



***BOOK OF  
REPORTS  
2008-2009***

## REPORT OF THE SENIOR PASTOR

This past year at Calvary has been a wonderful gift. Last summer's sabbatical grant from the Lilly Foundation was enriching for all of us. Kirk Lashley was a wonderful, caring pastoral presence in my absence, and the Sabbatical Team that was at the helm then continues to guide our ministry. Besides ongoing activities, we have seen new leaders rise from within; a surge in visitors due, in part, to an anonymous donation towards publicity and outreach; increases in small group participation and use of the church building; new neighbors at The Cotton Mill; and other ministries formed or strengthened. Here is a sampling of good things that have happened in 2008-09:

- Prayer walks in the church neighborhood
- A new Sunday School class for young adults, called the "Journey Class"
- Many short-term Bible and book studies (thanks to all the leaders!)
- "Dessert First" gathering for members and guests after worship (thanks to Janice Deyerle and all the cooks)
- Book study on Abraham with other downtown congregations
- Vacation Bible School that stretched the seams (thanks especially to Donna de Simone and Bonnie Longworth)
- Three lunches served free to workers at The Cotton Mill (thanks to Janice Deyerle and all the helpers)
- Monthly Parents' Night Out for parents of young children
- Another meaningful year for inner city kids through the Summer Enrichment program (thanks especially to Mickey Cratch and Cara Sutherland)
- Innumerable visits made to members at nursing homes and hospitals (thanks especially to Betty Hall and Carol Tate)
- Increased involvement to support Hurt Park Elementary School

You'll see others as you read this booklet. It is a joy to see people exercise their gifts and find reward both in the giving and in seeing the gift enjoyed or appreciated. Lots of work gets done in secret, and too often we depend too much on Jesus' statement, that "your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:4, 6, and 18). As you read the following reports, say a *prayer* of thanksgiving for the people who made them happen, and then say a *word* of sincere thanks to them next time you see them. This church would be non-existent without the steady stream of volunteers who offer their time and service to God through this Body of Christ. Thank you.

An ancient Celtic blessing has been transformed into this anthem:

*Deep peace of the running wave to you  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you  
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ, the light of the world to you  
Deep peace of Christ to you.*

As we strengthen our sense of community and identity, may we continue to shine with the light of Christ in our neighborhoods, our city, and our world.

Donna Hopkins Britt

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE**

The Worship and Music Committee met in June to re-cap the year's music program and plan for the upcoming year.

The major issue that faces the choirs is declining membership. Recruitment from the congregation is needed as well as outreach to the local community. The following possibilities were reviewed:

- Post Cards for recruitment within the 24015 and 24016 zip codes
- Increase children's programs to once a month which adds to Sunday church attendance
- More social interaction time for choirs (fall party planned)
- Review youth choir possibilities to support adult choir
- Recruit guest choirs for outreach to local community
- Publicize Thursday Morning Music Club Concerts

In summary the music venue is a wonderful opportunity for Calvary to reach out to the local community by hosting concerts, local youth, and feature our superb Aeolian-Skinner organ.

Susan Robertson, Chairperson

## **BAPTISM AND LORD'S SUPPER COMMITTEE**

Calvary had three baptisms during the year. All the garments were checked and organized. When baptisms are scheduled, a member of this committee will check to insure that the garments and towels are ready for use. They will be present to assist in any way needed. After the baptism, the garments and towels are washed and stored ready for future use.

There are three members on the Communion Committee. We meet on Saturday mornings before the first Sunday to prepare the elements. After the service on Sunday, the committee will clean the trays and store them to be ready for use in the future.

Shirley Harrison, Chairperson

## **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

The Missions Committee remained active in the two main projects for 2008-2009.

The goal of the committee is to reach out to others through community involvement. The members of the church fulfilled the goal by giving to others.

At Christmas, we participated in the "Reach for a Star" on a tree. This mission project benefited the patients at Catawba Hospital. Calvary members brought designated gifts for the patients. About ninety gifts were delivered to them before Christmas.

At Easter, we were involved in another mission project for the Salvation Army's Turning Point Shelter. Church members took "crosses" that had been placed on a trellis and brought designated gifts and cans of food for Turning Point. There were about a hundred gifts and cans that were delivered to Turning Point. Both the staff at the hospital and Turning Point wrote "thank you" letters to the members of the church.

