



# Calvary Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

November 15, 2017

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## A Word from the pastor

Corey Fields

I have never lived on a farm, so when it comes to the metaphors for “harvest” that we use around Thanksgiving time, I don’t have direct experience. From what I can tell, harvest time for people who farm the land must be a long-awaited time that is both celebratory as well as a lot of hard work. It is both the end result of much work completed as well as more work to be done. The harvest represents both sustenance and blessing. Should we allow, it’s also a reminder of what might not be and that there’s no promise that it will turn out the same next year.

Factors like this are also in play when we as a church come together to celebrate the fruit of our labor in the past year and make our commitments for the next.

On November 5, you heard me say that GRATITUDE is a posture and a life-stance in which we treat nothing as deserved and everything as on loan. For me personally, when I combine this undeserving life-stance with a recognition of how much I’ve been given, it is humbling; even overwhelming.

Then, on November 12, you heard representatives from each of the 4 boards of our church give testimonies of how your GENEROSITY to our church has made a difference for the Kingdom and made so much possible. I hope you swelled with pride as you heard just some of what we were able to do together in the past year.

This coming Sunday, we end with thinking about the ultimate sacrificial gift of God at CALVARY and how we, in some small way, give of ourselves sacrificially for the building up of Christ’s church among us.

We begin with GRATITUDE, which motivates our GENEROSITY, giving back to the one who gave all at CALVARY and for what we do at Calvary Baptist Church.

This is Ingathering Sunday, when Calvary members are asked to make their pledge of support to the church for the coming year. Whenever we come to this time, I always hope you know that I do not ask anything of you that I don’t do myself. Dayna and I, with gratitude, give of our time and our prayers, as well as a tithe (10%) of our income back to the church. Only you know what you and/or your family are able to do and how God is leading you to give to Calvary in 2018.

And only God knows the blessings and the opportunities that He has in store for us as we quickly approach another year. See you this Sunday, and don’t forget that, as part of our celebration, we will share a Thanksgiving meal together after worship.

# Church Members

## 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**  
109 Edjil Drive  
Newark, DE 19713  
302-368-8094



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.



## NOVEMBER

1	Amber Hickman Taylor	16	Amber Walker
1	Tina Otto	17	Mira Hong
6	Ian Cahill	18	Travis Hunter
7	Michael Carter	18	Cam Dunson
8	Betty Kidwell	18	Nadine Phillips
9	Regina Moore	19	Amy Kline
10	Everett Ramer	20	Joyce Hoover
10	Jason Stoehr	21	Hunter Houtz
11	Jill Widdoes	22	Jovan McDonald
11	Kaitlynn Kline	25	Lois Stoehr
11	Libby Dowell	26	Rochelle McDonald
12	John M. Duffy IV	26	Nicholas Chadick
15	Isabel Companiony	26	Tyler Josephson
15	Jean McWatters	30	Kim Prinski



# Stewardship



## A Closer Look at Generosity and Stewardship

There are some people who would give you the shirt off their back if you asked them. They may have needs of their own but the needs of others are considered more important. So they give shirts, shoes, gloves, you name it, expecting nothing in return. Ever wonder what drives folks like this? They probably don't see themselves as generous, just as someone meeting the need of another. If we see ourselves as "one person meeting the need of another, using the means we have available" it just sounds, NORMAL. Who wouldn't do that?

Generosity includes free will giving of love, attention, tangible help and other resources. A blanket, a hug, a smile and more - if you have it to give and freely do so, you're being generous. During Sunday's service, we saw/heard many examples of brothers and sisters helping brothers and sisters, using whatever they have with the goal of spreading the message of God's love. It got me to thinking about the concept of The Giving Matrix (adapted). It goes something like this, we only have a limited amount of some things, but unlimited quantities of other things. Some things we have to earn while others are free. The matrix says anyone can be generous, even if your finances are tight, just focus on what you have to give and then share.... Check out the table below.

	Limited	Unlimited
Are Earned	MONEY INFLUENCE RESOURCES	WISDOM KNOWLEDGE
Free	TIME BLOOD GENTLY USED ITEMS ORGANS TALENTS	COMPLIMENTS SMILES HUGS HIGH-FIVES PRAYERS HOSPITALITY SHOWING CARE/CONCERN

It's no coincidence that the longest list of items are both free and unlimited. It's easy to forget the importance of each item in the lower right box. Money is needed, but first it must be earned and, for most, supply is limited. Hugs, which are free, are needed, and supply is unlimited; you just have to be willing to open your arms and embrace someone. Our time is free to give, but we're limited to 24 hours in a day. Once we've acquired knowledge in a particular area, it can be shared with all who are willing to receive.

As we think about generosity and stewardship, let's seek to glorify God by looking for ways to **act boldly** with what we have to give!!



