

The Columns



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Loving God * Exploring Faith * Serving Others

SURPRISE!

Thank you all for your gifts and the honor of a Pastor Appreciation Day on October 13. It's a little embarrassing to have been surprised but I was, and I am grateful to all who played a part in making the day meaningful. The flowers, the cake, and the reception were all beautiful, and the chain with your messages is a treasure that will continue to give me encouragement and strength.

That chain also is a wonderful reminder of what it means to "be church." We are linked together as sisters and brothers by God's adoption of us as sons and daughters. These verses from Romans 8 (14-17) deserve the space here for remembering this gift of church family and the power it provides:

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

We care for each other through all aspects of life. Many people are not so fortunate. If you know who they are, invite them to be a part of our family. We need them, and they need us. Meanwhile, we can be thankful for the family we have.

Donna Hopkins Britt

HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 NOON

Join your church family for lunch following morning worship as we celebrate God's goodness to us! We'll hear about the work accomplished on the "Day of Caring" and have an opportunity to turn in pledge cards to show our financial support of Calvary's ongoing programs and ministries. The price of lunch is \$8.00 per person, and tickets will be on sale on October 27 and November 3.

"A CALVARY DAY OF CARING" SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 8:30-11:30 AM

Volunteers of all ages are needed to assist with a variety of projects that will show those around us that Calvary Cares about our community! Whether you choose to participate in a neighborhood Prayer Walk, make sandwiches for guests at Samaritan Inn, spruce up the church's grounds, package treats to thank Roanoke City police officers for keeping us safe, or help with other projects, this is your opportunity to use your time and talents to serve God and our friends and neighbors.

If you are unable to join us at the church, you can still be involved by praying for our community at your home. Watch for more information about plans for "A Calvary Day of Caring."

ROANOKE SYMPHONY "CLASSICS AT CALVARY"

On November 23rd at 7:30 PM, Calvary will be hosting the Roanoke Symphony. The tickets for the concert are \$30 each which you will need to purchase through the RSO office.

The Roanoke Symphony "Classics at Calvary" will include a Pre-Concert Key Notes with David Wiley an hour prior to the concert from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Take time from your hectic holiday season and relax with great works for strings, organ (featuring Seung-Won) and chorus. Corelli's baroque masterpiece and the Greensleeves fantasia will put you in a Thanksgiving frame of mind, and enjoy choruses by Vivaldi and Handel.

CALLED CHURCH-IN-CONFERENCE

There will be a Called Church-In-Conference on Sunday, October 27 after worship. The purposes of this Called Church-In-Conference are two-fold:

1. To discuss and vote on the 2014 Budget, and
2. To receive two more revisions to the Manual of Rules, which will be voted on at the Quarterly Church-in-Conference on November 17.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Through our "Shoebox Ministry" we have the opportunity to help many children whom we most likely will never see. However, we are able to show them God's love through our gifts to them in a shoe box. The wrapped boxes are in the sanctuary ready for your choosing and filling. Please return them to the church by November 3. The children at Standing Rock Reservation will thank you. More information can be found on Page 4.

Closer to home we are able to help Roanoke children in need. Forgotten Victims is a skills-building group for elementary-school children whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence. This group meets on a weekly basis to help kids learn to manage anger and negative emotions without resorting to violence.

Badly needed are underwear and socks for both boys and girls in sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12. As you are shopping, please remember these needs. This collection will run through the month of November.

"In as much as you have done it until the least of these, you have done it unto me, Jesus said. Through these needs we give Christmas gifts to Jesus.

CALVARY'S LIBRARY

Check out Calvary's church library sometime. You can find it on the second floor of the Youth Building across from the Seeker's classroom. It is mostly self help, pre-computer, but Frances Williams is usually in the Seekers Class during Sunday School, and is available any other time you need help. We no longer try to acquire newly published books, although there is a diverse collection of ageless titles including a children's section. We have an especially strong collection of books to help in your Bible studies, and we subscribe to a couple of religious periodicals.

DESSERT FIRST

We invite members and groups to sign up for a Sunday to support this fellowship time. We ask that more than one sign up and coordinate what you bring. The signup sheet is in the Dining Room.

If you would like to volunteer to help with Dessert First with set up and/or clean up, you can contact the church office at info@calvaryroanoke.org or call 344-9237.

REFLECTIONS DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Calvary will no longer purchase the Reflections Devotional Guide. If you received copies in the past and would like to continue, the cost is \$23.50 for a 1-year subscription and you can place your order by calling 800-747-3016 or visit www.nextsunday.com/curr. You can also purchase issues for your Kindle, iPad, iPhone or Nook.

PERSONALS

Remember in your prayers:

- **Candace Brogden** – chemo
- **Kaitlyn Dwyer** – health issues
- **Ernie Deyerle** – home
- **Vilas Secrist** – home
- **Buddy Garrett** – home
- **Joanne Britton** – recovering from car accident

The Prayer Team has received a thank you cards from **Joe St. Clair** and **The Family of Bessie Kinsey**. They are posted on the Information Hallway bulletin board.

