if we are getting settled in at Calvary. I am not sure how long, or if one ever completely “gets settled in.” However we are trying and you are making it a much easier task. The entire congregation has been welcoming to our family.

Perhaps you have heard that we have begun our “Gatherings with the pastor.” We have already had twelve of these times of sharing and listening. You should have received an invitation by now and if for some reason you have not, I apologize. I really want to have some time with every person who is a part of our church. If you have not received your invitation please call the church and let us know. We have several more gatherings planned and please feel free to attend any one of these. I also realize that for some, it is not convenient to attend one of these gatherings due to health or transportation issues. I wanted you to receive an invitation so that you would know that I value your thoughts and realize you are a vital part of Calvary Church even if you are unable to attend every event due to a life circumstance. I look forward to being with you in other settings in the near future.

During these gatherings, Gretchen and I have tried to share a part of our story. I have been honored and blessed to hear many of your stories of faith. Many have opened their hearts and shared a part of their vision for our church and have also expressed concerns. I believe I am gaining an insight into our church. It is my desire that the church family recognizes Gretchen and me as being open and approachable. Above all else I hope you will always feel loved and respected when you are in my presence even if we may not always see things eye to eye. One thing is evident as I have listened: there is much love in the hearts of the people for Calvary Church.

I have asked for and received many words of advice as we begin this journey together. I hope to hear from you. Each word has been beneficial in some way. One piece of advice I received in writing from a member is wise counsel for all of us. This person wrote:

Ask the Lord for wisdom and guidance and to show you our needs and what [God] desires for this congregation. Ask that [God] be in complete control here at Calvary and for [God] to give you all you need to lead us to accomplish [God's] will for us. Then listen and obey. (permission received)

Let us all heed these words and transform them into a prayer from our lips to the heart of God!

Blessings

Steve Angus



## CHURCH NEWS

There will be a called Church Council meeting this coming Sunday, August 1, beginning 10 minutes after worship ends.

If you missed your "Gathering with the Pastor" or did not receive a letter, please call the church office to schedule a new gathering time. (297-7562)

## CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our love and sympathy to the friends and family of **Bill Roberts** in his recent death. His service will be Tuesday, August 3, at 11:00 a.m., with visitation at 10:00 a.m.

We extend our love and sympathy to **Joanne Cole** and her family in the death of her mother, Cora Gene Miller.

We also extend our love and sympathy to **Marty Conrad** and her family in the recent death of her father.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 15, 2010

8:00 a.m. to Noon Blood Drive (CLC)  
8:30 a.m. Calvary Connection (Chapel)  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting  
4:00 p.m. Senior Banquet (Hillwood Country Club)  
5:00 p.m. Gathering with Pastor (FH)  
6:30 p.m. Communion (Chapel)

### Monday, August 2

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
1:30 p.m. Gathering with Pastor (FH)  
2:30 p.m. Prayer Time

### Tuesday, August 3

8:00 a.m. Covenant Group

### Wednesday, August 4

10:00 a.m. Gathering with Pastor (FH)  
10:30 a.m. Women's Support Group  
1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness  
5:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. Gathering with Pastor (FH)  
7:00 p.m. Gathering with Pastor (FH)

### Thursday, August 5

### Friday, August 7

1:30 p.m. Adult Fitness

## WANTED: volunteers willing to admit they don't know all the answers

Every time a child is brought forward to be baptized, the Calvary congregation enters into a covenant relationship with God on behalf of the child. Each of you has promised to "do all in your power to increase her/his faith, confirm her/his hope, and perfect her/him in love" for each of the children within the Calvary family. It has been a joy watching many of you live into this covenant relationship by serving with children at Vacation Bible School, Mission Camp, Summer Sunday School, and other summer ministries.



