

**PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP (November 15)**

**PRESCHOOL I:** Cindy Ketron, Beverly Rorrer

**PRESCHOOL II:** Marilyn Dockery, Peggy Shoemaker

**PRESCHOOL III:** Lynn Shoemaker, Debbie Johnson

**USHERS (November 15)**

Russell Ratliff, Ralph Young,

Eddie McDavid, Devie Owens

**GREETERS (November 15)**

Devie & Crystal Owens, Phyllis Sipe,

David & Yvonne Raden

**November 16 Visitation - Deacon Representatives**

Lemuel Mixon, John Thomasson

**And the People Came . . . (November 1, 2009)**

Sunday School	154
Bible Study (B. Seymour)	102
Homebound	0
SONshine Seniors Bible Study (Fri.)	10
Total in Bible Study last week	266

**And the People Gave . . . (November 1, 2009)**

Weekly Requirements	\$ 9,573.45
Received November 1	\$ 10,064.00
Designated November 1	\$ 2,125.00

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

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

The next person you meet may need to meet Christ.



Peggy Shoemaker and family in the passing of her father, Earl Ownbey. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



**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 15**

9:15 AM Bible Study  
 10:30 AM Morning Worship  
 4:45 PM Instrumental Praise Ensemble (Rutledge Class)  
 5:30 PM The Refinery  
 5:45 PM Pioneer Club (FH)  
 6:15 PM Evening Worship

**Monday, November 16**

6:30 PM Visitation

**Wednesday, November 18**

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

**Thursday, November 19**

6:30 PM Pauline Martin Bible Study (CH)

**Friday, November 20**

12:00 Noon SONshine Seniors Bible Study (CH)

**Saturday, November 21**

Open House at the Brannen's - 917 Clearwood Ave.  
2PM - Seniors and everybody else from 3 - 5PM

## ENCOURAGEMENT

*“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...” (Hebrews 10:25 - NIV)*

I was in my first semester as a student at THE Southern Baptist Theological Seminary when I ran headlong into a monstrous brute called “Introduction to Hebrew.” It was affectionately called “baby Hebrew” by the students, not because it was easy, but because it kept you awake at night crying. I had studied Spanish in high school and college, and had had my struggles with it, but it was nothing compared to Hebrew. Hebrew didn’t even use the same alphabet as we do! And whereas we read from left to right and from the front of the book to the back, Hebrew reads from right to left and from the back of the book to the front, which was appropriate, because I didn’t know if I was coming or going in that class. After the first week, I was already 3 weeks behind, still trying to figure out the alphabet while the professor had long since moved on. Well, one day I just decided to lock myself in the library and stay there until I had it figured out. I labored over Hebrew for hours. I didn’t get up for a drink of water or for any other reason, and I was hard at it, but it didn’t seem to be making much more sense even after all those hours, and so I was almost at the point of giving up. I don’t know whether he noticed how long I’d been at it, or whether he saw the look of frustration on my face, or maybe the Lord just tipped him off, but a big 300 pound fellow from the Bahamas came over to where I was studying. I had seen him in some of my classes, but we hadn’t met before that time, but I’ll never forget Neville Campbell. He said in his big, booming accented voice, “What are you studying, my brother?” I answered, “Hebrew, and I think it’s about to do me in.” “Ahhh, yes” he said, “but you are an ambitious student. You will do well.” And he turned around and walked away. It was just the word I needed to hear at just the right moment. He’s probably long ago forgotten it, but even though it was 24 years ago, I still remember it. I took a deep breath and dove back in, and strangely enough, before much longer the things that had been so confusing before now began to make sense. I went on to ace that class, and an advanced Hebrew course as well. Just about all of us can think of times like that, times when we got just the right word of encouragement at just the right moment, and that word of encouragement made all the difference. The Bible commands us to encourage one another, and that word “encourage” means literally, “to put courage into” someone.

We all need encouragement, and we all need to be encouragers, but there are three times when we especially need to jump in with a word of encouragement. First, ***when someone’s beginning a difficult task***. When you’re looking at the front end of a difficult task, it’s good to have someone come alongside you and say, “Hey, I know it looks tough, but I know you can do it.” Second, ***when someone’s about to give up***. When someone’s being beaten down and they’re about to go under, a word of encouragement can give them the courage to go on, to keep fighting, and even to pull out a win. And third, we need to step in with encouragement ***when someone’s lost the battle***. When a person’s been defeated by whatever it is that life’s thrown their way, they need someone to come alongside them and say, “Hey, you lost this time, but you’ll get ‘em next time.”

It’s not unusual this time of the year to see geese flying overhead in their V-formations, heading south for winter. Do you know why they fly in that V-formation? That V-formation gives them extra lift that helps them fly farther. In fact, in that V-formation, a flock of geese can fly 70% farther together than any of them could fly alone. The only one of them that doesn’t benefit from the extra lift is the one in the lead, right at the center of the V. But he has something else that gives him the extra lift he needs: the whole time he’s in the lead, the other geese are honking their encouragement, telling him in goose-ese, “You can do it! You’re doing a great job! We’re right behind you! Keep going!” And when he’s almost to the point of exhaustion, one of the other geese comes alongside him and says, “You go to the back of the line where the uplift is the greatest; I’ll take over for now.”

Who do you know who could use a word of encouragement today?

Numbers 6:24-26,

Bro. Donnie

**New Address for Phyllis Egan:**  
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## It's Shoe Box Time!

Shoeboxes need to be returned to Calvary Baptist by Sunday, November 17, 2009. Please include \$7 per shoebox to help cover shipping. The brochures will be available, in the church foyer, this Sunday. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILD WHO WILL RECEIVE YOUR SPECIAL GIFT.

*Every shoebox offers an opportunity to share the Good News of the Savior with a hurting child.*

We have ordered 40 poinsettias for the “In Memory” and “In Honor” of loved ones at Christmas. These poinsettias will be \$5.00 each. Please see Janice Ham or Renee Queen to purchase. This will be on a first come basis.

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

Calvary Baptist invites you to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!

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 breakfast 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.