

October 2010



Calvary Connection

Events and Dates for
Calvary United Methodist Church

From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends,

Many years ago I had the opportunity of driving through the southern portion of Mexico between Mexico City and the border with Nicaragua. We stopped briefly in a very small village and I took a moment to step inside the local Roman Catholic Church. It was small but very beautiful with intricate carvings and statues beautifully painted.

I was surprised that such a small, obviously poor village would have such a beautiful church. My first reaction was to think, "What a waste. They should have used the money they spent on this church

to improve the lives of the people here." But as I reflected on that church later, I realized that the church was the center of that community and the only beautiful thing in the midst of their poverty. What if that church was sold and the money divided up among the people? They would have each been able to take care of some things they needed but the money would soon have been spent and the people would still have been poor. That money would have done some good, at least for some, but something essential to the life of that community would have been lost.

Several individuals have been working lately to beautify our building. They have donated their time along with paint, some decorative crosses, a tapestry and some framed prints. All of this has been done at no cost to our church. Each individual piece may not seem like a lot but together, they make our building a much more attractive and inviting place. I am deeply gratified that these people are willing to honor God in this way. They are investing in something lasting that will be a blessing to many people for years to come. Thank you.

Grace and peace,

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The family of **Jo Benningfield**, upon her death.

Dedrah Funderburg, on the death of her mother, **Lou Bright**.


Imogene Wilson, on the death of her sister, **Venice Bryson**.

Linda and Wayne Gordon, on the death of their sister-in-law, **Ruby Hearn**.

Cathy Long, on the death of her father, **Eldon Chester**.

Dari Hines, on the death of her brother, **Joe LaRue**.

Jo Benningfield: Loyalty SS Class



The Nominations Committee has begun the task of appointing new members to our Administrative Council and the various Committees that make up that council. If there is an area of church work that interests you, or you feel God is leading you to help serve in, please let Pastor Rusty or the church office know.

Weekly Events for October:

Sundays:

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship

5:00pm Youth

Mondays:

5:30pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays:

9:00am John Bible Study

Wednesdays:

5:00pm WOW

5:30pm Children's Choir

5:30pm Prayer Study

5:30pm Handbell Practice

6:00pm Youth Studies

6:00pm Children's Bible

Study

7:00pm Chancel Choir

Practice

Thursdays:

9:00am Sewing Ministry



Thanks to Calvary

Dear Calvary,
 Thanks to all those who had a part in collecting, boxing, and delivering the school supplies to Chisum Elementary. We are often called by a parent stating they are unable to buy the necessary supplies their child needs. It is nice to be able to let them know we have them covered. We appreciate your efforts, and it will all be put to good use.

Pam Fry, Counselor
 Chisum Elementary

Dear Calvary,
 Thank you for your prayers, cards and calls during the loss of my mother and brother. Your loving words sustained me during a difficult time. Thank you to the staff for the beautiful throw that reminds me every time I use it, how blessed I am to be covered in prayer by good friends. Even when not in my sight, you remain always in my heart. Thank you for holding me in yours!

Love,
 Debra May

You're Invited!

To a reception honoring *Evelyn Haynes* on her 90th birthday. The celebration will be held at Calvary in the Joy Classroom on Saturday, October 23, from 2-5 pm. Please join us as we celebrate this happy occasion.



WOW Menu for OCTOBER

Oct. 6—Fried Sausage & Potatoes

Oct. 13—Fried Chicken, Potatoes & gravy

Oct. 20—Spaghetti & Meatballs

Oct. 27—Pork Cutlets, Potatoes & gravy



Sunday, October 10: Children's Sabbath with Family Luncheon Event to follow.

Sunday, October 17: Lord's Acre Kick-Off lunch and Silent Auction

Sunday, October 24: Laity Sunday with special guest, Jonathan Cring

Saturday, October 30: Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 31: Fellowship Breakfast during the Sunday School hour, All-Saints Sunday

Saturday, November 6: Lord's Acre

Children's Sabbath

On October 10th, Calvary UMC will join thousands of churches nationwide that will be participating in the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths. During Children's Sabbath there

will be a focus on the needs of children and on how people can put their faith into action to seek justice for children in our nation.

