



Calvary Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

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A Word from the pastor

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When I was looking for a new call in ministry, I remember seeing several things in Calvary's profile that caught my attention. One of those things was the prominence and clarity of the church's vision statement. "Come, Grow, Go and Serve" were in big, colorful, capital letters on the front of the profile. It was on the website. It was on printed materials. It was clear and concise. I like how one can discuss and arrange the ministries of our church into the categories of those four different words.

"Come, Grow, Go and Serve." You've gone through discernment processes that have reaffirmed it. We're keeping it.

Even so, last year, I spoke with the Vision Team and asked some questions about how we express our core identity, both amongst ourselves and to the community.

I think one important thing for a church to have in order to maintain its vibrancy and focus – beyond its paramount commitment to Christ – is a strong sense of what makes that particular church unique, or what its God-given purpose and niche is in its context.

Interestingly, Calvary recently went through a process called "Church Unique." This was before I began as pastor. I have reviewed these materials and notes from the conversations that took place. Although I believe that Calvary did benefit from this process, I'm not sure that what emerged was a clear and concise idea of who Calvary is and what makes it unique. The Church Unique curriculum has good intentions, but it is perhaps too complicated.

"Come, Grow, Go and Serve" certainly passes the "clear and concise" test, but is there something within it that would answer the question, "What distinguishes Calvary from any other church?" A similar question can be asked of the two-word mission statement noted in our church Constitution: "Make disciples." Wonderfully clear and concise, and very biblical, but it could be said of any church. Calvary has also identified "core values." They include "love in our behavior," "integrity in our ministry," and "diligence in our outreach." These are excellent, and we should actually emphasize them more. The only downside is that they can be hard to remember.

The things I've mentioned above are all great in terms of how we understand the whole purpose of doing church in the first place. Seeing people come, grow, go and serve can and should always be a central part of what we do and why we do it. We will always be about making disciples.

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The core values of Calvary are excellent and biblical.

But what about a clear and concise IDENTITY STATEMENT, or motto, if you will, that could not only be our own constant reminder of our niche in the community, but also something by which the community can come to know us?

It sounds like a daunting task, doesn’t it? Coming up with a clear, concise, memorable statement of who we are and what could identify us to others.



Actually, I think it’s right under our noses.

Found on our website and a couple of other places is the phrase, “Diverse in culture, united in Christ.” This is something of a motto, I assume. I’ve asked around, and the history of how this phrase came about is unclear, but regardless, it’s a great statement of identity. It’s clear, concise, AND at least somewhat addresses what makes our church stand out from just any other church around.

I went to the Vision Team this past year and shared these thoughts with them. I also shared that I thought this “motto” or identity statement needed just one more element added to it. “Diverse in culture, united in Christ” is a great statement about *who we are*. I told the Vision Team that I thought we needed to add one more line that tries to summarize *what we do*, that which we see as our special calling from God in our context.

In the following months, I worked with the Vision Team and other leadership to prayerfully discern what this might be. Then, once we had identified that third line to add to our identifying motto, we worked with a graphic designer to develop a new logo for our church, a new visual to go with this newly updated statement of identity.

This month, it’s time to unveil it.

This Sunday, January 7, I begin a 3-part sermon series to explore and reclaim these great words about our church: that we are “diverse in culture” yet “united in Christ.” On the third Sunday, January 21, I will reveal and preach on the new third line, along with the new logo.

Diverse in Culture,
United in Christ,
_____ in _____.

The reason for this is not just to arbitrarily come up with something new. Also, people have different visual tastes, of course, and not everyone will love the new logo. But the logo is only a means to an end. I believe that God is leading Calvary into a bright future, and that a big part of discerning what the Spirit is doing is understanding what our “assignment” is, as one ministry colleague puts it. I believe we already know much about how God is calling Calvary. This is not some radically new direction or revelation. Rather, this is me hoping to give some renewed focus and clarity to who God has called us to be as a church, and give us a new way to help our community get to know us.

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.*

**Ramona and Janice Miller
1613 Capitol Trail
Newark, DE 19711
302-737-0642**



Ramona and her late husband, Don, joined Calvary back in the late 50's, with their young daughter, Janice. In these later years, Ramona hasn't been able to attend services regularly. Janice has had serious health issues and requires most of Ramona's time. Both are still very interested in Calvary and keep up with the news. Cards and phone calls are very welcome.



JANUARY

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		



We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 6 starting at **9am**.

(previously scheduled at 10am)

Please come to help out - many hands make light work!



Business meeting January 7, 2018.

Two special action items: 1) 2018 budget proposal and 2) treasurer nominations

Nominating Committee Report:

Melissa Hunter and Ann Terranova are resigning as treasurer and assistant treasurer. The committee is nominating John Elliott as treasurer and Nancy Widdoes as assistant treasurer. Voting to accept this recommendation will be conducted at the quarterly business meeting scheduled for January 7, 2018.



Friday January 19th

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.