**This Sunday, Nov. 19 is Ingathering Sunday.**

We will be gratefully receiving your pledges of support for the ministry of Calvary for 2018. In GRATITUDE, we give with GENEROSITY, because of the cross of CALVARY, and our family at Calvary Baptist Church.

Plan to stay after worship on November 19 for our Annual Ingathering Thanksgiving Meal as we give thanks and celebrate together what God has given us and what we have committed to give back. Sunday, November 19, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

### Newark Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7:30pm  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
276 S. College Ave.

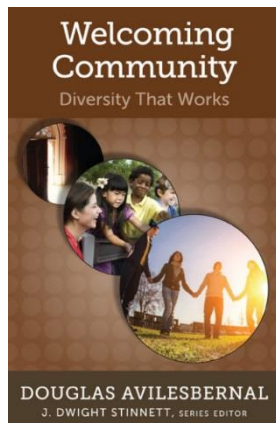
All Calvary members are encouraged to attend. The message this year will be given by Rev. Emma Horn, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian.



If you are interested in singing with the interfaith choir, they will rehearse at 6:30 beforehand. See Pastor Corey or Sarah Gober for the music.

### 2017-2018 ABC Reads

Each year, American Baptist Churches USA features a book for congregations to read and discuss in small group settings. Their pick for this year is "Welcoming Community: Diversity That Works" by pastor and popular speaker Douglas Avilesbernal. New in the "Living Church" series, this volume offers a creative approach to fostering true diversity:



- Recognizing changing realities in church's neighborhood and region
- Learning the unique concerns of the community
- Standing in solidarity for matters of justice and mercy
- Transforming the community through the unique gifts each member brings to life and ministry together

Here at Calvary, we will be reading and discussing this book on Wednesday nights after Thanksgiving. You are encouraged to purchase and read this book in the coming weeks. It is available as an eBook on Kindle or you can get a physical copy for 20% off at [judsonpress.com](http://judsonpress.com).

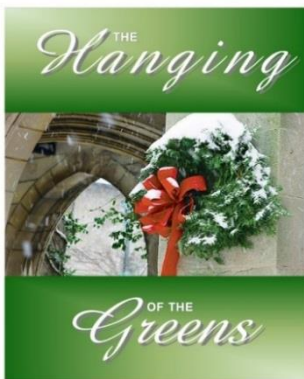
## Black Friday Thanksgiving Leftover Feast!



Calvary will open our doors to all who are hungry on Black Friday November 24 from noon - 2PM. We need your extra or leftover Thanksgiving dinner. If you are making a dish or dessert perhaps you can make an extra. Or if you are like my mom, there will always be extras. You can drop them off Black Friday morning. Any time is fine. Leave them outside the 7-11 side door if it is locked. We will be by shortly. Also if you need to drop off Wed. or Thanksgiving Day that's okay too, just email Tom Parkins [mrfizzix@aol.com](mailto:mrfizzix@aol.com) or 302-731-8193. Tom can stop by to put them away. We also need volunteers to set up and clean up. You don't have to stay the whole time. Contact Tom.

## When Is the Holiday Food Drive?

This year the Holiday Food Drive is in February, the Valentine Holiday, *Share the Love*. Why February? It seems that many organizations do a Holiday Food drive in November-December and the shelves are full. But as winter moves in, the shelves turn bare. We hope to help make a difference during those long dark days of winter. Stay tuned for further details.



Hanging of the Greens  
followed by a simple soup luncheon  
Saturday, December 2, 10am - 12noon  
Come help us decorate the church  
for Advent and Christmas!

## Join the "Calvary Clompers" at the Reindeer Run & Romp 5K

to benefit Delaware Special Olympics on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:00pm. We have a Santa - we just need some elves and reindeer to go along! Wear a reindeer or elf costume or your ugly Christmas sweater. Register to join Calvary's team here: <https://give.classy.org/calvaryclompers>





Join UD collections manager and former Calvary Member Jan Broske for an up-close look at the clothing that the WWI era necessitated or made popular. We'll grab a quick lunch after church and then drive (or walk) to Old College together.

Sunday, December 3, 1:00 to 2:00

Let Lois know if you are interested. [ladiet05@gmail.com](mailto:ladiet05@gmail.com) or 992-9120. She will also try to arrange a tour of Winterthur during the Yuletide season for anyone interested. Stay tuned for details!

*The congregation is invited to a Christmas Open House at the Fields'*

Saturday, December 9th, 2-4pm,  
2727 Barnsley Rd., Wilmington

This is come-and-go; stop in briefly or for the whole two hours at the Fields house for some refreshments, fellowship and Christmas cheer. 😊



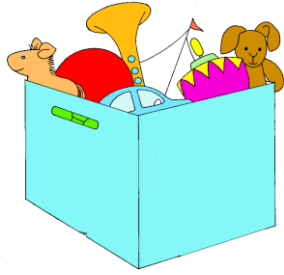
**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army Kettle drive is Saturday Dec 9 from 9AM - 5PM. We will be at Acme College Square. Sign up in the Narthex. A great opportunity to invite your friends.



