



## Our Leadership in 2011

It is important to be in prayer for our leaders of the church throughout the year. Many places in scripture leaders are prayed for. We never do the work alone. Here is a prayer in Hebrews 13 paraphrased: *Now may the God of peace, who resurrected our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you through the power of Jesus Christ every good thing that is pleasing to Him. Amen.*

As you read the list of the 2011 Executive Council at Calvary, take time now and through the year to pray for these individuals.

**Administrative Council Chair:**

Randall Childres

**Lay Leader:**

Billie Viehe

**Staff/Parish Chair:**

Ronnie Tyndall

**Finance Chair:**

Chet Hilyer

**Long Range Planning Chair:**

Cheryl Perry

**Building Chair:**

Randy Reese

**College Chair:**

Lynn Noland

Betty Maynard

**Endowment Chair:**

Max Eubanks

**Missions Chair:**

Don Marshall

**Evangelism Chair:**

Mike Donnan

**Worship Chair:**

Nanette Grizzle

**Children's Council Chair:**

Melanie Loughmiller

**Homebound Ministry Chair:**

Jean Thurman

**Fellowship Chair:**

Denise Silvey

**Bereavement Chair:**

Mary Hilyer

## I am the Church, You are the Church, We are the Church Together

From all accounts and comments, our Lord's Acre helped end 2010 with a bang. You proved the heart of Calvary United Methodist Church still beats strong. There are so many to thank for so many things. You worked, you donated, you ate, you bid, you bought, you stayed and you prayed.

There was much positive response from the Silent Auction and, as always, the Bake Sale and Country Store area was a popular hot spot. Lisa Rhoades' addition of the Country Store was widely embraced and that small room was beautifully decorated and overflowing with goodies.

It seems we could even have fed a few more people than anticipated. The menu was a nice change and well received. A new idea for desserts that will tempt any sweet tooth was discussed at the afterglow meeting.

I Am the Church, You are the Church, We are the Church Together. Something to be thankful for every day of our lives. We are truly blessed to be a blessing.

Jerome Chapman & Iva Hargroves  
Co-chairs, Lord's Acre 2010

### OUR MISSION

*The Mission of Calvary United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by sharing our faith through His grace and love.*

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### CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor  
Dr. Rusty Hedges  
Children's Ministry  
Annie Downs  
Youth Ministry  
Kelly Turner  
Music Ministry  
Byron Myrick  
Jay Grizzle  
Brian Rhodes  
Church Administrator  
Charlotte Yorkson

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

I am very excited about the prospects for our church as we begin a new year. It has been a wonderfully productive year in many ways. As always, there are big challenges before us but the opportunities are big as well. There is a very human tendency to focus on what we lack without being equally aware of the resources that God has placed in our hands. Here at Calvary United Methodist Church we have a wonderful facility in addition to a very dedicated and talented staff. I am deeply appreciative of the people who serve with me on our church staff. They don't get near the recognition that they deserve.

One of the things that I do think we don't acknowledge often enough is the hard work done by so many people who give of their time in the various committees that carry out the ministry of our congregation. Those who serve simply in response to God's claim on their lives make possible so much what we are able to accomplish as a congregation. I want to extend a special word of thanks to some of those who will be leaving positions of leadership in our church.

Bobby Hargroves will

complete his term as chairperson of the Finance Committee for the second time since I've been at Calvary. Bobby served for two years, rotated off as chair and then agreed to come back to complete the term of another person who had to resign in the middle of the year. Bobby has done a terrific job of managing and organizing the financial affairs of the church.

Tray Turner is finishing two years as our Lay Leader. Tray has been very faithful and has served and will continue to serve our church in a variety of ways including as leader of our Cub Scout pack.

Danny Moss has led the Staff-Parish Committee for the last two years and I especially appreciate his leadership in that committee and his personal friendship and support that I have received from him.

Sharon Eubanks has served for the last two years as the chairperson of the Worship Committee. She has brought great enthusiasm and creativity to that position and we have all benefitted from the work she has done.

Tana Ribble has chaired the Evangelism Committee and has been tireless in welcoming people to

our church.

Two other persons are trading one responsibility for another but I don't want their time in their present position to pass without a "thank you." Mike Donnan has served as chairperson of our Administrative Council for the last two years and will be moving over to take the chair of the Evangelism Committee. Mike works with our youth and has been invaluable in the past and I know will be a great help working with Evangelism.

Randall Childres has done an outstanding job this past year as chair of our Missions Committee. Randall was our Lay Leader when I came to Calvary, moved over to chair the Finance Committee and then to the leadership of missions. He is taking over as chair of our Administrative Council and I know that he will do an outstanding job.

All of these people deserve the label, "good and faithful servant." I hope you'll take a moment to say thanks the next time you see them.

