



The Booster

Calvary United Methodist Church
November 2013



Your Blessings Determine Your Giving

The father wanted to help his son learn an important lesson in stewardship. So one Sunday he gave him a quarter and a dollar bill for the offering plate and told him to contribute whatever he felt was right. Whatever he didn't give, he could keep. When the boy returned, his father asked, "Well, son, how much did you give?"

The boy said, "Well, I was going to give the dollar, but before they passed the plate, the minister announced "The Lord loves a cheerful giver. I knew I'd be more cheerful if I gave the quarter and kept the dollar, so I did!" Unfortunately, this unbiblical worldview leads to some Christians being tippers instead of givers.

Pastor Johnson took a deep breath, silently asked God for courage, and leaning over the pulpit, addressed his congregation. "I don't preach very often about money, but God calls us to be good managers of our resources. Our church is facing a significant challenge. Right now we're about \$12,000 behind budget. Now, I know you people love the Lord and care for your church, so I felt that I should let you know. The elders and I have crunched the numbers, and we've concurred that if each of us gives an extra \$200.00 to the church within the next month, we'll meet the budget."

With that plea, Pastor Johnson has just reinforced an unbiblical worldview about Christian financial stewardship. He issued a challenge for his congregation to give an amount of \$200.00 each to the

church. On the surface, that might sound innocent enough, but there are two unbiblical flaws in Pastor Johnson's request. First, Scripture doesn't focus on giving an amount, but a percentage. Giving back to God should be done in a proportionate way, instead of asking for a set amount, like \$200.00. Second, giving to the church also indicates an unbiblical worldview. God doesn't ask his people to give to the church. He doesn't say that the motive or the amount of what someone gives should be formulated by the purpose or the cause. God does say to give back **from** what he has given. It's always returning from God's blessings. So, as Pastor Johnson preached about giving a dollar amount to the church, he preached an unbiblical stewardship worldview on two levels.

Looking through the biblical window, the way you see your blessings determines your giving. Proportionate giving is one of the keys to having the resources for an effective church. As God gives more, the amount will grow, even though the percentage or proportion might stay the same.

Proportionate giving is the practice of giving a dedicated percentage of your income to the Lord's work through the church. Any other method also ignores what God intends. It also ignores God's wonderful promise regarding giving back to him. Through the prophet Malachi, God rebuked the descendants of Jacob for holding back from God. "Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me – the whole nation of you!" (Malachi 3:8-9)

Then he gives this wonderful promise, "'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.'" (verse 10).

Here's my challenge to each of you: "During the month of November, if you don't already tithe, Do it this month and see what happens."

My challenge to you is something your Pastor and family have been doing for years. Though you may not see it happen, we certainly do! So join us as

we all anticipate God's promised blessings.

Pastor Dave



Some people at Calvary have expressed a desire to bring back the Live Nativity to Calvary this Christmas.

I have agreed to head this up if there is indeed enough interest in this project to support it. I will not know if we have enough interest unless you let me know that you are willing to help with this project. I am asking that each of you give it some thought and let me know very soon. I have sign-up sheets on the Welcome Center or on the table outside Fellowship Hall that you can sign. We will not only need people to be in the Nativity but we will need to have people help set up and tear down, people to help with costumes and also people to help with the kitchen so that there will be hot drinks and goodies for the participant. Right now I cannot tell you how many nights we will do this (I would like to see it done 3 nights - Sun. Mon. and Tues.) this will all depend on the response I get from you. It is very important that you respond very soon so that we can get publicity out in the community. If you have any ideas about this project and would like to talk, please feel free to give me a call. (485-0799)

Thank you and God Bless, Pat White

Searchers

Bruce and Nancy Lake will host a Searchers meeting at their home 437 Englewood Court on November 2nd at 6:00 p.m. A light supper will be served.

Bruce and Nancy



Keep November 16th open for the New Builders Dinner Theater 'Happy Days' at 6:30pm. Ticket cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 13. tickets are available by calling the office at 747-9218 or from Al White 485-0799. November 11th is the deadline for tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door.



Dear Members and Friends of Calvary,
Thank you for your generous support of my mission to Haiti. I was able to give your gifts directly to the St Vincent Home and School in Haiti. I took a suitcase of

supplies with me that was badly needed. Some of the money was used to pay for an ice cream party for the Children and staff. I gave the rest of the money to their "Banana Fund". The goal of this fund is to provide fresh fruit to each child each month. It was a very rewarding for me and appreciated all of the prayers and support.

Sincerely
Linda Trzynka

Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and concern in the loss of my brother. It means so much to have your support.

Phylis Richter

Thank You Al White

Thank you Al White for the beautiful new Welcome Center gracing our foyer. We appreciate your Spiritual Gift of Handicrafts and for sharing that gift with your Calvary family. The Worship Work area

To My Calvary Family

Letting you know all the 'kind words' and 'loving thoughts' that came my way to help me celebrate my 90th birthday was very much appreciated.

