

JOHN CALVIN NEWS

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Pastor's Note

We are so young. Our nation is but a small child sitting on her great great-grandmother's lap listening to her tell stories of hardship and joy of a nation growing up down through the centuries. You can look up at her face and see the lines of age and the wrinkles of time that make her thin, frail body look so old, yet so beautiful. The wide-eyed child listened intently and enthusiastically as Grandma wove her tale through forested landscape from a world far away, over a vast unforgiving expanse of sea and the mean cruelty of a new land waging its war on those unfamiliar with the strange ways of new people.

"Heart, tenacity and purpose helped a people forge new towns on coastal waterways and carried them inland through uncharted wilderness to new log homes, farms and towns. All along the way civilization followed. Wars were fought, won, and lost. Freedoms were won and freedoms were lost. Law and order lagged behind; but the church came with the people. God has always been with the people whether in the form of the Great Spirit, Yahweh, Allah, or Jehovah. It was a time of unrest for many centuries, but a new country was founded under a circle of stars and a few stripes. This nation became a vast expanse of freedom under law and God. It was one of the few nations left in the world where no foreign power or people had dared attack its principles on its own soil for so many decades until recently.

The events of September 11, 2001 raped this country of its long-lived innocence. People now live their lives in quiet fear, calling on God to renew 'the Spirit of the Lord.' Yet there seems to be a sense of disbelief that God is helpless to do anything about a subtle escalation of another people's belief that God is on their side and will bring the mighty Goliath to his knees begging for mercy. The freedoms we enjoy need not be lost or frittered away by indifference and complacency. As it is so often referred to, 911 has come and gone. We pay tribute to those who lost their lives valiantly saving the lives of others, as we should. But I am afraid that we have lost sight of the real problem and solution thereof which lies before us. We daily read about bombings and lives lost in the protection of territory, in the imposition of posting "my way of belief" upon others, in the positioning of "my way of life" is better than yours and you would be much better off living my way. It seems that freedom of choice is drying up as if living in a desert wasteland. It seems that faith is drying up with only the desert scorpions to speak its truth of continued life. We have become a people willing to give their freedoms over to those who would take away our freedoms because they seem to impinge on theirs. We have become complacent in sharing what we believe because it might offend 'my neighbor.' We are silent because we can still live and worship the way we want to.

Tears welled up in the old lady's eyes and began to trickle down and over the ruts and hills of time. The small child reached out a hand to catch the drop that began to fall from the bottom of her roughly tanned jaw. Grandma smiled at the little one, gave her a hug, and continued on with her thoughts. It seems to me, child, that what I want to share with you on this eve of freedom is that we must remember that freedom belongs to everyone. But we must not give up our belief that our real freedom comes from the living Christ who gives us choices because he died for everyone including you. We need to share that message whether people will follow him or not. We can only speak with others that true life comes at great sacrifice. We work for peace and goodwill. Do not live in war, but live to share a cup of kindness. Help others cry. Give a smile to replace frowns. Love those who feel unlovely. Above all share the good news that Jesus lives that we might have the freedom to tell others about the ultimate freedoms found in God. Your life might begin to change the world we live in.

By now it was nighttime and anxious youth, anticipating the next day's display of symbols in exploding colors of red, white and blue, launched their own rockets that burst in showers of golden sparkles high in the starlit night. The child in her lap was already asleep. She barely stirred from the high and distant sounds, her head laying peacefully upon the ancient one's breast. "Happy Fourth of July, Little One. Happy Fourth of July."

With caring, love and wishing you peace,

Pastor Paul



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A Stewardship Thought

Encouragement. It is a word that holds much meaning. The dictionary tells us that encourage means "to inspire with hope, courage, or confidence. To give support to; foster. To stimulate; spur." Therefore encouragement means the act of As we share another moment on stewardship we want to encourage each other to be all we can be for Christ Jesus. Ruth M. Blum shares some thoughts on how we might go about this in July. The focus of the lesson and activities holds much truth for our church family also.