2018 Budget

Calvary Baptist Church Proposed 2018 Budget

	<u>2018 Budget</u>	<u>2017 Projection</u>	<u>2016 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>
PLEDGES	310,000.00				
<u>GENERAL FUND: OTHER GIVING: GOOD SAM</u>	310,000.00	317,174.00	308,241.06	313,737.03	348,613.71
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</u>					
Deacon - Salaries/Benefits/Taxes (NOTE 1)	151,583.90	117,545.07	158,266.60	169,960.44	186,202.52
Christian Ed - Salaries/Benefits/Taxes (NOTE 1)	3,520.00	3,136.00	2,999.13	3,463.13	3,293.00
Bank Charges	250.00	426.00	691.20	155.80	0.00
Subtotal Administrative Expenses	<u>155,353.90</u>	<u>121,107.07</u>	<u>161,956.93</u>	<u>173,579.37</u>	<u>189,495.52</u>
<u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u>					
Utilities	14,400.00	12,708.00	13,402.64	19,098.65	17,186.03
Insurance	9,500.00	9,208.00	10,465.75	7,596.00	6,710.00
Exterminator	1,000.00	850.00	960.00	960.00	960.00
Groundskeeping	1,400.00	138.00	1,016.92	840.00	945.00
Snow removal	1,000.00	396.00	946.00	621.50	1,525.00
Repair	40,000.00	59,496.00	8,562.07	7,816.57	6,273.61
Safety items	4,000.00	1,608.00	1,872.52	977.30	3,103.88
Janitorial supplies	1,000.00	658.00	1,150.66	1,223.74	790.46
Janitorial service	0.00	6,600.00	7,800.00	7,275.00	6,200.00
Facilities Manager	16,800.00				
Furniture, Equipment	3,000.00	4,227.00	573.63	2,590.48	0.00
Subtotal Church Facility	<u>77,700.00</u>	<u>83,181.00</u>	<u>33,347.55</u>	<u>29,900.59</u>	<u>26,507.95</u>
Office	8,600.00	8,411.00	8,672.57	8,714.39	8,382.43
Technology	2,250.00	2,593.00	1,744.87	1,128.88	1,139.83
Fees Paid	2,276.00	2,470.00	1,420.88	1,182.24	5,590.70
Green House 225-227	0.00	0.00	449.21	6,225.53	5,883.53
Subtotal Trustee Expenses	<u>105,226.00</u>	<u>109,363.00</u>	<u>59,037.72</u>	<u>66,250.28</u>	<u>64,690.47</u>
Subtotal Fixed Expenses	<u>260,579.90</u>	<u>230,470.07</u>	<u>220,994.65</u>	<u>239,829.65</u>	<u>254,185.99</u>
<u>MINISTRY EXPENSES</u>					
<u>DIACONATE</u>					
ABMen	250.00	62.50	0.00	0.00	353.36
ABWomensMinistries	950.00	38.00	0.00	601.80	666.57
Fellowship	690.00	435.00	692.41	553.84	540.45
Funerals	700.00	708.00	143.97	1,453.05	0.00
Thanksgiving Dinner	0.00	0.00	470.68	0.00	0.00
Wednesday night dinners	1,700.00	1,484.00	365.69	2,285.08	1,896.76
A/O fellowship events	500.00	557.00	428.07	1,380.45	770.96
Selah	0.00	42.00	181.92	447.05	135.72
Flowers	250.00	95.00	134.00	350.00	401.25
Worship supplies	1,200.00	1,671.00	1,534.62	3,496.68	2,613.44
Advent/Lent/workshops	0.00	0.00	0.00	428.70	22.97
Honorarium	800.00	67.00	1,000.00	850.00	1,720.24
Pulpit Search Committee	2,000.00	375.00	4,859.21	190.88	0.00
Music supplies	1,600.00	490.00	1,403.17	2,033.72	1,357.48
Dance Worship	0.00	0.00	85.98	110.95	286.00
Board expenses & ventures	500.00	838.00	439.91	577.30	1,011.75
Conventions & conferences	800.00	615.00	277.65	4,500.69	0.00
Evangelism	500.00	42.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Publicity	1,000.00	50.00	0.00	1,298.80	0.00
Website	800.00	888.00	564.00	150.00	0.00
Stewardship	500.00	289.00	205.87	396.40	580.03
GOOD SAM	0.00	5,635.00			
Subtotal Diaconate Ministry	<u>14,740.00</u>	<u>14,381.50</u>	<u>12,787.15</u>	<u>21,105.39</u>	<u>12,356.98</u>

