

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

March Newsletter 2023

*Find Your Heart in the Heart of Towson-Join Us for
Sunday Worship Service at 11:00 AM every Sunday.*

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From the Pastor's Study

The Power of Christian Fellowship

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is Faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:23-25

The Christian Church was Jesus' idea. The church belongs to Jesus and the church holds a special place in His heart. Jesus, being the all knowing and all loving Savior, knew the power of Christian fellowship and of its great importance for the believer. In the above passage, the writer of the Book of Hebrews spells out the importance of the church in its exhortation to not give up meeting together, but to continue to do so till Christ returns. The reason to seek out Christian fellowship is multifaceted.

The first reason to gather together with fellow believers is that of encouragement. That is encouragement to keep on running the Christian race come what may. In the church one can find the encouragement of the preached word, of fellow believers' prayers and a support, and the power of worship.

The second reason to gather together is that of being challenged to carry out the mission Christ has set before the church. When God's people gather together they are able to use their spiritual gifts in unison for the glory of God. A truth declared in the words of Hebrews 10:24, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”

Thirdly, it is in Christian fellowship that the believer finds hope. Please note the opening words of the above text where we read, “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.” A hope which overcomes despair with the proclamation of the Gospel and Christ's presence among His people. As Jesus, declares in Matthew 18:20, “where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.” This being so, is it any wonder the church is called the Body of Christ.

This Lenten Season as we prepare for Easter and the birth of the Christian Church let us gather together with an expectant heart over what Christ can do through His people. Let us seek to invite all we know to gather with us as we worship the Savior who loved us enough to lay down His life for us. The very same Savior who promises to walk with us till that precious day when He shall return.

Blessings,
Pastor Will



Music Notes

You might remember that on New Year's Sunday, we sang a hymn that appeared as an insert in our bulletin, "O Jesus Thou Art Standing." This is a beautiful hymn, very easy to learn, and our Calvary "Expanded Choir" will be singing it as our Special Music on March 12. If you would like to sing with us that day, please come at 10:30, as we will run through it then. We will also go through our anthem for Easter. This is an original anthem, but is very easy, and is sung in unison. Please consider joining us for one or both of these.

Thinking ahead, Easter comes in April this year, and we will be featuring three choirs to celebrate the Resurrection of our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus! Our Prelude will be played by the Recorder Choir, and both the Bell Choir and Expanded Choir will be ringing and singing to the glory of God during our worship service

As always, we welcome new members to all our choirs. Please consider joining us as we "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

Joyce Keedy

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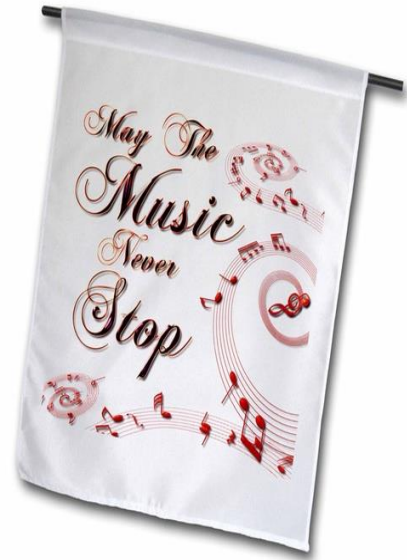
March Music Calendar

March 5th – Instrumental Selection

March 12th – "Calvary Expanded Choir"
Please see me if you need a copy of the music.

March 19th – Calvary Recorder Choir

March 26th – Bell Choir



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Monday Morning Bible Study

Our Monday morning Bible study started on February 20th. We will be meeting on Mondays from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM in the sanctuary, through Lent. All are welcome to join with us, whether you can attend every week or just occasionally. I have chosen different topics for each week – we will be examining several hymns that fit each week’s topic, and tying them in with the Scripture.

Upcoming Topics for March

March 6 – Grace

March 13 – The Cross

March 20 – Blood

March 27 – The Crucifixion

April 3 – Resurrection/Return!

Please consider joining with us for this study.

Joyce Keedy



Seniors, need help with rides for doctor visits, grocery stores, etc., below are some providers:
Avila Home Care – 410-826-6100

www.care.com

If you need help signing up, please contact the church office and they will assign someone to you, to help out with the online forms

Seniors, did you know about “Meals on Wheels”? If you need help signing up please contact Pastor Will and he will set you up with someone who can help you with all the forms.

If anyone would like Pastor Will to visit them, please call the church office at 410-825-3360 to set up a visitation.



Beep Beep!

*Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 12th. Remember to set your clocks forward.
Spring forward!!!*

Friday, March 17th, Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Monday, March 20th, The First Day of Spring!



Saturday, March 25th at 6:00 pm Youth Group.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mondays, 10:00 AM through 11:00 AM: Hymns and Faith, taught by Joyce Keedy.

Wednesdays, 6:00 PM through 7:00 PM: Great Prayers of the Bible taught by Pastor Will.



Play Practice for Youth and Children at 12:15 PM every Sunday in March.



Throughout the month of March, we will be collecting for America for Christ Offering.

Through this Lenten Season, the Church Sanctuary will be open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM for prayer.



Schedule for Easter:

Sunday, April 2nd - Palm Sunday and the Youth and Children's Easter Play.

Thursday, April 6th - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM.

Friday, April 7th – Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, April 9th – Easter Sunday – Service at 11:00 AM.

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Congratulations Hiram!!



The Dedication of [Hiram Wentoin Somlare](#) was on Sunday, February 12th, by Pastor William Hough.

Let's all congratulate Hiram and his parents Alain and Aida Somlare!

What a nice day for Lynette that Pastor Will and Tom made a visit to her.
Thanks, Pastor Will for making Lynette's day!



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Just for Kicks will be an ongoing mission.

Donation boxes will be placed at both entrances of the Church.

Just for Kicks



The Towson Outreach Team is proud to announce a campaign to supply new or "like new" shoes for those in need.

Shoes are one of the least donated, but most requested items from shelters nationwide. At this time we are asking for donation of both men's and woman's sized shoes that are either new or "like new".

We ask that anyone who would like to make a donation please call the Community Outreach Team at 410-887-5933 or email bfoley@baltimorecountymd.gov



Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Please pray for all of our devoted loved ones, victims of Covid-19, war, violence, and natural disasters who have lost their lives.

Persons, Families in need of Counseling please contact the Church Office at 410-825-3360.

If any desire to either accept Christ as Lord, to join the Church, or to be baptized, as always you are invited to come forward.

UPDATE:

Calvary Caroling from December 2022

The carolers were Pastor Will, Annette, & Ruth Hough, Marcy Wylie & her daughter Jennifer Watts, Tammy Geelhaar, Ann Earles, Yvette, her mom, Rosalie Kabre, Naomi & Faith Akaolisa, Drew & Kathy Wright.

The Calvary Carolers went to see and sing for Lynette & John Dunn, the lobby at Oak Crest, the auditorium at Edenwald, the dining room at the Maples, the dining room at Pickersgill, the dining room at Charter Senior Living, (where Frank Kaufmann lives) and then Cockeysville Senior Living where Lucy Miller lives. All the carolers came back to Calvary and had pizza, salad, and trifle.