

Calvary Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter



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A Word from the Pastor

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In a quote that I think I've shared here before, Gary Haugen once said, "When disaster strikes, I've stopped asking, 'Where is God?', and have begun to ask, 'Where are God's people?'"

Houston and the surrounding areas are experiencing devastating flooding this week. All commentators are saying it's unlike anything they've ever seen, and unbelievably, as I type this, it is still raining there.

No doubt questions of "Where is God?" come to our minds, and such questions are worth exploring at times (as I did during the Lenten sermon series earlier this year). But for now, in the aftermath of the storm, the more relevant question is, "Where are God's people?" It's time to step up and show that we are right here, ready to help.

When something like Hurricane Harvey happens, some people want to give in more personal ways. Donations of anything from clothing to teddy bears often fill disaster-ridden areas. Unfortunately, such donations often hurt more than help. They overwhelm volunteers who have nowhere to store them and no method for distributing them. In the immediate aftermath of a storm, the best thing to give really is money.

One Great Hour of Sharing, a multi-denominational offering that we focus on around the beginning of the summer, is ready to accept donations specifically for this event and clean-up. There are definitely other charities that are fine to give to as well, but I really like One Great Hour of Sharing because: 1) they play the long game and continue to help for years after the immediate aftermath, 2) they distribute funds through trusted channels and people on the ground who already have networks, and 3) because these offerings are managed by existing denominational staff and volunteers, there is, according to American Baptist Home Mission Societies, zero administrative overhead. 100% of your donation goes directly to disaster relief.

The best way to do this is for you to write your check to Calvary and put "OGHS Hurricane Harvey" in the memo line, and we will send one sum.

Of course, when it is safe and feasible to do so, American Baptists will be organizing groups to go and do some hands on work with the relief effort. I will share information as soon as I have it.

As always, there is tremendous (though mysterious) power in prayer. Even if you can do nothing else, lift up the victims and workers in the midst of this storm. And somehow, as we sang on Sunday, God's grace will be enough.



Members and Friends at Home

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



June Hare
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June and her husband, Norman, have been members of Calvary for many years. June was always very active in earlier years serving as head of the Clothes Closet, working on the Fellowship Committee, and a big part of the Women's Group. These past few years have been a decline in her health and she hasn't been able to attend services for several months. She enjoys visits and cards and appreciates still being part of the Calvary family.

SEPTEMBER



- 1 Melanie Daul
- 1 Brandon Dowell
- 2 Loreal Pleasant
- 3 Sallie Lou Evans
- 6 Wilma Seeman
- 6 Christine Lewis
- 8 James R. Dunson (son)
- 9 Ethan Daniel Walker
- 10 Alicia Hoover-Duffy
- 10 John R. Elliott, Sr.
- 12 Randy Boamah
- 12 Bill Hoover
- 14 Allison Paige Rash
- 15 Norman Hare
- 16 Claudine Bucci
- 18 Clarice Neal
- 21 Lee McDonley
- 23 Shawnya Small
- 23 Jordan Tibbels
- 24 Lloyd Evans
- 25 Karen Mackey
- 26 Laura Elliott
- 27 James Elliott
- 28 Haden L. Houtz
- 29 Sarah Morgan Walker



Home Base Mission Success

Thank you to everyone who helped during our Mission Trip to our Home Base!

Projects that were completed:

- Repair leaks
- Replaced light fixtures
- Cut down trees
- Thorough cleaning of the church
- Organized closets and storage areas
- Garden and lawn work
- Painting, both inside and in the parking lot
- Repair of walls, floorboards, etc.
- Assist with back to school clothing drive



ALL YOUR HARD WORK IS GREATLY APPRECIATED 😊

Picnic & Clothing Giveaway Overview



Thanks to many who came through late in the game, we scored a touchdown with our picnic and clothing distribution for our clients. There were about 170 guests throughout the afternoon, and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Lots of double cheeseburgers downed. The clothing kept coming in, including some just as we started. Everybody had a good chance to find a few pieces. It was gratifying to see young school kids excited about some "new" clothing and shoes.



Rally Day is Sunday, September 10th!

Come enjoy some delicious pancakes & bacon! Meet your teachers and fellow students! Let's get ready for an awesome year!!



CALVARY BAPTIST ANNUAL PICNIC



Sunday, September 17th

@ Paper Mill Park, 1050 Paper Mill Road

Pavilion #2, from 4:30 – 8 p.m.

Sign-up @ the Welcome Desk
to bring food and/or help.

Attention Middle School Students - Get ready for the **Breakaway Retreat!**

Happening October 6-8th at North Bay Adventure Camp in North East, MD.

Join nearly 500 middle school students, leaders, youth pastors & volunteers as they gather to have fun, enjoy free time, play crazy games and hear more about our God who loves us!

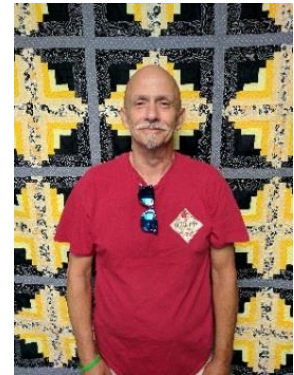
Cost is \$120; please see Kyle or Susan for scholarships! **No kid will be left behind!**

Note: this is a special opportunity for Middle School students in 6th through 8th grade only. High school students, there will be a special event for you this fall as well, don't worry.





Help us welcome our congregation's newest member!
Joe Crispin joins the church by transfer of letter.



Church Choir

We are in search of musical individuals or groups who would like to participate in Special Music during services throughout the month. Musicians willing to contribute their talents on guitar, voice, flute, etc. please email me at sarahjane.gober@yahoo.com to share your music the congregation.



"That changes things: The earth-shattering message of the Sermon on the Mount"

A Bible study led by Pastor Corey
Wednesday evenings, Sept 13 - Oct 4, 6:45 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall following dinner



Calendar

September

1	7:05pm	Calvary at Blue Rocks
4	All day	Labor Day Church office closed
5	6:30pm	Finance Committee
6	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
9	9:30am	AB Women Meeting
10	12:00pm	Diaconate
		Christian Ed board
	7:00pm	Search committee
13		Wednesday Night Dinner & Activities begin!
	6:00pm	Dinner
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
16	5:00pm	Couden-Terranova wedding
17	12:00pm	Trustee board
		Mission Board
	4:30pm	Church picnic (Papermill Park)
20	6:00pm	Dinner
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
21	9:00am	Hope Dining Room
23	1:00pm	Youth Beach BBQ (rescheduled, take 3) at Phillips' home
24	12:00pm	Quarterly Business Meeting
27	6:00pm	Dinner
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal