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION					
CE Supplies	150.00	320.00	385.83	155.28	0.00
Subtotal Young Children's Ministry	150.00	320.00	385.83	155.28	0.00
Sunday School (curr.)	600.00	490.00	704.06	698.28	566.07
Youth Group	1,000.00	645.00	1,635.69	2,023.68	2,196.28
Kids for Jesus	170.00	225.00	112.88	0.00	118.50
Leader training	0.00	83.00	0.00	2,089.76	0.00
Family events	1,000.00	1,901.00	824.25	743.93	814.65
VBS	1,500.00	1,486.00	1,153.28	1,369.17	1,184.30
Leader expenses	1,000.00	549.00	1,368.42	2,089.16	1,662.65
Visitation Ministry	0.00	83.00	525.80	1,016.21	861.70
CE Scholarships (All)	5,000.00	3,315.00	505.00	1,700.63	778.00
Subtotal Youth Regular Events	10,270.00	8,777.00	6,829.38	11,710.82	8,182.15
YOUNG AD & COLL SPECIAL					
YAC Events	0.00	17.00	326.46	0.00	0.00
Adult Regular Events	1,800.00	1,335.00	1,924.00	1,362.51	1,843.59
Resources	1,500.00	986.00	582.81	1,312.52	320.57
Subtotal Christian Education	13,720.00	11,435.00	10,048.48	14,541.13	10,346.31
MISSIONS					
United Missions ABCOPAD (NOTE 2)	33,700.00	34,401.00	16,879.33	51,941.85	58,262.85
Care for Kids LaPaz Mex	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Code Purple	100.00	230.00	36.05	0.00	0.00
Emmaus House	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Empowerment C. supplies	50.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	29.90
Empowerment C. support	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Hope Dining Rm supplies	2,500.00	2,072.00	1,900.56	2,236.46	2,052.43
Hope Dining Rm support	250.00	312.50	250.00	250.00	250.00
Intervarsity Ch Fshp	100.00	100.00	50.00	150.00	150.00
Love INC NC county	150.00	150.00	200.00	0.00	600.00
Meals On Wheels Newark	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Board expense & ventures	0.00	222.00	35.02	1,487.97	2,070.00
Palmer Theological Sem	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
New Expectations	300.00	322.00	118.80	400.00	0.00
Homeless Ministries	1,000.00	846.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New ventures	1,750.00	295.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Missionaries Reeds Mexico	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	700.00	1,000.00
Special Projects	0.00	0.00	207.85	0.00	0.00
Mission Trip	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
deposits & fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	300.00
Board support	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,798.31	1,277.45
Board Initiatives	0.00	673.00	222.13	16.99	0.00
Subtotal Missions	48,900.00	46,627.50	23,899.74	62,581.58	67,542.63
Subtotal Diaconate/CE/Mission Ministry Exp	77,360.00	72,444.00	46,735.37	98,228.10	90,245.92
TOTAL EXPENSES	337,939.90	302,914.07	267,730.02	338,057.75	344,431.91
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSE (NOTE 3)	-27,939.90	14,259.93	40,511.04	-24,320.72	4,181.80

NOTE 1 - Detail is available upon request.

NOTE 2 - General Missions Support = 11% of General Income

NOTE 3 - There is a projected shortfall for 2018

% change in Pledges vs. 2017 actual -2%

% change in Expenses vs. 2017 actual 12%

Higher expenses are mostly due to adding
Associate Pastor position.

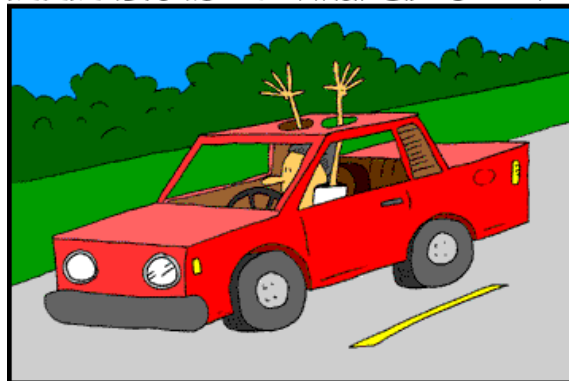
Calendar

January

Wed. 3	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
Thur. 4	6:00pm	Code Purple
Sat. 6	9:00am	Take down Christmas decorations
Sun. 7	11:30am	Quarterly Business Meeting
Wed. 10	6:00pm	Dinner
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
Fri. 12	11:00am	Ruth Dowell Memorial Service
Sat. 13	9:30am	American Baptist Women - White Cross Project
Sun. 14	12:00pm	Christian Ed board
Mon. 15		Martin Luther King Jr. Day, office closed
Wed. 17	6:00pm	Dinner (hot dogs)
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
Thur. 18	9am-1pm	Hope Dining Room
Fri. 19	6pm-9pm	Game Night
Sun. 21	12:00pm	Trustee board
	12:00pm	Mission board
	12:00pm	Diaconate
	7:00pm	Search committee
Tues. 23	7:00pm	Vision team
Wed. 24	6:00pm	Dinner
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
Fri. 26		Office closed
Wed. 31	6:00pm	Dinner
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal



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AFTER A FEW MISHAPS, BARRY FINALLY
TOOK HIS 'PRAISE THE LORD' CAR OFF
THE ROAD