

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

10:30 AM WORSHIP (May 3)

TODDLERS I: Marlene Allen, Amy Allen
TODDLERS II: Cheryl Gibson, Priscilla Little
TODDLERS III: James Karnes, Susan Baxter

USHERS (May 3)

Mike Trent, Chairman
Larry Johnson, Jeff Barton,
Chad Shanks, Tim Bass

GREETERS (May 3)

Brian & Julie Shoemaker, Bill Orrick,
Alvin & Jennifer Shoemaker

May 4 Visitation - Deacon Representatives

Bill Orrick, C. B. Shanks

And the People Came . . . (April 26, 2009)

Sunday School	143
Bible Study (B. Seymour)	95
Homebound	0
SONshine Seniors Bible Study (Fri.)	15
Total in Bible Study last week	253

And the People Gave . . . (April 26, 2009)

Weekly Requirements	\$ 9,573.45
Received April 26	\$ 15,259.25
Designated April 26	\$ 3,251.00

Our church is supported by tithes and free-will offerings.
It is the privilege of all members to give regularly as God has prospered.



Invite a Neighbor to Church



Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor:	Dr. Donnie C. Brannen
Music/Education:	Rev. D. Mikel Caywood
Secretary:	Jennifer Ramey
Organist:	Frances Mooney
Pianist:	Debbie Johnson
Keyboard:	Lemuel Mixon
Drummer:	Brian Shoemaker
Parish Nurse:	Barbara Bowling, RN

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Filled with compassion Jesus reached out and touched the man. - Mark 1:41

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Schedule of Ministry

Sunday, May 3

9:15 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Morning Worship
5:00 PM Blood Pressure Screening (P.Nurse Office)
5:30 PM The Refinery
5:45 PM Pioneer Club
6:15 PM Evening Worship

Monday, May 4

6:30 PM Visitation

Tuesday, May 5

9:00 AM SONshine Seniors to Pigeon Forge
6:30 PM Deacons Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, May 6

6:15 PM Handbells
6:30 PM RAs, GAs, Acteens & Mission Friends
6:30 PM Prayer Meeting
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 8

12:00 Noon SONshine Seniors Bible Study



A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

I've often joked with people that I had a drug problem when I was a kid: my Mom "drug" me to church three times a week, and my Dad "drug" me to every gospel sing within 100 miles. I remember one of those gospel sings when I was 5-6 years old vividly. We had gone with my grandparents, and to put it mildly, I didn't want to be there. At some point in the service, one of the quartets began singing the old standard *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*: "There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place," they sang, "And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord." Then came the next line: "There are sweet expressions on each face..." At that point, I made the most unsweet, sour expression I could, and it just so happened that my grandmother, sitting next to me on the pew, looked down at me at just that second. She began to laugh uproariously, one of those laughs that you just can't stop, and she almost shut down the whole gospel sing. Every time I sing that song, I always smile wide with the sweetest expression I can muster, and I chuckle a bit as I remember that night.

I tell that story to say this: there is definitely a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place these days, and without a doubt it is the Spirit of the Lord. He is moving in our midst, and I believe that thus far we're just scratching the frost off the tip of the iceberg of what He wants to do in us, for us and through us. But anytime the Lord begins moving, the devil goes into full attack mode, and starts looking for someone he can use to disrupt God's work. Most of the time when the devil does a real number on a church, it's because he's found willing, though often unwitting, accomplices in the congregation. Just as it would only take one teaspoon of Tabasco sauce poured over it to ruin a piece of chocolate cake, even one person with a sour attitude can ruin the sweetness of a congregation's fellowship and worship. Let us each one commit ourselves to not being that person! I heard a famous preacher recently who said that at the first sign of revival, a pastor should shout to the congregation, "Revival's coming! Everybody behave!" Sounds like good advice to me.

John Maxwell says that every church member should imagine himself as carrying around two buckets at all times, one filled with water, and the other filled with gasoline. The trick is to know what bucket to pour on what fire. When the Lord is setting fires of renewal and revival, we should pour our gasoline buckets on it by our attendance, our prayers, our involvement, and our enthusiasm. To be critical of anything new, to be lackadaisical in

our attendance, our commitments and our prayers, is to pour cold water on the Spirit's fire. The devil is also trying to set fires in the church, destructive fires of selfishness, gossip, criticism, offense and unforgiveness. When we insist on our own way, when we listen to or repeat gossip, when we join in with a critical spirit, when we are eager to take offense and determined to hold a grudge, we pour gasoline on those destructive fires, and the more they grow, the more they have the potential of burning down the fellowship of the church. But when we look out for others' interests before our own, when we refuse to even listen to gossip and criticism, when we are slow to take offense and eager to forgive, we douse the devil's fire before it can do much damage.

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

Don't forget our men's fellowship breakfast this Saturday, May 2 at 8:00. This coming Sunday, May 3, I'm going to finish the message I started last week on "Praying a Good Church Better" from Philippians 1:9-11. On May 10, we will celebrate Mother's Day, and as part of our worship that day, we will have a Parent/Child Dedication service. Anyone who wishes to participate in that service should contact the church office as soon as possible with the child's name, the parent's names, and the birthdate of the child. Please note that there will be no evening services on Mother's Day. On May 17, we will be recognizing and honoring our graduates during the morning service. If you or someone you know from the church is graduating from high school or college, please contact the church office with the relevant information as soon as possible. I am planning to preach a two-part message on the 17th and the 24th called "Lessons from the Class of 605 B.C." from Daniel 1, and I want to encourage not only the graduates but all of our young people especially to be here. On the fifth Sunday, May 31st, for our evening service, we will have a special celebration in song. All are invited to participate. Please let Mikel know if you wish to sing that night.

God is doing great things! A spark has been lit! Quick! Pour your gasoline on it!

Numbers 6:24-26,
Bro. Donnie

Calvary will host Interfaith Hospitality families
May 24 thru May 31
If you can volunteer, please contact Karen Gilmore.



Are Needed!!

Clean up and Painting of Calvary Baptist Church Fence
Saturday, May 16th at 9:00 AM

Everyone is invited to come out and help!

We have a lot of fence to paint; any help will be appreciated.
Members of BSA Troop 253 will also be there as this is Cameron
Mixon's Eagle project.

HOSTESS HAPPENINGS

Our next Wednesday Meal will be May 13th at 5:30. The menu: Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans, Corn on the Cob, Dessert and Drink. **Deadline for reservations will be Monday, May 11.** Cost: Adults - \$5.00; Children (ages 4-10) - \$4.00; Children 3 and under – free.

MAY YOUTH EVENTS

- May 3** \$50.00 payment due for summer camp (2nd payment)
- May 17** Honor our Graduates
Please make the church office aware of your graduate, with date and name of school.
- May 24** Youth sponsored after church meal –
Potato and Salad Bar
(Sign up in the vestibule or call church office).

Thanks to everyone who supported the 30 Hour Famine with donations and food. It was a great success.

Sullivan Baptist Association is currently looking for someone who might be willing to do light office work during the summer. Possibly a student who would like to get some experience in the office setting while on summer break or just someone who would like the opportunity to help out the association. Call Christy Brister at 343-8010.