Stewardship Nuggets for Families and Children:

Be a Barnabas by Ruth M. Blum

"There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas. He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet." (Acts 4:36-37, NRSV)

Background: In the early church, all assets were held in common. The focus was on the community of believers and not on the individual. The order and needs of the community were the first priority. Even funds were distributed based on the good of the community. Each community member shared in the chores and cared for the others. Joseph's name was changed to Barnabas because of his great commitment to the church. The name Barnabas means "son of encouragement."

Activity: Be a Barnabas

- 1 Set aside time each week to encourage each family member. Create a bulletin board (or use the front of the refrigerator) and place notes or achievements for each person in your home. Surprise one another with the actions or achievements that are placed on the board.
- 2 If you pack your child's lunch on school days, write a note and enclose it in the lunch bag.
- 3 If a family member travels often, hide notes in different places of the luggage or in clothes so that the surprise of encouragement goes on the road, too.

Prayer:

Thank you, God, for the gift of family. Help me to be a person, like Barnabas, who offers encouragement to my family and sets aside my personal wants for the best interest of our family. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Bringing an End to World Hunger Through Unimaginable Blessings HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Today, millions of people who were once hungry will be nourished by milk, eggs and fresh vegetables. Families who for generations knew only poverty will be building new homes and starting businesses. Children who once headed out to the fields to do backbreaking work will be heading into schoolrooms to learn to read. And people who never thought they'd be in a position to help someone else will be experiencing the joy of charitable giving. How is this possible? With Heifer's proven approach – almost 60 years in the making – to helping people obtain a sustainable source of food and income.

[Cornerstones](#) guide our efforts to end world hunger and care for the earth.

[Long-Term Solutions](#) emphasizing community involvement distinguish our work from that of global relief organizations.

["Passing on the Gift"](#) means recipients agree to share the offspring of gift animals with others in need, making them equal partners with Heifer in the fight to end world hunger.

[Environment and Sustainable Development](#) is taught to our project recipients to help them achieve sustainable agricultural production.

[Improved Animal Well-Being](#) guidelines are strictly reinforced with professional veterinary training staff.

[Disaster Rehabilitation](#), with long-term, sustainable development the goal of Heifer's rehabilitation projects.

[How We Measure Success](#) shows how people's lives have permanently changed since Heifer came along.



John Calvin Mission Committee will sponsor an offering to be received for Heifer Project International on Sunday, July 16th during the worship service.

MISSION TRIP

Five youth and three adults from John Calvin will leave for Gulfport Mississippi on July 15th and return on July 22nd. Our group will be working with the Presbytery of Mississippi Disaster Recovery Office. They will be helping Hurricane Katrina victims and the churches doing repair work from the storm. Please pray for the group listed below and pray for all of the churches and individuals who were affected by this storm. Thank you for your support.

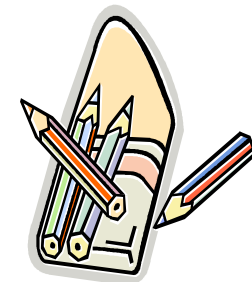
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| Cherry Gerrald | Heather Gerrald |
| Tom Hawkins | Ryan Hewitt |
| Kelly Hewitt | Paige Kight |
| | Ben Lyles |
| | Lauren Willis |



HOUSE OF HOPE PROJECT

The Women of John Calvin will be collecting school supplies for the children at the House of Hope in July. This is the fourth year that John Calvin has donated school supplies to the House of Hope and they certainly appreciate this loving outreach. We will deliver the school supplies on August 2, 2006 at 6 pm. There will be a donation box in the narthex during the month of July if you would like to donate anything from the list below. Please feel free to call Martha Houser or Cherry Gerrald if you have any questions. Thank you for your kind support.

