



The Friendly News

Calvary Baptist Church



September & October 2017



The Pastor's Corner

It was a joy to see many of you at the rally day! It felt so good to welcome you back because I know that we will renew our effort to work together for the Lord and journey as family through thick and thin, and share the joys and successes. For “the one who calls you is faithful and he will do it” (I Thess. 5:24) We have resumed our regular worship hour at 10:45am and Sunday school for children. We are in need of a couple of lead teachers. 39 children have registered and more will be added in the coming days. These children need you to help them understand the word of God that would have a positive impact on their lives as they grow into adulthood. They will take up the mantle and carry on the legacy that we received from our predecessors. I hope you will consider serving the Lord in this capacity. This is one of the most important ministries that God has entrusted Calvary with. “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” (Gal 6:9).

As I have shared in my most recent letter to you, we are grateful for many things and many of you—

- ◇ the kindness of Faye Roberts and the faithful assistance of Cathy Harmon kept our summer coffee going as our generous, loyal and hardworking regular coffee hour volunteers took a much needed break.
- ◇ the coffee hour volunteers have returned to sign up.
- ◇ the stairs to the Church's main entrance have been repaired through the generosity and thoughtfulness of Dottie Cheney.



- ◇ our car wash program is generating an income, the proceeds going to our roof repair fund. Our final car wash for this year is Sunday, September 17. Please continue to support by having all your cars washed that day.
- ◇ Julia Tellier and her friend Makendra Looney helped clean the Church.
- ◇ a good number of our friends showed up for our fall clean-up day on September 9 from all four sister churches.
- ◇ our dedicated members worked tirelessly in the kitchen and around, and contributed food to make the rally day successful.
- ◇ our gathering and worshipping together!

The good Lord is with us, and has been leading us in the right path, for he has promised his presence and leading in Isaiah 30:21. “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.””

It is hard to believe such a promise in a world as today where there are too many claims on our lives. The world pulls us into its own standards, compelling us to conform to it. We may begin to think that being conformed to the world is better than giving our lives to the church ministry. We may begin to think that “this church thing” isn’t working anymore, and lose sight of our faith and calling. The world is too strong for us to fight against alone. But the amazing thing of all is, God shows up. In the end, we always turn to God because our minds cannot function too well without God. God’s word is our constant tool to mold and morph our thinking. The apostle Paul told the believers, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord (I Cor. 15:58). Let us, as a community of faith, grounded in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ, rededicate our lives to the work of God. I assure in the name of Jesus, God will walk with us



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as we put our effort to do God's will, spending time in God's word and prayer, and we will be opening the door for great things to happen. You will see the difference in your life and the difference you make in others' lives.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power at work within, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever! Amen” (Eph. 3:20-21).

It is a joy to serve the Lord together with you.

- Atula

Praying for One Another

We continue to pray for one another in different circumstances. If you would like a prayer, please call the church office or the pastor so that we can print your name in our upcoming newsletters.



Baptism Classes

I will be holding several Baptism classes in the Fall. As your children advance in their intellectual capabilities, they grow in faith as well. It is important to have a clear understanding of their belief in Jesus Christ as they take up different responsibilities and get involved in various activities. Please take some time to think about your child's life at present, talk to them and pray with them about this and let me know if this is the right time for them to take the classes.

Looking forward to this discovery adventure with your children. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

Blessings,

Atula



Needs of a Newcomer

As we leave the slower pace of summer and begin a new school year, the amount of visitors to the church begins to rise. With these new visitors, there is a chance every time of creating a positive, uplifting experience and first impression; both as individuals and as a church family. Here are a few “needs of newcomers” according to a few churches that were polled in Lawrenceburg, TN, including the Pulaski Street Church of Christ. I’m sure these are universal.

I need you to notice me. I want to feel like my visit matters to you. I don’t want to feel invisible.

I need to see you smile. You are my first impression of the church, and something as simple as a smile goes a long way in making me feel welcome.

I need you to speak to me. Make an effort before and after service to introduce yourself and get to know me.

I need you to help me. Offer to show me where the restrooms are, or fellowship space. Help me find where my child will have Sunday school.

I need you to tell me positive things. I want to hear good things about the church, your deacons, your ministers. I want to be at a place where people are loving, encouraging, and united.

I need you to invite me. I want to be asked to be part of your church’s activities. I need to feel like you need me here as part of the family. I want to have a personal invitation to come back again.

I need you to remember me. The second visit is more important than the first. I’ll really be impressed if you remember my name.



World Mission Offering 2017



See the World Mission Offering videos at www.worldmissionoffering.org.

The 2017 World Mission Offering theme, *Discipleship: Come, Follow Me (Mark 1:17)*, illustrates the many ways that International Ministries provides holistic discipleship through the work of our global servants and partners worldwide. It is our mission to follow Jesus just as the disciples did more than 2,000 years ago.

