

Dear Calvary Family,

As many of you already know, I have accepted an invitation to attend a CREDO conference from September 15 - 22, 2008 at the Roslyn Conference Center located in Richmond, Virginia.

The eight-day conference provides participants with the means to find direction and clarity in four component areas: spiritual, physical, vocational, and financial. CREDO provides a foundation for participants to embrace wellness and prayerfully discern the direction of their vocation. I attended CREDO I in 2001 and found it most helpful personally and professionally. CREDO II is for clergy 55+ (I will be 61 next month!) and will focus on late-career issues and planning.

CREDO was founded in 1997 as a pilot program funded by the Church Pension Group. Episcopal clergy, deacons and bishops from virtually every diocese in the country have taken advantage of the CREDO benefit. Participants are selected at random from all active clergy with more than one year in the Pension Fund. The Church Pension Fund pays all but \$500 of the conference costs.

I will join approximately 30 other clergy in this CREDO II conference. Over the course of the conference, participants will meet in plenary sessions, small groups and private consultations with faculty members. Participants also have ample quiet time to reflect on their personal and professional lives and to construct a written action plan and vision for the future.

For the past six months I have used personal time to engage in extensive reflection through pre-conference instruments and surveys that focus on personal and professional wellness. The work of CREDO is organized around four major areas in each person's personal and professional life. Each of these components is explored as an integral part of the whole.

- Spiritual - offers a sacred space where each participant can reflect on his or her interior life and relationship with God in Christ.
- Vocational - provides opportunities for reflection, discernment, and planning in the professional areas of vocation, career, and work.
- Health - encourages reflection on physical and emotional health and well-being, stewardship of the body, and development of a plan to address the individual's health needs.
- Financial - explores all aspects of personal financial management and encourages reflection on God-given resources and how best to use them in response to God's call.

I have found last year's Financial Peace University (Dave Ramsey) course enormously helpful in this aspect of pre-conference planning! Through this discernment and visioning process, and with the help of a faculty team of professionals, each participant builds a CREDO Plan - a personal covenant based on his or her CREDO work and a formal expression of the CREDO experience. The CREDO Plan provides a personal baseline and strategy for effective implementation. Credo, Latin for "I believe", originally began as an acronym for Clergy Reflection Education Discernment Opportunity, but the program has evolved into a much more comprehensive instrument for the cleric's holistic approach to life and ministry. I ask for your prayers while I am away. You will certainly be in mine!

Blessings,

**We Care - Let Us Know!!** Please let us know ASAP when a family member goes to the hospital or nursing home or is scheduled for a procedure. We want to help you share the burden. Call the office at 325-2328 or chip@calvaryepiscopal.com.

**New Directories Are Available!** They may be picked up in the ambulatory. However, if you are unable to attend church, phone Melissa at 325-2328 and she will mail one to you.

### **Disabilities Workshop**

Rev. Emily Richards will be presenting a workshop on Saturday, September 13 at St. John's in Versailles from 10:00 - 2:00. This workshop will address the needs of persons with disabilities, both physically and spiritually. Please call Kathy at St. John's to give a count for lunch at 859-873-3481. Diane Zwick is driving and will be happy to provide transportation.

### **Thank You**

Dear Chip:

On behalf of the General Board and congregation of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), thank you for your contribution of \$800 toward our mutual VBS ministry. Our folks are still talking about the level of excitement that continues in our fellowship as a result of this unique and unprecedented partnership.

The affection both our members and I have for the Calvary Church is without question. We look forward to our continued mutual witness for the glory of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Your co-laborer for the Kingdom,

The Rev. Isaac W. "Ike" Nicholson  
Senior Minister

Children's Education and Programs

September 14, 2008

9:30 - 10:15 Youth Sunday School

10:30 Morning Eucharist

Sermon  
Children's Chapel  
"Godly Play"  
Stories of the Bible shared  
through loving messages of  
the heart.

Youth Service Sunday, October 26, 2008  
"Love and Prayer"

Christmas Program Sunday, December 14, 2008  
"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

### **2008 Fellowship Hosts**

Sept. 14 Gary and Liz Alexander  
21 Leannah and Bruce Leslie  
28 Judy and Jerry Ford

Oct. 5 Peter and Donna Yacoe  
12 "Trick or Treat" - Honor Youth  
19 Dr. and Mrs. John Jones  
26 Martha Dodson

Nov. 2 Bill and Betty Lou Moore  
9 Sharon and Chip Valentine  
16 Mark and Teresa Gordon  
23 Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner  
30 Mary Riley

Dec. 7 Chili  
14 Tina and David Mussetter  
21 David Stewart  
28 Kathy and Don Setterman

### **Kroger Cards**

Don't forget the Kroger Card program when honoring loved ones. "Gift" your family and friends with Kroger cards. You will not only be providing them with a useful gift, you'll be helping our church earn rebates as well. Call Tina Mussetter at 232-2336 for your special Calvary-keyed card!

