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Sunday School
9:30 a.m.
Worship
11:00 a.m.

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Core Value

God's purpose is to make us into the likeness of Christ. This is a corporate and an individual work. Our teaching, programs and practices will reflect the person of Christ and the foundation of the apostolic church. We will not avoid change for the sake of our comfort, nor will we embrace it for the sake of novelty.

STAFF

Senior Pastor

Rev. Richard Tyson

Associate Pastor

Rev. Gregg MacDougall

Office Manager

Kathy Bender

Music Director

Melissa Taggart

Youth Directors

Darren Bacon

Andy & Myriam Hertzog

Children's Sunday School

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

by Rick Tyson

At the end of February, Elder Rick Brown gave an impassioned appeal for the members and friends of Calvary to prayerfully consider their level of giving to support the total ministry of our church. With the first quarter of 2010 behind us, we are more than \$16000 behind budget. In the beginning of the year we needed \$9800 per week to meet our budget. So far we have averaged about \$8500 per week in the offering to cover our General Fund. We now must raise \$10200 per week for the remainder of 2010 to meet the budget and make up the deficit. This translates into each giving unit increasing their giving by 17%. Some of you can do that. Some of you cannot. All of us need to give more. We must pray for God's Spirit to open our hearts and our hands to meet this deficit together. Last year, when a similar appeal was made, you rose to the occasion and gave above and beyond what was needed. If we work together we can meet our responsibilities this year.

The Property Committee of the Deacons has done an extensive analysis of our buildings. Several maintenance needs must be addressed in the near future, and other needs can be delayed. Session has agreed with the recommendation that we raise \$300,000 over the next five years for property improvements and has charged the Finance Committee with recommending a plan to raise this money. We ask you to pray and wait for the Session to give further information on this extensive improvement program.

The Session of Calvary is prayerfully considering our future ministry with the departure of the MacDougalls this summer. Session has decided to move ahead with hiring an Assistant Pastor. This man must be a spirit filled man who desires to joyfully communicate the gospel of Jesus in word and deed. The job would be part time, twenty hours per week. His duties would include ministry to young families, evangelism, teaching, occasional preaching and worship leadership.

And speaking of the MacDougall's departure, we ask you all to mark you calendars for a farewell party to be held at Calvary on Friday, June 11, at 7:00 pm. We give you this news now in order that you make this event an important part of your summer plans.

Our new web site is nearing completion. We are asking you to get into the habit of visiting www.calvary-wg.org for all information concerning the life of Calvary and the ministries we offer.

And finally, on Sunday, May 16, at 5:00 p.m., we will have a fellowship meal and time of worship with the members of Grace Point Presbyterian Church. Their pastor, Robert Kim, has an office at Calvary. Grace Point and Pastor Kim are the newest members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery. Please take part in giving them a warm welcome.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday, 4/1 at 7:30 p.m. -Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion Service

Saturday, 4/3 at 11:00 a.m. - Children's Easter Celebration and Evangelism Car Wash

Sunday, 4/4 - 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m.- Easter Morning Worship Service

MINISTRY UPDATES

MISSIONS COMMISSION by Tom Keyser

A huge “thank you” goes out to all who were involved in the conference this year. Although the weather forced us to cancel Friday night, we were blessed by our visiting speakers during Sunday School (*Ilya Lizorkin in Israel; Scott Mitchell with RUF at Lehigh University; Lance Lewis of Liberation Christian Fellowship in West Philadelphia*). David White from Harvest USA preached the sermon the Sunday before the conference.

Missions, like so many other aspects of the life of the church, experience change from time to time. Change hopefully not for the sake of change, but always for the furtherance of the kingdom of Christ. The gospel needs to go to the lost. Traditionally, missions have focused on sending missionaries to foreign lands. Although this remains critical, our North American culture of death, corruption and decadence needs the gospel. The mission field is right here amongst us. Church planting efforts of our denomination and our presbytery are so much about encountering our culture’s need for the gospel and reaching out to our friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. The Missions Committee encourages you to pray for those we support who are involved in church planting in the US and Canada as you would pray for our foreign-based people.

Update from Gospel Through Colombia (GTC)

Recent conferences in Colombia sponsored by GTC involved Dr. Don Galardi as the chief conference speaker. GTC in its latest newsletter shares a few comments from Dr. Galardi:

“Having taught in countries like Russia and Peru, I thought I knew what to expect in Colombia. Peru remains a very third world country; Russia is simply unsophisticated. Colombia surprised me with its modern culture, hotels and restaurants where I always felt safe and accepted. The best part of all is the power of God that appears to be hovering over Colombia. Reformation is taking place there and GTC is being used of God in this.”

