

# The Columns

## September



## Calvary

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Dear Calvary Family,

It's campaign season again (I'm not sure it ever isn't) and the ads are out. The airwaves are filled with politicians telling voters they will 'fight' for them; that they will be 'vicious' in pursuit of defeating their opponent on our behalf.

Really? Let's not even entertain the notion that they may not be 'battling' for us, in particular. I'm just not sure that 'fighting' for me is what I really need. Just consider Jesus' approach: not once did Jesus offer to 'fight' for anyone, for any reason; not once did Jesus offer to be vicious in support of any ideology. Jesus never tried to 'win' the favor of anyone except for His Heavenly Father. Jesus would have made a horrible politician, don't you think?

Jesus' method might be more accurately described as submission, sacrifice, and selflessness. In other words, the opposite of 'fight'. So, to live as Christ, one must do the very opposite of what seems to make perfect 'human' sense.

In just a week or so, Calvary Baptist Church, will gather to begin '100 Days of Prayer'. To gather for prayer in order to seek God's guidance for direction is not something believers 'fight' for or 'achieve'. No, to praying for God's vision and insight is automatically an act of submission. When one comes before God to ask for direction, it is to approach God confessing that we are not able; that our ways are inferior, insufficient, and ineffective; that we do not want God's advice but are desperate to be consumed by the way of God.

So, as we approach September 10, may we begin by giving up the 'fight' and giving in to the movement of the Spirit of God that's going to take place in the next 100 days and beyond.

Your Pastor,  
Steven

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## 100 *days* OF PRAYER

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Join us on Sunday, September 10th for the initial One Hundred Days of Prayer group meeting. This will be your opportunity to find out who your prayer partners are as well have the chance to establish your weekly meetings. You will also work with your partners during the meeting. Please bring your bible.

Lunch will be provided so please call or email the church office if you plan to attend to ensure we have enough food for everyone.

# Your Turn...

In June, we began Your Turn, which is an opportunity for you to share your thoughts about Calvary Baptist Church. You can also share something positive and forward looking to let your church family know how God is moving in your life or how God has spoken to you through your church family. Our gift this month is from Patty and Ray Templin.

When Ray and I decided it was time to leave Honaker, different aspects of our move filled conversations. One Topic related to the churches which would be on our visit list. We knew Steve from visits to Abingdon Baptist Church; and believe it or not, Calvary Baptist was first on our list.

The day of our visit, we were forty minutes early for the worship service as the website gave 10:30 as the beginning time. Those extra minutes gave us time to look at the bulletin in preparation for the service, receive a welcome from Robert McKinney, and time to take in the surroundings of a beautiful sanctuary. Many welcoming smiles and handshakes came our way as people came in for the service. Mr. Bundy shared that he knew about Honaker from his trips there to check out the train tunnel. Of course, the music was good and familiar. It also was good to hear Steve preach again.

All these things gave us a positive experience; however, as Ray and I shared our thoughts, another very important element touched us. Those extra minutes were filled with a soothing, peaceful air which can only come with the presence of God. It was wonderful to be in a church with such an atmosphere.

Yes, we visited other churches which met our list of must haves as to where we would attend. God had a plan; and for us, it was Calvary. The fit was like a good pair of gloves.

Thank you, Calvary Baptist, for your words of welcome, your love, and support. We pray we can be a positive witness with you as we seek to share God's love through our community and world.

Patty and Ray Templin

Thanks, Patty and Ray! We are glad that God led you to Calvary.  
Your Pastor, Steven



## Worship Committee

### From the Worship Committee...

Thank you to all the folks who have hosted recent Backyard Fellowship events. They have been enjoyable, well attended, and have truly helped us grow spiritually and unite as a congregation.

If others in our congregation would like to host similar events in the near future, please contact the church office.



At times, saying "Thank You" just isn't enough. This is one of those times. When someone does something extraordinary that impacts others in a positive, motivational, moving and meaningful way, it is difficult at best to express sincere and heartfelt gratitude. So, that's where we are with Robert McKinney. How do we say "Thank You" for his talents and time during almost a year as Interim Minister of Music?

Robert has given unselfishly and with unreserved love. Please gather for a reception in Robert's honor after church service on Sunday, September 27.

Robert - THANK YOU! God has richly blessed Calvary Baptist Church through your service.