The committee will continue to reach out to our church and community with the support of Calvary members. Calvary's members are very generous with their time and contributions to worthy goals.

Esther Joyner, Evelyn Lewis and Sandra Overstreet, Co-Chairpersons

### **OUTREACH AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

Our committee had a very busy and fruitful year. Clearly 90% of our effort was in the realm of publicity. Having received a generous gift of \$100,000, we spent the greater majority of our time searching for a faithful way to invest this gift. We felt that our best way of moving forward was to select a professional team to facilitate our effort. After reviewing several companies we chose ACCESS. We then reviewed many of the ideas and suggestions offered by ACCESS. Advertising in the newspaper, on billboards and on yard signs has increased our visibility in the community. At year's end we still have sufficient funds to continue this program through 2010.

Ernie Deyerle, Chairperson

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

From September through May, the Christian Education Committee continued its leadership of the Sunday morning schedule for dining room gatherings for hymn singing, prayer requests and prayer. We are again appreciative for the responsiveness of the Sunday School classes to these gatherings, and recognize the value of relationship building fostered by these times together. Our committee has arranged for "relief teachers" in the Children's and Youth Sunday Schools during the month of August. The committee approved financial support for four youth to attend Camp CrossRoads this summer.

The church voted on the nomination of Debbie Urquhart as Sunday School Director and Diane Nininger as Assistant Sunday School Director for the 2008-09 church year. Both nominations were approved unanimously. The "Journey" Sunday School Class began at Calvary this year. The class targets married couples and is led by our Pastor.

The Christian Education Committee is excited to be a part of the Small Study Groups again this year. Six separate "cell groups" completed various studies in the fall and spring, and new church members were able to participate with these groups.

John Urquhart, Chairperson

### **AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS**

The volunteers for the Audio/Visual Aids Team have been busy making sure that worship services are staffed with someone running the audio console and recording church services. Each week, the volunteers (Debbie Urquhart, Jean McBride, Ben Martin and Brian Britt) do their part to make sure the following ministries happen:

- A disk is recorded of the entire service. Material from that service is edited to a half-hour format for that week's radio broadcast: each week, Calvary's worship service is broadcast on WKBA/WKPA. It airs Wednesday at 12:30 pm and is also available any time on our website at [calvaryroanoke.org](http://calvaryroanoke.org).
- Also from that disk, the sermon is extracted to be featured on our web site and archived on the web as well.
- That same sermon is made available in the iTunes music store as a FREE podcast

- Extra sound reinforcement for our praise band several times a year
- Support for weddings, funerals and Vacation Bible School presentations
- The cassette ministry has been put on hold since the cassettes were not being requested. (Possibly due to the on-line presence)

The recordings are an **outreach** to Calvary's surrounding community on the radio and throughout the world on the Internet. **Archived sermons** go back almost 4 years now and reports on our web site show that some sermons have been listened to many, many times – even surpassing the number of people who heard them at traditional style worship within the church building.

The Audio/Visual aids coordinator also takes care of the web site. The web site continues to grow and we have had several visitors express that they first found out about Calvary through our web presence. The members of Calvary approved a **professional marketing plan**, which includes **coordination** with our web site. This process is progressing and a design is almost finished as this is written. We would like to make the site both useful to members and inviting to visitors as well as a resource for sermons and other Christ-centered information.

Brian Britt, Coordinator

### **CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

This year included opportunities for children including a trip to the Peaks of Otter for a picnic and hiking adventure, a church family picnic at Loch Haven, a Christmas party featuring a show by Puppets With Pizzaz, an afternoon of bowling at Lee-Hi Lanes, a church family Palm Sunday Hot Dog Luncheon and Easter Celebration, and finally, a week at Camp E.D.G.E (our Bible School theme). Our Praisekids Group has explored Jesus' life and teachings and His influence on their lives.

It has been a fun year! We hope to continue to grow not only numbers, but in faith in the coming year.

Donna de Simone and Bonnie Longworth, Co-Coordiators

### **USHER AND WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

All ushers are assigned a specific Sunday and position. Each usher is encouraged to get a substitute and/or notify the chair on Sundays they are not able to be present.