**Flowers for the Altar** The fall season is fast approaching, and we still have several dates available for donating altar flowers. Please keep in mind that it is a wonderful way to memorialize, thank, or celebrate your loved ones. The following dates include: September 21, 28, November 2, 9, and December 21.



### **CARes Pancake Breakfast Benefit at CJ Maggies**

On Saturday, September 20, from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. CARes Board Members (including Fr. Chip) will serve a pancake breakfast. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Tips will also benefit CARes. See Fr. Chip today for your ticket(s)!



### **Postponed Keeneland Trip**

The October 25 trip to Keeneland has been postponed until April 2009 (The Spring Meet). If you prepaid your reservation and have not been contacted, please call Judy Ford at 831-6667 or Debbie Johnson at 571-8080 before the end of September. You have the option of receiving a full refund or allowing the prepaid amount to carry over for the April trip.

### **Magazine Drive**

Please don't forget that we still need your used magazines for the area nursing homes. See Pam Womack

## For Your Information

### The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost - September 14

First Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31  
Epistle: Romans 14:1-12  
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35  
Psalm: Ps 114

### The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost - September 21

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15  
Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30  
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16  
Psalm: Ps 105:1-6, 37-45

### The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost - September 28

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7  
Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13  
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32  
Psalm: Ps 78:1-4, 12-16

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#### Prayers Are Requested for:

##### For the Sick and Those in Need

Bill Moore, Brian and Becky, Paula, Doug, Ellis Conley, Joe Moore,  
Audrey Blair, Karen, Brian, Rudy Childers,  
Kathy Hahn (Mrs. Billy Hahn), Pam Watson, Charles Watson Sr., and  
Chuck Hood

##### Shut-in/Convalescing

Nell Hutchinson, Marie Kephart, Tootie Morefield, Lucille Kazez,  
Phyllis McKenzie, William and Betty Brown, Duane Chapman,  
and Linda Hood

### **PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

We are pleased to lift up special needs and thanksgivings related to loved ones. Names are carried for one calendar month unless otherwise requested. Thanksgivings change weekly. Please try to be as concise and specific as you can.

#### **PLEASE BLOCK PRINT**

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**NAME OF PERSON(S) TO BE PRAYED FOR:**

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Their Need (healing, hospital, convalescing, dying, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving for:

\_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

(important)

**Please place form in offering basin or mail to the office.**

### **Poage Landing Service September 21, at 10:30 a.m.!**

For those who are not going on the New River Train Trip, an alternative treat is planned. The Poage Landing joint service (Calvary, First Christian, First Presbyterian, First Baptist, First United Methodist Churches) will be held at the bandstand at 16th and Winchester at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Jim Brazell, Interim Minister at First Presbyterian, will have the homily. This year a combination of choirs will lead the music but a special representative men's ensemble led by The Rev. Larry Sivis will provide anthems and special music. The main rehearsal for men will be held on Sunday, September 14 at 3:00 p.m. at First Christian Church. Any and all interested men from Calvary are urged to attend. A "warm up" on the stage will also be held prior to the service at 9:30 a.m. on the 21st.

**Calvary's Book Club** will meet for the first time on Wednesday, September 24, in the Heritage Room at 7 p.m. It will be lead by Leannah Leslie. Please begin reading or have already read "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. It's a unique clear sighted approach to understanding those other women in scripture, combining a contemporary retelling of their stories with a sold verse by verse study of their mistakes and what lessons we ca learn from them.

### **Upcoming September Events - Mark Your Calendar!!!**

9/21 \*Poage Landing Joint Service at 16th & Winchester. BYO lawn chair. Dress comfortably.

\*New River Train Trip - Morning Prayer & homily by Diane Zwick at Greenbrier

9/27 \*Church Bike Social - 10 a.m. Catlettsburg Courthouse to Pullman Square (Picnic at Ritter Park)

9/28 Baptisms at 10:30 service. Call Rector to arrange.

#### **Girls' Night Out**

Are you interested in fellowship and food with other Calvary women? Then join us for the first monthly meeting of the Girls' Night Out Group on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at C.J. Maggies. We will meet at a different restaurant on the last Wednesday of each month and share a short devotional and dinner.

In order to arrange comfortable dining accommodations, transportation and a babysitter if needed, please call me at 232-2336 by Tuesday, September 23 if you plan to attend.

Please consider this wonderful opportunity for blessings as friendships and faith are strengthened and make plans to come! Also, for those interested, we'll head to Calvary following dinner and join the Book Club.

Faithfully

Tina Mussetter

## 'MEET ME IN THE STAIRWELL'

You say you will never forget where you were when you heard the news On September 11, 2001. Neither will I.

I was on the 110th floor in a smoke filled room with a man who called his wife to say 'Good-Bye.' I held his fingers steady as he dialed. I gave him the peace to say, 'Honey, I am not going to make it, but it is ok..I am ready to go.'

