



The Booster

Calvary United Methodist Church

September 2013



Choosing Our Future

A key gift God gives us is the gift of choice: the choice to do right or to do wrong. However, people (and churches) often waste this power by making poor choices. If we make resolutions at the start of a new year, we often make them about secondary issues and then try to fulfill them on our own weak willpower. Moses was the greatest person in the Old Testament, and Hebrews 11:23-27 describes crucial resolutions that Moses chose to make that guided the rest of his life.

“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good ...” Romans 12:2 (Ph)

1. Moses’ life-changing choices began by refusing to be defined by others. What does this Scripture suggest to us in choosing the path that will shape our lives and the life of our Church?

“Our purpose is to please God, not people. He is the one who examines the motives of our hearts.”

1 Thessalonians 2:4

2. A flaw people often make is letting other people shape them. Whom are you letting determine your identity?

3. The Lord said that he has plans for our good and not for disaster. What choices are you making to follow God’s good plans for your life?

“(Moses) regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.” Hebrews 11:26 (NIV)

4. Paraphrase the Scripture above using your own words or metaphors for disgrace, treasures, and reward as they would relate to today’s world. Then describe what should be the greater value in our lives.

5. The verse above demonstrates faith and making a choice using God’s value system rather than the world’s. What are some examples of choices people make today according to the world’s value system that cause them to sacrifice the long-term reward ahead?

“By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.” Hebrews 11:24-25 (NIV)

6. In the Scripture above, Moses made choices sacrificing popularity and pleasures. These types of “right” choices in our lives are usually not easy or convenient. What values guide your decision making? Resolve to assess these values and make a resolution to choose Godly values if yours are not the right ones to grow you as God intended.

It must be noted that as each of us makes choices, it impacts Calvary Church. Please note that as we continue our venture with the Fruitful Congregation Journey we are attempting to make choices that will impact our future as a congregation. There is no staying just the same. Will will either go forward or slide further backward. The choice is ours!

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Study Connection Outreach

Thank you to all of you who have already let me know that you wish to help with Study Connection. I’m sure that with such a great response already that we will get up and running sooner that we did last year. While I have said we had a great response that doesn’t mean that there is not room for more people to volunteer . There are a lot of children who need our help. So pray about it and let me know what the Holy Spirit tells you to do. I’ll be waiting to hear from you!

God Bless you all,
Pat White

SEARCHERS AT STORY LAKE!!

Saturday September 21 11:00 til ??

Bring a dish to share & lawn chairs

Meat, beverages & tableservice provided.

rsvp To Nancy 414-5093 by Wed Sept. 18th
directions Dave 241-3921

Come see where we spend our summers!!



Did you lose something? A Vivitar camera has been turned into the office. If this is yours, please come to the office and claim it.

The Academy of Lay Ministries has announced it's 2013 fall session.

It will be held at Covenant UMC, 10001 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne IN 46825. The Host is Rev. Karen Koelsch.

The dates and times are:

September 15th thru October 13th (Five Sundays)

2 -5:00 pm

Commitment Service is 4:00 pm October 13th.

Week-End Sessions are being held at Auburn First UMC, 1203 East 7th St., Auburn IN 46706

Host is Pastor Ted Jansen

Dates and times are:

October 19, 9-5:00 pm

October 20, 2-5:00 pm

Applications are in the office if you are interested in attending.

Pancake Breakfast

What a huge success! Thank you everyone who attended the "Holes for Hope" pancake breakfast or made a donation! The youth served over 100 people and we ran out of pancakes and sausage twice! The breakfast raised \$582 profit! With all the donations starting with the collection on Sunday, August 4th, there has been over \$1600 raised and we are still counting! Calvary UMC, you should be extremely proud! Thank you to everyone that helped with the breakfast, you are awesome!

Attention All New Builders

& Those Interested in Checking out New Builders

With the beginning of the new school season we begin a new season of fun and fellowship with the New Builders. Our regular Meetings are on the third Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm. September through May and usually held at the church. We do at times hold these meetings at other places or times but always at the request of someone in the group and with the consent of the majority of the group. That being said I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would care to join us on the SECOND Saturday September 14th at the home of Dave & Janet Tappy for a bond fire and hot dog roast at 3:00 pm. (one of those exceptions) The Tappys and the Baileys will host this meeting and as in years past I'm sure all will have a great time. Please come and join us, visitors are always welcome.

See you there,
Pat White

To All Calvary Women

On Wednesday September 11th, we will be having our September Meeting of the Calvary Women's Group. It will be held at the Church at 7:00 pm. The hostesses for this meeting are Christie and Nancy Lake. Come and see what they have in store for us. I'm sure that it will be enjoyable. We also will be making plans for the rest of this year and the coming New Year. Please make it a point to come and enjoy the fellowship of our wonderful Calvary Women.

Pat White



LUMINARIES

Wouldn't you love to see luminaries lighting your way to your Christmas Eve Service? WE CAN DO IT! With your help, of course. Please save your gallon milk jugs, wash them thoroughly, and bring to church. You will find a cardboard box at the end of the table near the Fellowship Hall.

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."



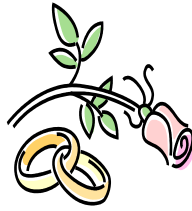
Coffee and Conversation

The September Coffee Host– Board of Trustees



To the Congregation of Calvary,
Thank you for your donation of \$270 to the Food Bank. Your donation is appreciated and we are thankful for your support. The Food Pantry served 455 individuals in July. God bless you all.

Pastor Mike Harris and the congregation of Waynedale UMC



ANNIVERSARIES in September

- 09/08 – Jimmy & Donna Gable - 34 years
- 09/10 – Robert & Marie Bailey -53 years
- 09/18 - Robert & Jennifer Jackson IV - 9 years
- 09/18 - Dewight & Beverly McAfee - 59 years
- 09/21 - Donald & Beverly Sheefel - 45 years
- 09/24 - James & Joan Roth - 63 years



September Birthdays

- 09/04 – Anita Pearson
- 09/06 - Vicki Yearling
- 09/10 – Mel Herring
- 09/12 – Marjorie Bowser
- 09/14 – Barbara Herring
- 09/21 – Jim Mast
- 09/21 – Rollyn Solt
- 09/22 - Nancy Adkisson
- 09/23 - Mindy Vodde
- 09/24 - Marvella Overfield
- 09/25 - David Fireoved
- 09/25 - Don Monce
- 09/27 - Jerry Pond
- 09/28 - Tom Somers
- 09/30 - Ladonna Jackson