

February Newsletter

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Letter from Pastor



BIRTHDAYS

1st - Georgia Parmelee
 6th - Brenda Lathan
 6th - Jerry Lippold
 7th - Ann Steele
 15th - Kathy Craig
 19th - Jessica Eskew
 25th - Byrlene Jones
 25th - Myrlene Saegert
 27th - Cheryl Klaus
 28th - Donna Rickard
 29th - GT Vickers

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

5th - 11th: Pat Carroll
 12th - 18th: Glen Wilkinson
 19th - 25th: Mike Witte
 26th - 3rd: Jerry Lippold

ANNIVERSARIES

8th - Glen & Nina Wilkinson
 12th - Joe & Linda Rizzo
 21st - Curtis & Marlene Ray

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I recently found myself asking "Do I take too much for granted?" The question came about this way - I was asked with all that is going on in my life (the fire, my brother's leukemia, Vernon's funeral, etc.) why I did not express frustration. My answer without much thought was a review of my life. I was raised in a Christian home where we went to church as a family. At the age of six I received Jesus as my Savior. At age eight, while attending a Royal Ambassador camp, I surrendered my life to whatever God wanted me to do. As a Junior in High School, through a revival that our Royal Ambassador leader took us to, God told me I was to be a vocational preacher. It was in preaching class at Howard Payne College that God said

my preaching was to be as a pastor.

I meet Bonita while at Howard Payne College, and found that we were both raised in Fort Worth. This made it easy for God to tell us that after our marriage, Southwestern in Fort Worth was where I was to continue my education. After receiving a Masters of Divinity in May, our first wait came. It was November before the Lord said for us to go to Conway Avenue in Mission, TX. For twenty-four years we served with joy and satisfaction. That is not to say there were no challenges, but it was clear that we were where God wanted us to be. As our parents got older and my mother's health started to fail, we began to sense that God was going to move us, but it was another two and a half years before He said go

to Calvary in Bastrop.

I share this to say that God has lead me throughout my life. He has always provided abundantly, so why would He not continue through these times?

The question, "Do I take too much for granted?" is about what you face. I sense that because God has made my life so easy I take it for granted everything is going to be ok, while your experience may leave more room for questions. If you struggle with what is going on in your life, let me assure you the scripture says (and my experience assures me) that God will see you through what you are facing. Romans 8:28 is not just a good saying, it is truth.

God's Blessings,
 Pastor Richard

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

Children's Ministry

I have finally found a place where my propensity toward child-like faith, giggles, and snacks comes together with my love for sharing the Word of God. I was made for this time, this ministry, these children and these specific parents. 'God made you special. That is the thing I would like each child to know. They are special because God took the time to create them just the way they are.

You are the parents and guardians for your children. They may have many

friends, but you are called to be more. You can teach your child to live a disciplined life; a life well-lived can only be lived by knowing the Maker. If they see that coming to church and reading the Bible is important to you – it will be easier for them to learn that it is important for their lives as well.

On Sundays we have two places for children to learn about the Word of God. Sunday School classes teach the Word of God and Children's Church teaches

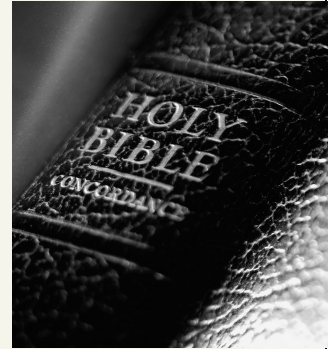
how to apply the Word of God to their lives. Quiz your children about the Bible story they learn in Sunday School, and ask them questions about how to use that information during the next week. Ask them why God would include this story in the Bible? What is He trying to tell us?

If you have any questions on resources for your family, Bible studies or baptism, feel free to email me at:

welovekids@calvarybaptistbastrop.org

I would love to help you any way I can.

Evonne Boggs
Children's Minister



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Upcoming Children's Events

Summer Camps at Highland Lakes Camp – Please see Evonne for campership information

Preteen Camp for 6th graders: June 25th - 28th

Boys and Girls Camp for 1st - 5th graders: July 19th - 21st

We need one male and one female counselor for each camp, and are looking for volunteers

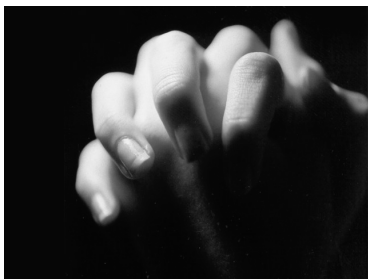
"But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Luke 18:16

Numbers of Interest from January

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| Monthly Budget Requirement: | \$19,135.62 |
| Giving from January 2012: | \$19,864.20 |
| Lottie Moon Final Offering: | \$ 2,789.00 |
| Sunday School Average Attendance: | 85 |
| Worship Service Average Attendance: | 112 |
| New Members last month: | 3 |
| 2012 New Members: | 3 |
| 2012 Baptisms: | 2 |



Youth Ministry



Prior to coming to Calvary, I relied on these monthly newsletters to get a feel for the church my family would soon be joining. Now after a short hiatus, I am so glad the presses are again rolling and this newsletter is in your hands (or on your screen) and I have the opportunity to contribute... thank you Misty.

