



Calvary Baptist Church

From Our Pastor

As we move forward toward ceasing to exist as two congregations and becoming one new congregation with Colonial Avenue Baptist Church, many of the thoughts I've had through the years about what it means to "BE church" have resurfaced. I thought I would share some of them with you as we stand on the edge of the unknown.

First, is a reaction, to something; during my career, I've heard many times: "Church ought to be 'run' like a business". My reaction is, "No! No! No!" Of course, churches should keep precise financial records and maintain confidentiality when it comes to personal giving records. Of course, churches should follow all legal requirements regarding ownership of property and how one relates to employees. Of course, churches should pay their bills on time. There may be a few more similarities, but that's about where the likeness between businesses and churches end.

Churches are, at our core, about ministering the love of Jesus Christ in such a way that others would come to know and love him. That mission takes prescient over any and all other matters. These are the principles that guide all decisions regarding all programs, budgets, personnel, properties, or activities. Nothing is more important. How we do these things, with whom, and for whom are the things for which our God will hold us accountable.

Some like to think of church as nothing more than a benevolent organization. We should just concern ourselves with doing "good". Again, "No! No! No!" Church is about pointing people to Jesus. We must not do anything that does not bring attention to, show the way of, or give glory to our Savior. I frequently ask the question: "How does this move us toward, 'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done?'"

Our commitment to faith in Jesus Christ means, "Saying and doing the things that Jesus did for the same reason that Jesus did them.

As long as the Way of our Savior is our way, we will be moving in the right direction, even when the path is a bit bumpy.

One more thing (and this might hurt some feelings). For me, the above priorities also apply to worship, programs, mission activities, faith formation, fellowship, etc. None of these things are about style or what I prefer. I really want to be part of a church family that seeks to be the church in the world; a church that cares more about how we reach people with the love of Christ than what might make us comfortable (or not); a family of God that wants more brothers and sister (whether they 'warm a pew' in our church or not).

Let me close with a little Latin phrase that you will often see in many writings of the ancient church: "solī deo gloria." It basically means, "for the glory of God alone." If we can put that "stamp" on everything we do or say, we will be, "...going into all the world, and preaching the gospel to every creature."

Let us all go in the way and the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Solī Deo Gloria,
Steven Pollard, Pastor



My Dear Friends,

Never have I been shown such deep love and care as I have in these passed few weeks. My father's death and the months prior have been difficult and I am beyond thankful for the love, prayers, words of encouragement, food, and time you have given me and my family. I could not have made it this far without my Calvary and Colonial Avenue family. On behalf of the entire Pollard Family, you have more than our thanks; you have our undying gratitude.

Most Sincere Thanks,
Your Pastor and Friend,
Steven Pollard

The Joys of Summer

By Lt. Colonel Patty Richardson

Summer is so bright and cheerful. It invites it us to stay outside a bit later as the sunshine stretches the day longer. We sometimes like to complain, "It's sure hot outside," but we still enjoy the feelings of freedom and relaxation that summer gives.

Summer is one of my favorite seasons. Trees are in full leaves, flowers and vegetable gardens are in full bloom, and shorts and a t-shirt rule the day. Daylight is plentiful and it appears that there is more time for everything. As a kid, I remember playing outside until well past dark.

Summer brings fun opportunities for laughter and happiness – the picnics, the vacations, and the get-togethers. Author Barbara Johnson says, "Human beings thrive on laughter. Since most of us can't afford vacations in Hawaii, we have to learn to make our own fun! The best way to do that is to keep your state of mind green and golden: find, recycle, or produce joy wherever and however you can."

Scripture is abundant with reminders about the place that joy should have in our lives:

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'" –Psalm 126:2

"Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them." –Psalm 111:2

"Shout for joy to God, our source of strength! Shout out to the God of Jacob!" –Psalm 81:1

Joy grows from a deep place in our souls where we meet with God honestly and humbly. A place where we learn more about Him and how our relationship can grow stronger. In this place we discover a peace that is 'beyond all understanding' (Philippians 4:7). Through this peace we can begin to experience a joy that is not dependent on the happenings of the moment – because our strength is not in ourselves, but in Christ.

Summer is a great time for us to experience the joy that living in Christ brings us, allowing us to enjoy all that God provides. As we experience God's joy through the beauty of nature, the sound of children's laughter, or recounting a funny story with friends and family, be sure to share it. Our joy is multiplied when we do.