Jean Harvey, Chairperson

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Social Committee was responsible for organizing our pastor’s “Reconnection Sunday” luncheon in September upon her return from sabbatical, the Harvest Festival in October, a luncheon with Ed Walker, the developer of The Cotton Mill in January, and Maundy Thursday’s potluck meal in April.

Shirley Harrison, Coordinator

## DECORATIONS COMMITTEE

The Decorations Committee has been busy this year—

- The paraments, which are the sanctuary table cover and pulpit Bible marker, have been changed according to the liturgical year.
- Banners have been displayed for holidays and communion.
- All brass candlestick holders were polished in February.
- Six new arrangements of artificial greenery were purchased.
- Two new silk floral arrangements were given to the church in June.
- The following areas have had colorful arrangements throughout the year—sanctuary at the pulpit area and at the Harry Y. Gamble window, Narthex, Chapel, conference room, office, dining room, parlor, chapel hallway, and ladies' restroom in the informational hallway.
- Dining room tables were decorated for the luncheon in January when Ed Walker came to speak to us about The Cotton Mill condominiums.
- For Christmas our sanctuary had 102 live poinsettias donated by many of our generous members.
- Fresh palm branches were placed in the sanctuary and Chapel hallway for Palm Sunday.
- At Easter 54 live lilies adorned the sanctuary.
- There have been budvases placed on the communion table for the births of new grandchildren into the families of Joe and Doris St. Clair and Eddie and Jenilou Eades.
- Artificial blossoms and greenery were placed in the Chapel entrance concrete planters last fall, at Christmas, and in the spring.
- We are grateful for the lovely fresh flower arrangements given by Arlene Stoller in March and in July.
- Many thanks are in order to Lucille Wade who has put the spring, fall, and Christmas wreaths onto the Chapel entrance doors every Sunday morning.
- Much gratitude goes to Harry Bundy for his willingness to pick up and deliver poinsettias and lilies from Kroger at Towers Shopping Center to our church. Also, he unloaded and transported them up to the sanctuary.
- Sincere appreciation goes to Paul Andrews, Tim Andrews, and Devin Gray who helped with the heavy Christmas decorations.

We welcome your physical help or suggestions.

Betty Hall and Anne Andrews, Co-Coordiators

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library Committee meets monthly, or as needed, to take care of routine library duties. These duties include two bulletin boards in the hallway near the library and the display case near the office. These reflect the seasons of the year or promote use of this valuable facility.

We have always had a goal of having something for everybody, with a fairly well-balanced collection of books and other media, such as videos, tapes, and periodicals. Audiotapes of the worship service are available upon request. Our strongest emphasis is on books to aid in our reader's Bible study. We acquire a few new books each year, but the bulk of the collection falls into the "oldies but goodies" category.

We welcome suggestions and recommendations for additions to our collection, preferably in writing. There is a small red file box on the shelf behind the circulation desk that you can use.

We have not become computerized, and still have a card catalog with author, title, and subject cards to help you find what you need. Frances Williams is in the Seekers Class across the hall, and can help you Sunday mornings if needed. Arlene Stoller and Lucille Wade can also advise you. Instructions are on the desk to aid children in the check-out process. Young children will need an adult to be with them to help. We are entirely on the honor system, and expect our users to borrow and return materials in a timely fashion. We do have some books missing and would appreciate users to be on the lookout for them in their homes or classrooms.

The library is a very pleasant room for small gatherings, and you are welcome to use it.

Frances Williams, Chairperson

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Personnel Committee conducted its duties as directed by the Calvary Baptist Church Manual of Rules. The following is a report of the relevant activities:

We are pleased to report no staff changes during the past church year. We feel blessed to have a warm, dedicated and competent staff.

At this writing we are beginning to consider our recommendations to the Stewardship Committee relative to the Staff Salary Plan for 2010 church year. We are also examining our medical coverage to determine what can be done to address the ever-changing medical landscape with our medical insurance.

We are also investigating the availability of computer software that would make our financial accounting, member information, etc. more efficient and user friendly and easier to perform.

Our committee recognizes that Calvary has a superior staff and that everything possible should be done to reward the staff for their service and commitment. Given the constraints imposed by the Church's Budget, such rewards will have to be measured in light of possibilities and the difficult economic conditions. Nevertheless, the Personnel Committee feels that regardless of the current financial shortfall, the Church should move forward with dignity and class toward the purpose of attracting new members by properly rewarding the Church Staff. To do otherwise would guarantee failure and fall short of God's plan for Calvary Church.