- Back Bookbags (Neutral colors so they can be used for boy or girl)
- Notebooks (No Trapper keeper type)
- Spiral Notebooks (70 Page Wide Rule – Single Subject Only-No perforated pages)
- Folders (Need some with pockets and prongs - some just pockets)
- Dictionaries
- Thesaurus
- Rulers (12")
- Scissors with points
- Scissors (Blunt Tip)
- Notebook Paper (Wide Rule- Loose-leaf)
- Plastic School Box (No larger than 6" x9")
- Markers (Washable – Thick and Thin)
- Colored Pencils
- Kleenex
- Safety Scissors
- Hand Sanitizer
- Zipper Pencil Bag
- Highlighters
- Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Poster Board



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RICH AND POOR PEOPLE

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends!



NEWS FROM WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The concert featuring the youth choir from Shallowford Presbyterian Church in Atlanta on Wednesday, June 7 was wonderful. The group of 45 young people from ages 12 to 18 was talented, strong in their faith, and very polite. A total of 16 families from John Calvin had the choir members stay in their homes. I speak for all of those families in saying it was a very positive experience. We fed the choir a spaghetti supper when they arrived and sent them on their way the next morning after a light breakfast at our church.

A big thank you goes to all of the families that helped with housing and those who attended the concert. The Worship and Music Committee need continued support from our family at John Calvin as we try to broaden our ministry and outreach to our own members as well as to the community.

Sincerely,
Ginger Odom, Moderator

On Sunday, May 7th, the Mother's Morning Out children made a joyful noise during the worship service. There were 17 children participating in the program and many of their families and friends came to hear them. Hopefully, you had the pleasure of meeting them during the reception following the service. If not, next May you won't want to miss out on being a part of this special ministry that John Calvin is fortunate enough to have.

A special thank you goes to: Mother's Morning Out Committee- Ron Rogers, Jean Beckman, Steve McElveen, and Alice Baker- for everything they do to make the program so great, Myra Horton for arranging extra help for the nursery, and Karen Pattillo for doing the children's story. Also, thank you to everyone who provided cookies and for those who worked behind the scenes.

Kelly Hewitt, MMO Director

The family of Cecil Rasey wants to thank Pastor Paul, Dr. Richard Andrews, and Scott Carnell for arranging a beautiful memorial service. To the friends and members of John Calvin, words cannot express how grateful we are for the prayers, love, visits, cards, and food during this time. To the Maidie Vaughn Circle, many thanks for the funeral meal prepared for us. John Calvin is truly a caring, supportive, and compassionate congregation. You will always have a special spot in my heart.

Thank you for your continued love and support.

Bernice Rasey

From the Christian Education Committee

The sounds of laughter and the pitter patter of little feet filled the Fellowship Hall and children's classrooms on the evenings of June 11- 14 when Vacation Bible School was held at John Calvin. Eighteen children were led and encouraged by over twenty adults and youth as they learned that Jesus is God's treasured son and that he paid a great price to forgive our sins. The children made gem-filled crosses and bracelets and decorated picture frames and hand towels while thinking about the treasure they would find at the end of the evening. The refreshments, lovingly prepared by Alice Baker, reflected each night's story. More than twenty other adults participated in a discussion group centered on Biblical truths found in episodes of *The Andy Griffith Show*.

The children also filled M & M minis containers with coins for the mission project- Juna Amagara Ministries. Juna Amagara Ministries was founded in 2004 by Presbyterians who went on a mission trip to Uganda. The goal of the ministry is to help orphaned children grow in Christ and become healthy, productive members of society. The children and adults who participated collected \$334.78 to send to Amagara House.

Thanks to all who participated and helped with our 2006 Bible School.

MEMORIALS

*Cecil Rasey by
Virginia Jordan*

*Deborah and Faith Pamela Clark-Holke by
Koinonia Class
Susan and Jerry Burley
Jane and Lenair Thrower*

*Lavena Lane, Jessie Moss' sister by
Jane and Lenair Thrower*



Dear Friends,

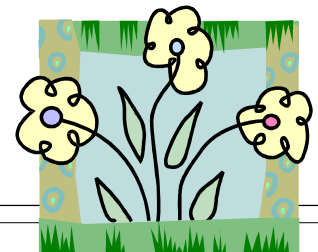
Jay & I have enjoyed 11 wonderful years of worship and fellowship with you, and we will miss you very much. You are like family to us. We thank each of you for the friendship, love, and support you extended to us. We have wonderful memories of good times spent with you.