In these last 2½ months I have also enjoyed getting to know the church body and especially the youth. I believe the two greatest things we can do are praise the God we serve and tell everyone about Him. So the emphasis for the

coming months is more praise & worship, apologetics (defending your faith), and evangelism. My desire is to see our students pushed to the edge of their beliefs; there they can see how trustworthy God and His Word are. It is also “on the edge” where many of them will find their friends, family, and peers who need rescuing from the lies and temptations the evil one has drawn the world into. I am excited about what God is going to do through these students.

This ministry needs volunteers. Before you scream and quickly turn the page, we’re not talking about teachers & chaperones (although those are good as well) but countless other ways to help that may very likely match your personality or lifestyle. Come ask me how and you might be surprised, but don’t be surprised when I come ask you.

Expect to hear more in the coming weeks about the three C’s...or C3...or

whatever... Concerts, Conferences, and Camp. Each of these events are designed to appeal to the interests and needs of the individual students. Students should plug in where they are led. A few of the known events are listed below, please see me or the church website for further details.

Thank you for allowing me to minister to and with your students. I praise God every day for this opportunity. Please continue to pray for this ministry, these students, and those they will encounter.

Alan Agee
Youth Minister

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Upcoming Youth Events

February 12th: Dessert Auction Fundraiser
(In conjunction with the Fellowship Meal)

February 23rd: Winter Jam 2012 in Cedar Park, TX

March 9th: REDvolution Tour in Dallas, TX

March 12th - 16th: Spring Break!

July 16th - 20th: Youth Alive (Summer Camp)

Music Ministry

February – The month of love....

I hope you have your tickets to the Valentine’s Banquet on February 11th. Debbie Crites and her ‘gang’ have some great entertainment for us. It is always a great time of fun, food and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

The choir is on a diet. No, not Weight Watchers. Our music budget is low this year, so we are attempting to keep purchases of new music down to a minimum. But we

have found some great ‘old’ music in our library that we are sure will bless you and honor our Lord as we sing to and for His glory.

We are also working on “Chorus of the Month” this year. If you have a favorite contemporary chorus or song you would like us all to learn, please let me know. Email the church, call me, or email me at harolddownen@att.net.

Much love to all of you,
Harold



Secretary’s Note

I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received here at CBC. I have worked in an administrative capacity at many places....but CBC is by far the most friendly workplace I’ve ever experienced.

After graduating from college, I was disappointed that I was not able to find a job in the field that I had studied in, and worked so hard to learn. However, very shortly after beginning work here at CBC, I felt that God gave me a deep peace about it. I believe that I am exactly where He wants me, and this is the job He chose for me! I hope and pray that I can add value to CBC and be a blessing to each of you!

May You be Richly Blessed,
Misty Farris

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Kingdom Living

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Matthew 6:33

As children of God, it is our privilege to live in His Kingdom. According to Romans 14:17, the Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. We can gain everything in the world, but without righteousness, peace, and joy, we still have nothing! People without Christ have things, but not all of them are truly satisfied. Satisfaction in the inner man is what the Lord wants to give. Jesus wants us to know that we are right with God because of what He has done for us. He wants us to have peace and joy in the midst of tribulation. Only He can give us that. Things can never produce lasting joy by themselves. When things are right inside, outward things don't matter as much. When they don't matter as much to us, God can give us more of them. When we keep our eyes on the true Kingdom of God - on Him, His righteousness, His peace, and His joy - the rest will be added to us in abundance. This month, let's focus on truly learning to live in the Kingdom of God! ~ Joyce Meyer

W o m e n ' s M i s s i o n a r y U n i o n

“Whatever It Takes, Lord”

This is the commitment southern Baptist Missionaries make every day. They are like the friends holding the mat of the paralytic man—willing and determined to do whatever it takes to bring people to Jesus. They recognize that those who need Jesus need someone to do more than point them in the right direction—they need someone to invest in their lives and walk with them (or carry them) to His presence.

Our missionaries can't do it alone. They need our prayers, support, and commitment. For Southern Baptist, part of our commitment to missions involves cooperating together through annual missions offerings that support missionaries around the world. There is an estimated 259 million people living in the United States, Canada, and territories that do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Thousands of North American missionaries rely on our support.

As believers, we have a biblical mandate to fulfill the Great Commission. As Southern Baptists, we know that cooperation is one of our strongest tools to accomplish that goal. This year's Week of Prayer for North American missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is March 4-11.