George Akers, Chairperson

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

The 2009 budget requests received from church staff and committees totaled \$435,499 which was down \$6,098 or 1.4% from 2008's \$441,597. The budget decline is unusual and is primarily attributable to expenses (and income from the Lilly Foundation) being included in the 2008 budget but not in 2009. A pledge goal of \$275,000 (unchanged from 2008 in spite of modest erosion in the active membership base and the onset of a major economic recession) was set which, when coupled with other income (interest, dividends, collections, unpledged gifts, etc.) amounted to total planned income of \$334,645. As a result, Calvary went into 2009 with a planned budget deficit of \$100,854. The deficit is to be made up from either or both of (1) unexpected gifts or bequests and (2) dipping into cash reserves and marketable investments.

Subsequent to the adoption of the 2009 budget by the congregation at Church in Conference on

November 16, 2008 the congregation generously and courageously pledged essentially 100% of the budgeted pledge target for 2009, in spite of a slightly smaller membership and in the face of what many pundits were predicting would be the worst economic contraction since the Great Depression of the 1930's. This pledge response under the conditions at the time speaks volumes about the congregation's loyalty to Calvary and its faith in God. And, Calvary has a long and enviable history of collecting almost 100% of its pledges annually.

The 2009 expense budget intentionally did not include the continuation of a comprehensive, multi-year advertising program envisioned by the current Strategic Plan. This membership initiative is being funded by a previously-received \$100,000 anonymous gift for this purpose from a generous and visionary member of the congregation. The Roanoke firm Access Advertising and Public Relations is providing professional assistance for advertising, marketing and public relations activities, which are showing noticeable results in visitation and membership levels. The funding of this marketing initiative has taken on increased meaning with the initial occupation this June of the 108 apartments in the Cotton Mill Lofts development next door to Calvary, which is providing an influx of new and desirable residents into our neighborhood who are prospective church members.

At March 31, 2009 liquid assets in the form of bank accounts and investments stood at \$569,042. One of the reasons for our significant reserves is the receipt of bequests from deceased members. The Stewardship Committee, noting that we face (at least in the near term) continuing budget deficits and further large expenditures to improve our physical facilities, respectfully urges members of the church to include Calvary in their wills and estate planning. Doing so is one of the most effective ways we can be stewards of Calvary's future financial viability.

A. Wayne Lewis, Chairperson

## **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

### **PROJECTS COMPLETED**

- Electric heat has been installed in the Pastor's office, Minister of Music's office and the Conference Room.
- Carpet has been replaced in the dining room and parlor.
- Parlor was painted, some furniture was reupholstered, and 4 new chairs were purchased. Two new pieces of artwork were hung over the fireplace.
- 100 new chairs were purchased for the dining room. Extra chairs were placed in Sunday School rooms.
- The controls for the boiler were repaired as necessary so that we have better control of the heat in the sanctuary and other parts of the building.
- The entrance hallway was painted, carpet replaced, new wall paper hung, a cover was made for the radiator and a bench was placed there.
- The restrooms in the Youth Building have been painted.
- The condensation drip pans for all of the office air conditioners have been replaced. They had to be custom made as they are too old to purchase.

### **PROJECTS THAT NEED TO BE DONE**

- We are still working on a design for the Chapel Entrance Door.
- The courtyard roof is being designed, and most of the work will be done by church members.
- The roof on the Sunday School Building needs attention. We are deciding what way to go.

- Artwork will be hung in Chapel hallway.

Ty Watkins, Chairperson

**GENERAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
**2009-2010**

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

Senior Pastor  
Trustees

Donna Hopkins Britt  
Paul M. Howell  
Evelyn Lewis  
Wayne Lewis  
Herb McBride  
Gail Burruss  
Carol Tate  
Frances Williams  
Debbie Urquhart  
Diane Niningar  
Esther Joyner

Clerk  
Historian  
Librarian  
Sunday School Director  
Assistant Sunday School Director  
Baptist Women Director

**CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES**

Roanoke Valley Association Executive Committee  
Baptist Mission Centers

Bill McClure  
Bill McClure

**FELLOWSHIP OF DEACONS**

Harry Bundy  
Bob Crosier  
Janice Deyerle  
Randy Harrison  
Paul M. Howell  
Janice Humphreys  
Kathy Martin  
Bill McClure