Entering a new ministry calendar provides you with yet another opportunity to increase a child's faith, confirm their hope and perfect them in love – serving as a Sunday School teacher! If you are looking to return to the children's Sunday School classroom after a year or two away – there is room for you! If you are considering new ways to be in ministry and live into your baptismal covenant – there is room for you! The curriculum that we will use for children ages 3 thru 5th Grade is new to Calvary this year. The children's Sunday School classes will be using Living the Good News which is both lectionary-based and learner-centered. The teacher roster is still very, very open for both lead teachers and shepherds. We are in need of lead teachers and shepherds for our 3-year-old class, kindergarten class, 1st grade class, 2nd grade class, 3rd grade class, and 4th grade class.

Please give Stephanie a call to consider ways that you can serve with this valuable ministry of discipleship! 297-7562 or [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com)

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



It is back-to-school time! For families with children and youth, among other things, this means a trip to the store to get new pencils, pens, backpacks, and other goodies. Teachers working in Metro Nashville schools are responsible for providing many of their own classroom supplies, which can become a financial burden. The

LPpencilbox works to alleviate this burden. We will be collecting school supplies to help fill the store on Sundays, August 8 (TN sales tax free weekend) and 15. Remember to pick up extra school supplies and bring them to Calvary on those Sundays! For more information contact Stephanie at [stephanie@calvaryumc.com](mailto:stephanie@calvaryumc.com) or Kris at [kris@calvaryumc.com](mailto:kris@calvaryumc.com)

## Music Assistant Position Open

This is a part time paid position with primary duties centering around the children's music ministry. Applicant should have a passion for the ministry of children's music both vocal and instrumental and possess the necessary qualifications for such. The job description is posted on Calvary's website or may be picked up at the church reception desk.

# ESTONIA MISSION CAMP 2010



Camp 2010 was a success! We all made it “on time and with our luggage!!!” What a blessing. This year’s team consisted of Genna Mansperger, Peter and Patti van Eys, Stephanie Dunn, David and Cameron Low, Emily Goodenough, her sister Robin and her son Josh from California.

Camp was great again this year!! It was great to see our old friends that have moved on from the Lighthouse. Some of our old friends surprised us at the airport to greet us and welcome us home again (their words.) What a treat! We have known these young men for 7 years and they still keep in touch. Camp is about our relationships with the kids and the love we have for them. Seeing these young men at the airport proves that camp is doing its purpose. We have a connection with the children and they look forward to us returning each year, whether they come to camp or if they just come for a quick visit at the Lighthouse (or the airport ù)

This year camp was in a village called Tuksi, a great place about a mile from the Baltic Sea, and we had nice facilities this year. The kids were great, happy to see some of us again, and loved on our new team members as well. We woke up to singing everyday, then we were off to breakfast, devotionals, games, crafts, lunch, games and crafts again, beach time, dinner, evening devotionals and movies (or games), then bed.

On Wednesday we ventured out to a town called Haapsalu, where we had ice cream, played in a park, went to a castle, and then had a picnic at the beach.

Then on Thursday night, volunteers from the Lighthouse drove from Tallinn to the camp about 2 hours away. They arrived on motorcycles, and the kids were so excited!! Each child had an opportunity to ride a bike. We all had a fun night.

Friday we played Estonian Dodge Ball with some others campers at the site and that was fun!

Saturday we had our morning devotion and then we packed to go home. Once we arrived back at the Lighthouse, the kids gave hugs, and asked “Will you be back next year?” Having to witness the children leaving alone is hard. You see them walk off with their bags into the streets of Tallinn. It is very heartbreaking.

Thank you to the Parker Boys (Joel, Campbell and Wilson) for donating 50 pairs of tennis shoes. Each child at camp got a new pair and one of the little campers kissed his shoes when he received them. The other shoes went back to the Lighthouse to be donated to other children who are in need. The boys also donated the t-shirts, and Wilson created the design this year.

We also want to thank everyone who donated money, bought jelly and who kept the team in their prayers. Camp 2010 was a huge success and they are already asking about camp next year!

-- Genna Mansperger





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