

Calvary Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter



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A Word from the Pastor

As you may have discovered about me by now, I like to partner with others in the community to get things done and make sure we don't reinvent the wheel. In particular, I think too many churches are too "siloeed" and doing their own thing.

But I also know, as I said in my first sermon at Calvary, that you never know which way the wind/Spirit is going to blow, and sometimes it's just our job to create "fertile soil" and make sure we put ourselves out there and allow for unknown opportunities and relationships to take shape.

That's why I've been talking with three other Newark pastors about an opportunity to worship together. In talking with the worship team and the diaconate, I'm not sure we see an immediate opportunity to revive the Selah service. Instead, in thinking about whether we want to do a non-Sunday morning worship service of some kind, this question immediately met with my heart for partnerships and I asked, "What can we do with others?"

Calvary's worship team and diaconate have approved an effort to come together with other brothers and sisters in Christ in worship and prayer. Myself and the pastors of First Presbyterian, Head of Christiana Presbyterian, and New Ark United Church of Christ are teaming up to do a quarterly worship gathering. Our four churches (and maybe others in the future) will meet together for worship at rotating locations. Our first gathering will be for a Vespers service at First Presbyterian on Sunday, October 8 at 5:00 pm. See inside this newsletter for more information. Please mark this on your calendar and make an effort to come.

As with anything like this, we have to come with a willingness to experience something different, with the occasional small dose of healthy discomfort. The worship experiences may be different, but rewarding. Better yet, we will have the opportunity to continue to develop relationships with the Newark faith community.

Perhaps the wind/Spirit doesn't blow through this and it doesn't take off. That will be OK; we have to be willing to try new things. But perhaps it does, and we are inspired to find new ways to work together to make a difference in Newark and spread the love of Jesus Christ. Perhaps this ends up being a great opportunity to be an example to the rest of the faith community of the value of coming together. Let's give it a try!



"Do we know the same Jesus?"

Members and Friends at Home

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



Lillian Jarry
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Lillian Jarry became a member of the Calvary family many years ago and was very faithful in numerous ways. She served on the Diaconate, Fellowship Committee (as co-chair), Women's group and much more. She is the mother of Sandie Houtz, grandmother to Erica, Heather, Gregory, and great-grandmother to their children. In these later years, Lillian is unable to attend services because her health has declined. She still enjoys her garden, with the help of Erica and readily welcomes you into her lovely home for visits. Each time we females enter our Ladies Room at Calvary, we are reminded of her many talents since she was instrumental in the 1990's in the decor which still exists today.

Cards, calls and visits are very much appreciated.

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



High School Paintball Outing

Saturday October 14th, 12:30pm to 4:30pm with optional dinner to follow. Open to all students in grades 9-12. We will be going to Northeast Adventure Paintball in Northeast, MD. The cost is \$15 per person and covers game play, time on the field, rental of gun and mask, and paint balls. We need to get 12 players total to make this worth it so bring your friends for a fun day of paintball. Bring some extra cash and whoever wants to can get dinner after. Please let Kyle know if you plan on joining us and if you're bringing a friend. Get your \$15 in soon to reserve your spot.



Let's try this ONE MORE TIME...

Youth Group Beach Day & BBQ - Take 3 - Saturday September 23rd, 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. This event is open to all youth and their families, so parents and siblings (ages within reason) are welcome. Please let KYLE know if you / your student will be attending and if anyone else from your family will be coming so we can plan for food and activities. **THERE IS NO RAIN DATE... and... WE WILL NOT CANCEL THIS TIME.** Meet at CBC at 1pm on the 23rd RAIN OR SHINE... if it is raining or a t-storm on the radar at the time we meet we will move the event to an inside venue (movie theater, movie/ games in the church, trampoline park, etc).



"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



Calvary to team up with other churches for joint worship

In an effort to bring diverse Christian worshipping communities together, and to form new relationships in which we can be a more powerful witness to Christ's love in our community, the pastors of four Newark churches (so far) have decided to try a quarterly, ecumenical worship gathering. We seek to come together at rotating locations to have an opportunity to encounter each others' different worship traditions and build relationships. The worship may be a simple service of prayer and communion, or we may join in on an existing service.

For our first ecumenical worship gathering, we are invited to a fall Vespers service at First Presbyterian Church. This will be on Sunday, October 8 at 5pm in their outdoor Remembrance Garden. The service theme is "Standing on Holy Ground". There will be readings, a simple meditation, prayer, and song, either acapella or accompanied by guitar.

The Newark churches currently working on this together are:

Calvary Baptist Church
First Presbyterian Church
Head of Christian Presbyterian Church
New Ark United Church of Christ



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.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING THIS SUNDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

New financial policies to be voted upon.
Contact the office for extra copies of the proposals.



Women's Conference

We are pleased to have two speakers at our fall retreat on Oct. 14th at Lancaster First Baptist.

Rev. Luminitza Nichols, new pastor at Lancaster First, will be sharing her story of imprisonment in Romania as a result of her Christian faith and how God brought her to the US to study for the ministry. She shared part of her testimony at our July Women's conference, leaving many women asking to hear the "end of the story." Pastor Lumi's story will remind you that nothing is impossible with God!



Rev. Mary Lewis is pastor at Parkesburg Baptist Church and a former president of ABCOPAD. It was her vision that led ABCOPAD to build a Habitat House in Altoona! Her delightful sense of humor and deep love of the Lord will inspire you to a deeper walk with God.

Lunch will be provided for \$5, payable at registration. All registrations should be called in to Sue Fitzgerald, [570-916-0859](tel:570-916-0859) or emailed to Sue at suefit@gmail.com by Monday, Oct. 9th.

Thank you note from The Hare family

"We want to thank the members of Calvary for their many cards & prayers during the loss of their daughter, Brenda. We also want to thank Carol Kidwell & the Fellowship Committee for the luncheon they provided after the memorial serve. This means so much to us, and I know the Lord is with us."

-The Hare family



Pictures from our church picnic, Sept 17



Calendar

September

20	6:00pm	Dinner (Hot Dogs)
	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	11:30am	Quarterly Business Meeting
26	7:00pm	Vision Team
27	7:00am	See You at The Pole
	6:00pm	Dinner (Ham)
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal

October

3	6:30pm	Finance Committee
4	6:00pm	Dinner
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
6-8		Breakaway Middle School Retreat
8	12:00pm	Diaconate
		Christian Ed.
	5:00pm	Vespers Service
11	6:00pm	Dinner (BBQ Chicken)
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
14		ABW trip to Lancaster for Region Meeting
	12:30pm	High School Paintball Outing
15	11:30am	Mission Board
		Trustees
	5:00pm	Kids for Jesus/ Youth Group Hay Ride
	7:00pm	Search Committee
18	6:00pm	Dinner (Meatball Subs)
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
19	9:00pm	Hope Dining
25	6:00pm	Dinner (Chicken Alfredo)
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
29	4:00pm	Fall Festival