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A Word from the Pastor

Corey Fields

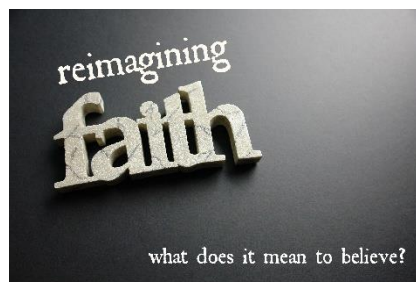
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What is “faith” after all? The New Testament book of Hebrews has what many consider to be the Bible’s definition of faith: “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

The wording of this English translation can easily make it sound like faith = certainty; or, that if and when we do not feel “confident” or “assured,” we are essentially losing our faith. But when you keep reading in Hebrews 11, the author goes through the “great cloud of witnesses,” people of faith in the Old Testament who lived “by faith.” You start to see that most of these people did what they did having little to be “confident” or “assured” about. They didn’t know what they were doing, and they had been asked to do something that seemed impossible. In a few cases, like with Sarah, it was really God doing something TO or WITH person, not anything they did themselves. In fact, the initiative was always God’s.

Ever since the Enlightenment, we have thought of “faith” as synonymous with “belief” – i.e., faith boils down to what we know and believe in our head. But is that the whole story? Are we “losing our faith” when we are in a dark place and feel like God is absent? If so, did Jesus lose his faith when he said, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Does our faith in God “satisfy our every longing,” or does it actually create all new longings? Do people of faith have all the answers, or ask all the right questions. This and more is what we’ll explore in a new worship series we begin this Sunday: “Reimagining Faith: What Does it Mean to Believe?” Join us!



Missed last Sunday?

You can read Pastor Corey’s sermon here: <http://bit.ly/CBC9July17>.

You can also always watch the full service on our streaming site:

<http://www.sundaystreams.com/go/calvarynewark>

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
1202 Old Cooch's Bridge Road
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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.

July Birthdays!!

- 2 James B. Dunson, Jr
- 2 Melissa Hunter
- 5 Brian West
- 5 Ny'asiah Coleman
- 6 Rev. William R. Thomas
- 7 Jade McMurray
- 8 Mikayla King
- 8 Charlotte Widdoes
- 9 Jessy Tibbels
- 10 Jay McMurray
- 10 Cecil Dowell
- 12 Sandie Houtz
- 12 Karen Smith
- 12 Parker Corley Dunson
- 13 Kevin Hickman
- 14 Matthew Lewis
- 15 Rev. Bruce Martin
- 15 Alyssa Lewis
- 16 Jonathan Superczyski
- 17 Ramona Miller
- 18 Christian McLeod
- 18 Anne Marie (Martin)
Solomon
- 19 Henry Alfano Hamilton
- 21 Tevin Williamson
- 26 Daniel McLeod
- 28 Ruth Morgan
- 28 Scott Parkins
- 29 Shelby Lyn Carter

Happy Birthday!



Reception for Jennifer Newman

Join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall after worship on July 23 to honor and thank Jennifer Newman for her work with Calvary as the choir director.



VBS needs volunteers!

VBS needs adult & teen volunteers! The program will run from July 30 to Aug 3rd. Hours are 5:30pm-8:15pm. Volunteers will help with the following areas: Bible Discovery, Game Makers, Snack Factory, Imagination Stations (crafts), and Group Leaders. If you are amberhickman33@hotmail.com



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!

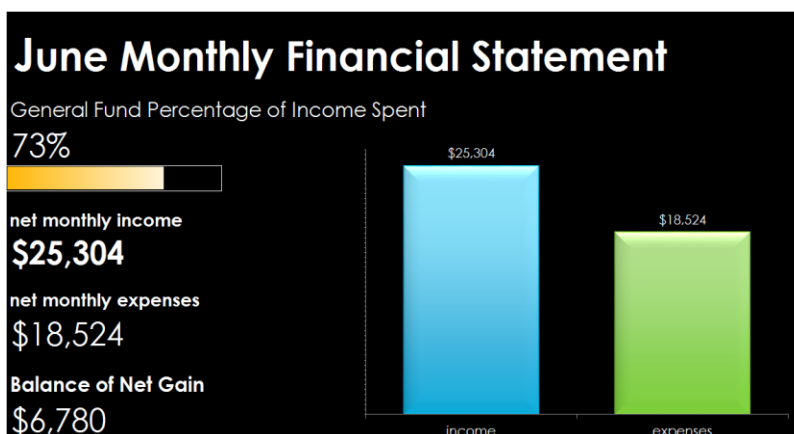
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/calvarynewark>

HELP ABWM FILL THE SHOPPING CART!!!

The American Baptist Women's conference project this year is helping to stock our regional camp pantries. Please help us fill the shopping cart in the narthex so it overflows! These items will be delivered to Shippensburg on July 14th so we need your donations by Sunday, July 9th. Some of our youth will be attending camp this summer and will be using these contributions so we thank you ahead of time for your help.



- Needed items are creamy peanut butter, grape jelly, Kool Aid canisters, paper towels, paper napkins and toilet paper. *No glass jars please* Let Mary-Beth know if you have any questions



July

14-16		ABWM conference in Shippensburg, PA
16	12:00pm	Mission Board Trustee Board
17-21		High Point Camp (Jr. week)
20	9:00am	Hope Dining
23	11:30am	Reception for Jennifer Newman in Fellowship Hall
24-29		High Point Camp (Teen week)
25	7:00pm	Vision Team
27	7:00pm	Band practice
30	5:30pm	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS! Day 1 (daily until Aug 3)
31	5:30pm	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Day 2

August

1	5:30pm	Vacation Bible School Day 3
2	5:30pm	Vacation Bible School Day 4
3	5:30pm	Vacation Bible School Day 5
4		Calvary to a Blue Rocks game
13	12:00pm	Christian Ed. Board Diaconate
17	9:00am	Hope Dining
20	12:00pm	Trustee Board Mission Board
21	7:00pm	Worship Team
25-28		“Home Base” Mission Trip (a weekend mission trip to our own church!)
26-27		University of Delaware move-in weekend