I was with his wife when he called as she fed breakfast to their children. I held her up as she tried to understand his words and as she realized he wasn't coming home that night.

I was in the stairwell of the 23rd floor when a woman cried out to Me for help. 'I have been knocking on the door of your heart for 50 years!' I said. 'Of course I will show you the way home - only believe in Me now.'

I was at the base of the building with the Priest ministering to the injured and devastated souls. I took him home to tend to his Flock in Heaven. He heard my voice and answered.

I was on all four of those planes, in every seat, with every prayer. I was with the crew as they were overtaken. I was in the very hearts of the believers there, comforting and assuring them that their faith has saved them.

I was in Texas , Virginia , California , Michigan , Afghanistan .. I was standing next to you when you heard the terrible news. Did you sense Me?

I want you to know that I saw every face. I knew every name - though not all know Me. Some met Me for the first time on the 86th floor.

Some sought Me with their last breath. Some couldn't hear Me calling to them through the smoke and flames; 'Come to Me... this way... take my hand.' Some chose, for the final time, to ignore Me. But, I was there.

I did not place you in the Tower that day. You may not know why, but I do. However, if you were there in that explosive moment in time, would you have reached for Me?

Sept. 11, 2001, was not the end of the journey for you. But someday your journey will end.. And I will be there for you as well. Seek Me now while I may be found. Then, at any moment, you know you are 'ready to go.'

I will be in the stairwell of your final moments.

# God

## Annual Central Park Picnic Huge Success

Eighty-five members and guests enjoyed a stunningly beautiful day at Central Park last Sunday, September 7. Our Men's Group cooking team provided delicious grilled chicken, hamburgers and hot-dogs. Side dishes were in abundance with "twelve baskets full left over"! Many 8 o'clockers were there, making it a wonderful reunion. In addition to the cooks, our special thanks go out to Carol Greene and the choir, Trish Pitt (altar guild), Katherine O'Nan (homily assistant), Jack Zeller and David Mussetter (chalice bearers) and George Fleshman and Diane Zwick (lectors). Thanks to one and all for making our reunion so wonderful!

## CAReS DONATIONS

This week in the ambulatory you will find a CAReS box in which I hope you will most generously put the following items that are really needed in the CAReS facility. Thank you so much for helping.

Patsy Cochran

Pull tab canned fruit, tuna fish, vienna sausage, chicken, peanut butter, jelly, cereal in individual boxes, juice boxes, mac 'n' cheese, pasta and sauce, crackers - in the type of boxes that have sleeves of crackers, packages of peanut butter and crackers or cheese and crackers, fruit snacks, Little Debbie Cakes

## DISCIPLES COURSE

A new adult education course will begin on September 14 at 9:30 a.m. It will run for approximately 11 weeks and is entitled "Invitation to John." Session 1 is called "Come and See," Session 2 is called "How Is It Possible," Session 3 is called "Taste for Yourself," Session 4 is called "To Believe or Not to Believe," Session 5 is called "Are We Blind," Session 6 is called "I Couldn't Believe My Eyes," Session 7 is called "Would You Believe It," Session 8 is "What Time Is It," Session 9 is called "Look Out," Session 10 is called "Believing Without Seeing," and Session 11 is called "Do You See Him."

Each session will include a 15 - 20 minute video followed by discussion. The sessions will be facilitated by the Adult Education Committee of the Vestry in the Parish Hall.

## Good Bye and Many Blessings to the Gordons and the Haerberles

Calvary has experienced a great loss with the departure of two very special families. Their contributions to the church were numerous, and they will be deeply missed. We wish them all the best in their new ventures and will keep them in our prayers. Cards and well wishes may be directed to:

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gordon  
207 North Allen  
Richmond VA 23220

Dr. and Mrs. Mark Haberle  
100 Jillian Court  
Edinburg, VA 22824




**Birthdays in Our Parish Family in** September and Oct.

September 01 Donna Yacoe, Charlie Cox, 02 Jordi Pullem, 03 Suzanne Smith, Debbie Farrington, Cleve McHenry, 04 Martha Lindsey Cooke, 07 Sam Alexander, 08 Shirley Proffitt, 13 Catie Jones, 15 Lawless McKenzie, Diane Zwick, 16 Mitzie Grizzle, 22 Georgia Ann Russell, 27 Sudie Davis, 30 Johnny Hall

October 02 Samantha Jo Sparks and Sharon Valentine, 03 Katie Braun, 09 Suzanne Blunk, 12 Don Maxwell, 14 Trish Pitt, 18 Jerri Rupert and Lisa Pullem, 19 Chip Valentine, 20 Rachel Craycraft, 21 Brent Clark, and 28 Libby Adams

**The deadline for the next Crucifer is September 22.** Please have all articles for submission in to the office by the above date.



The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, Bishop  
 The Rev. Mann S. Valentine, Rector  
 Dr. Carol M. Greene, Music Minister

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