## News and Events

### Toy Drive



Looking for a good excuse to clean out your child's toy box?

Your gently-used toys and books for kids of all ages could make someone else merry this Christmas!

**Drop-off** between Dec. 4 and Dec. 15, 9:30 am-1:30 pm  
**Distribution:** Sat., Dec. 16, 1-4pm (or as supplies last)

Friday, Dec. 15: Evening help needed with cleaning and sorting

Saturday, Dec. 16: Morning and afternoon help needed with sorting and with gift-wrapping

### Cocoa & Caroling on Main!



Spread good cheer with Calvary by caroling and handing out

**Hot Chocolate & Candy Canes @**

Academy & Main on Wed., December 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Youth Group Students and Parents,



It is only November, but it's time to introduce our **winter youth retreat**. This year we will be going to **High Point** (the same place where many of our students attended camp this summer), the weekend of **March 2-4th**. I hope you will join us for this popular retreat for students from **grades 6-12** that will combine enriching preaching with fun winter sports and a variety of

indoor activities. You'll be able to enjoy singing, skits, group games, basketball, foosball, carpetball, ping pong, tubing, & more. A pizza snack will be provided on Friday night and all meals the rest of the weekend. Lodging will be provided in camp cabins. The cost will be \$115 per person (**\$100 if registered before 12/15/17**). Please register early, space is limited. **Families must register themselves on High Point's website and pay the full retreat fee at the time of registration.** If full payment cannot be completed or a scholarship is needed please contact me (Kyle). Make sure you choose Teen Retreat and the March 2018 date, and if your student is in 6th grade and there is no option for that please choose 7th grade. After registration is completed please forward the confirmation email to me (Kyle).



Registration is now open here... <https://highpointcamp.campbrainregistration.com/>

# Calendar

## November

Wed. 15	6:00pm 6:45pm 8:00pm	Dinner (Chili) Small groups Choir rehearsal
<b>Thur. 16</b>	9:00am <b>6:30pm</b>	Hope Dining Room <b>Newark Empowerment Center 10th Anniversary Celebration</b> <b>Calvary Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Sun. 19</b>	<b>12:00pm</b> 7:00pm	<b>Ingathering Sunday</b> <b>Thanksgiving meal</b> Search committee
<b>Tues. 21</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Interfaith Thanksgiving Service,</b> <b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b>
Wed. 22 - Fri. 24 Office Closed		
<b>Fri. 24</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Black Friday Leftover Feast</b> (for the homeless and needy)
Tues. 28	1:30pm 7:00pm	"Duck In" Vision Team
Wed. 29	6:00pm 6:45pm 8:00pm	Dinner (SPECIAL MEAL - RUNZA) Small groups Choir rehearsal
Thur. 30	7:00pm	Band practice



Note: There will be no newsletter the week of Thanksgiving.



## December

<b>Fri. 1</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Reindeer Run &amp; Romp, Academy St. and Delaware Ave.</b>
<b>Sat. 2</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Hanging of the Greens &amp; Soup Luncheon</b>
Tues. 5	1:30pm 6:30pm	"Duck In" Finance Committee
Wed. 6	6:00pm 6:45pm 8:00pm	Dinner (Beef Stew) Small groups Choir rehearsal
Thurs. 7	12:00pm	Office Closes at Noon
<b>Fri. 8</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Office Closed <b>Youth Group Ice Skating</b>
<b>Sat. 9</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>9:30am</b> <b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Salvation Army Bell Ringing, ACME College Square</b> <b>American Baptist Women Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon</b> <b>Open House at the Fields', 2727 Barnsley Rd., Wilm., DE 19808</b>
Sun. 10	12:00pm 12:00pm	Diaconate Christian Ed board
Tues. 12	1:30pm	"Duck In"
<b>Wed. 13</b>	6:00pm <b>6:30pm</b> 6:45pm 8:00pm	Dinner (Ham) <b>Cocoa and Caroling on Main</b> Small groups Choir rehearsal
<b>Fri. 15</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Wilmington Handbell Ensemble Concert, Calvary Baptist Church</b>
<b>Sat. 16</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Toy giveaway</b>
<b>Sun. 17</b>	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Christmas Pageant during Worship</b> <b>Cookie Exchange following Worship</b>
Tues. 19	1:30pm	Trustee and mission boards "Duck In"
Wed. 20	6:00pm 6:45pm 8:00pm	Dinner (Spaghetti) Small groups Choir rehearsal