

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION

10:30 AM WORSHIP (September 27)

PRESCHOOL I: Carolyn Wood, Wilma Washington

PRESCHOOL II: Amy Bowling, Pat Smith

PRESCHOOL III: Nathan Bowling, Sara Robinson

USHERS (September 27)

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

GREETERS (September 27)

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

October 5 Visitation - Deacon Representatives

Randy Smith, Tim Bass

And the People Came . . . (September 20, 2009)

Sunday School	137
Bible Study (B. Seymour)	94
Homebound	1
SONshine Seniors Bible Study (Fri.)	7
Total in Bible Study last week	239

And the People Gave . . . (September 20, 2009)

Weekly Requirements	\$ 9,573.45
Received September 20	\$ 7,350.50
Designated September 20	\$ 90.00

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

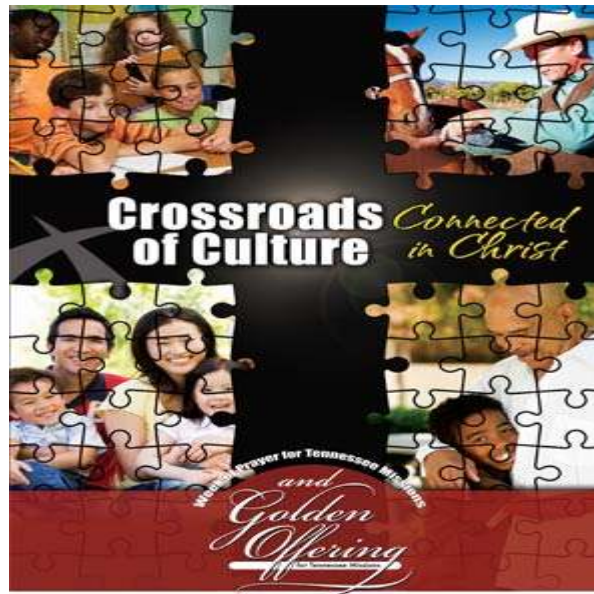
It is the privilege of all members to give regularly as God has prospered.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We need three more extended session workers for our nursery. We have two openings on the fifth Sunday of every quarter and one opening for the third Sunday of each month. If you could help, please see me.

- Cheryl

Volunteers are needed to help with Interfaith Hospitality, October 18 thru 25th. If you can help with this ministry, please contact Karen Gilmore.



**2009 Goal for Golden Offering
for Tennessee Missions \$1,700,000
Our Goal \$1,000.00
Pray First, then Give.**

Calvary Baptist Church

Pastor:	Dr. Donnie C. Brannen
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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, September 27

9:15 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Morning Worship
5:00 PM Nominating Committee (Conf. Rm.)
5:00 PM Finance Committee (2 x 2 Class)
5:15 PM *The Refinery*
5:30 PM Instrumental Praise Ensemble (Rutledge)
5:45 PM Pioneer Club (FH)
6:15 PM Evening Worship

Monday, September 28

6:30 PM Sign Language Class (Conf. Rm.)

Wednesday, September 30

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, October 2

12:00 Noon SONshine Seniors Bible Study
5:00 PM Leave church for Jeremy Camp Concert

Those who are going to the Jeremy Camp Concert at Viking Hall, please meet at the church and be ready to leave by 5PM, this Friday.

THE PROTOCOLS OF HIS PRESENCE

Protocol – noun – “the accepted or established code of procedure or behavior in any group, organization, or situation.”

Why is it that some Christians can sit in a church service and be abundantly blessed, acutely aware of the Lord’s presence, while others sit there and feel nothing? I’m convinced it has to do with how we approach Him in worship. Worship is a subject we don’t often teach on; I think we assume that it’s something more caught than taught, even though experience seems to indicate otherwise. But the Bible does teach us about worship. If you or I were invited to the White House or Buckingham Palace, we couldn’t just show up. There are certain protocols that govern admittance into the presence of the President or the Queen. Likewise, there are certain protocols that govern admittance into the presence of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Those protocols are spelled out for us in Psalm 100.