We will be collecting NEW bears for The

Children's Advocacy Center. The Center gives out approximately 30 bears a month to children that are brought in for counseling. The Center also has what is called The Rainbow Room. Here

Lord's Acre Luncheon

The spirit of praising God's awesome goodness is contagious. The Funderburg and Brock families stepped in many years ago and began hosting a kick off meal, prior to Lord's Acre, to increase our profits. This luncheon became a much anticipated

gathering for fun and fellowship each year and was fully funded by these families with all proceeds going toward our Lord's Acre. Luncheon attendance and excitement continued to grow and eventually this fund raising tradition was taken on by the Wesleyan

Class, who will again host this event on October 17th, immediately following worship.

Make your plans now to attend this luncheon to kick off Lord's Acre. Enjoy the meal and fellowship and remember to thank the

UMW News

Most **October Circle Meetings** will be held Monday, October 4. Naomi/Ruth will meet at 1:30 in the Joy Classroom. Others will meet at their usual time at night. Please check e-mail for details on each. The new Esther Cir-

cle will meet on Tuesday, October 5 at 5:30 at the church.

November General Meeting is a date and time change. The meeting will be **Tuesday, November 2 at 6:30** in the Fellowship Hall. This will

be a covered dish dinner.

More Salad Cookbooks are being printed. They will be for sale soon. Don't miss this opportunity to get wonderful recipes that you enjoy each year.

Trunk or Treat

**October 30th
5:30-7:00pm**

Decorate your trunks, dress in your favorite costume, and bring some candy/snacks because we need you to join us in providing the community and Calvary Children a FUN and SAFE Halloween! Trunk-or-Treat is a wonderful alternative to trick-or-treating. In the times that we live in,

it is important that we provide our children with a fun and safe way to continue traditions that we have had for many years.

The idea is to circle our vehicles in the parking lot of the church with our trunks decorated and filled with goodies inside. The children will enter thru a gate, and be given a bag with a ticket included. Then they will go around to each vehi-

cle to receive goodies.

Items that you could contribute may include: chips, candy, juice boxes, crackers, etc. We will need **many participants** who will be willing to decorate their trunks and join us in participating in this event.

PLEASE consider participating in this fun-time for our children. Sign-up sheets will be posted, in the coming month.

Lord's Acre

Our Lord's Acre at Calvary began about 20 years ago. The first few years it was a parking lot auction of mostly pumpkins that were painted by our children and youth and a few miscellaneous things. Then we moved to the Fellowship Hall with various and sundry donated items for auction. At that time a meal began to be served during the auction festivities. Each year the auction grew and soon we were overflowing Fellowship Hall. Under the leadership of Earl Pruitt we

moved to Love Civic Center about 10 years ago to accommodate the number of items and people who came both for the meal and the auction.

As with all good ideas, other people in the community began to take notice of the interest of such a thing and auctions sprang up everywhere. Fall seems to be a perfect time for gathering and celebrating. Each year the community calendar had to be looked at to be sure we were not in conflict with other goings on that would

affect our attendance and interest and it became more challenging to find "the date".

Last year the committee reviewed our "history" and determined a move back to our Fellowship Hall was in everyone's best interest and the fresh approach of service donations began and was embraced by our congregation.

Let's continue our tradition of gathering and celebrating God's goodness and blessings as we prepare for another Lord's



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October Birthdays

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| Oct. 1
Joseph Hutchins | Gary Jackson | Oct. 22
Sandy Gifford | Oct. 29
Skyler Dillen |
| Oct. 2
Mack Thurman | Oct. 13
Greg Crawford | Oct. 23
Michael Bean | Carol Rooks |
| Oct. 4
Jimmy Noble | Ronnie Tyndall | Jack Dabbs | Oct. 31
Pam Anglin |
| Oct. 5
Shannon Cass | Oct. 14
Bill Essary | Oct. 25
George Tyndall | D'Anna Graham |
| Oct. 6
Wanona Carleton | Steve Brown | Brian Walker | Emily Somerville |
| Debbie Wood | Oct. 15
Joye Simpson | Oct. 26
Jordan Bell | |
| Oct. 7
BreiAnne Phillips | Ballard Turner | Michael Cass | |
| Oct. 10
Sharon Eubanks | Lyric Wise | Oct. 27
Larry Cass | |
| Oct. 11
Pamela Bullock | Oct. 20
Cynthia Samples | Oct. 28
Joel Dishman | |
| | Oct. 21
Wilma Bailey | Evelyn Haynes | |
| | Monte Wise | Dorothy Ritchey | |



Birthdays