Grace and peace in the New Year,  
Rusty

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

### ASSISTED LIVING

Ruby Jean Biard  
Sibyl Biggers  
Thelma Biggers  
Sarah Redus  
Louise Skidmore  
Paul Gwinner  
Margaret Daugherty

Clara Gardiner  
Buford & Louise Leathers  
Ballard Turner

### NURSING HOMES

Elizabeth Ricks  
Lois Seeliger  
Louise McKee (Dallas)

Jo Parham  
Jean Funderburg

### SPECIAL CONCERNS

Brandon Thomas  
Mack Thurman  
Jon James  
Ina Shepard



In our  
Prayers

## THANKS TO CALVARY



Calvary United Methodist Church,

I would like to thank everyone who participated in RSVP's "Share a Warm Fuzzy". With your help, we shared 1054 pair of warm fuzzy socks with Meals On Wheels recipients and area Nursing Home residents.

Thank you again,  
Susan Kahn  
Red River Valley RSVP

Dear Calvary,

Our family would like to thank all of you for letting us share our last time with Mom in the church. Thank you for the wonderful lunch that was provided by loving hands. You all touched Mom's heart—she felt so loved and was at home here. Bless all of you.

Sincerely,  
The Wilma Bailey family  
Beverly & Jerry

***THROUGH YOUR DONATIONS TO THE BASKET OF PLENTY, WE WERE ABLE TO SHARE 700# OF FOOD WITH CHRISTIANS IN ACTION, THE SALVATION ARMY, AND MODELS OF THE MAKER.***



### COMMUNION OFFERING



*Each month on Communion Sunday, people who wish may leave a special offering at the communion rail. The offering donated helps fund special needs in the area.*

*The past three months we have collected \$950.00 which was given to support Co-Ministry, Casa for Kids, and the Agape House.*



***Diane Nation***, on the death of her grandmother, ***Marjorie Sledd***.

The family of ***Van Brock***, upon his death.

***Bob Ricks***, on the death of his father, ***Leroy Ricks***.



***Freeman Safford***: Dr & Mrs Tom Calabria

***Wilma Bailey***: Ina Shepard, Butch & Becky Milford, Daisy Harvill, Bob & Ann Norment, Mary Bailey, Kathy & Ron Martin, Irene Bryant, Delma Vaughan, Mr & Mrs Daniel Marek, Bill & Carolyn White, Loyalty S.S. Class, Robert & Estelle Chaney, Myrtle Wilson, Cynthia Samples, Betty Kennedy, Ruth Dial

***Delbert Johnson***: Roger & Annette Eggers, Brady Fisher, Joye Simpson

***Leroy Ricks***: Betty Kennedy, Joye Simpson

***Pat Pruitt***: Betty Kennedy

***Louise Hightower***: Betty Kennedy

***Mary & Van Brock***: Betty Kennedy, Ruth Dial, Joye Simpson, Roger & Annette Eggers, Norman & Mary Montgomery, Bobbie Easterwood, Brady Fisher, Mark & Margaret Nardone, Daisy Harvill, Christine Dickinson, Barbara Scott, Judy Stewart, Jay & Nanette Grizzle

***Terry Van Sickle***: Betty Kennedy

***Celia Imig***: Betty Kennedy

***Don Vickers***: Ruth Dial, Joye Simpson

## UMW News...

Calvary United Methodist Women had several projects this fall which helped complete their goals for the year.

During the last two weeks of October, UMW collected baby supplies, books, crayons, personal hygiene items, etc. for the Church Women United "Care & Share" Shower. These were presented to Child Protective Services at a meeting held on November 5th.

Each Sunday during the month of November, UMW members served as Acolytes and on the

second Sunday, assisted with Communion. There was a "UMW Minute" during each worship service at which time a member shared some interesting facts about UMW. On the third Sunday of November, the World Thank Offering was collected.

The December General Meeting/Christmas Party was a fun time of food, fellowship, singing and a Christmas Story told by Carol Rooks. Each member brought a toy or book for the Head Start Program Christmas Store. Two representatives from Head Start came and explained how parents shop in the store for Christmas gifts for their children.

At the end of the year, UMW sent contributions to the Methodist church in Sitka, Alaska and also in the Czech Republic.

New officers for 2011-2012 have been elected. They are: President, Daisy Harvill; Vice President, Sharon Eubanks; Secretary, Dee Farguson; Treasurer, Rhea Brown. Mission coordinators are: Education/Interpretation, Carolyn Karrer; Spiritual Growth, Mary Hilyer; Membership/Outreach, Joyce Springer; Social Action, Rexi Stamper; Communications, Joan Martindale; Program Resources, Rona Vickers.

