



Dear Calvary Friends,

As this is my last cover article for the Crucifer, I hardly know what to say, or how to try to capture nearly sixteen years of memories of our life together. Perhaps it's sufficient to say (as a clergy friend of mine once said goodbye many years ago) "celebrate the temporary".

I realize that there are many unknown factors about Calvary's future, but one thing that is certain is that the difference between "surviving" and "thriving" is each and everyone of you. Calvary is your church, not mine or the Vestry's, so I offer as my last word of counsel to you: step up and own it! It won't matter all that much who fills the pulpit in the months ahead if the Calvary Family gathers—you'll feel the Holy Spirit moving. Be faithful worshippers, eager students, willing volunteers and godly stewards and God will do the rest!

The great myth that undermines many otherwise healthy congregations is that "the minister ministers, and the congregation congregates". The New Testament (1 Peter 2:9-10) is very clear that this is not true: all of the baptized are called to minister. The clergy are there to help the Laity discern what their ministry ought to look like. The Bishop said something truly profound at a recent clergy conference and I wrote it down: "the closer one gets to the altar, the more the role falls to the priest; the closer one gets to the door, the more the role falls to the laity. Clergy work primarily within the Body of Christ; laity minister primarily in the world." Succinct and powerful words!

Many people feel that they lack the spiritual maturity to offer themselves for ministry—that God can't use them. The irony is that the best way to "get your act together" is to allow yourself to be available. Serving others in the church and in the world is one of the healthiest self-care strategies there is! Counselors and twelve step programs teach that the best way to keep your heart, head and life in shape is to get outside yourself in service to others. Giving love away is the key to spiritual and mental health. Studies reveal also that people who retire without ways of being of service to others quickly wither and die.

The paradox of Christian history is that most of the heroes of our faith were those with major health or emotional problems: Teresa of Avila, Brother Lawrence, Francis of Assisi, Martin Luther....even St. Paul!

Check out the list of in-church volunteer possibilities on the next page. Is there anything there that stirs your heart? What about calling on, phone calling or card writing to one of our shut-in or elderly members listed in the parish directory?

The difference between "surviving" and "thriving" is YOU! I pledge you my prayers in the months ahead. Please pray for me too!

Until Christ comes,

Chip

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO THRIVE

Altar Guild	_____	Children's Chapel	_____	Men's Club	_____
Blg/Grounds	_____	Adult Education	_____	ECW (women)	_____
Office Volunteer	_____	Nursery	_____	Outreach	_____
Musical Instru.	_____	Newcomers/Greeters	_____	Visitor to Hosiptal/Shut-in	_____
Youth Choir	_____	EYC - Sr.	_____		
Adult Choir	_____	EYC - Jr.	_____		
Acolytes	_____	Sunday School	_____		
Layreaders	_____	Ushers	_____		

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CHRISTIAN BOOK GIVEAWAY THIS SUNDAY!

Some wag once said "everyone ought to go through a good move or fire about every fifteen years". The meaning is to simplify one's life every so often. I am determined to do this and refuse to move books I rarely or never use to Ft. Thomas. Several boxes of books, tracts, videos, etc. will be available in the parish hall on a "first come first served" basis. Whatever remains will be donated to charities. Help yourself! -Fr. Chip-

CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANUP

On Saturday, September 19, a church grounds cleanup was performed. Many thanks to Father Chip, Patsy Cochran, Sam and Helen Hall and David Stewart. Everything has been trimmed, weeded and raked for the final fall roundup. The front planters and a hundred mixed Spring bulbs were planted out front as well. Look forward to an array of color this coming Spring.

For Your Information (Prep for Worship & Christian Ed)

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 27

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-7, 10-14

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-25

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Psalm: 119:89-96

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - October 4

First Lesson: Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Psalm: 26

Prayers Are Requested for:

For the Sick and Those in Need

Brian and Becky, Debbie Farrington, Pam Womack, Karlene Putnam,
Larry Craycraft

For Relatives and Friends of Calvary Members

Robby Mahan, Jim Last, Nina Carey, Linda Dixon, Cindy, John,
Doris Gerard, Kevin, Gina, Regina, Rob, Francie, Mable Pinson,
Joe Moore, Pam Fox, Roberta Felty, Jane Patrick, Don Conley, Paul,
Ella Rae, Audrey Blair, Edna Lee Blair, Deryle Martin, Sparky,
Katherine Lavender

Shut-in/Convalescing

Marie Kephart, Lucille Kazee, Phyllis McKenzie,
William and Betty Brown, Duane Chapman, Martha Compton

Our Christian sympathies go out to the family of Pam Womack whose father, Chuck Hood entered eternal rest on Sunday, September 20. Donations can be made to Calvary.

Acolytes, Lay Readers, Ushers and "B-Group" Members Needed!

Due to life transitions many of our ministries have experienced attrition and we are in great need of replenishing the ranks! Please contact the office to volunteer for one or more of these "must have" slots!

Magazine Donations for Hospice and Area Nursing Homes

Thanks to all in the parish who keep donating magazines to both Hospice and all area nursing homes. Your time in sorting, gathering, and bringing these reading materials to the Church is greatly appreciated. The only thing that some of us may have forgotten is that all reading materials need to be three months old or newer.

USE OF TAX EXEMPT STATUS ON PURCHASES

Please be advised members of Calvary and staff cannot claim the church's sales tax exemption for personal purchases.

Individuals purchasing on behalf of the church should separate the purchases so that the exemption is used only for items purchased for the church and personal items are not purchased under the church's sales tax exemption.