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Sunday, August 27 was another special day in the life of our church - we have called Jared W. Martin as our Minister of Music and Organist! Jared will begin his service on Sunday, September 3.

If you attended worship service on August 27 you got to experience Jared's talent on both the organ and the piano. And talented he is! Jared holds degrees in Business Administration, Education, and Piano Performance with a Minor in Organ. He is a graduate of both New River Community College and Radford University. For the past five years, he served part-time as the Director of Music and Organist at Belmont Christian Church. Jared has been very active in community choral societies as both a performer and accompanist. His experience in church and the music of the church has been constant since his early childhood.

While Jared has held full-time secular positions around Roanoke, he has recently returned to school in preparation for a career in healthcare. Jared is a native of Giles County where his extended family still resides. He currently lives in Roanoke City.

With his passion for serving God with his musical gifts, his warm personality and his youthful enthusiasm, Jared is welcomed into the Calvary family. Reach out to introduce yourself and pray for him as he leads our music ministry.

Have you heard the good news? We - God's people - are blessed with this new ministry!



Rehearsals resume in September and all are invited to participate in this wonderful ministry. If you would like to join the choir or have questions, please contact Jared Martin. Jared's email address is [music@calvaryroanoke.org](mailto:music@calvaryroanoke.org).

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*  
Psalm 100



The Virginia Baptist Disaster Response and Baptist General Association of Virginia leaders are continuing to monitor the situation in southeast Texas as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Volunteers will be mobilized and sent to Texas once the floodwaters recede and it is deemed safe to do so.

Right now, there are three of ways that you can assist:

#### **Pray**

Please join us in praying and giving for those in the path of Hurricane Harvey.

#### **Giving**

Your gift will support disaster response efforts. All donations designated for Hurricane Harvey will be used to maximize the benefit to the individuals and families affected by the storm. One-hundred percent of your financial gifts will help disaster response volunteers obtain materials and supplies, food and water, equipment operations, pay for onsite operation expenses, and much more.

You can donate several ways:

- Add your donation to others from Calvary by adding it to Sunday's offering collection. Checks should be made payable to Calvary with a memo designating it for Hurricane relief. The church will then send one check for the total donated amount.
- Make an online donation via the "Giving" option on the Church Website. <http://www.calvaryroanoke.org/wp/online-giving-3/>
- Drop your donation by the church office. (again, designate it to be included for the Hurricane Harvey relief)
- Donate online at <https://bgavdr.org/responses/hurricane-harvey/>, or by sending a check to Virginia Baptist Disaster Response.

Mailing Address:

BGAV

2828 Emerywood Parkway

Henrico, VA 23294

Please put Hurricane Harvey in the memo line

#### **Go**

We are accepting volunteer availability at this time. We anticipate volunteers will be needed, but we do not know when teams will respond or what disciplines will be requested.

For more information visit the BGAV website: <https://bgav.org/>





### **Hurt Park School Supply Drive**

Thank you, Calvary friends, for another successful school store to benefit Hurt Park Elementary School. Through your generosity, Hurt Park students began their school year equipped with notebooks, paper, pencils, back-packs, crayons, and many other supplies. Your generosity is a blessing to many!

Janice Deyerle

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### **Evelyn Townsend Circle**



The circle would like to invite any Calvary worshiper to join them this year. They will be resuming their monthly meetings in September, meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church parlor. All are welcome!

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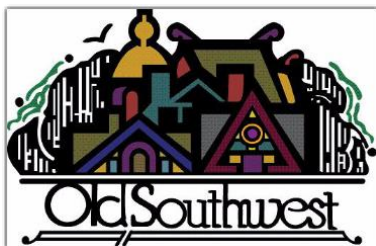


### **Flag Ministry - Volunteers Needed**

Calvary owns a set of flags that need to be placed in their holders on the front (Campbell Avenue) and side (6th Street) yards on Saturdays and then brought back into the church on Sundays. These flags are very colorful and draw attention to the fact that we are open and welcoming worshipers on Sundays.

This is a very meaningful ministry that needs a few volunteers to carry it out on a weekly basis. Please call the church office if you would be interested in taking over this ministry.

Thank you! Hospitality Committee



## Food with Friends

Every month since 2006 members of the Old Southwest community gather for a potluck meal. It's a great way to meet new friends and learn about the neighborhood.