## Pack 2 Cub Scouts - Making Men on Mondays

We have the highest enrollment to date: 31 active Cub Scouts. The last few months have been very busy with campouts, community service projects, and activities associated with earning rank badges. We collected left over Halloween candy and sent the candy along with letters to "Operation Gratitude" which supports our troops. We are so thankful to the Methodist Men for their donation to purchase camping equipment. The various dens had 4 different campouts in October and November.



We recently honored Tylor Wise with the Arrow Of Light. Like the Eagle award, the Arrow of Light is the highest achievement a Cub Scout can earn. Tylor is our first Arrow of Light recipient since Pack 2 has been rechartered. We would like to say a special thank you to Monte Wise for his dedication and service as a Den Leader.



We will collect **pull tabs from aluminum cans in January** to donate to the Ronald McDonald House in Dalton Young's honor. This gives all of us an opportunity to recycle in addition to donating to an organization that provides a "home-away-from-home" for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost. You may drop these off at the church office or contact Diane Nation at 903-785-0689. Our Scouts will come to your business and collect the tabs if needed.

## WOW Menu for January

Jan. 5—Spaghetti & Meatballs

Jan. 12—Pork Cutlets, Potatoes &  
Gravy

Jan. 19—Taco Stackups

Jan. 26—Fried Chicken, Potatoes &  
Gravy

### UMW Circle Meetings

Monday, January 3

**Lydia**

6:00pm Wesleyan Classroom,  
Hostess-Daisy Harvill,  
Program-Rexi Stamper

**Naomi/Ruth**

1:30pm Joy Classroom,  
Hostess-Nancy Renfro, Ann  
Ford  
Program-Rona Vickers

**Rachel**

6:30pm Joy Classroom

**Rebekah**

6:30pm  
Hostess-Peggy Noble, Program  
-Linda Crittenden

**Sarah**

tba

**Esther**

6:00pm Butler Parlor

### HOMEBOUND COMMITTEE

This committee meets seven (7) times a year. The committee members are Mary Sue Dabbs, Annette and Roger Eggers, Betty Kennedy, Butch Milford, Nancy Renfro, Jacque Simmons, Ronnie Tyndall, Glynn Vickers and Joyce Walker. Co-chairs are Jean Thurman and Rona Vickers.

The objective of the Homebound Committee is to contact those of our members who are homebound, are in nursing homes or assisted living situations. Contact is made by all on the

committee in three ways – cards, phone calls and personal visits. Currently, there are thirty-eight homebound members being contacted; twenty-nine in and around Paris and nine out of town.

In the Spring, personal visits are made to all those living in the area. At that time, Easter cards are delivered when the visit is made. For those out of town, a card and note is mailed. At Christmas, cards are available for church members to send their greetings to the homebound. Committee members deliver these cards along with hand lotion for the ladies and socks for the men. Those out of town receive theirs through the mail.

Each time the committee meets, each person reports on those whom they have contacted. If they are told information that the pastor needs to know, the committee member passes that information on to the pastor.

Committee members find this a rewarding experience. In various ways, the homebound respond to the efforts made to keep in touch; to be remembered by the church of which they were faithful members for many years.

If this is an area of ministry in which you'd like to serve, please contact Jean Thurman, (903) 785-4313 or Rona Vickers, (903) 739-8030.

### CALVARY'S UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men had a very busy last quarter of 2010. In October we decided to participate in the annual Spirit of Giving campaign. We decided that we would take charge of the canned food drive again.

In November we had our annual Thanksgiving dinner for the

community and fed over 320 people while raising over \$1100.00 for our projects. We also had Mike Wood at our November meeting to bring us up to date on the Spirit of Giving Campaign. Mike informed us that they had about eight bicycles so far, so a motion was made and passed to purchase five bicycles and donate them to the campaign. We asked the Church to help with the bicycles and got eight more bikes. At the Saturday morning giveaway there

were a total of eighty bikes given away. We also gave away more than 2500 canned goods. As a continuation of the "spirit of giving" we adopted five angels from the Calvary Angel tree.

UMM meets the last Sunday morning of each month for breakfast. Join us and become a part of Calvary's Men on a Mission.

# Celebrating Children's Ministries

## Trunk or Treat

Calvary hosted their annual Trunk-or-Treat for the community on Halloween. We



served more children than ever before! Thanks to those 8 families that helped and next year we hope to have more participate in this exciting event.



## Star of Wonder

Many of you have said that "Star of Wonder" was one of the best Christmas plays we have ever done and I would have to agree! Ms. Sharon and Ms. Teresa worked very hard with the children to pull off such a wonderful program. With the help of many others that worked on sound, costumes, and stage building, the program was a huge success.