Don Maxwell

Blessing of the Pets

The Blessing of Pets service is Wednesday, September 30 at 6 p.m. Once again, we will partner with First Christian Church. The service will be held in the Paramount Arts Center parking lot. Bring your pets, large and small, for a community service of scripture and song, honoring and blessing all of God's creatures.

Kroger Cards Earn Calvary Money!

Please remember to obtain, use and reload your Kroger gift card imprinted for Calvary benefit. This program earns hundreds of dollars for us per year. If you need a card call Tina Mussetter (232-

Fr. Chip's Final Service Next Sunday

September 27 will be our Rector's last Sunday service prior to beginning his sabbatical and relocating to Fr. Thomas. At the 10:30 service we will observe the special liturgy from the Book of Occasional Services, "A Service for the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship and Leave Taking from a Congregation" to signify this departure. You are encouraged to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/27 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 & 10:30 HE & S
9:30 Adult Sunday School
11:30 Fellowship
- 9/28 Vestry Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 9/30 Blessing of the Pets at 6:00 p.m. at City Parking Lot
next to PAC Bring your friends!
- 10/1 Reception for Fr. Chip at Calvary
at 7 p.m.

Ladies' Night Out and Book Club will not meet this month due to the St. Francis Day Blessing of the Pets. However, they will meet on Wednesday, October 28, at C.J. Maggies at 5:30 p.m. Please call Tina Mussetter at 232-2336 for reservations, babysitting, or transportation. The Book Club will then meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. The book for this month and next month is **The Reason for God** by Timothy Keller.

The Adult Class is meeting each Sunday in the Heritage Room at 9:30 a.m. Our focus is on the Sunday scriptures, and how they relate to our life today. Please join us. The discussion is always lively!

Our Children

Due to low attendance there will be no children's Sunday School. During the 10:30 a.m. service Children's Chapel will be provided. During the month of October a youth group will be formed. Debbie Braun will notify those interested with details sometime in October.

Congratulations to the Lowmans!

E.B. and Lyndi are the proud parents of a baby girl, Caroline DeCarlo, 6 lb. 8 oz., 20 in. long, born Sunday, September 13. Grandparents are Marie Campbell and Jim Campbell and E.B. II and Jody Lowman.

Second Holy Conversation

The Vestry and members of Calvary Church will meet with the Diocesan Leadership Team for the second session of Holy Conversation on Sunday, October 4, at promptly 3 p.m. and will end at approximately 5 p.m. After a short break, the Vestry will meet with the Bishop and Transition officer for information and planning purposes. This is an opportunity for people to be able to speak in a safe and structured, confidential setting about disappointments and hurts they have experienced over the years of their membership at Calvary Church.

Calvary Episcopal Church Pastoral Care Committee Fellowship Activities

Saturday, October 17, 2009-Keeneland Trip. This trip is for those 24 who have already rsvp'd during July and August. Your tickets include entrance to Keeneland, Phoenix Room, lunch, and program. Coat and tie required.

Sunday, October 18, 2009—Youth Appreciation

Sunday, November 15, 2009—Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, November 22, 2009—Men's pre-Thanksgiving Dinner after church

December 2009—Kentucky Christian University Christmas show and dinner

Wednesday, December 16, 2009—Greening of the Church and Potluck

December 2009—Calvary Caroling for Homebound Members. Then go back to the church for hot chocolate and cookies.

“Holy Conversations” Responses Needed!

If you were unable to attend the focus group on Sunday evening, September 13, and have not been contacted by a Vestry person for your valued input, you may do so using the forms below. Please respond ASAP. Everyone’s voice needs to be heard.

Holy Conversations

Calvary Church, Ashland

September 13, 2009

PART ONE

When I first heard that Father Chip is leaving Calvary....

I felt.....

I thought.....

I said/did.....

Now, I feel.....

I think.....

I want.....

PART TWO

1. Reflecting on your entire time at Calvary Episcopal Church, remember a time when you felt most alive, most motivated and excited about your involvement. Describe the circumstances and your involvement. Who was involved/ How did you feel? What was happening?
2. Don't be humble - this is an important contribution! What are the most valuable ways you contribute to Calvary - your personality, your perspectives, your skills, your activities?
3. What are the most important things this church has contributed to your life? Who or what made a difference? How did it affect you?
4. What have been the most important spiritual experiences, lessons in beliefs or steps of faith that have occurred for you here? Describe what and how they happened. What was most helpful?

5. What are the essential characteristics or ways of life that make this church unique? What is most important about this church?

6. Make three wishes for the future of Calvary Church.

GREAT WORDS!!!!

(Thanks to David Stewart for sharing!)

Written By Regina Brett, 90-years-old of The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio

“To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most-requested column I’ve ever written. My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:”

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
25. Frame every so-called disaster with these words “In five years, will this matter?”.
26. Always choose life.
27. Forgive everyone everything.
28. What other people think of you is none of your business.
29. Time heals almost everything. Give time, time.
30. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
31. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
32. Believe in miracles.
33. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
34. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
35. Growing old beats the alternative—dying young.
36. Your children get only one childhood.
37. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
38. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
39. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's we'd grab ours back.
40. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
41. The best is yet to come.
42. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
43. Yield.
44. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

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Birthdays in Our Parish Family in Sept. and Oct.

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

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

The deadline for the next Crucifer is October 2. Please have all articles for submission in to the office by the above date.



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The Rev. Mann S. Valentine, Rector
Dr. Carol M. Greene, Music Minister

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