V. 1 – *“Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands.”* Most of us, I’m sure, memorized Psalm 100 from the King James Version – *“Make a joyful noise...”* – but the Hebrew word indicates a loud vocal sound, a cry of joy, exultation and victory. Most of us were raised to be quiet in church as children, so that we might not disrupt the service, and we never really got over it. But a shout of “Amen” or “Hallelujah” does not disrupt the service; it contributes to it, and it helps usher us into the presence of God. Someone once asked me why I shout when I preach. I answered, “Because I’ve got something to shout about!” I tried to tone it down once...and failed miserably! Even on our worst day, we’ve got more to shout about than voice to shout! Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing (and shout) our great redeemer’s praise!

V. 2a – *“Serve the Lord with gladness.”* I have a wonderful pastor friend who often says, “I don’t got to; I get to.” It’s not great English, but it’s a great thought. It’s a privilege to serve the Lord, not a drudgery, whether it’s singing in the choir, preaching the sermon, receiving the offering, teaching the Sunday School lesson or changing diapers in the nursery. Instead of thinking that the Lord should appreciate our service, we should express our appreciation that He allows us to serve Him.

V. 2b – *“Come before His presence...”* Contrary to the popular modern notion, God is not as easily encountered on the golf course as in the church house. He never promised to meet us on

the golf course, but He did promise that where two or three are gathered together in His name He would be right there in the midst of them. He inhabits the praises of His people; He draws near when worship is taking place. Worship attendance is not optional; it’s commanded in Hebrews 10:25.

V. 2b – *...with singing.*” Somehow in church, we’ve gotten the idea that singing is optional. I had a lady in a previous church tell me, “The Lord gives some people the gift of singing and he gives some people, like me, the gift of enjoying hearing singing.” Baloney. God has not given singing as a gift to *some* of His children, but as a command to *all* of His children. I heard an interview once with the late singer-songwriter Rich Mullins, and he was saying that he really didn’t think he had that great a voice, that his primary gift was as a songwriter. “Why then do you sing?” the interviewer asked. “Because it’s like the 2nd or 3rd most often repeated command of the Bible,” he replied. Whether it’s our attendance in worship or our singing in worship, the Bible has a word for when God gives a command and we refuse to do it: sin.

V. 3 – *“Know that the Lord, He is God: It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.”* Worship is a recognition of His ownership, His Lordship, over our lives. If we’ve lived lives of sin and self all week long, is it any wonder that we can’t seem to “connect” with Him come worship time? We need to make sure we’ve kept short accounts with Him before we enter His worship.

V. 4 – *“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name.”* A heart full of thanksgiving causes God to draw near. A heart full of grumbling grieves the Spirit. Grumbling is that spirit that says, “Every little thing’s not to my liking...and it *should* be!” We often don’t think of grumbling as that big a deal, but if a sin is known by the company it keeps, we need only note that in I Corinthians 10 grumbling is lumped together with sexual immorality, idolatry, and trying the Lord. If you’re ever tempted to grumble, turn the grumble into a praise. I heard about a Christian construction worker whose co-workers were always looking for him to slip up. One day, he hit his hand with a hammer and as he danced around they all expected curses to pour from his mouth. Instead, he cried out, “Thank you, Lord, that I’m alive and I can feel!” The next day, a stray dog ran off with his lunch, and he said, “Thank you, Lord, that I’m healthy enough to

have an appetite!” Or be like the pastor who entered the pulpit one particularly cold, stormy, icy Sunday morning and prayed, “We thank Thee, O God, for the weather – that it is not always like this!”

V. 5 – *“For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.”* When we come together for worship, we need to consciously recognize that God is good (what an awesome God!), that He has extended His mercy to us in Christ (what an awesome gift!), and we are coming together to encounter His truth through His Word (what an awesome privilege!).

SUNDAY’S COMING!

GOD WILL BE IN THE HOUSE!

WE’RE ALL INVITED!

LET’S GET READY!

Numbers 6:24-26,

Bro. Donnie



Mark These Dates on Your Calendar

Sept 25	Youth – Jeremy Camp Concert at V. Hall
Oct 3	8 AM – Men’s Breakfast (FH)
Oct 4	Youth – Pledge 2 Purity Conference, J. City
Oct 6	6:30 PM Deacons Meeting (FH)
Oct 8	6 PM – SS Teachers Appreciation Dinner (CH)
Oct 10	Youth – Haunted Forest – Wise, VA
Oct 25	Church Picnic @ SBA Retreat Center
Oct 31	Harvest Fest
Nov 1-4	Revival
Nov 20-21	Youth – Hearts on Fire – Gatlinburg
Dec 10	Senior Singles Dinner