## Missions

"Calvary on a Mission" definitely includes the children! Our children have participated in missions this year in



various ways. They scrubbed potatoes for the luncheon that raised money to support the Care Kits



that were given to 47 children at the Paris Housing authorities at their Christmas party.

The Care Kits contained personal hygiene items, new school supplies, and

of course....Candy! Many of our children rang bells with their schools for the Salvation Army during the Christmas season.



## Kidcare

Calvary continues ministering to the community through its afterschool program for the 15<sup>th</sup> year! This fall we added a music class with the talent of a former music teacher, Tammy Johnston, that takes place every other week. It has been a wonderful addition and the kids are loving it.



## Sunday School and Children's Church

Ms. Kathryn and Mr. Monte continue to work with the children in our Sunday School programs each week. Ms. Shannon and Ms. Annie lead the worship time for the children ages 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade in Kids Own Worship. This is so important in the Christian life of our children.

## Youth Happenings!

**September** was crazy for the youth! School starting, which meant band, football games, some youth getting an extra couple of weeks of summer, (thanks Paris High!) and lots of other things to keep us busy! We started our Wednesday evening bible study “Experiencing God”, and what an experience indeed! We collaborated when we should have been elaborating, we got all wrapped up in our “lost in the woods” saga, we had some confusion over Mike in our video which accompanied our study being killed in the woods, and constantly being referenced and Mike Donnan who was not lost in the woods, dead, or buried in leaves! We have enjoyed watching our youth experience God in new ways, and grow closer to our Lord and each other!

**November** started off with the youth working hard at Lord’s Acre! Then we celebrated November by doing fun activities each Sunday like, bowling, laser tag, Movies, and a scavenger hunt! We had a blast with our gNarly November activities! By the way we have an awesome crop of 6<sup>th</sup> graders this year! These girls have been a very energetic and fun addition to our group! Ralph and Ryan are hanging in with our girl strong youth group, but Guys, they are way outnumbered, join us!! Calvary Youth Group meets Sunday’s for Sunday School and Breakfast at 9 in the youth wing, at 5 Sunday evenings for snack supper and youth, and Wednesdays at 5:30 , so if you are in grades 6-12 come join us!!!!!!



**October** was great for our youth! Volley ball, band, football, cheer, choir, and a whole host of other things! We blessed animals, wrote messages in condiments, got a Clue at our clue party, had Challenge Day at PISD for junior high and high school students. What an awesome experience that was! Can’t wait to see Challenge Day at North Lamar in January! Watched Paris and North Lamar bands do awesome shows at the band contest! I can’t express how proud I am to know and work with such talented, hard working, dedicated, fun, passionate, kind, and just awesome youth! Calvary is so blessed to have these young people in our midst!

**December** has been awesome for the CUMC youth group! We got to be shepherds in the children’s program, we went caroling, we went to Frisco and ice skated and shopped, some of our youth played in the cantata, we went for a carriage ride, learned some things we didn’t know about horses, had a great Christmas party, we went to Christmas in the camp where we witnessed the story of Jesus’ birth with our friends from the Cowboy Church, and we finished out December by making good on our Lord’s acre donation of raking Sue Smith’s yard! Did I mention that Sue lives in the woods? Lots of leaves! 59 bags of leaves! The youth did a great job and we had a great time doing it! 2010 was an awesome year for the youth of Calvary and we can’t wait to see what 2011 has in store for us!



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## *Calvary... a church on a mission!*

JANUARY 2011



**Jan. 2**  
Marc Whitney

**Jan. 4**  
Connie Dodd  
Philip Dodd

**Jan. 5**  
Shelley Logan

**Jan. 6**  
Jane Koloske

**Jan. 8**  
Rexi Stamper

**Jan. 9**  
Mary Hilyer  
Denise Silvey

**Jan. 10**  
Jason Clay  
Heather Crenshaw  
Iva Hargroves  
Betty Landers

**Jan. 14**  
Rusty Hedges  
Glynn Vickers

**Jan. 15**  
Chris Bean

**Jan. 16**  
Barb Dunlap

**Jan. 17**  
Mary E. Fisher

**Jan. 18**  
Angye Michael  
Boyd Sanders

**Jan. 20**  
Danny Efaw

**Jan. 21**  
Dane Dillen  
Danny Moss

**Jan. 22**  
Margaret Fowler  
Sophia Rhea

**Jan. 23**  
Pashe` Sykes

**Jan. 24**  
Nancy deBin  
Dale Loughmiller  
Wade Smith

**Jan. 25**  
Mike Donnan  
Nick Grizzle

**Jan. 28**  
Jim Thomas

**Jan. 29**  
Robert Chaney  
Cindy Smith  
Jacob Thomas

**Jan. 31**  
Tammi Starnes