MUSIC NOTES by Melissa Taggart

- Thank you so much for attending our Palm Sunday concert!
- The organ repairs needed are more extensive than originally thought! I am waiting to hear back from our organ builder regarding additional needed repairs. I also want to make sure any repairs are fiscally responsible. Please be patient, this is going to be a long process!
- I am looking for vocalists for our praise team. If you are interested, please contact me (melissa@calvary-wg.org)! Here are the details:
 - All voice parts needed!
 - Ages: high school through adult, but this is flexible if someone younger has a strong interest and can commit to rehearsal times.
 - The schedule varies, but participation can be up to twice a month
 - Rehearsals on Tuesday nights at 7:00 (not required, but highly recommended.)
 - Rehearsals on Sunday mornings up to twice a month from about 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- We are ALWAYS looking for new members for our sanctuary, concert, and handbell choirs! We would like to continue ministering to you in this way but we need your help! Please contact me regarding rehearsal dates and times and scheduled Sundays of participation.

ENCOURAGERS CORNER

“Encourage” has at its root the word for “heart”. Do you have a “heart” for those who are going through trials, who are suffering or even those who deserve special appreciation? If you answered “Yes”, then the Encouragers Group needs you. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM (new time) in the Educational Building - second floor. Help us fill gift bags with special treats and remembrances along with scripture verses. We conclude our meetings in prayer for each recipient.

If you are looking for a ministry to bring hope and comfort to people’s lives, then don’t be shy... give the Encouragers a try!

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Births:

Ava Isabela Beringer - 3/20/10

Marriage:

Mike LeBlance & Monique DiDonato - 3/20/10

New Members:

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| Sydney Becker | Jessica Cooter |
| Joy Gilchrist | Abby Harpel |
| Carly Latta | Rachel McCann |
| Josiah McKay | Joseph Slagle |
| Travis Slagle | |

New Address:

Heather Pollock, 7934 Montgomery Ave., Apt. 3
Elkins Park, PA 19027

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HELPWANTED

The Christian Education Committee is looking for volunteers (preferably men since the committee has a largely female presence). Those interested in volunteering on the committee would be required to attend a monthly meeting on Sunday evenings. If you love the Lord and His church and have a passion for Christian education or some experience as an educator this could be a great fit for you. Please contact Ed Barnes (215-659-1551 or ed_barnes@wwadcock.com) or April Stainback (215-658-0952 or stainbackzoo@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping in this capacity.

The Youth Group needs your help! We need a woman or a husband and wife team to help Darren Bacon working with our Junior High youth—particularly with our JH girls. Please speak to Darren Bacon (609-304-8898 or djbacon44@yahoo.com) or Andrew and Myriam Hertzog (215-887-2532 or myriamsophia@gmail.com) if you are interested.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Junior High Retreat - 4/30, 5/1, 2

Senior High Youth Retreat - 5/14, 15, 16

Super Youth Event - 5/23 - 4:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

The Race Is On!

July 19 – 23

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ages 4 years – completed 5th grade

\$10.00 per family

Register online at www.calvary-wg.org!

WE NEED YOU!!

Before VBS:

1. **#1 biggest need** is for someone to oversee the visual aspects of VBS, including all the signs and decorations throughout the building.
2. Additional artists to help make the signs and decorations
3. Set up – Sunday afternoon, July 18
4. Invite friends and neighbors to attend!
5. Prayer Partners

During VBS:

Coach (guide) – lead 5-7 children from place to place
Crafts – Leader and Assistants
Snacks - Assistants
Games - Leader and Assistants
Bible application teacher
Actors/Puppeteers
4 yr. olds – Leader and Assistants
2 & 3 yr. olds - Leader and Assistants
Nursery – one or more mornings during the week
Floater – one or more mornings during the week
Photographer/videographer
Registration Assistant – Monday only, 9:00 – 10:00
Prayer Partners

After VBS:

Clean up – Sat, July 24 - several people to volunteer 1 – 2 hours to get the building back in order!
Prayer Partners

Contact:

Becky McKay, 215-657-0473 or kbmckay90@gmail.com

IN THE MAIL BAG

Dear Calvary Family,

Thank you for the love and support you've been giving me over the last several months. You have prayed for me and encouraged me in numerous ways. Special thanks to the Deacons. You truly show the love of Christ to me.

