

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

10:30 AM WORSHIP (January 3)

PRESCHOOL I: Marlene Allen, Amy Allen

PRESCHOOL II: Cheryl Gibson, Priscilla Little

PRESCHOOL III: James Karnes, Susan Baxter

USHERS (January 3)

Mike Trent, Chairman

Larry Johnson, Jeff Barton,

Chad Shanks, Tim Bass

GREETERS (January 3)

Ralph & Pat Anderson, Kathy Haynes,

Jess Bowling, Gary Coates

And the People Came . . . (December 27, 2009)

Sunday School	122
Bible Study (B. Seymour) (HOLIDAY)	0
Homebound	0
SONshine Seniors Bible Study (Fri.)	16
Total in Bible Study last week	138

And the People Gave . . . (December 27, 2009)

Weekly Requirements	\$ 9,573.45
Received December 27	\$ 32,722.58
Designated December 27	\$ 15,151.68

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

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

Calvary Snow Policy



During the week, the church office will be closed whenever Kingsport City Schools are closed. If city schools close, any scheduled church activities will be cancelled (and possibly rescheduled at a later date). On Sundays, a morning worship service will be held if at all possible, but everyone is encouraged to exercise extreme caution and common sense in deciding whether to attend church services in inclement weather.

Dear Calvary Baptist,

Thank you so very much for your donation of 115 boxes of cereal and oatmeal to the KCS Homeless Education Program and Family Resource Center. Your generosity helps ensure that the children in our programs will have nutritious food to eat while they are on winter break. As you can imagine, these families rely greatly on free school meals and trying to come up with an extra 20 meals while the children are out of school can be difficult for these families – especially during the holidays. Your support means the world to us and to the children we serve.

Thanks again!

Michele Wilder, Coordinator and Anissa Lyttle, Director
KCS Homeless Ed. Program Family Resource Center

HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2010!

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

Periodicals

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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, January 3

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

Tuesday, January 5

6:30 PM Deacons Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, January 6

6:15 PM Handbells

6:30 PM Older RAs, RAs, Acteens, GAs & M. Friends

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 8

12:00 Noon SONshine Seniors Bible Study

Calvary will host Interfaith Hospitality families Sunday, January 3 thru Sunday, January 10.

Christmas, 2009

Dear Family and Friends,

How do you capture in words the flood of emotions when a dream that was tucked deeply away is suddenly realized in the span of one very fast year? What a journey God has led us through in 2009! But let's back up just a little, to when we had that first opportunity to meet our new friends here at Calvary Baptist in Kingsport, Tennessee.

We shared a full weekend of fellowship and get-acquainted moments prior to the December 7, 2008 Sunday morning service. My prayers were answered--it SNOWED! (Many of you were worried that we would not come because of this surprisingly early happening! We had lived on the coast our whole lives, after all!) It was an exciting, but excruciating week while awaiting your call for us to come love and live among you here in the great (very ORANGE) state of Tennessee!

Many of you may not know about some of our funnier times during that whole process. The week of our interview in November, we asked the committee for their permission to visit in the morning worship service on Sunday. They decided it would be okay...if we just slipped in without letting anyone know who we were! Right! Now that you know us better, you realize what a chore that was. While looking for a park that morning, Donnie insisted we drive right past the front door, but I thought our Georgia tag would raise questions right away. So, I suggested that he drive by "fast" so no one would have time to see it...like that wouldn't get everyone's attention. Finally, we drove on around the block to find a park on the circle at Federal Street. Upon exiting the car, we accidentally set off the panic alarm. I just doubled over laughing at Donnie as he finally managed to disengage the thing and then casually said, "Well, so much for being inconspicuous!"

Of course, we arrived only in time to quickly slip in the back of the sanctuary primarily because no one living in south GEORGIA would ever think of needing to scrape the car in NOVEMBER (with nothing but a credit card, as suggested by the desk clerk, no less)! Sadly, we hardly looked at anyone along the way to our seats. No friendly smiles from us or someone might have questions! Then when Mikel invited the congregation to sing the first hymn, Donnie started bellowing out, like he always does, and I popped him on the leg whispering, "Be quiet! Do you want everybody to hear you? Sing quietly! Don't call any

attention to us!" You cannot imagine how really difficult, but hilarious, that morning was!

As soon as the call came that next Sunday, that Calvary had voted to have us join them, I told my mama to pack her bags! We were leaving as early as possible the next morning to begin an intense search for a place our family could call "HOME!" Who had time for Christmas? We had a "trans-world" move to coordinate and no parsonage to move into! So, that year the Brannens experienced one of the most unusual holiday seasons of their lives. No tree, no gift wrapping, no decorations....did we even have gifts? I can't remember because the only thing on my mind was M-O-V-E! Let's move it people...to a galaxy far, far away!

What a ride! I found my "dream-home" and lost my "dream-home" all in the same week! I wasn't sure we would ever find anything I could be happy with after that. But God, in His perfect time, had the perfect place, in the perfect location, for the perfect price to perfectly bless this totally unprepared far-from-perfect family! The moment I stood in what would become my favorite spot in our home and gazed at "MY mountain," I knew this was exactly what God had planned before any of us even knew Kingsport, Tennessee existed! I heard Him so plainly that day, "The best is yet to be." And, indeed, this year has surpassed our wildest expectations.

'Thank-you' seems completely insufficient for the unbelievable dream you have helped bring to fruition for us! Through His obvious leadership, you have faithfully provided and cared for us in ways we couldn't even think to ask. I suppose that's why we feel the way we do...our home is YOUR home and you are always welcome here!

God has brought us through a number of unexpected challenges, from remodeling nightmares, family illness, a return to home schooling, as well as the logistics and adjustments of moving so far away from family, friends, and long-time ministry partners. But through it all, He has made His path clear and certain in our lives. This is the life of purpose He pre-ordained for us before the dawn of time, and we are thrilled to be smack-dab in the middle of it all! How perfect is that?!

So from our home to yours, we wish you a blessed and joyful New Year in 2010. May God bless you all with an unmistakable assurance of His care and control...no matter what He asks...no matter where He sends! Just say "YES" to His best! We love you dearly!

Donnie, Heidi, Elizabeth and Chris

Lavish Love

*It's been a whirlwind time for sure,
Getting ready for our "tour."
But what a grand parade we had,
Every corner brightly clad
With bells and bows and garland galore-
Our new home shining – ceiling to floor!*

*So many hands, so many hours,
Such generous gifts to make it "Ours."*

*Selfless acts of love and welcome,
Pouring down to us from heaven.
Oh Father, this we humbly ask-
That You will put our hands to task
Reflecting back this Lavish Love
You sent to us from up above!*

Heidi Brannen
December, 2009



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Calvary Baptist Goal: \$ 12,000.00
Amount Given as of 12/27/09: \$ 15,148.36