



My Dear Calvary Family,

Christmas is the greatest story of all time. Advent gives us time to absorb and reflect upon it lest it be lost on us. Because we all know the story its significance to us deeply and personally is often lost in its familiarity. Therefore, we tell stories about the story to help us remember. I love this one and share it with you.

ONCE THERE WAS a great and powerful king whose kingdom stretched farther and wider than that of any other king and whose authority was total and absolute.

One day a young man committed a serious offense against the king. The opinion of all his advisors was unanimous. For one so lowly to offend against one so mighty the only just sentence possible was death. So it would have been decreed had it not been for the king's son. He was the young man's friend, so he pleaded before the king for leniency and mercy.

This cannot be," a royal counselor objected. "If such an offense against your august personage were to go unpunished, it would be allowing a breach against the order of the realm. To allow one is to allow others. Eventually there will be chaos in the kingdom and everyone would suffer. For the kingdom to survive justice must prevail."

"It is so, the others agreed. "The sentence must be death."

"Consider if you will that the king's personage is so august," pleaded the son, "that any offense no matter how small would have to be punished by death. Eventually, there would be no chaos in the kingdom as there would be no kingdom."

Thus the debate raged on, the royal advisors demanding justice, the king's son calling for mercy.

At last, the king decided. "The offender must pay a price for his offense. A heavy price. Therefore, I decree that he be made to carry a heavy burden up Temple Mountain. If he survives the ordeal, he shall live."

The royal advisors stormed out of the council chambers in protest against the king's judgment. Had the chaos begun?

Knowing that the burden his friend would carry must bear the weight of death and that he would not be strong enough for the task, the king's son again intervened. "Royal blood has been offended so only royal blood can pay the price. The decree will be fulfilled and justice satisfied, but I will carry the load," he said.

So the king's son shouldered the heavy burden and began the arduous trek up the steep mountain. In his wake followed the young offender. The task was terrible indeed, for the higher the prince climbed the heavier the load became. He stumbled numerous times along the way, but he somehow always managed to rise and continue on again. When he finally came within sight of the summit, however, he collapsed.

"For there to be peace in the kingdom, the price must be paid," the prince gasped to his friend. The young man knew what he must do. Weak as he was, the prince's friend lifted the burden onto his own shoulders and struggled desperately with it all the way to the top.

The entire kingdom now stretched out before them. With a final effort the king's son reached down and lifted the load high above his head for the whole world to see.

"It is done," he said and died.

"Justice is satisfied," said the king, who then with his awesome power over life and death called his son back to life.

"Not yet," said his son come to life again.

"How so?" asked the king.

"Royal blood was helped along the way. My friend assisted me in my agony. Therefore, justice demands that he receive an equal reward.

"So be it!" declared the king.

So the prince and the offender lived happily ever after. And so also may we.

[Colors! Stories of the Kingdom by John R. Aurelio, C.R., 1994]

As you gather with our parish family to hear God's story in Advent and throughout Christmas, may He bless your heart to know that He enacted the salvation story for YOU!

Faithfully,

The mission of **Calvary Episcopal Church** is to seek and serve Christ through **Worship** which invigorates and challenges, **Education** which equips every member for a ministry, **Fellowship** opportunities which nurture all ages, and **Giving** of ourselves for the sake of those who do not belong.

POINSETTIAS FOR SALE!

Purchase your poinsettias this year from Calvary and help support our youth! These beautiful plants will make a perfect gift or a delightful holiday decoration.

- Available in 4 colors: Red, White, Pink, Marble Star, and Burgundy.
- Cost: \$10 for Small, \$15 for Medium, \$20 for Large
- Orders placed between December 4 and 11 will arrive the 15th or 16th of December.
- If needed, local deliveries are available.
- Checks made payable to Calvary Episcopal Church when placing orders.
- Call Donna Yacoe or send your form to Donna, the church office or any of the following:

Judy Ford 324-9443

Judy Franks 928-8897

Helen Hall 922-8444

Tina Mussetter 232-2336

Donna Yacoe 325-7026

(Please note these poinsettias will be sold for personal use, not to be confuse with those donated for decorating the church during Christmas.)

Small - 6 1/2" - \$10 Medium - 8" - \$15 Large - 10" - \$20

CUSTOMER	PHONE#	RED			WHITE			PINK			MARBLE STAR			BURGUN		TOTAL	PAID
		SM	MD	LG	SM	MD	LG	SM	MD	LG	SM	MD	LG	SM	MD		
TOTAL																	

2008-2009
Calendar of Events

The Little Disciples (20 months – Preschool) and **The Get Along Gang** (Pre K - 2nd grade) offer our children an opportunity to gather every month for a time of Bible stories, crafts, refreshments and fellowship. We will follow our summer 2008 VBS curriculum, *Rainforest Adventure*, at First Christian Church, 1930 Winchester Avenue.

Schedule of Events

Sun., Jan. 4	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 1	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., March 1	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., April 5	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., May 3	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.



**CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
YOUTH CHRISTMAS LOCK-IN**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008
8:00 P.M. TO 8:00 A.M.**

**AT
CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**YOUTH 4TH GRADE AND ABOVE CAN STAY ALL NIGHT
YOUNGER YOUTH SHOULD BE PICKED UP ON 12/12/08 BY
11:00 P.M.**

Bring a scarf, hat or pair of gloves/mittens to donate to the local schools, your favorite Christmas movie ("Home Alone", "Santa Clause", "Charlie Brown's Christmas", etc.), sleeping bag or blanket & pillow, Wii games, and a \$5.00 per family donation towards the pizza.

If you have any questions or wish to donate snacks or volunteer please call Debbie Braun at home 327-8807 or 547-2552. Thank you.