Cheryl Nicely  
Don Richardson  
Coretta Sowder  
Patrick Stanley  
Don Stoots  
Paula Stump  
John Urquhart  
Joyce Waugh

**MINISTRIES COMMITTEES**

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE**

Susan Robertson, Ch., Susan Braden, Kim Pitts, John Robertson, Paul Walker, Ernie Deyerle;  
Senior Minister and Minister of Music, ex-officio

**BAPTISM AND LORD'S SUPPER COMMITTEE**

Shirley Harrison, Ch., Jean Harvey, Frances Williams, Louise Dickey

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

Esther Joyner, Co-Ch., Evelyn Lewis, Co-Ch., Sandra Overstreet, Co-Ch., Sue Epperly,  
Frances Williams; W.M.U. President, ex-officio

**OUTREACH AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

Kathy Kinsey, Co-Ch., Janice Humphreys, Co-Ch., Wayne Lewis

**EDUCATION COMMITTEES**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

John Urquhart, Ch., Louise Dickey, Linda Dwyer, Paul M. Howell, Cindy McClure, Doris St. Clair; Director of Sunday School, ex-officio

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Bill and Cindy McClure, Co-Coordinators

**AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS**

Brian Britt, Coordinator

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Donna de Simone and Bonnie Longworth, Co-Coordinators

**ENRICHMENT COMMITTEES**

**USHER AND WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

Bill McClure, Ch., Jim Bryant, Warren Cratch, Randy Harrison, Herb McBride, Rosemary Watkins

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Shirley Harrison, Coordinator, Louise Dickey

**DECORATIONS COMMITTEE**

Anne Andrews and Betty Hall, Co-Coordinators

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

Frances Williams, Ch., Jenilou Eades, Eloise Sowder, Arlene Stoller, Lucille Wade

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

George Akers, Ch., Warren Cratch, Bobbie Hawkins, Eddie Smith; Ch. of Deacons, Vice-Ch. of Deacons, Ch. of Stewardship, Senior Pastor, ex-officio

**STEWARDSHIP AND PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE**

Wayne Lewis, Ch., George Akers, Eddie Eades, Janice Humphreys, Kim Pitts, Joe St. Clair, Eddie Smith

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Tyree Watkins, Ch., Jack Pilcher, Vice-Ch., Harry Bundy, Evelyn Lewis, Allan Longworth

**GENERAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Paul M. Howell, Ch., Randy Harrison, Shirley Harrison, Herb McBride; Deacon Representative, W.M.U. Representative, and Christian Education Representative

Paul M. Howell, Chairperson

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The object of Woman's Missionary Union shall be to organize the missionary work of the Women on Mission and young people, to cultivate a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among all members of the church.

Our W. M. U. Emphasis is "Called to Love." Our W. M. U. Watchword is "Love the Lord Your God, with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

Our programs for the year helped us to focus on the object, emphasis and watchword.

At our September luncheon meeting, Evelyn Lewis, Sandra Overstreet, and Cindy McClure gave talks and showed video on their trip to Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the Dakotas. Cindy McClure, also told about the church's youth and their activities for the year. Our mission project was collecting school supplies for the Mission Centers.

Our October meeting was a Bible Study taught by Rev. Donna Britt. Our mission project was collecting money for Happy Bags at the Rescue Mission. Our November mission project was delivering Christmas cards and stamps for the Jail Ministry. Rev. Britt also taught a Bible Study for November, January, February, April and May.

Tom and Tina Ferguson, missionaries to India, were our speakers at our December luncheon. They had been missionaries to Africa before going to India. Our mission project was giving money for Christmas parties at Mission Centers.

Betty Crotty of Turning Point, a division of the Salvation Army, was our January 2009 speaker. Our mission project was community service—food, cards, visits, aid, etc. for members of the church.

Tracy Proffitt from Crossroads was our speaker for W. M. U. Focus Week in February. Our mission project was "Can Sunday" when we received many cans and delivered them to the Community Center.

In March, David Wilson, Hope Tree Family Service, was our luncheon speaker. Our mission project was giving money to various organizations.

