

# Calvary Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter



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## A Word from the Pastor

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### Pointing to Something Bigger

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If you were with us Sunday or joined us on the computer, you heard me speak about “the God who’s bigger,” using Paul’s sermon in Athens in which he tried to tell the citizens there that the reality of God is much bigger, more fundamental, and more all-encompassing than the images and altars they had set up.

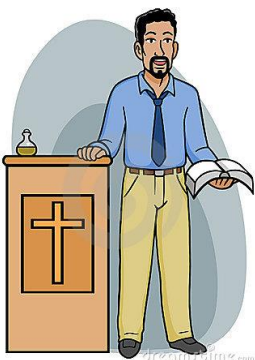
Now, in the case of ancient Athens, these were idols set up to false gods. It may be hard for us to relate to that, but the story can serve as an important reminder that any images or names for God that we use are always going to be incomplete. I’m reminded of William Holladay’s definition of theology, saying that it is “learning to say the least wrong thing about God.” “All God-talk is wrong to some extent,” he said. “The trick is to reduce the wrongness to a minimum.”

But at the same time, it’s also true that the symbols and images we use serve some essential purposes. For example, they serve as visual reminders of our commitments. They can serve as rallying point around a common cause. Perhaps most importantly, our symbols and images can point us to the larger reality which they represent.

Think about things like the cross, a dove, or the star of Bethlehem. These remain powerful symbols whose meaning is still known to many in the culture who may not participate in the life of a church. These and other symbols can be and have been misused, but at our best, they remind us of the story they represent and the greater reality to which they point.

As we approach Memorial Day, we’re reminded of other such symbols. The graves of our fallen soldiers can serve as a solemn reminder of the grief of their families as well as the incredible bravery and self-sacrifice of our brave men and women. The American flag can remind us of things like freedom, innovation, and unity. But of course, all such things can be misused well, and the people and causes to which they point distorted.

This coming weekend is both difficult and important for those who have lost loved ones in service to their country. May we remember all of these prayerfully, as well as pray for ourselves that we would resist any idolatry and distortion of our symbols and live for the incredible good for which they were meant to stand.



## Members and Friends at Home

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



**Anita Van Horn**  
**Mailings to Lynda Parkins:**

105 Elm Ave.

Newark, DE 19711

**Visits:** Millcroft Health Care Center:

255 Possum Park Road

Newark, DE 19711

Room 122

Anita is the mother of Lynda Parkins. She was married to the late Frank Van Horn. Anita and Frank joined Calvary in 1954, because they saw the church on Delaware Ave and her father said "that little church needs our help." Anita sang in the choir and was active in the Sunday School program. She is a graduate of Drexel University. Anita spent many years as a volunteer at the Emily P Bissel Hospital. In 1976, Frank retired from DuPont and left Calvary. Anita and Frank went to "work" for American Baptist Home Missions traveling the country visiting pastors, missionaries and other establishing trust funds. They spent the last 20 years in Milford, DE. Anita now lives in Millcroft. She enjoys visitors. Cards are appreciated.

### May Birthdays!!

Happy Birthday!



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

## Food donations needed for the Creation Christian Music Festival

Our church is responsible again this year for providing some meals during the week of Creation for our students and the other churches in our campsite. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex for the items that you can donate and take a reminder slip. All food donations need to be brought to the church kitchen on or before Sunday June 25th by 12 noon. We need to be able to feed approximately 60 people. See Kyle or Rosemarie McDonald if you have questions.



## High School Summer Sunday School Program

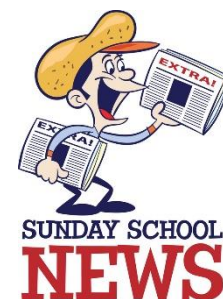
After taking a break in June the High School students will be meeting each week from July 9th through August 27th from 9:15am to 10:15am. We will meet at a local coffee shop (exact location to be determined) for a light breakfast, fellowship, and sharing of praises and prayer requests. Your breakfast will be paid for so all you need to do is show up! Let Kyle know if you have any questions or would like to join us.

## Important Sunday School announcement!

There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** during the month of June for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Our hard-working volunteer



teachers will be taking that month to get a breather from teaching as well as do some training and curriculum development. The nursery and pre-school room will still be available.



## Annual Reports

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



## 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.



### A report from Grilled Cheeses and Jesus through the eyes of Tom Parkins:

I have attended a lot of Wednesday nights at Calvary. But this past Wednesday may have been among the tops. What happened last Wednesday? Grilled Cheeses and Jesus. Often on Wednesday we gather to study and learn about Jesus and his ways. This past Wednesday we got to do so many of those things that Jesus taught us. Each of the participants had their own experience. For me it was simply amazing.

It was not about numbers. The amount of student foot traffic was way down. But there was a wide array of people. Many were not students. There was a huge variety of backgrounds, cultures, life situations and needs. So many of the visitors were very grateful for a bite to eat and a cool drink. Jesus walked on water, but we were swimming on grass! The biggest gratitude was for the blessings given out. "Can I say a blessing for you?" I am only now understanding the power of those words.

We blessed students, restaurant workers, families, homeless folks. One particular family stands out. They were Egyptian. Dad used to work at the 7-11 next door. This family is Coptic Christian. You may recall that ISIS blew up a Christian Church on Palm Sunday. Morya's Aunt was there praying. She is still in the hospital in critical condition. We shared so much and gave them a tour of Calvary.

The doors of Calvary were open wide on the front lawn. It is my hope and prayer that we will continue to open our doors. A simple grilled cheese, a hot dog and soda and a powerful blessing. Open doors, open hears. We look forward to opening up again next fall.



# Painting for a Cause

Friday June 2nd 6:30-9:30pm



Enjoy a evening of canvas painting by  
local artist Liz Steel Coats,  
non-alcoholic beverages and snacks.  
Feel free to bring a dish to share.

**Cost: \$35 per person**

**Calvary Baptist Church**

**215 E. Delaware Ave. Newark, DE**

**RSVP by May 28 to Tia Gordon**

302-981-8252 or [tianicole18@yahoo.com](mailto:tianicole18@yahoo.com)

All profits go to Tia Gordon's Mission Trip to Aid Syrian Refugees



Let's give a big Calvary welcome to our newest member...

Daniel L. Lanier III joins by transfer of letter.

WELCOME!



## 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

24	6:30pm	Youth Group (@ Santa Fe Mexican restaurant, downtown)
	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

*-----No Sunday School during the month of June for K through 12th-----*

<b>2</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Painting for a Cause</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Friendship House Walk</b> (see page 6 for details)
6	6:30pm	Finance Committee
7	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
11	12:00pm	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>
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>