This year, we are highlighting our ministries in the areas of Conflict Transformation, Abolishing Slavery and Economic and Community Development. Thanks to your partnership, together we are mobilizing local communities in the name of Jesus Christ to lighten the burden of poverty, encourage peaceful ways to live in diverse cultural contexts and offer hope and dignity to the marginalized.

“When you see something happening in the world that concerns or disturbs you, many times God already has people in the setting doing something, and many times IM has been a participant in that transformative work. By giving through the World Mission Offering, you can be seeding the good work that God is doing around the world.”



Rev. Dr. Dan Buttry
International Ministries
global consultant
for Peace and Justice

You can join us in ministry by giving to the World Mission Offering through your church or online at www.worldmissionoffering.org. Thank you!



Happenings

- Sunday Worship: 10:45am
- Upcoming Car Wash Program
 - Date: Sunday, September 17, 2017
 - Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm
 - Place: Calvary Baptist Church Parking lot, 60 Hastings Street Lowell MA 01851.
- Calvary's Crafters are once again convening every Thursday evening beginning September 7th at least through October 12th at 6:30 p.m. Even if you think you are not crafty, please join us for some fun fellowship. We are preparing simple craft items. Come join us! For more information please contact the church office at 978 459 9598.





ABWM at Calvary

Exercising Your Gifts
"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." —Romans 12:6a

AB Women's Ministries of MA Fall Women's Day

Saturday, September 30, 2017
9 AM to 3 PM

Calvary Baptist Church
60 Hastings Street
Lowell, MA

<p>AB GIRLS Registration Fee</p> <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>AB Women's Registration Fee</p> <p>\$20.00</p>
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Our Guest Speaker:



Kristy Engel is a global consultant with a focus on health care issues. She is trained as a pediatric nurse practitioner and holds a Masters Certificate in International nutrition.

Workshops:

Gift of Giving—Send your sentiments from the heart with a handcrafted card! Learn assorted paper crafting techniques and practice them during our card making workshop.

Gift of Mercy—Homelessness is on the rise. Learn how one woman and her son serve the homeless.

Gift of Discernment—Defend human dignity by advocating for the universal right of sexual justice, which is freedom from sexual exploitation, objectification, and violence.

Gift of Service—God is calling us into the world—together. Learn about short-term mission trips to Clendenin, WV that was devastated by a flood in June 2016.

Mission Opportunity:

Bring a \$5 gift card from Dunkin Donuts that will be distributed to the homeless.



Calvary Hosts The American Baptist Women's Ministries of MA Fall Women's Day

Calvary is hosting the American Baptist Women's Ministries of MA Fall Women's Day on September 30 from 9am-3pm. A host team is being formed under the leadership of Faye Roberts. All women of Calvary are requested to come and help out. Please call Faye at 978 453 6540. You are also highly encouraged to join the meeting. Registration fee is \$20 for AB Women and \$10 for AB Girls, that includes continental breakfast and lunch. You may call the church office (978 459 9598) to register. TeensAlive girls will lead in the praise and worship.



In The Community

Fall 2017 Intensive English Institute—For students who are ready to apply to colleges and universities in the United States who speak English as a second language. 18 hours/Week for two semesters. \$250/semester. Free textbooks. Middlesex Community College, 33 Kearney Square, Lowell MA 01852.

Lowell Kinetic Sculpture Race—Saturday, September 23, 2017. 8:30am-4:00pm. Free entry. Race begins at the intersection of Market and Palmer Streets in Lowell, MA. Spectators can view the race at various obstacle locations around Lowell; interact with competitors and officials; and enjoy live music against a backdrop of whimsical racing machines.

TABCOM MissionWorks—Connect, Cultivate, Communicate. October 13-14, 2017. DoubleTree by Hilton, Leominster, MA. Contact the TABCOM office at 978-448-1445 with any questions. Flyer and registration available online at **tabcom.org**.

Free Citizenship Classes - In this class, you will learn the information necessary to prepare you for all major parts of the citizenship exam. Fridays 11:00am-12:30pm October 20th - December 8th. Middlesex Community College, 33 Kearney Square, Lowell MA 01852. To enroll, contact Professor Jessica Bethoney at **jessicabethoney@gmail.com**.

African Community Center of Lowell 1st Anniversary Celebration—October 29, 2017, 3-6pm. Eliot Church, 273 Summer St. Lowell. Guest speaker: Sarah Dryden-Peterson. Tickets \$30. African & American cuisine & non alcoholic beverages served.



September Birthdays

Nathanial Ealy—9/2

Vannary Chan—9/3

Alimen Imsong—9/6

Robert Mignone Jr.—9/21

Katelyn Burns—9/24

Phyllis Kirsch—9/30



October Birthdays

Richard Connelly—10/6

Stephen Pica—10/8

Dorothy Cheney—10/12

Benjamin So—10/18

Erika Paton—10/18

Tyler Burns—10/20

Sidney Noel—10/23

Rick Paton—10/25

Evelyn Makiej—10/31

*Happy Birthday from
all of us at Calvary!*

*Please contact the
church office if we have
missed anyone.*

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