

Calvary Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter



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[A Word from the Pastor](#)

Content is not dead

This past Monday, the worship team looked at results of a new Gallup survey that had to do with what keeps people coming back to church (which, please note, is an entirely different question than what gets them there in the first place). The survey held a few surprises.

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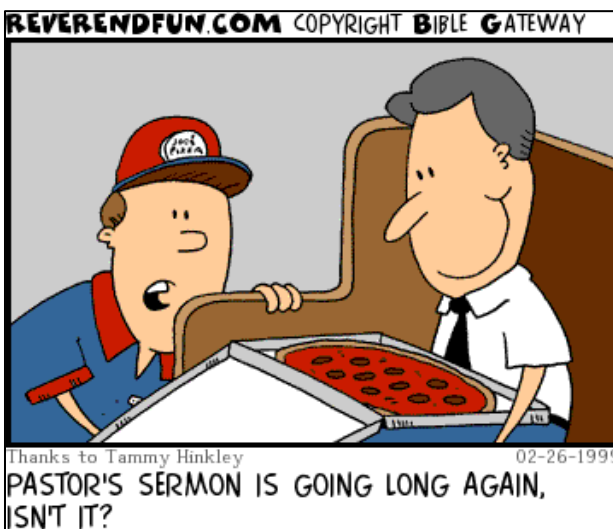
One of the lower responses, with only 38% saying it's a major factor, was the music. That doesn't necessarily square with how we think, and some of the largest churches in the country put a high premium on music and make it much like a rock concert. For me personally, music has always been a major factor in my spiritual journey.

Others that appeared on the survey were social/fellowship opportunities (49% said that's a major factor), outreach opportunities (59%), and quality programs for young people (64%). But none of those topped the list. 76 cited the quality and relevance of the messages and teaching (with another 16% on top of that saying that's at least a minor factor).

No pressure, right?

Actually, this is encouraging. Content is not dead. The people in this survey said that they are drawn to their church by being able to learn more about the Bible, its history and context, as well as how to apply it to their daily lives. We sometimes slip into thinking that people need to be entertained or we have to work hard to capture their attention. Although that may be true of young people, overall, this might suggest that adults still know that they can go elsewhere to be entertained or "wow-ed." Despite the decline of church attendance, people still have deep questions and daily struggles, and a church worth going to is one that takes real life seriously and treats scripture as the deep well and treasure that it is.

That's what I have found here at Calvary and pray that we continue to strive for and remember!



Members and Friends at Home

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



Bob Loyd
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Bob and Mabel Loyd have been members of Calvary since not long after Calvary was formed. Sadly, Mabel passed away in January, but Bob still lives in Newark. He served in many capacities and offices when he was able to attend service regularly. They were a big part of the building of Calvary. Church Picnics were held in their back yard when they lived on Academy Street and, let me tell you, a fun time was had by all. Bob's grandson lives with him now and he doesn't get out much anymore. Cards and visits are still appreciated.

May Birthdays!!



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| 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 |

Church and Youth Events

Youth Group Beach Day & BBQ - Saturday May 13th, 1:00pm to 9:00pm - All students in 6th through 12th grade are invited to a special BEACH DAY and COOK OUT at John and Lynette Philip's residence. **We will meet at CBC at 1:00pm** (eat lunch before you come) and **we'll be back around 9:00pm**. We will go tubing / boating on the Chesapeake bay, play outdoor games, have a cookout, and end our time with a bonfire on the beach! Bring a swimsuit and towel, a favorite outdoor game, and \$5 for dinner. Please let KYLE know if you will be able to join us.



Grilled Cheeses and Jesus

If you missed celebrating St. Patrick's day at Calvary, join us late night for Cinco de Mayo. From **10PM - 2AM** we will be out front of Calvary handing out free grilled cheese, sodas and hot dogs, along with free blessings and prayers for anyone. And for Cinco de Mayo we will do Quesadillas. It was a festive time at St. Patrick's night so come join the fun, **Friday May 5th**. See Tom Parkins for details.



Veggie Plants Needed for Veggie Garden

It's time to plant the veggie garden. We're asking members to contribute specific types of plants. In particular we need:

- Cherry Tomatoes
- Early Girl Tomatoes
- Better Boy Tomatoes
- Zucchini
- Squash
- Yellow Summer Squash
- Cucumbers
- Burpless Bush Hybrid



We would like 6 of each plant but if you only do 1 or 2 that's OK. Please do not substitute other varieties. See Tom Parkins for details

Join Pastor Dan MacDonald,

Chaplain David Hicks

from the Tel Hai Retirement Center

February 18 to 27, 2018

10 Amazing Days of Biblical Study and Adventure

Depart Philadelphia for \$3306*

with JCBS Instructor Dr. Willis Britt



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

Upcoming Events at Calvary

May

3	6:30pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
5	10pm-2am	Cinco de Mayo Grilled Cheeses
7	12:00pm	Diaconate Meeting
9	6:30pm	Finance Committee
10	6:30pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
13	1-9:00pm	Youth Group Beach BBQ (Grades 6th -12th)
14		MOTHER'S DAY
17	6:30pm	Youth Group
		No Choir Rehearsal
18	9:00am	Hope Dining
20	10:30	ABW Potluck at Carol Kidwell's
21	12:00pm	Trustees
		Mission Board
24	6:30pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
29		Memorial Day- office closed
31	6:30pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Vision Team

June

7	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
11	12:00pm	Diaconate Board
		Christian Ed. Board
14	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
15	9:00am	Hope Dining
17	9:30am	ABW
18		FATHER'S DAY
	12:00pm	Church Annual Business Mtg (board members and search committee to be elected)
21		Summer Begins!!
27- 7/2		Creation Fest
29-7/2		ABC-USA Biennial