

The Columns



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Dear Fellow Travelers,

Summer is on its way and I can't wait. I like summer. Some people think summer is the time to sit back and relax in the shade with a cold glass of iced tea. Not me. I like the activities of summer. Summer for me is a time to do what can't be done the rest of the year. Summer is the time to prepare for fall and the rest of the year. For me summer is time to get busy getting ready.

A month ago at our Annual Church in Conference, I shared with congregation some of my thoughts on the future of Calvary Baptist Church. My thoughts weren't plans, activities, goals, programs or even a vision. I spoke about becoming more connected, more open, more influenced by the Spirit of God. You see, I don't think believers who gather together as the community of faith that we call church, are capable of "coming-up-with" the vision for the future of the local church. I don't even believe that pastors are able "come-up-with" such a vision on their own. I believe that the Holy Spirit speaks to the Body of Christ (the church) when the body is in an open, listening, hungering state of spiritual health. In other words, when our hearts are right as a family of faith, we cannot help but be captured by God's vision for Calvary Baptist Church.

To that end, have started to get ready to get ready.

To help us get in the right place to begin to listen to God at work in and around us, I prepared a series of sermons focused on being ready to be captured by God's vision. In fact, the series is entitled, 'Preparing to be Captured by God's Vision'.

The series is based on Hebrews 11 and how our early sisters and brothers in the faith were captured by God's Vision for them.

Please pray for me as I prepare to lead us in listening for God's Spirit at Calvary Baptist Church.

June 18, 2017

Captured by God's Vision in Faith
Hebrews 11:1-6

June 25, 2017

Captured by God's Vision in Obedience
Hebrews 11:6-12

July 2, 2017

Captured by God's Vision Through Testing
Hebrews 11:17-31

July 9, 2017

Captured by God's Vision with Power
Hebrews 11:32-40

Blessings,
Your Pastor, Steven



Welcome back to Angela and Dominic Moresco! They join Calvary through a letter of transfer from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brandon FL.

Dominic and Angela Moresco
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Annual Conference

On Sunday, May 7th, our church family met for our annual Church in Conference. In addition to hearing reports from our Pastor, and standing committees, attendees voted on, and approved, three recommendations from the Church Council. Those recommendations were:

- Approval of Cara Sutherland to serve as the Chair of the Church Council for the 2017-2018 church year
- An amendment to the Manual of Rules that requires only the Chair of standing committees to be a member of the church
- An amendment to the Manual of Rules that provides broader scope for Calvary's building use policies.

The slate of Committee nominees for the 2017-2018 church year, as well as nominees to the Fellowship of Deacons were also unanimously approved.

The Book of Reports for 2016-2017 is available on the church website at <http://www.calvaryroanoke.org/wp/2017/05/05/20172018-book-of-reports/>, and in the church office.



Ben Martin, Linda Dwyer, and Rita and Jim Bryant were elected to the Fellowship of Deacons at the May 7th Church in Conference. They will join these Deacons who will serve during the 2017-2018 church year.

Roger Austin	Neal Kinsey
Harry Bundy	Jack Pilcher
Janice Deyerle	David Seidel
Bobbie Hawkins	Cara Sutherland
Kathy Kinsey	John Urquhart

A service of installation/ordination will be held on Sunday June 25th during our worship service.



Many thanks to those who have served on our church committees during this church year! Your dedication and work is much appreciated!!!

The following slate for 2017-2018 Committee members was presented by the Nominating Committee and unanimously approved at the May 7th Church in Conference. While these individuals were elected to serve in an official capacity, everyone in our church family is encouraged to participate in the work of these church teams! Please let us know where you would like to serve!

Committee Representatives

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 Church Year

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR Debbie Urquhart	TRUSTEES Paul M Howell Evelyn Lewis Herb McBride Jack Pilcher	CLERK Vacant
MUSIC & WORSHIP (includes Baptism, Communion, Decorations, and Social subcommittees) Belinda Austin Kevin Carter Robert McKinney Kim Pitts Ellen Scott	STEWARDSHIP & PLANNED GIVING Harry Bundy Linda Dwyer David Kinsey Herb McBride Don Richardson	PERSONNEL Kathy Kinsey Mary Beth Nash John Urquhart
FACILITIES Harry Bundy David Kinsey Jack Pilcher	NOMINATING Kim Pitts	CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES Donna de Simone Kelly Seidel
MISSIONS Evelyn Townsend Circle	MEMBERSHIP AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE TO CHURCH COUNCIL Joyce Waugh	SOCIAL Janice Deyerle
USHERS AND WELCOMING		
Lisa Baker Ronnie Baker Jim Bryant Mickey Cratch Esther Crosier Donna de Simone Louise Dickey	Eddie Eades Betty Garraghty Betty Hall Randy Harrison Bobbie Hawkins Paul M. Howell Herb McBride	Cheryl Nicely Brinna Seidel Kelly Seidel Cara Sutherland John Urquhart Debbie Urquhart Joyce Waugh

PLEASE NOTE: All committees should meet to elect their chair before the July 1 start of the new church year.

Evelyn Townsend Circle



The Evelyn Townsend Circle members provided dinner for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House on May 8, 2017. The facility is a haven for families who have loved ones in Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Sleeping accommodations, meals and laundry facilities are available daily. Roanoke is very fortunate to have this lovely home. When you bring in collections of can tabs you are helping to benefit the upkeep of such a welcoming place. If you and your friends are interested in preparing dinner, you may call the director, Anne Patterson at 857-0770 for details. They assist an average of 30 residents per day.

