

News from Calvary

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From the Pastor:

The other day Judy and I were being helped by a nice young woman, who on completing her work said to us, "Now, if you need any more help, before Friday, you can just give me a call, but if you need help after that, someone else in the office will have to assist you." I felt this was one of those statements made in hopes of eliciting a follow up question, so I asked the obvious question. "What's happening on Friday? Are you going on vacation?" She said, "No, I am going to be moving to California. Digging out from under all of that snow last winter made me realize I needed to get out of here. So, I am moving to California on Friday."

Judy and I both wished her well in this new adventure, but as we walked out to the car Judy expressed what we probably had both been thinking, "I hope she knows how expensive it is to live in California." Judy's words reminded me of an old Woody Guthrie song which went: "California is a garden of Eden, a paradise to live in or see, but believe it or not, you won't find it so hot, if you don't have the do-re-me." Of course we both know that there are people living happily and simply in California without a whole lot of money.

I also found myself wondering about making a decision about moving to a different area of the country all predicated on a bad winter. California also has some natural issues which could involve one in



shoveling out – mudslides, fires, and earthquakes. I might prefer digging out of a snow storm as opposed to digging out of one of those disasters. Of course I came from Buffalo, New York. I hope that young woman finds happiness in California. I hope she has some much deeper and more meaningful reason for moving, like a fiancé or better job.

I think that living longer can serve to teach us that changing one's location may not necessarily change one's disposition toward life. We are told that after the crucifixion of Jesus the disciples left Jerusalem and returned to fishing on the Sea of Galilee. I don't think that really made them happy. In fact they were easily called back to ministry by Jesus' appearance. Some may think that Easter is about the change in the season, from winter to spring. Of course that's not how it is south of the Equator. Easter is really about a total change in how we view life and the world. It changes what we want to do with our life whether here or there. Easter calls us to live with God and not death as our ultimate concern. I hope you find new life and meaning this Easter season.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 1st 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

April 4th Easter Sunday

THURSDAY April 8th Shelter Meal: Talk to Fred about this activity because we may need to go to the shelter to prepare this meal. What may necessitate this action is that the shelter has moved its feeding time up to 6:00 p.m., and it is difficult to get the food to the shelter by that time with rush hour traffic.

April 11th Coffee Hour

April 12th Annie Armstrong Circle

7:30 p.m. Needles & News meeting at the home of Ann Ray.

April 14^h 5:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

April 24th 8:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

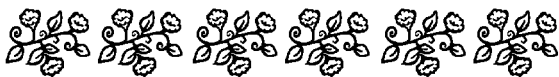
SERVEFEST Many of the congregations in this area will be participating in this program to clean up and improve our community. It is an attempt to become visible servants in our neighborhood. I hope some of you will be able to join me (Fred) in working on that day. I am hoping to help clean up the Jones Falls watershed. Call me.

April 25th

Teachers' Appreciation Sunday.

April 26th 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.- Sarah's Hope.

Pick-up cakes for Our Daily Bread and return by Saturday, May 1st Please mark your calendar and remember that May 1st will be the day of the Towson Festival, so you may want to bring your cakes in on Friday.



TOWSON FESTIVAL

The Towson Festival is scheduled for the first weekend in May. Mr. Weimert will be returning from the ABCOTS Annual session in Charlotte, NC that day, so we will need help setting up and manning our rest area. If you are able to help on that day please contact a Deacon or the Pastor.

Worship on Sunday May 2nd will begin at 10:00 a.m. and there will be no Sunday School.

MIGRANT WORKER and DISASTER HEALTH KITS Beginning the first of April through mid-May

The Annie Armstrong Circle is collecting items for the migrant worker kits now to through the middle of May. This is a list of the needed items.

Bath towel	Wash cloth
Soap	Shampoo
Comb	Tooth brush
Tooth paste	Deodorant

We are accepting money if you would prefer that we make the purchases. Thank you for all of your contributions.

Letters

From Cooperative Baptist Fellowship;

Thank you for your support of the Fellowship and its ministries. Lives have been changed because you give.

We contributed \$100 through our Mission Budget.

To the Members of Calvary Baptist Church;

Thank you for all the support and prayers for my Mother over the past months, for all of the visits, cards, flowers and love for her. She was blessed by God to be a part of such a great church. "Keep busy in your work for the Lord, since you know that in nothing you do in the Lord's service is ever useless." I Corinthians 15:58.

Keith and the Bondurant Family

To the Members of Needles and News;

Thank you for the beautiful Fleecy Blankets. Each patient has their own name

*stitched on these blankets; they are providing
much love and comfort.*

St. Joseph MC Nursing Staff