We are going to be living in transition until the end of September when our house will be finished. Our address then will be 100 Salem Road, Ladson, SC 29456. We can best be reached this summer through Marsha's cell phone (843-230-3787) or e-mail (mhumphreys@sc.rr.com).

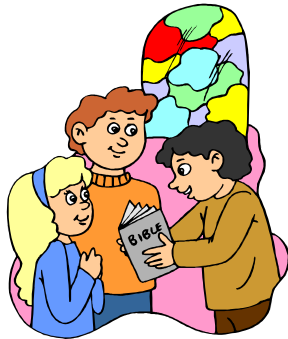
We pray for God's blessings on each of you and on John Calvin Presbyterian Church.

With love,

Marsha and Jay Humphreys



CHILDREN'S WORKERS FOR JULY and AUGUST



If you are unable to meet your commitment, please contact the next person on the list. Parents, label your baby items. Thanks for your help.

INFANTS		2 and 3 Year Olds		Children's Church	
July 2	Debbie Filyaw	July 2	Claire McNeill	July 2	Pam and Bob Barnett
July 9	Mike Robb	July 9	Betsey Johnson	July 9	Rebecca and Bill Barnett
July 16	Leona Tomlinson	July 16	Kelly Hewitt	July 16	Rhonda and Tim Dickerson
July 23	Judy Feimster	July 23	Jane Thrower	July 23	Karen Pattillo/Nola Marshall
July 30	Mary Gooden	July 30	Tom Hawkins	July 30	Annie and Bill Bigham
August 6	Marilyn Chapman	August 6	Virginia McMillan	August 6	Martha and Ronnie Houser
August 13	Virginia Jordan	August 13	Romona Smith	August 13	Mike Hawkins/Lee Carroll
August 20	Liz Gatchell	August 20	Alice Baker	August 20	Robin and Roger Harris
August 27	Bernice Rasey	August 27	Heather Gerrald	August 27	Ginger and James Odom



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 5	Beverly and John Harrell	July 3	Courtney Stukes	July 20	Bob Perkins
July 6	Deann and Chris Clark	July 7	Scott Anderson, Jason Rogers	July 21	Warren Lloyd
July 10	Melia and Justin Evans		Rebecca Barnett	July 23	Tenny Moss
July 12	Marsha and Jay Humphreys	July 8	Tom Hawkins, David Thrower	July 24	Bobbie Smith
July 15	Judy and Gwyn Voss	July 9	Sarah Broughton	July 25	Connie Carpenter
July 16	Susan and Johnny Nexsen		Polly Robinson		Myra Horton
July 18	Linda and Bruce Mallick	July 10	Christopher Carter		Rebekah Horton
July 18	Martha and Joe Caskey		Nola Marshall	July 27	Margaret Collar
July 20	Lucy and Albert Miller		Josh Weatherford	July 29	Betty Hirst, Anne McCalla
July 22	Jane and Tenny Moss		Betty Anne Smith		Thelma Speas
July 25	Kim and Mike Hawkins	July 12	Holly Gerrald		Phyllis Thomas
July 28	Elaine and Chuck Trant	July 14	Bill Bryan, Marianne McIver	July 30	Susan Nexsen
July 31	Susan and Jerry Smith	July 15	Carolyn Vessels	July 31	Jean Cain, Austin Garren
July 31	Andra and Greg Enzor	July 18	Kay Garren, Pam Morgan		
		July 19	Jane Moss, Josh Odom		
		July 20	Marilyn Chapman		

JUNE NEWSLETTER FOLDERS

- Virginia Jordan
- Leona Tomlinson
- Betsey Johnson
- Romona Smith
- Claire McNeill
- Dan McNeill



THANK YOU!!



SUMMER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.