Congratulations to **Jack and Becky Pilcher**, who celebrated 50 years of marriage on October 12!

WEDNESDAY PRAYERS

You are invited to join the group that prays for the church's requests each Wednesday night in the Parlor from 6:30 PM-7:15 PM. You don't need to pray out loud unless you want to; we welcome your silent prayers and ability to write notes to those for whom we've prayed.

DHB

THE REVELATION TO JOHN

The Cornerstone Bible Study Group will complete their study of the Minor Prophets and begin a study of the Revelation to John in November. Anyone who is interested in this study is invited. The group meets in the Cornerstone Classroom beside the elevator on the main floor and begins at 9:45 AM each Sunday morning.

KEY CARD SYSTEM

Calvary installed a new Key Card System. This system allows us to designate a specific time for entry into the church, especially with any outside groups. There have been a few bugs to the system but it is now working correctly. If you are a member who received a key card and you have problems, please contact the church office.

HOUSEKEEPING

If you hold meetings or special events in the church, please make sure you return the room you use to the same condition it was when you arrived. Also, if you serve food, please take the leftover food home and take the trash to the blue trash cans in the courtyard before you leave. The key to the courtyard can be found in the cabinet above the telephone in the kitchen.

Please make sure you turn off all lights and close all doors (except doors to the kitchen) when you leave.

Thank you for taking care of your church building!

OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Day/Communion
Sunday, Ephesians 1:11-23, *“The Eyes of Our Heart”*

Sunday, November 10 – Luke 19:1-10, *“Welcoming Jesus”*

Sunday, November 17 – Luke 21:5-19, *“End Times”*

Sunday, November 24 – Luke 1:68-79, Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43, *“Facets of Jesus”*

DEACON AND USHER INFORMATION

November 3: **East Aisle:** Don Richardson, Ch.; John Urquhart, V. Ch.; Jenny Call; **West Aisle:** Janice Deyerle, Ch.; Joyce Waugh, V. Ch., Paul M. Howell

Ushers: Jim Bryant, Ch., Ronnie Baker, Jody Harrison, Tom Harrison, Linda Reynolds, Vilas Secrist

Church Closer: Randy Harrison

November 10: **East Aisle:** Michael Bryant, Ch.; John Urquhart; **West Aisle:** Tom Harrison, Ch.; Shirley Fletcher

Ushers: Paul M. Howell, Ch.; Marie Woolwine, Louise Dickey, Betty Hall, Herb McBride, Cara Sutherland

Church Closer: Jack Pilcher

November 17: **East Aisle:** Patrick Stanley, Ch.; Betty Hall; **West Aisle:** Crystal Stoots, Ch.; Danielle Stoots

Ushers: John Urquhart, Ch.; Lauren Britt, Randy Harrison, Susan Snyder, Jonathan Stanley, Jack Trent, Debbie Urquhart

Church Closer: Joe St. Clair

November 24: **East Aisle:** Paul M. Howell, Ch.; Tom Harrison; **West Aisle:** Joyce Waugh, Ch.; Roger Austin

Ushers: Ronnie Baker, Ch., George Akers, Eddie Eades, Betty Garraghty, Joyce Waugh, Marie Woolwine

Church Closer: Clint Hopkins

KROGER GIFT CARDS

If you shop at Kroger, consider buying a Kroger Gift Card in the church office for \$5. We received a check on October 8 in the amount of \$294.68 for cards that were reloaded between September 8 and October 5 by our members and friends. What a great way to raise money painlessly.

These funds go to the Capital Improvement Fund to help with building upkeep and beautification.

“FOR YOUR CALENDAR”



We have started a new column for upcoming events so you can mark your calendars in advance. Please notify the church office at 344-9237 or info@calvaryroanoke.org to add your committee's events to the calendar and The Columns.

Saturday, November 3 – Calvary Baptist Foundation – 12:15 PM, Chapel

Saturday, November 9 – “A Calvary Day of Caring” – 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM (see article)

Sunday, November 10 – Harvest Luncheon – Noon – \$8.00 per person (see article)

Saturday, November 23, 7:30 PM – Calvary is excited to host the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra concert “Classics at Calvary.” You can check out the RSO website: <http://www.rso.com/concerts/index.html> (see article)

Sunday, November 24, 12:15 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Dining Room

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Personnel Committee thanks Kim Pitts and Tom Harrison for arranging for flowers, words of appreciation placed on a paper chain, and special Dessert First festivities to honor Donna on Pastor Appreciation Day. Well done!

The committee continues our work to update job descriptions and to establish performance goals and objectives, which will be utilized for performance reviews.