The circle will not be meeting during the summer months and will resume in September.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Congratulations to our 2017 graduates! May God's graces be with you as you step ahead towards your dreams.

Lauren Hughes graduated from the Governor's School at Staunton River High School and will be attending the College of William and Mary this fall. Lauren is the granddaughter of Louise Dickey.

Kaitlyn Dwyer graduated Summa Cum Laude from Virginia Western Community College with Associate Degrees in General Studies and Liberal Arts. Kaitlyn will attend the University of Mary Washington for the next two years. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Roy and Linda Dwyer, and granddaughter of Vilas Secrist.

Jessie Dwyer graduated from Christopher Newport University with a major in Theater. Jessie achieved her goal of making the Dean's list for all eight semesters while at CNU! Jessie will begin an internship this Summer with Roanoke Children's Theatre and then to Richmond in September with the Virginia Repertory Company. Jessie is the daughter of Roy and Linda Dwyer, and granddaughter of Vilas Secrist.



This July will be the 42nd anniversary of Summer Enrichment Camp for Roanoke's inner city children. Calvary's workdays will be on July 5th, 6th, & 7th. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM to help with breakfast, lunch and clean up. Please contact Cara Sutherland at 345-2009 or Mickey Cratch at 774-2348 if you can help with this important mission project.

Your Turn...

Dear Fellow Travelers,

There are so many times I wish I had said something other than what I actually said. There are also times when I remained silent when I wish I had said what was truly on my heart. Perhaps, our verbal responses are so carefully considered that the opportunity for expression is passed. It could be that there are so many in our world (especially in broadcast and social media) that seem to express everything that crosses their consciousness without so much as a thought.

I hope that I err on the side of thinking more about what I say than not.

There are times, however, when we don't have opportunity to express our love, gratitude, hopefulness, or something encouraging and uplifting. So, in this edition of **The Columns** we will be beginning a sort of "open forum" space for just that purpose.

If you have a thought about Calvary Baptist Church or something positive and forward looking, write it down, email it, or bring by (you can even send it by the United States Post Office). If it fits the criteria, we'll include it in the next month's edition.

If it's too long, it'll get edited. If it's inappropriate, I'll let you know. I'll try not to correct your spelling or grammar. I want you to say something hopeful about Calvary. If you have any questions. Just give me a call or let me know what you have in mind and I'll offer some guidance. By the way, I reserve the right to decide what makes it in.

So, if you have a second, let your church family know how God is moving in your life or how God has spoken to you through your church family.

Our first gift is from Tony Mason:

As most of you know, I have been dealing with a serious illness. As I reflect back, the most love, support and healing came from this congregation. Many people made it a point to let me know of their prayers, thoughts and kindness. While I took a break from Calvary, Calvary never took a break from me. I need to thank each one of you as I am not sure I would be where I am today without the love of this congregation.

As to the future of Calvary, I believe it will be an exciting journey to watch God work through each and every one of us. And, I would like to pledge my dedication to Calvary's future.

*Much Love,
Tony Mason*

Thanks, Tony, for your words of appreciation.
Your Pastor, Steven



This year's Let's Do Lunch event, which supports the LOA's Meals on Wheels program, will be held Friday, June 16th 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Kazim Temple Ballroom on 628 Campbell Ave., SW, Roanoke.

Ticket holders are invited to "eat in" at the Kazim Temple Ballroom and enjoy live entertainment by Jane Powell and William Penn and Friends. There are also options of FREE Delivery, or Curbside Pickup.

The \$15 cost pays for YOUR lunch plus lunches for 2 seniors in need. Buy ONE, Give TWO!

For more information, call 540-345-0451. Make checks payable to "Let's Do Lunch" and send to LOA- Let's Do Lunch, PO Box 14205, Roanoke, VA 24038-4205. Or fax credit card orders to 540-981-1487. Online orders accepted at www.loaa.org. Donate the cost of postage and send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for them to mail your tickets!



Funny Bones

A priest and a minister go fishing together normally. Today they decided to invite the preacher. So, after a while when they were fishing, the priest said he forgot something, so he climbed out of the boat and walked on the water to get it and came back. A couple hours later, the minister said he forgot something, too, so he went out of the boat, walked on the water, got it, and came back. A bit later, the preacher said he forgot something, so he climbed out of the boat and fell into the water. Then, the priest asked the minister, "Do you think we should tell him where the stones are?"

Birthday Blessings to members of our Calvary Family!



- 06/05 - Bill McClure
- 06/06 - Lucille Wade
- 06/08 - Jack Trent, Robert McKinney
- 06/12 - Geneva Peyton
- 06/19 - Eric Murray
- 06/20 - Dolores Laprad, John Robertson
- 06/22 - David Seidel
- 06/23 - Jim Bryant, Steve Pollard, Jane Price, Angela Moresco
- 06/25 - Buddy Garrett, Kathy Martin
- 06/30 - Jason Bryant



Shatley Springs Inn / Fresco Paintings

Loosen your belt and get ready for a Family Style Lunch at Shatley Springs Inn that will bring back memories of the meals served at harvest time on the farm in days gone by!! This one day tour on **Wednesday, July 19th**, will take us to the area around West Jefferson, North Carolina. While we are in the area we will view the magnificent fresco paintings at two of the quaint little churches at West Jefferson and Glendale Springs as well as a visit to Ashe County Cheese Factory Store.

The cost is \$40.00 per person which includes transportation and a family style lunch at Shatley Springs Inn. We will depart from the church parking lot at 9:30AM and return at approximately 6:30PM.

To reserve your spot for the trip please send a check for \$40.00 to the church office by Monday, July 3rd.