



Calvary Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

December 6, 2017

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A Word from the pastor Corey Fields

“Your waiting soon will end; God’s glory will descend”

“We are waiting, Lord. Fill the mind, until we find, Your light, Your truth.”

“Angels are making their rounds”

“The road is dark, the dust is dry; we find our path by starlight.”

“Look in His face, and see the world’s salvation”

Those are just a few of the great lines that I hope you’ll hear, and more, as the choir performs its annual Christmas cantata this Sunday, December 10 during our normal worship service. We have been working hard, and our new director Sarah Gober has done an amazing job preparing us. Though I know music doesn’t connect with everyone, it has always been central in my faith formation and prayer life, and I like that we set aside some time during the Advent season to proclaim the story in song. Hope you’ll be able to join us.

Don’t neglect to look through the rest of this newsletter for all the other events and opportunities coming up, as well as a few photos of some past ones. This coming Friday, the youth are going ice skating. This Saturday, American Baptist Women meet, it’s our Salvation Army bell ringing day, as well as an open house at our place from 2-4 (2727 Barnsley Rd). And that’s just this weekend! The next weekend will include our Toy Giveaway and a short (but funny) children’s pageant during worship.

I pray that, in the midst of everything, God would focus our hearts and settle our spirits to participate in the season of His Son’s coming, a story that’s worth telling at least once a year! :)

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WHILE SHEPHERDS DECKED THEIR FLOCKS
BY NIGHT

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.



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.



DECEMBER

3	Tara Walker	12	Sarah (Missy) Small
3	Sophia Lim	13	Robin Elliott
4	Pauline Moulton	18	Faith Nicole Boothe
5	Rose Barton	19	Pete Widdoes
5	Daniel Smith Jr.	23	Lilian Josephson
6	Bill John	24	Martha Hollomon
7	Ruth Dowell	24	Carol S. Kidwell
7	Ian Chadick	26	Andrew Dowell
7	Ken Walker	27	Charles Deibert
9	Carmen Companiony	27	Kaitlin E. Walker
11	Alan Williamson	29	Audrey C. Hopkins
11	Tamela McMurray	29	Dolores Hunt
		30	Jerry Reynolds



It's been close to two months now since Hurricane Maria obliterated Puerto Rico.

You've heard about the homes that were leveled, the schools that were closed, the jobs that have been lost, and the churches that have been destroyed. That's not even considering the challenges still facing those who have no electricity and no safe drinking water. Life there is hard for so many, and recovery is not coming quickly.

Puerto Rico is *STILL* in dire need.

With your help, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) has delivered to Puerto Rico 100 filters for purifying water, 1,000 solar lights, 125 solar chargers, 100 tarps, 200 portable triple burners for cooking and 50 propane tanks. Released from One Great Hour of Sharing, \$10,000 was used to purchase food.

And, still, Puerto Rico is in dire need.

Now Christmas is right around the corner. With the island in survival mode only, there's not much time or energy left for residents to think about a holiday.

As the world comes together on this Giving Tuesday to create community and share the bounty that many of enjoy in our lives, let us wrap our arms around the people of Puerto Rico in the generous spirit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

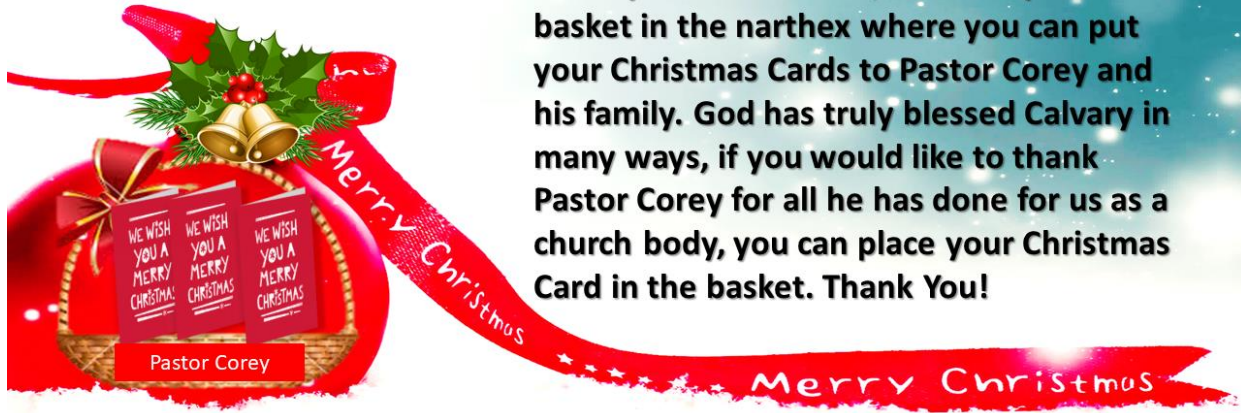
"Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico" is ABHMS' multi-year initiative established to respond to the need Maria left behind. With your support, we will meet our goal of raising \$1 million dollars in the next six months to continue the work we have begun there.