Janine Mitchell

Dear Calvary,

My family and I would like to thank you for your expression of concern following the fire at our home. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness of friends, neighbors and strangers who have offered everything from food and clothing to temporary housing. Never before have we experienced this level of kindness, and the genuine concern shown to me and my family has been deeply moving and encouraging.

Though we have lost things that can never be replaced, we consider ourselves blessed to have the support of those like you. While our loss is great, I assure you that my family and I will fully recover and soon be living under a roof of our own.

Stewart J. Greenleaf

Northeast Community Church is reaching to NE Philadelphia immigrant community with an English as a Second Language (ESL) program. We are currently looking for native English speaking teachers who are available on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. or Mondays, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Our address is 3300 Tyson Ave., Phila., PA, 19149. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Maranatha Chung at (267) 240-3326 or mchungnx@yahoo.com.

OUTREACH

The annual Children's Easter Celebration will take place on Saturday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m. This is a wonderful outreach activity, so invite friends and neighbors to bring their children ages 2 through 10.

The congregaton is invited to participate in a car wash on Saturday, April 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., as a means to serve the community that comes out for the Easter Celebration. This is for all ages. Please bring a bucket if you have one. Soap and water will be provided.



- ✿ Gather some smooth gray stones.
- ✿ Use tempera paints to paint Easter symbols on the stones.
- ✿ Some Easter symbols are:
cross
lily
butterfly
sun
- ✿ After the paint is dry, brush on clear varnish.
- ✿ Let dry overnight.
- ✿ Use large stones for paper weights. Small stones can be carried in your pocket as a "Resurrection Reminder!"



SESSIONconnection by Gregg MacDougall

Back in January when it was snowing, we had a congregational meeting. Before Pastor Rick gave the annual report, I asked you to pray for Lynn, Micaela and me. Thank you for joining us in asking the Lord what He wants us to do in Annapolis. We had three options: pastor an existing church, plant a new church, or start a thrift store. Since I had not found a church that is looking for a pastor, it was down to 2 options—church plant or thrift store. I have spent January and February researching the ministry of thrift stores. Then we notified some of you that we believe God would have us start a thrift store as a platform for church planting. While it is still an aviable option, let me tell you what happened last on March 15-18, 2010. Calvary church was hosting the PCA Church Planting Assessment Center (a comprehensive screening and analysis for folks who want to plant churches in the PCA).

The three intense days ended with a brief exit interview. Their conclusion: Gregg and Lynn MacD. should plant a church in Annapolis, Maryland. The elders will get a copy of the full report as soon as it becomes available to us. Until then, many thanks for interceding on our behalf. So now what? We take this as God's answer for our calling and we go do it. And we ask God to provide His resources.

For the record, the Assessment Center went well from the leaders' perspective. Thanks, Calvary Church, for making it happen (especially Kathy B. and Jeremy W.) This pilot program could be replicated and expanded so that there are regional centers throughout the nation. This would make recruiting and assessing church planters more affordable and accessible. This event is an example of how Calvary is doing two things at once: it is being instrumental in church planting and it is using its building to further the kingdom. Our commitment to church planting is taking on a regional character as we support the new churches in our presbytery (West Valley in Emmaus and Bridge Community in Easton) and host this pilot program.

Thank God for the privilege of using our ideal location and faithful funding for the growth of the church. May the Lord expand our vision of building His kingdom more and more.

BIBLE READINGS

APRIL

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| 1 | Acts 17 |
| 4 | Acts 18 |
| 5 | Acts 19 |
| 6 | Acts 20 |
| 7 | Acts 21 |
| 8 | Acts 22 |
| 9 | Acts 23 |
| 12 | Acts 24 |
| 13 | Acts 25 |
| 14 | Acts 26 |
| 15 | Acts 27 |
| 16 | Acts 28 |
| 19 | Galatians 1 |
| 20 | Galatians 2 |
| 21 | Galatians 3 |
| 22 | Galatians 4 |
| 23 | Galatians 5 |
| 26 | Galatians 6 |
| 27 | 1 Thessalonians 1 |
| 28 | 1 Thessalonians 2 |
| 29 | 1 Thessalonians 3 |
| 30 | 1 Thessalonians 4 |

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| 3 | 1 Thessalonians 5 |
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| 27 | 1 Corinthians 15 |
| 28 | 1 Corinthians 16 |
| 31 | 2 Corinthians 1 |