Lu Henry and Irish Palmer, members of the Community Mission Center Board, were our April speakers. Our mission project was giving money for five "Jesus" videos to the Salem Fair.

The new director for the Mission Centers, Nathan White, was our speaker for our May meeting. At our June luncheon, Dr. Robert Hetherington, Executive Director of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association, was our guest speaker. During these two months, money was given to the camp funds.

At each luncheon we promoted special mission offerings:

- September - State Mission, Alma Hunt Offering
- December - International Mission, Lottie Moon Offering
- March - North American Mission, Annie Armstrong Offering
- June - Associational Mission, Annie Mae Broyles Offering

We were blessed at each luncheon to have a special solo:

- September and December - Mark DuVall
- March - Esther Owen
- June - Alice Garrett

We have been richly blessed by all the wonderful speakers from many organizations in the valley who work with and help many people to seek the Kingdom of God.

May God continue to bless the members of Calvary as they seek to promote the Kingdom of God through giving of themselves and through prayers.

Esther Joyner, W. M. U. President

## **EVELYN TOWNSEND CIRCLE**

The Evelyn Townsend Circle meets the 2nd Monday from September through May. This is a warm and welcoming Circle with eleven members who are active in supporting various mission projects. The following Circle Mission Projects were organized and supported by our members:

- Purchased and donated school supplies for the Hurt Park Elementary School
- Donated \$25 to C. H. I. P.
- Donated \$100 to the Roanoke Rescue Mission's Meals Program
- Donated \$50 to the Second Harvest Food Bank
- Donated \$50 to the Salvation Army's Christmas Stocking Project
- Prepared and mailed 59 valentines to Calvary's shut-ins and homebound people
- Bought \$50 in canned goods for the Baptist Mission Centers
- Bought \$50 in diapers and pull-ups for the Turning Point's Abused Women's and Children's Center
- Baked and delivered 240 cupcakes to Hurt Park Elementary School as a treat for the children and in observance of Dr. Seuss Week
- Prepared and served dinner to the guests of the Ronald McDonald House
- Donated \$30 to purchase snacks for the Summer Enrichment Program

Evelyn Lewis, Evelyn Townsend Circle

## **MISSION TRIPS**

Calvary sent a 3-person Mission Team, along with other RVBA churches, to the Powell River Baptist Association in Jonesville, VA from March 22-27, 2009; and from July 25-August 1, 2009, a 10-person team will represent Calvary on the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation Mission Trip. Ongoing during the year, the congregation is supportive of collection drives for items needed for the people served by these two mission trips.

## **SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

During the month of July, Calvary is one of eight churches conducting a day-long Summer Enrichment Program for approximately 75 inner city children. Calvary supplied workers, money and the church van for this important ministry. The children are served breakfast and lunch with the day filled with outdoor activities, field trips, assembly programs and Bible based study periods. Without this program, the majority of these children would be on their own all day for the month of July.

## **ROANOKE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The RVBA executive committee was involved in many different issues in 2009. The prime piece of business was completing staffing and funding for the Baptist Mission Centers. We also formalized planning and programming for both Centers. The committee was also involved in assigning personnel for the Standing Rock mission trip. We had many personnel and budget items pertaining to filling the standing committees, and completing a balanced budget. Another important function we did was the planning of the yearly youth rally and other youth events sponsored by RVBA. We completed much work this year, and look forward to next year.

Bill McClure, Calvary's Representative

## **FELLOWSHIP OF DEACONS**

This was an interesting year in the Deacon Ministry at Calvary Baptist Church. The Board of Deacons held only two formal meeting as we moved forward in Team Ministries.

It has been three years since the congregation was invited to join one of the ministry teams. In the next three months we will provide signup sheets to give members and friends the opportunity to share their talents on a ministry team.

The most noticeable of our teams is the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team. The ladies on this ministry team made beautiful shawls. The congregation blessed the shawls and sent them to comfort and uplift the spirits of members and friends in a time of spiritual need. The Homebound, Hospital Visitation, Bereavement, New Member, Visitor Outreach, and Casserole teams have all combined to minister to the needs of God's children this past year.

While the current state of the economy has many worried, fear not for God will provide the way and means for us to comfort one another. As we move along life's path let us all join together to work as one in fulfilling the mission and plans that God has for us.