My family really knows how to throw a party and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. You are the very best!!!

We received over \$1,500 for The Beth Lake Memorial Fund at Harrison Hill Elementary School. I know she is smiling up there and saying to me, "Mom, I still want to be a blessing." She still is.

Thank you sincerely,
Christie Lake

Thank you for all the cards, calls and special appreciation to those who accompanied me to doctor visits I am grateful to all who prayed for me.

Carol Moore



Operation Christmas Child

Don't forget to fill a box for the children!! This program brings Christ to over 9 million children! The boxes are due back to the church by November 10 and can be placed in the overflow room.

Thank you so very much for participating in the program.

Advent Quiet Morning

All are invited to come share in a new adventure for the folk of Calvary Church. Beginning the first Saturday in Advent, December 7th, you are invited to come share in an Advent Quiet Morning.

The three sessions will be built around traditions and customs of the season with emphasis on the Jesse Tree as well as time for contemplation and prayer. We gather at 9:45 in the Choir Room. Advent Quiet Morning affords the participant the opportunity to escape the busyness of the season to reflect on this time of the year in a different manner. Advent Quiet Morning concludes with a simple lunch around noon. Doug Speakman will be the facilitator. If interested please contact Doug or the Church Office.

The Almost Christmas Pageant

Mark your calendars now! "The Almost Christmas Pageant" will be present Sunday afternoon, December 22, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. Come hear the Christmas story from a different perspective that includes a challenging message, familiar carols, and choir. There will be a Wassail Reception following the presentation.

Christmas Eve at Calvary

The Chancel Choir will present the Christmas cantata, Bethlehem's Child, arranged by Lloyd Larson. Again, the Christmas Story is presented in beautiful choral arrangements and congregational singing. Come share in the candle lighting and the Service of Holy Communion.

Christmas at Huntington Dinner Theater

Christmas is a wonderful time for music. The Searchers are having an evening of fun, music, and friends at the Huntington Dinner Theater in Huntington, IN on Saturday, December 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

Event Advertising

Do you like to see Calvary's name in print? If you have a Calvary event that you would like advertised, call or e-mail it to: tuttlesj@frontier.com and it will get to the local media for publication. Also, if you would like an upcoming event or an item published on Calvary's web site, call or e-mail your item to RTuttle778@frontier.com. Advertising in papers, media web sites, and the Calvary web page will remain blank unless we receive information from you about what you are doing. Thank you for your assistance. Thank you!

Ralph & Sandy

FCJ

Don't forget these dates. January 24th through the 26th, those are the dates for our Weekend Consultation as part of Step 2 of the Fruitful Congregation Journey. There will be a team of people who will be coming to interview, study, and make prescriptions as to how we may, more fully, be a Fruitful Congregation and move into a future being a congregation that fulfills our mission of "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the World."



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

We are coming up on the holidays when life gets hectic and our schedules are full. Please don't forget the Food Pantry during this busy season. They continue to need your help and support. Thank you for your support.

Waynedale United Methodist Women

Annual Fall Church Street Corner Bazaar

Saturday, November 2nd 9:00am – 2:00 pm

Main Floor - Apple Dumplings, cookies by the box, baked goods, candy and more.

Lower Level - Craft Vendors.



Coffee and Conversation

The November Coffee Host - The Searchers

Deadline for articles for the next Booster is November 17th.



People to keep in our prayers Chelsa DeMarchis, Denise DeMarchis, Paula Girdner, Olive Paxson, Lynn Umber, Tim White, Al Zimmerman

Nursing care, Assisted living and Homebound: Charles (Bogie) Boghosian, MaryAnna Brookhart, Edna Eickhoff, Norma Fisher, Paula Girdner, Delight Hostetler, Ruby McKee, Naomi Osborn, Evelyn Phillips, Jo Pond, Jim & Joan Roth, Al & Marge Zimmerman

Prayers for our service men & women

Benjamin Garrison is in Alaska, (grandson of Marge Hughes, nephew of Jay Hughes); Kent Taylor is in the National Guard Reserves, Nathan Stocking serving in San Diego (nephew to Phylis Richter); Brandon Fawbush is in San Diego (grandson to Elaine & Sheldon Light)



ANNIVERSARIES in November

11/07 - Al & Pat White – 26 yrs
11/22 - Bob & Ladonna Jackson - 43 yrs



November Birthdays

11/13 Nathaniel Derickson
11/13 Al White
11/14 Andy Dukarski
11/14 Beverly Sheefel
11/14 Tony Sheefel
11/15 Marc Fireoved
11/16 Richard Bolen
11/20 Lloyd Hambrock
11/20 Cindy Ralph
11/24 Ruby McKee
11/27 Kimberly Bolen
11/27 Donna Gable
11/28 Phyllis Martin