



# Calvary Baptist Church

## Weekly Newsletter

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### A Word from the pastor

Corey Fields

I played in marching band for 7 years; four in high school and three in college. For two of the high school years, I was one of the drum majors, which meant that I marched around in a funny looking hat, waved my arms around, and in general was the epitome of “cool.”

There are several aspects of marching band that make it harder than people realize. Other than having to practice in the heat of August before school starts and holding up a heavy instrument for long periods of time (well, mine was heavy anyway), there’s also the aspect of having to march in formation. It actually takes longer to learn the field formations than the music. The music can be practiced on your own time. The field formations can only be practiced with the whole group.

Every diligent marching band member knows the frustrating sight of seeing someone down your line sticking out like a sore thumb and paying no attention. As you march together to make these formations and shapes on the field, you have to do things like play the right notes, keep your torso straight and march in step, but you must also constantly look around you, keeping the same amount of space between yourself and those in your line. You have to march with a sense of what you’re making. You have to try to see the field with a bird’s eye view in order to do it correctly, even though you’re just one person on the field.

These formations, by the way, are first introduced on a piece of paper that shows each formation within a song, but for the most part, the paper doesn’t show you how to get from set to the other. To do that, you have to practice moving together as one. It takes a lot of practice, which includes the director or drum major, who has that bird’s eye view, yelling at some of those rogue individuals.

I haven’t played my instrument in more than 15 years, but I do still spend a lot of time trying to help people see a bird’s eye — or rather, God’s eye — view. It used to be with instruments and uniforms; now it’s something much more high stakes.

To be continued on Sunday... :)

## 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.*



Anita Van Horn

**Mailings to Lynda Parkins:** 105 Elm Ave., Newark, DE 19711  
**Visits:** Millcroft Health Care Center, 255 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711, Room 122

Anita is the mother of Lynda Parkins. She was married to the late Frank Van Horn. Anita and Frank joined Calvary in 1954, because they saw the church on Delaware Ave and her father said "that little church needs our help." Anita sang in the choir and was active in the Sunday School program. She is a graduate of Drexel University. Anita spent many years as a volunteer at the Emily P Bissel Hospital. In 1976, Frank retired from DuPont and left Calvary. Anita and Frank went to "work" for American Baptist Home Missions traveling the country visiting pastors, missionaries and other establishing trust funds. They spent the last 20 years in Milford, DE. Anita now lives at Millcroft. She enjoys visitors. Cards are appreciated.

*The congregation  
welcomes  
Vaeda Jade Elliott*

7 lbs 11 oz, 20 1/2 inches  
Born to James Elliot and Lauren Hudson  
on 1/8/18 at 4:09pm.  
Mother and baby are doing great.



1	Sarah Hickman	16	Rev Dan Mac Donald
1	Janice Miller	16	Ralph Bush
3	Gabriel Wedgewood	17	Paul Larson
5	Radovan Jovic	17	Peyton Marie Rash
5	John Gordon	19	Elisha "Eli" Carter
8	Kathryn Grace Hollomon	23	Gracelyn McLeod
8	Tom Parkins	23	Jessica Lewis
8	Alan Wedgewood	23	Natalie Chadick-Pierce
7	Aaliyah Alley	28	Aaron Hickman
11	Adam Chadick	28	Judy Pendleton
14	Rosemarie McDonald	28	John Elliott, Jr.
15	Mickey Small	30	Janice Carter
16	Cynthia Wedgewood		

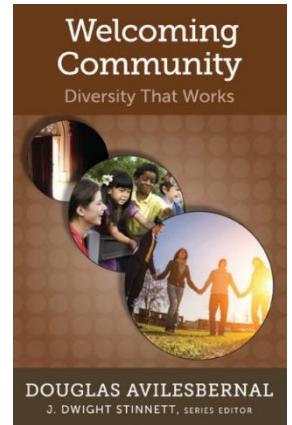


### 2017-2018 ABC Reads

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. It is available as an eBook on Kindle or you can get a physical copy for 20% off at judsonpress.com.



***It's not too late to join us or read the book!***

We're returning to the book this Wednesday



**Friday January 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm to 9:00pm**

Board games, card games, video games, all kinds of games... Join Calvary members and friends alike for this "all ages" event. Forget the cooking and come Friday night and enjoy a free meal on us! Bring a snack or dessert to share and your favorite group game and come on down to Calvary's fellowship hall for an evening of fun, food, and games.