**DON'T BE A SCROOGE! PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AND
BRING A FRIEND!!**

For Your Information

The Second Sunday of Advent - December 7

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11
Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-15a
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
Psalm: 85:1-2, 8-13

The Second Sunday of Advent - December 14

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11
Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-15a
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
Psalm: 85:1-2, 8-13

The Second Sunday of Advent - December 21

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28
Psalm: 126

Prayers Are Requested for:

For the Sick and Those in Need

Bill Moore, Betty Lou Moore, Brian and Becky, and Hack Parker

Shut-in/Convalescing

Nell Hutchinson, Marie Kephart, Tootie Morefield, Lucille Kazee,
Phyllis McKenzie, William and Betty Brown, Duane Chapman,
and Martha Compton

Children's Education and Programs

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.

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

Book Club and Ladies' Night Out will not meet in December. It will resume on January 28. The book that is to be read for book club is The Shack by William P. Young.

COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REV. CHIP VALENTINE, PASTOR

1337 WINCHESTER AVENUE

ASHLAND, KY

7:30 A.M. BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED

A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE
COMMUNITY KITCHEN.

PLEASE BRING A FRIEND.



2008 Fellowship Hosts

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

*No luncheon in December.
The people that decorate
the church will bring pot-
luck for Dec. 17.

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:

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.

The Chalice Hymnal

Calvary members and friends are encouraged to help us provide a new hymnal for use at our worship services. The Vestry unanimously agreed that we need to provide better, singable music and that the congregation be encouraged to memorialize or honor loved ones by donating toward the purchase of these books. The Chalice Hymnal would not entirely replace the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal, although it would become our primary sourcebook for worship. Gifts will be recognized with a suitable memorial plate on the inside cover of the Chalice Hymnal. Cost per book is \$21.00. An inscription with the Calvary name and address will be imprinted on the blue cover. Blue was the chosen color to distinguish it from the red Prayer Books.

To make a gift of one or more Chalice Hymnals please attach your check to the form below.

CHALICE HYMNAL

_____ # copies at \$21.00 each. _____ check attached

Your name _____ phone _____

Name of person to ___ honor (living) ___ memorialize (deceased)

Please print clearly:

Note: One name per book. Use additional forms as necessary.

2009 Stewardship Campaign Update

At this point, 57 pledge cards have been returned totaling approximately \$187,000. This represents approximately 96% of the amount (\$194,100) pledged for this current budget year. There are about 45 possible pledgers from whom we have not heard yet. The Stewardship Committee continues with follow up.

Many thanks to the following who have made their pledge thus far:

Liz Alexander	Ken and Loretta Fosson	Cleve and Nancy McHenry	David Stewart
Ralph Blair	Steve and Suzanne Gilmore	Bill and Betty Lou Moore	Louise Taylor
William and Betty Brown	Mitzie Grizzle	Tootie Morefield	Chip and Sharon Valentine
Brent Clark	Sam and Helen Hall	John Newman	Pam Womack
Patsy Cochran	Renee Harris	Karen Newman	Tom and Penny Wuerdeman
Martha Lindsey Cooke	Brenda Hayes	Bernard and Michelle O’Nan	Jack Zeller
Chris and Brandi Cox	Cheryl Henderson	Chris and Lisa Pullem	Diane Zwick
Sudie Davis	Gurney and Debbie Johnson	Richard and Robin Reames	Dicky Martin
Virginia Dixon	John and Patricia Jones	Mary Riley	David and Tina Mussetter
Wally and Jo Edwards	Lucille Kazee	Martha Ross	Ernie and Trish Pitt
George Fleshman	Bruce and Leannah Leslie	Nancy Schnitzker	Peter and Donna Yacoe
Jerry and Judy Ford	Jeanne Martin	Kathy and Don Setterman	William and Shirley Proffitt
Richard and Muffin Ford	Don Maxwell	David and Lori Slagel	Jim Purgerson
Debbie Braun	Brent and Stephanie Clark	Carol Greene	Mark and Sylvia Handloser
E.B. Lowman			

NEWS SHORTS

- The “unofficial” offering total from the AAMA Community Thanksgiving service on November 23 was \$822.48, which will be divided equally among Community Kitchen, CAREs and Shelter of Hope.
- Trish Hall, Executive Director of CAREs writes: One may pick up Giving Tree cards with children’s Christmas wishes at four locations. Presents may be dropped off at these locations too. (i.e. you can pick up cards at Starbucks. Later that day, after shopping, the presents can be dropped off at the Town Center Mall.)

The Ashland Town Center Mall, Starbucks in Ashland, Pendleton Arts Center at the Left Bank Café, or Remax Realty

If you have any questions, please e-mail Trish Hall at cares.trish@gmail.com or call her at 324-6733.

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Birthdays in Our Parish Family in Dec. and Jan.

December 02 Judy Ford, 04 Christine Farrington, 06 Kathy Setterman, 08 David Mussetter and Christopher Todd Smith, 11 John Newman and Pam Watson, 13 Whitney Martin and Caroline Proffitt, 14 Bill Moore, 15 William Brown, 19 Lillian Sebastian, 25 Karen Newman, and 30 Brooke Gunnoe

January 05 Liz Alexander, 06 Ernie Pitt, 08 William Brown, David Slagel, 09 Ashton Slagel, 12 Annabelle Clark, 13 Kari Farrington, 14 Betty Brown, Martha Dodson, 16 Andrew Braun, Phillip Chapman, 17 Becki Gunnoe, Cindy Sparks, 18 Paul Farrington, 19 Evan Mussetter, 21 Pam Womack, 25 Ralph Blair, 27 Martha Compton, 28 Sydney Cox, Eli Cox, 31 Sheri Moore, and Patsy Cochran

The deadline for the next Crucifer is December 15. 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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