Featured Dates

Sunday, July 2nd	
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Deacon's Meeting	11:30 AM
Wednesday, July 5th	
Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 PM
Sunday, July 9th	
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Church Council Meeting	11:30 AM
Friday, July 14th	7:00 PM
Faith and Family Night at Salem Red Sox	
Sunday, July 16th	
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Wednesday, July 19th	
Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 PM
Sunday, July 23rd	
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Splashin' in the Son (Children)	11:30 AM
Wednesday, July 26th	
Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 PM
Thursday, July 27th	
Emerald Pointe (Youth)	7:30 AM
Sunday, July 30th	
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM



ImPACT VA

Calvary provided meals on Tuesday (6/20) and Thursday (6/22) for ImPACT VA workers at a home at 1110 Jackson Ave SW. The work crew participants were from Richmond, Sandstone and Staunton.

Tuesday's meal was pizzas, chips, fruit, cookies and sodas. Kevin Carter, Betty Hall, Ellen Scott, Evelyn Lewis and Robert McKinney were present to serve the workers.

Thursday's meal was pizza, chicken fingers, chips, cookies, fruit and leftover drinks. Kevin Carter and Robert McKinney, along with three folks from Colonial Presbyterian were on-site to serve the workers.

In addition to the food and drinks, we also purchased paper plates, napkins and cups.

In all, Calvary ended up spending about \$300.00 on this mission outreach.

With that said, the Evelyn Townsend Circle covered about \$220.00 of the cost. Two members donated \$40.00 each towards this mission. With these donations, there is no money needed from the church's budget to cover any of the cost for this event.

We all had a wonderful time sharing in this mission (despite the rainy weather) and the ImPACT VA folks were so very kind and appreciative.

Faith and Family Night

Faith and Family Night at the Salem Red Sox is Friday, July 14, 7:00 pm: Join us for an evening of fun cheering on the Salem Red Sox. If you signed up in the foyer (or by calling or emailing the church office) by July 2, the cost of your general admission ticket is \$11, and that includes a \$3 concession gift card.

If you haven't already paid, please make your check out to Calvary Baptist Church.

You can still join us by purchasing your own general admission ticket.

Steps to Forming a New Church

As we move forward in forming our new church together, the implementation team recommends the following schedule:

Choosing a Church Name

From July 9-23, we ask for our congregations to submit name suggestions for our new church in the suggestion box in the foyer or by e-mailing info@calvaryroanoke.org or office@cabc.us. The implementation team will prayerfully consider all suggestions and submit two names for vote by the congregation. That vote will take place August 6-13, by placing ballots in the provided box in the foyer or by e-mail.

Purpose and Mission Discovery Process

Beginning in late August, a skilled coach will guide us through a process of seeking God's specific purpose and mission for our new church. All voices are needed to be part of this process. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Following this discernment process, the next steps (in mid-late fall) will include making sure all the legalities are taken care of (finances, property, personnel) and establishing church structure, affiliations, bylaws, and procedures.

Each month, we will continue to share more details about the next step of the process.

Summer Worship

This summer, our worship will be focused on Holy Habits: Faith Practices That Help Us Love God and Our Neighbor, Listen to the Spirit, and Become More Like Jesus. Rev Melissa Scott (pastor of Colonial Avenue Baptist Church), Dr. Steven Pollard (pastor of Calvary Baptist Church), and Rev. Brent Williams (pastor of Colonial Presbyterian Church) will be preaching, so you will hear many voices throughout the summer. Each week, we will focus on a different faith practice: Sabbath, Service, Celebration, Hospitality, Gratitude, Justice and Mercy, Wonder, Prayer, Listening, Remembering, Generosity, and Engaging Scripture. We will also be providing a devotional booklet for you to use during the week as you put these holy habits into to practice

July Serving Schedule

July 2

Ushers

Neal Kinsey

Deacons

Janice Deyerle, Kathy Kinsey, Neal Kinsey

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Susan Snyder

July 9

Ushers

Lisa Baker

Deacons

Neal Kinsey, Janice Deyerle, Susan Snyder

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: John Urquhart

July 16

Ushers

Gordon Williams

Deacons

John Urquhart, Becky Beard

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Kathy Kinsey

July 23

Ushers

Bobbie Hawkins

Deacons

Janice Deyerle, Ray Templin, Susan Snyder

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Ray Templin

July 30

Ushers

Gordon Williams

Deacons

John Urquhart, Becky Beard

Scripture and Offertory Prayer: Bobbie Hawkins

7/01 – Hallie Urquhart
 7/06 – K. P. Fitzgerald
 7/15 – Kim Pitts
 7/16 – Kathy Richardson
 7/19 – Anne Andrews
 7/24 – Ben Martin
 7/25 – Rose Ann Burgess
 7/27 – Betty Garraghty



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