Don Richardson, Chairman

## **MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

As my seventh year as Minister of Music at Calvary comes to a close, I would like to express my appreciation to our Worship and Music Committee, all the members of the Music Ministry and congregation, for your help and support. I would also like to thank everyone who has made a donation to the Music Fund in the last year. Your donations, though completely anonymous to me, are deeply appreciated.

In the fall of 2008 the Thursday Morning Music Club (TMMC) moved its events to Calvary. The TMMC holds a monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month from October to May. The meeting is generally followed by a brief concert of some kind. We are very pleased to have this distinguished organization which supports and promotes music at Calvary. On December 14, the Sanctuary, Handbell and Children's Choirs were joined by The Roanoke Chamber Brass and timpani and presented their annual Advent and Christmas program at the morning worship service. On December 21, the Praise Ensemble led the worship service with music of the season. In January 2009, I attended the Church Music Workshop at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. The Roanoke Children's Theatre held several weeks of rehearsals in the Lower Auditorium in the spring. On April 12, the Sanctuary Choir along with a brass quartet and timpani led us in the celebration of Easter. These forces were joined by a vocal soloist, violinist and accompanist. The following Sunday, the Praise Ensemble continued the celebration of Easter by leading the music for Youth Sunday. In May, we hosted Susan Braden's voice studio recital in our Sanctuary and Dining Rooms. In July, I attended the national convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians in Chicago.

Some goals for 2009-2010:

- increase membership and participation in all choirs;
- create more space, increase flexibility and improve the lighting in the sanctuary choir loft for not only our choirs, but for guest performers/performances as well;
- provide opportunities for non-Calvary music groups to perform at the church;
- make a professional CD recording of the Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ in the sanctuary (which turned 50 years old in 2004).

**CALVARY BAPTIST FOUNDATION**

The Foundation distributed \$9,000.00 this year to the following agencies and charities—

•	Acts II Ministry	\$338.00
•	AEP - Winter Heat Fund	\$500.00
•	Baptist Children’s Home - White Gift Offering	\$350.00
•	Baptist Mission Center - Foundation Fund	\$500.00
•	Baptist Mission Center - Camp Fund	\$500.00
•	Bethany Hall	\$338.00
•	Big Brothers and Big Sisters	\$500.00
•	Bradley Free Clinic	\$500.00
•	Calvary Youth Group Mission Trip to Sioux Reservation	\$500.00
•	Child Health Improvement Partnership (C.H.I.P.)	\$337.00
•	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	\$200.00
•		Jail Ministry
	\$250.00	
•	Mental Health Association (Children’s Advocacy Program)	\$250.00
•	Paint Bank Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department	\$500.00
•	Presbyterian Community Center	\$337.00
•	Rescue Mission - Christmas Happy Bags	\$350.00
•	Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM)	\$350.00
•	Roanoke Gas Company - Heat Share Program	\$500.00
•	Roanoke Valley Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)	
	\$250.00	
•	Roanoke Y.M.C.A. Summer Youth Program	\$375.00
•	Summer Enrichment Program (West End UMC)	\$500.00
•	West End Center for Youth	\$375.00
•	Women’s Missionary Union (Quarterly Special Offerings)	<u>\$400.00</u>
	GRANTS TOTAL	\$9,000.00

If you are not a member of the Calvary Baptist Foundation, you are encouraged to join this ministry. You are invited to become an Annual Member for \$10.00 per year or a Life Member by making a one-time membership payment of \$200.00. Calvary Baptist Foundation is “a Christian Service Caringly Administered By A Compassionate Church.”

Herb McBride, President

*And finally, as a reminder—*

## **VALUES**

**As Calvary Baptist Church we value.....**

**God**, central to our lives

**The Bible**, our guide for living like Jesus

**Prayer**, our conversation with God

**Worship**, inspired by the Holy Spirit

**Missions**, touching others with God's love

**Music**, uplifting our hearts

**People**, each one unique

**Community**, open to all

**Growth**, healthy and progressive

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**As Calvary Baptist Church we are.....**

an open, growing and caring community of believers on a journey with God through worship, prayer, music, Bible study, and service toward Christ-like wholeness.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

**Our vision as Calvary Baptist Church is.....**

to become a welcoming place and an even more welcoming people so that our neighborhood and the greater Roanoke Valley will see our church as their church.