Gail Burruss, Chair

FACILITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Facilities Committee has completed the following projects:

1) Re-opened the 3rd & 4th floor restrooms; 2) replaced 4 toilets and removed 2 urinals; 3) had the 3rd & 4th floor restrooms cleaned and sanitized; 4) fixed and/or replaced all fire exit signs; 5) fixed a leak under the kitchen sink; 6) replace the single sink with a double sink in the kitchen; 7) installed a new faucet and a garbage disposal in the kitchen; and 8) fixed the problem with the key card reader.

David Kinsey, Chair

EVELYN TOWNSEND CIRCLE

The Evelyn Townsend Circle will meet on Monday, November 11, at 7:00 PM at the home of **Bonnie Neuhoff**. All ladies interested in a vibrant and mission-minded Circle are invited to come and join us.

NEPALI CONGREGATION

This is a valuable ministry that we are able to provide with very little effort. It allows the Nepali community a place to worship and to grow. All that is required is 2½ hours on a Sunday night from 5:45 PM until 8:15 PM. The sign-up sheet as well as detailed information is on the Crossroads Bulletin Board across from the elevator. You may pick up the key card from the church office when you are scheduled to volunteer.

For further information, contact Donna Britt or the church office at 344-9237 or info@calvaryroanoke.org.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX MISSION PROJECT

STANDING ROCK SIOUX INDIAN CHILDREN

As another Christmas season approaches, our church family again has the privilege and opportunity of preparing "Christmas Shoeboxes" for the Sioux Indian children in South Dakota. Many of these children live in difficult circumstances with a dysfunctional family life, poverty and little hope or encouragement for a bright and happy future. The "Christmas Shoeboxes" you provide will help these children to have a Merry Christmas.

Perhaps you would like to take your child, grandchild or a little friend and go shopping for an Indian child and teach your little one the true meaning of Christmas. Complete details are available on the easels in the Sanctuary along with a sheet of suggested items to purchase for the shoebox. For those who cannot shop but would like to provide a shoebox, your cash donation will allow us to shop for you. Please write your checks to Calvary Baptist Church and indicate "Shoeboxes" in the memo line.

For your convenience, pre-wrapped shoeboxes are available for pickup in the sanctuary, with a ***deadline for returning*** the shoeboxes to the church office by ***Sunday, November 3***. Please remember to include \$5.00 for each shoebox you prepare to cover shipping costs.

HOLLINS UNIVERSITY

WHITE GIFT SERVICE

Come and celebrate the Advent season with Hollins University's White Gift Service! This festive service of lessons and carols features a reading of the Christmas story from scripture, Christmas hymns, liturgical dance, music by the Hollins University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, and this year will feature some of Calvary's own children's choir members. An offering will be collected to benefit a local charity.

The White Gift Service will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 7:30pm in the duPont Chapel at Hollins University. Contact Jenny Call if you have questions

RVBA MISSION TRIP

Mark your calendar for the RVBA Nickelsville Mission Trip --- March 16 - March 21, 2014. We will be staying at the Manor. Our planning meeting will be on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 6:30 PM at Connelly Memorial Baptist Church. We hope to hear from the schools before the planning meeting so that we will have a better idea of how many teams we will need this year. More details will be forthcoming soon. Thanking you in advance for your continued support of this ministry.

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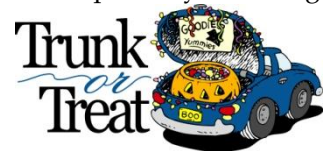
HOMEcoming THANKS

Our Homecoming celebration on September 29 was a great day and couldn't have happened without behind-the-scenes work of so many people! The charge was led by the Christian Education Committee, chaired by **Jody Harrison** and **Tim Reynolds**. Other members of the C.E. and Planning Committee included: **Kristyne Bryant, Jenny Call, Donna de Simone, Linda Greene, Tom Harrison, Clint and Nancy Hopkins, Brittany and Chris May, John Robertson, Aleasha and Patrick Stanley, Crystal Stoots and John Urquhart**. So many others helped set up and clean up.

We also thank **Chris and Mark Henderson** for their donation of a generous **Hollywood's Restaurant and Bakery** gift certificate for the winner of the Pack-a-Pew prize, **Pastor Bal Monger** and members of the Nepali congregation that meets in our chapel! **Bobby Booth** also donated his materials and talent to face painting. Thanks to all who participated and invited guests and made it an enjoyable and memorable day at Calvary. We hope to have pictures available soon.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Thursday, October 31, 5:30 to 7:00 PM. We are inviting our church neighborhood to enjoy a sweet treat (or two) on us, and we need your help. Are you willing to be part of this event? This is not a huge commitment - just a little candy, maybe some creative car trunk décor to spotlight your candy - and a costume. Help make this fun for our audience!



Sign up on the Crossroads Bulletin Board so we know you are willing and interested. This event depends on how many sign up to take part. We need you! Thank you in advance for helping us share sweet treats with our neighbors.