

# Calvary Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter



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## A Word from the Pastor Corey Fields

Outside my office, there is a small bulletin board that is now called “the pastor’s corner.” Here, I will share with you what I’m reading, interesting articles I’ve come across, and other things of interest.

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One book you’ll see on the board is one that I’m reading with colleagues in an online book group. It’s called *Slow Church*, by C. Christopher Smith and John Pattison. It has produced some wonderful and challenging discussion among this group of my colleagues.

The name “Slow Church” is borrowed from a movement known as “slow food,” which was started a few decades ago in response to the fast food culture and the fact that we have lost sight of the value in communities and families growing and eating food together.

Canadian journalist Carl Honore says that we have a “cult of speed.” He writes, “Fast is busy, controlling, aggressive, hurried, analytical, stressed, superficial, impatient, active, quantity-over-quality. Slow is the opposite: calm, careful, receptive, still, intuitive, unhurried, patient, reflective, quality-over-quantity. It is about making real and meaningful connections – with people, culture, work, food, everything.”

Smith and Pattison take this contrast and apply it to the church, saying that we too have been seduced by the “McDonaldization” of culture and encourage churches to approach ministry with the “slow” mindset as Honore describes it. “Many churches,” they write, “particularly those driven by church growth models, come dangerously close to reducing Christianity to a commodity that can be packaged, marketed, and sold.”

Good things often happen slowly, and one reason for that is because good things happen in community as we experience and cultivate “life abundant” together. I encourage us to see and want a church that honors the slow but meaningful growth that characterizes our discipleship and life together. I think the garden outside our church, now newly planted for the season, is a great visual symbol of this. As we grow food together – the slow, good, and tasty way – so may we be the church together.



## Members and Friends at Home

*Each week a member or friend of the church at home will be highlighted.  
Greeting cards are always appreciated*



**Ramona and Janice Miller**  
**1613 Capitol Trail**  
**Newark, DE 19711**  
**302-737-0642**

Ramona and her late husband, Don, joined Calvary back in the late 50's, with their young daughter, Janice. In these later years, Ramona hasn't been able to attend services regularly. Janice has had serious health issues and requires most of Ramona's time. Both are still very interested in Calvary and keep up with the news. Cards and phone calls are very welcome.

### **May Birthdays!!**

- 1 Jayden Taylor
- 3 Aaron Widdoes
- 4 Dayna Fields
- 6 Nell Deibert
- 6 Jenn Otto
- 8 Dionisio Companiony
- 8 June Whann
- 9 Jaden Cole Boothe
- 11 Carlee Shea Rash
- 12 Terry Boothe
- 13 Maureen Koeller
- 14 Brayden Wells
- 14 Patrick Bram Walker
- 15 Dalton Carter
- 17 Emi Prinski
- 20 Betty Lewis
- 21 Kristin Inciardi
- 21 Rick Houtz
- 22 Bertha Koeller
- 22 Rhett Walker
- 25 Sue MacDonald
- 25 Katelyn Kohan
- 27 Angela Koeller
- 27 Heather Houtz-McLeod
- 27 Joe Rhoads
- 30 Cora DiJosie
- 31 Maria Alley
- 31 Tessa Gordon





**Attention all Calvary Women:**  
Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, May 20 at 11:00a.m. at Carol Kidwell's home for a potluck luncheon.** This is our last meeting until Fall and an opportunity for Christian fellowship and a relaxing afternoon. See Mary Elizabeth or Judy if you have questions.



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## 10 Rules for Addressing Panhandlers

Peter Gathje wrote a great article on the Patheos blog with the above title. Here's a snippet of the article:

*Give or don't give. It is really your choice. But always look the person in the eye who is asking, and say "Hi" and then maybe add, "Sorry I can't help today" OR "Here you go." Always treat the person with respect...*

*...If you really want to help people who are housing deprived, then advocate for housing for all homeless people. Support organizations in your area that practice a "housing first" approach to homelessness. Also resist all efforts to dehumanize, disrespect, and criminalize people who are on the streets with laws like "No panhandling"...*

Read the rest of the article here: <http://bit.ly/10-rules-panhandlers>



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## Annual Reports

**Reminder:** Annual Reports from Board Chairs and other officers are due **May 28.**



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## **Veggie Garden is Planted**

The veggie garden is planted. We *tried* to space things out a little better. Maybe we really need bigger boxes. Thank you to Home Depot, of Suburban Plaza for donating \$25 of bagged garden soil to help the existing soil in box #3. Thanks to Darlene Battle for her assistance in securing the grant. We now have sun. We will next need water.



## Walk for Friendship House/ Newark Empowerment Center

**Saturday morning June 3rd** at Beautiful Bellevue State Park. Highmark Blue Cross is sponsoring a fundraiser for the non-profits of Wilmington. 100% of the proceeds will benefit Friendship House Newark Empowerment Center. On top of that we have a very generous donor who will match the first \$2000 raised! **You DO NOT have to raise money to participate.**



Full information packets and application forms are available in the Narthex.

### *Walk for the Homeless*

#### **What?**

Friendship House has been invited to join the Highmark Walk For a Healthy Community!

#### **WE NEED WALKERS!**

Join us as we walk with some of our homeless friends in support of the programs at Friendship House. 100% of the money raised by our teams goes directly to the Friendship House programs. This year we have a generous donor who has pledged \$1,000 to Friendship House for each of our teams that recruits at least 25 walkers and raises at least \$2,000! We need your help reaching these goals. Join an existing team or start one of your own. If you can't make it that day show your support by donating to your favorite team or your favorite individual walker.



#### **Where?**

Bellevue State Park  
800 Carr Road  
Wilmington DE, 19809

Look for the Friendship House check in table when you arrive.

#### **When?**

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017.  
Group photo at 8:30 am  
5K Walk begins at 9:00 am  
One-Mile Fun Walk begins at 9:15 am  
Our check in table opens at 7:45 am for all of our walkers.

# Calendar

## May

17	6:30pm	Youth Group <b>No Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>4-8pm</b>	<b>Exam Week Grilled Cheeses and Jesus</b>
18	9:00am	Hope Dining
	7:00pm	Praise Team
<b>20</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>ABW Potluck at Carol Kidwell's</b>
21	12:00pm	Trustees
		Mission Board
23	7:00pm	Christian Ed. Board
24	6:30pm	Youth Group (movies)
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>29</b>		<b>Memorial Day- OFFICE CLOSED</b>
31	6:30pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Vision Team

## June

<b>2</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	<b>5:30-10pm</b>	<b>Painting for a Cause</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>7:45 am Check-in</b>	<b>Friendship House Walk (See page 4 for details)</b>
6	6:30pm	Finance Committee
7	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
11	11:30am	Board Meetings
14	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
15	9:00am	Hope Dining
<b>18</b>		<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Church Annual Business Mtg.</b> (board members and search committee to be elected)
21		<b>Summer Begins!!</b>
<b>23</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>27- 7/2</b>		<b>Creation Fest</b>
<b>29-7/2</b>		<b>ABC-USA Biennial</b>