Come join the American Baptist Women's Ministries meeting this month which will be held the THIRD Saturday in January which is January 20th. This is a change from our usual second Saturday and it is just for THIS MONTH ONLY. Brunch will be at 9:30 followed by working diligently on our White Cross project. The items we make will be used to help keep medical practices more sanitary. Our efforts will eventually be combined with items made in other ABCOPAD churches and end up in Africa. See Miriam Ramer if you have any questions.

**American Baptist  
Women's  
MINISTRIES**

### Christmas For All



Bravo! Thank You! Much appreciated! How can I express the words of gratitude expressed on Christmas day. I am humbled by the outpouring of support from the community and from Calvary. Our guests truly appreciate all that is done. Everything went smoothly. The leftovers were consumed at Code Purple 24 hours later. For numbers, about 50 folks ate dinner at Calvary. It was a fine mix of members, friends, and those in need. 20 people spent the night as guests. We had one family of Mom, Dad and 2 boys spend the night. Christmas night at 3AM in our Narthex is a special time. Peace on earth comes to Newark. There was a new experience this year. On Christmas morning we go to the 7-11 to buy newspapers. Closed!!! I didn't even know that there was a lock and key for that door.

#### *A Christmas Story*

Calvary hosted a cold weather code purple Dec 26. That evening, a gentleman came in. "Oh I'm not here for Code Purple tonight, but can we talk?" "I'm not homeless now. I have a job and a place to live. I was here on Christmas, because I like the company. I came back to say thank you. I used to come here. And it gave me hope." He shared a story of an incredibly difficult road of life that none of us would want to experience. We chatted and then prayed together. I showed him our mittens on the narthex tree. Some of those mittens are for prayers for specific people. "Would you please add one for me." Some day when we have time, I will share some other amazing stories. In the meantime, I am one of a few grown men that experiences true joy on Christmas. Thank you Calvary for making that possible. -Tom Parkins

### Code Purple and Cross Arctic Wind

Code Purple Newark churches have hosted 14 "regular" code purples this season. There were 169 guests-shelters overnight. In 2017 there were 14 total code purples for the season with 174 guests-shelters. Calvary hosted 2 "regular" code purples and a daytime code purple on New Years Day + Christmas For All. Thank you to our friends at Newark United Methodist Church for helping to make Code Purple possible on New Years Day. New this year for Code Purple, the UD Dining Services provides the evening meal. They do an incredible job. Our guests really enjoy it. UD delivers dinner to each church hosting. There are 8 Newark churches participating in code purple. But Code Purple is not about numbers. It's about people. There are so many rich stories of life. And many seek a listening caring ear. Please consider helping out. Just come and bring a caring, loving ear. When is the next Code Purple? Who knows. Calvary is currently #5 on the rotation, but that can change in a moment as churches can't participate because of numerous obligations. Our threshold is 20 degrees. And yes that is cold. But we need more churches and volunteers to raise the code purple temperature. Care to volunteer? See Tom

*UD Dining Services Code Purple Meal*



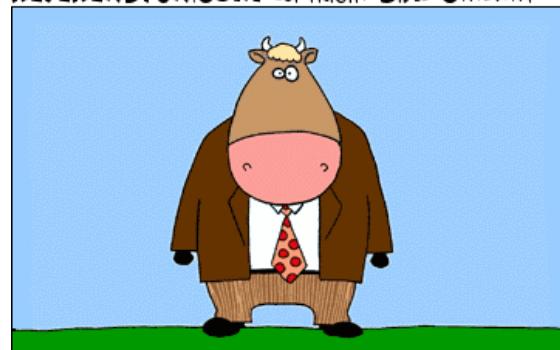
# Calendar

## January

Wed. 10	6:00pm 6:45pm 8:00pm	Dinner (hot dogs) Small groups Choir rehearsal
Thur. 11	6:30pm	Finance committee
Fri. 12	11:00am	<b>Ruth Dowell Memorial Service</b>
Sun. 14	12:00pm	Christian Ed board
Mon. 15		Martin Luther King Jr. Day, office closed
Wed. 17	6:00pm 6:45pm 8:00pm	Dinner (meatball subs) Small groups Choir rehearsal
Thur. 18	9am-1pm	Hope Dining Room
Fri. 19	<b>6pm-9pm</b>	<b>Game Night</b>
Sat. 20	9:30am	American Baptist Women - White Cross Project
Sun. 21	11:30am 11:30am 12:00pm 7:00pm	Trustee board Mission board Diaconate Search committee
Tues. 23	7:00pm	Vision team
Wed. 24	6:00pm 6:45pm 8:00pm	Dinner (hot turkey sandwiches) Small groups Choir rehearsal
Fri. 26		Office closed
Wed. 31	6:00pm 6:45pm 8:00pm	Dinner (BBQ chicken) Small groups Choir rehearsal



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