Please give generously today to bring help and hope to our brothers and sisters in Christ in Puerto Rico, whose lives and livelihoods were torn asunder by the ferocious winds and waters of Hurricane Maria.

Sincerely,
Eddie Cruz
Director, Mission Advancement & Passionary Movement

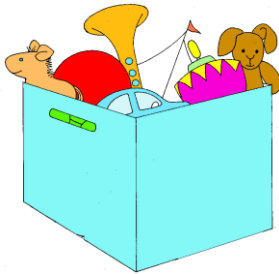


Editor's note: To give to this cause, write your check to Calvary Baptist with "Puerto Rico" in the memo line. One hundred percent of donations go to relief efforts; no dollars are retained for administrative costs.



Dear Members and Friends,
Christmas is approaching and once again beginning Sunday December 10th, through Sunday December 24th, we have placed a basket in the narthex where you can put your Christmas Cards to Pastor Corey and his family. God has truly blessed Calvary in many ways, if you would like to thank Pastor Corey for all he has done for us as a church body, you can place your Christmas Card in the basket. Thank You!

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 is now until Dec. 15, 9am - 1pm

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

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.

Choir will perform their Christmas Cantata, "Night of the Father's Love," during worship on December 10.



Cocoa & Caroling on Main!



Spread good cheer with Calvary by caroling and handing out

Hot Chocolate & Candy Canes @

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

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble Concert

Friday, Dec. 15 at 7:30pm
Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Members are asked to park in the UD lot on Haines Street to leave our spots open for guests and members with mobility limitations.



Monthly Financial Statement

12/6/2017

Net Gain **\$7,711**

Total Income	
	Nov-17
General Fund Income	\$27,778.42

Total Expenses	
	Nov-17
Monthly Expenses	\$20,067.80

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.



Christmas For All



"Christmas For All" is the new name for Code Purple Christmas. We hope to open up to all folks not just Code Purple Clients. Calvary will again open our doors to the homeless and hungry of Newark. The program has not changed. Doors open at 4PM Christmas Eve, Feast at 5, Worship, overnight, Christmas morning breakfast, Santa, lunch.

We need your help to make this happen. Food, gifts, serving.

Food

Dinner - Ham, turkey, beef, sides and desserts for the feast, canned sodas

Breakfast - Egg Casserole, nice pastries

Lunch - Lunch meat, rolls, individual chip bags.

Gifts \$10 gift cards for Wawa, McDonalds; insulated gloves; warm socks; handwarmers; new underwear (all sizes, all types); LED flashlights

Workers You tell me when you can come - 1 hour...4 hours...12 hours...We are grateful for any hours that you serve.

If you have something else to donate, let me know. It's probably a good chance that we can use it.

Thanks for all of your help. Tom Parkins 302-731-8193 home / 302-465-2070 cell



Calvary Baptist Youth Group Students and Parents,



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 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 Kyle at kyle@calvarynewark.org.

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

Calendar

December

Wed. 6	6:00pm	Dinner (Beef Stew)
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
Thurs. 7	12:00pm	Office Closes at Noon
Fri. 8		Office Closed
	7:45pm	Youth Group Ice Skating
Sat. 9	9:00am	Salvation Army Bell Ringing, ACME College Square
	10:30am	American Baptist Women Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon
	2:00pm	Open House at the Fields', 2727 Barnsley Rd., Wilm., DE 19808
Sun. 10		Choir Cantata during Worship
	12:00pm	Diaconate
Tues. 12	1:30pm	"Duck In"
Wed. 13	6:00pm	Dinner (Ham)
	6:30pm	Cocoa and Caroling on Main
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
Fri. 15	7:30pm	Wilmington Handbell Ensemble Concert, Calvary Baptist Church
Sat. 16	1:00pm	Toy giveaway
Sun. 17		Christmas Pageant during Worship
		Cookie Exchange following Worship
		New Expectations toys collected
	11:30am	Mission board
Tues. 19	3:30pm	New Expectations Christmas Party
Wed. 20	6:00pm	Dinner (Spaghetti)
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
Thur. 21	9:00am	Hope Dining Room
Fri. 22-Tues. 26		Office closed
Sun. 24	4:00pm	Christmas for All begins
	5:00pm	Dinner
	6:00pm	Silent communion
	7:00pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Mon. 25		Christmas Day
Wed. 27		<i>No Wednesday night activities</i>



January

Mon. 1-Tues. 2		Office closed
Wed. 3		<i>No Wednesday night activities</i>
Sun. 7	11:30am	Quarterly Business Meeting
Tues. 9	1:30pm	"Duck In"
Wed. 10	6:00pm	Dinner
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
Sat. 13		White Cross Project
	9:30am	American Baptist Women
Sun. 14	12:00pm	Diaconate
	12:00pm	Christian Ed board
Mon. 15		Martin Luther King Jr. Day, office closed
Tues. 16	1:30pm	"Duck In"