

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

10:30 AM WORSHIP (November 22)

PRESCHOOL I: Carolyn Wood, Wilma Washington

PRESCHOOL II: Amy Bowling, Pat Smith

PRESCHOOL III: Nathan Bowling, Sara Robinson

USHERS (November 22)

Ellis Smith, Chairman
Chris Bass, Tony Queen,
David Raden & Pete Ham



GREETERS (November 22)

Ralph & Pat Anderson, Jess Bowling,
Kathy Haynes, Gary Coates

And the People Came . . . (November 15, 2009)

Sunday School	166
Bible Study (B. Seymour)	114
Homebound	0
SONshine Seniors Bible Study (Fri.)	10
Total in Bible Study last week	290

And the People Gave . . . (November 15, 2009)

Weekly Requirements	\$ 9,573.45
Received November 15	\$ 9,335.42
Designated November 15	\$ 582.00

Our church is supported by tithes and free-will offerings.

It is the privilege of all members to give regularly as God has prospered.

**Thanksgiving Dinner –
Sunday, November 22, 2009**

Calvary Baptist invites you to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Sunday, November 22nd at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Calvary will provide plates, cups, napkins, silverware, tea, coffee, turkey and dressing. Participants are asked to bring bread, side dishes and desserts.

There is always plenty for everyone!



Additions to Media Library

Whispers Along the Rails by Judith Miller, given in memory of Jackie Webb, sister of Patsy Cumbow by George and Mildred Rutledge.



**SENIOR SINGLES
CHRISTMAS BANQUET**

Thursday, December 17, 2009

6:00 PM

CBC Activities Building

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, November 22

9:15 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Morning Worship
5:30 PM Thanksgiving Dinner (FH)

Monday, November 23

6:30 PM Cantata Rehearsal
(Nursery Provided)

Wednesday, November 25

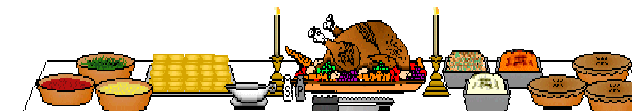
No Evening Activities

Thursday, November 26

THANKSGIVING DAY
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27

No SONshine Seniors Bible Study
Church Office Closed



As we look forward to Thanksgiving and times with family and friends over dinner tables that abound with plenty, may we take time to stop and be grateful for all we have and for the One who has supplied it!

THANKS-LIVING

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (I Thessalonians 5:18).

The year was 1744. The place was Leeds, England. Charles Wesley, the famous hymn-writer and brother of John Wesley, was conducting a prayer meeting in an upstairs room, a meeting attended by 100 people. Suddenly there was a creak in the floorboard, followed by a massive crack, and then the entire floor collapsed, dumping all 100 people into the room below. As you can imagine, the meeting erupted into chaos. Some were screaming, others were crying, some were simply in shock. Just then Wesley, although wounded in the fall, cried out, “Fear not! The Lord is with us! Our lives are all safe!” And then he began to sing the Doxology: “Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!” Wesley was obviously a man who had learned to give thanks in all circumstances.

Next week we will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. But the discipline of thanksgiving cannot be limited to one day a year. The Bible teaches us that giving thanks to God should be a daily activity, if not an hourly or minute-by-minute activity. I’ve often thought that it might have been better for Congress to designate a day as National Gripe Day, and the rest of the days as days of thanksgiving. As it is, it seems that we limit our giving of thanks to one day, and our griping to the other 364 days of the year. Surely, we would be better off as individuals, as churches, and as a nation, if that were reversed.

It’s always easy to find something to gripe about, something in ourselves, our spouses, our families, our churches, our jobs or our nation that does not please us. For many of us, it seems that rather than looking at what’s good in a situation, we automatically focus in on the one thing that is not as we would like it, and we refuse to be content until that one thing is resolved. By then, there is something else that has run afoul of our expectations and serves to disturb our peace. And thus, contentment eludes us.

But the good news is that we can retrain ourselves to focus on what’s good in every situation such that we can give thanks even in less than perfect circumstances. Paul, in the passage quoted

above, commands us to give thanks in all circumstances - in good circumstances when it’s easy to give thanks (but all too often we neglect to in our enjoyment of the good circumstances) and in bad circumstances, when it’s hard to give thanks (but most necessary to keep us from spiraling into despair). He reminds us that whatever we’re going through, it is the will of God for us. What is the will of God for us? It is the will of God for us to give thanks in all circumstances, but whatever we’re going through is also the will of God for us. Nothing comes into our lives that God has not either directly sent or else allowed into our lives for a higher purpose. In whatever situation we find ourselves in, we can thank Him that He has the situation well in hand, and that He is using it to teach us and to create in us a greater Christlikeness and a greater usefulness in His Kingdom. As Christians, we have the assurance that our difficulties are not simply meaningless hassles on the road of life; they are planned experiences that bring us closer to Him.

It is for this reason that God takes grumbling, griping and complaining so seriously. When we grumble, we are rebelling against God’s work in our lives rather than humbly submitting to it. In I Corinthians 10:6-10, Paul enumerates the sins of the Israelites during the days of Moses. He says that they set their hearts on evil things, committed acts of idolatry and sexual immorality, and last but not least, grumbled. If a sin is known by the company it keeps, grumbling is in poor company indeed.

Anytime we find ourselves grumbling, we should stop and ask ourselves, “OK, what’s RIGHT about this situation?” Once we’ve thanked God for everything right about the situation, then we can beseech Him about the things that are wrong about the situation. No matter how bad the situation might be, we can automatically know something that would be worse - going through it as a lost person.

Dr. Alexander Whyte was a famous preacher in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was known for his eloquent pulpit prayers, which were always overflowing with thanksgiving. One dark, cold, stormy, miserable Sunday morning, one of his parishioners thought, “Surely, Dr. Whyte will have nothing to thank God for on a miserable morning such as this.” But as Whyte mounted the pulpit, he prayed, “We thank Thee, O God....that it is not always like this.” Whatever we’re going through, if nothing else, we can thank God that “it is not always like this.” And we can thank Him that it will not always be like this, that one day, He will wipe away every tear from our eyes in a place where there will be no

more pain, no more suffering, no more death, for the former things have passed away (see Revelation 21:4).

THIS WEEKEND

Heidi and I are looking so forward to having you with us for our open house this Saturday, November 21. Remember, the senior adults will be coming at 2, and everyone else from 3-5. Join us as we celebrate with our church family the joy and blessing of our new home. This Sunday morning, I will be finishing the message I began last Sunday on “The Thankful Life” from Psalm 96, and then on Sunday afternoon, we will enjoy a church-wide thanksgiving meal here at the church. Our family will be traveling next week to Georgia to see Elizabeth (who is doing well after her illness - thank you for all of your prayers) and spend Thanksgiving with family. On November 29, Preston Garner, former minister of music at Tri-Cities Baptist Church and now a concert artist/music evangelist, will be bringing a concert in the morning service, and Bro. Richard Harris will fill the pulpit for the evening service.

May God pour out His richest blessings on you this Thanksgiving season.

Numbers 6:24-26,

Bro. Donnie



There are only 7 poinsettias left! The price will be \$5.00 each. Please see Janice Ham or Renee Queen to purchase. This will be on a first come basis.

The RAs, GAs and Pioneer Club have teamed up with Michele Wilder and the Family Resource Center to provide food for families during the Christmas break. We will be collecting family size cereal and oatmeal boxes through the first week of December. Our goal is 150 boxes. There will be bins at the back of the sanctuary for collecting your donations. If you have any questions, please contact any of the children program leaders.