Other Ways to Stay Involved *WMU Current Projects*

Through the month of February, WMU is collecting children's books for CASA and The Children's Advocacy Center of Bastrop County. Our Children in Action and children in Children's Church will paste a prayer and note in each book letting the child that receives the book know they are loved and prayed for. This project gives our children an opportunity to have hands on experience doing a mission project.

We continue to go beyond just giving money to Primera Baptist Church's Food Pantry by collecting food each month. Any non-perishable food item is very

much needed and appreciated. Please give for this community project.

On Tuesday April 10 we will welcome our missionary friends from China. Elaine Hennessey and Migyeong Kang from Shenyang China, and the “Down Home” orphanage will be visiting Bastrop. Calvary WMU would like to welcome them home to Texas with a Tex-Mex luncheon. Join us at 11am for lunch and stay a while to hear what has been happening with the children this last year. If you are interested in bringing a dish, please contact Kathy Watson.



Calvary Baptist Church February 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 11:00a – Staff Mtg 5:30p – Childrens Time 6:30p – Prayer Service 7:00p – Deacon Mtg | 2 | 3 10:00a – Prayer Closet | 4 |
| 5 9:30a – Bible Study 10:50a – Worship Service 4:30p – Choir Practice NO BIBLE STUDIES Lord's Supper Birthdays & Anniversaries | 6 | 7 | 8 11:00a – Staff Mtg 5:30p – Childrens Time 6:30p – Prayer Service | 9 | 10 | 11 9:30a – VBS Overview at Woodlawn Baptist Church 6:00p – Adult Valentines Banquet |
| 12 9:30a – Bible Study 10:50a – Worship Service 12:00p – Fellowship Meal Youth Dessert Auction 4:30p – Choir Practice 5:30p – Bible Studies 7:30p – Advisory Mtg | 13 | 14 Valentine's Day | 15 11:00a – Staff Mtg 5:30p – Childrens Time 6:30p – Prayer Service | 16 | 17 | 18 10:00a-12:00p Children's Ministry Day |
| 19 9:30a – Bible Study 10:50a – Worship Service 4:30p – Choir Practice 5:30p – Bible Studies 7:30p – Business Mtg | 20 | 21 | 22 11:00a – Staff Mtg 5:30p – Childrens Time 6:30p – Prayer Service | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9:30a – Bible Study 10:50a – Worship Service 4:30p – Choir Practice 5:30p – Bible Studies | 27 | 28 | 29 11:00a – Staff Mtg 5:30p – Childrens Time 6:30p – Prayer Service | | | |

CBC Prayer Guide February 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>"Praise God for His Word and the limitlessness of prayer in the name of Jesus. It belongs to every child of God. Therefore, run with patience the race that is set before you, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of your faith." Hebrews 12:1-2</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>5 Personal Prayer: -To be God-Inside minded Proverbs 20:27; 3:5-6</p> | <p>6 Pray for Others: -The Body of Christ -Teachers</p> | <p>7 Pray for Others: -Family -Friends</p> | <p>8 Pray for Others: -Leaders -Missionaries</p> | <p>9 Pray for Others: -Singles -Children</p> | <p>10 Pray for Others: -Health -Healing</p> | <p>11 Have Fun Today! -Go see an old friend -Take someone for coffee</p> |
| <p>12 REST Today! <i>"Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."</i> 1 John 4:4</p> | <p>13 Prayers for World: -American Government</p> | <p>14 Prayers for World: -Peace of Jerusalem</p> | <p>15 Prayers for World: -School System</p> | <p>16 Prayers for World: -Renewed National Relationships</p> | <p>17 Prayers for World: -Continents -Nations</p> | <p>18 Introduce someone to Jesus Christ today!</p> |
| <p>19 Tell your family members, and show them how much you love them!</p> | <p>20 Personal Prayer: -Peace -Favor with Others</p> | <p>21 Personal Prayer: -Employment -Prosperity</p> | <p>22 Personal Prayer: -Knowing God's Will</p> | <p>23 Personal Prayer: -Spirit-Controlled Life</p> | <p>24 Pray over all the ladies attending conference this weekend. Highland Lake Ladies Conference</p> | <p>25 Highland Lake Ladies Conference</p> |
| <p>26 Prayer is fellowship with the Father – a vital, personal contact with God, who is more than enough. Be in constant communion with Him. 1 Peter 3:12</p> | <p>27 Prayer is fellowship with the Father – a vital, personal contact with God, who is more than enough. Be in constant communion with Him. 1 Peter 3:12</p> | <p>28 Prayer is fellowship with the Father – a vital, personal contact with God, who is more than enough. Be in constant communion with Him. 1 Peter 3:12</p> | <p>29 Prayer is fellowship with the Father – a vital, personal contact with God, who is more than enough. Be in constant communion with Him. 1 Peter 3:12</p> | <p>"Commit yourself to pray and to pray correctly by approaching the throne with your mouth filled with His Word!" Hebrews 4:12</p> | | |