Each gathering is hosted with a different theme by a resident in the community. The resident offers to open their home or provides a space for the gathering and provides the paper products needed such as plates, napkins, cups and cutlery. Everyone else that attends should bring either an appetizer, entree, side-dish OR dessert and their favorite beverage. The food is shared among all of those that attend.

Below is the information for the September gathering:

Saturday September 16, 2017

5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

609 5th Street

"On the Edge Salon"

Host: Beth Dimun

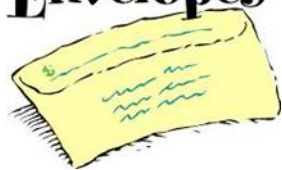
Theme: End of Summer Cook Out

Hot Dogs & Hamburgers provided

What a great way for Calvary to get to know people in the community. Please plan to join Steve as he attends the end of summer cook out!

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## Offering Envelopes



Our offering envelopes have arrived. If you haven't already picked up your box, they are located on the entry level close to the elevator. If you can't locate your box, please contact the church office.

Once again, there are 3 specific missions that we will support and you have an envelope for each in your box:

1. September - Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions
2. November - Christmas Offering for Global Missions
3. April - Easter Offering for American Baptist Missions



## Recipes

Did you try one of Bonny Dillon's delicious bar cookies last month at Dessert First? Several of you asked for the recipe, so here you go...

### Cream Cheese Danish Bars

2 packages/cans crescent roll dough  
2-8 oz. packages softened cream cheese  
1 cup sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 egg yolk (save the white part)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9 x 13" pan and spread 1 can of crescent roll dough in bottom of pan. Beat softened cream cheese, sugar, vanilla and egg yolk together until smooth. Spread evenly on top of dough. Place remaining can of crescent roll dough on top of cream cheese mixture. Brush top layer of dough with egg white and sprinkle granulated sugar on top if desired. Bake 25-30 minutes.

Remove from oven and cool overnight in refrigerator. May reheat prior to serving or serve at room temperature.

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## Funny Bones

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to, at the end of the worship service, ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was out and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play. "Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and sisters, we are in great difficulty. The roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute organist became the regular.



## Birthday Blessings to members of our Calvary Family!



9/02 - Sean Murray  
9/05 - Lois Trent  
9/06 - Dawn Swain  
9/07 - Brenda Bova  
9/11 - Betsy Baliunas  
9/12 - John Price  
9/13 - Neal Kinsey  
9/14 - Rita Bryant, Barbara Garner, Becky Peyton  
9/17 - Ernie Deyerle, Shirley Harrison, Bonnie Longworth  
9/20 - Lisa Baker, Paul M. Howell, Emma Seidel  
9/21 - Donna Dehart, Matthew de Simone  
9/23 - Catherine Howell, Glenda Pollard  
9/24 - Adam Fitzgerald, Sarah Howell, Lissa Smith, Peggy White  
9/26 - Kayle Jarrett  
9/27 - Tiffany Linsey, Barry Wirt  
9/28 - Bobbie Hawkins  
9/29 - Kelsey Oyler, Dominic Moresco  
9/30 - Alicia Gilliard, Lindsay Wirt

# Live your dash

**BETTER THAN EVER (FIFTY PLUS RETREAT)**

October 23-25, 2017

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center, Lynchburg, VA

## Live Your Dash!

A small dash separates your birth and death dates - a full life can be represented by such a small symbol. Are you living *your* dash to the fullest? Join us at this year's Better Than Ever (Fifty-Plus) Retreat to find out! This year's retreat will be October 23-25, 2017, at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA.

Dr. Tom Stocks - Keynote Speaker

Dr. Jim Ailor - Worship Leader

This year's **Personal Interest Selections** include:

- Angels, Angels, Angels
- Bible Giants
- Finding Jesus in the Gospel of Mark
- Grandparenting by Grace
- Mr. Ball? Or Mr. Mason?
- My Most Unforgettable Characters
- The 14 Apostles: Who? What? Where?

Additionally, **Special Group Activities** include:

- Fanny Crosby Hymn Festival
- Night at the Movies
- Prime Rib Banquet featuring entertainment by Fred Anderson in "Dr. Hatcher's Farewell Tour" - **you won't want to miss this!**

## Cost

- \$189 per person for Voight/Hotel
- \$153 per person for Lodges

## More Information

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center  
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