

Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Melody Thorpe, Musician

Glenda Rawlings, Secretary

Henry Thorpe, Sound Operator

Shannon Rawlings, Computer Operator

Gathering to Worship

Prelude.....Melody Thorpe
Welcome.....Bob Pipkin
Call to Worship..... “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”.....Congregation
Opening Prayer.....Bob Pipkin
*Hymn #79 “Blessed Be the God of Israel”
Lighting of the Advent Candle #1 Ray Traylor’s Sunday School Class
Morning Prayer.....Bob Pipkin

Sharing His Ministry

*Offertory Hymn #94 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”
Offertory Prayer.....Bob Pipkin
Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory.....Melody Thorpe
*Doxology #253.....Congregation
Special Music.....“Celtic Silent Night”.....Choir

Proclaiming His Word

Scripture.....“Luke 1: 26-38; Matthew 1: 18-25”.....Bob Pipkin
Message.....“Christmas Is Miracles”.....Bob Pipkin
*Hymn of Decision #85 ‘The First Nowell’
Closing Prayer.....Bob Pipkin
Choral Response.....“Amen”.....Sanctuary Choir
Postlude.....Melody Thorpe

The Church Departs to Serve Christ in the World

**Congregation Please Stand*

Deacon of the Week ~ Bill Soles ~ 434-634-6260



Activities for the Week

Sun: 9:30 a.m. Hand bell Practice
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Children’s Church
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Mon: 7:00 p.m. Deacon’s Meeting

Wed: 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00p.m. Christmas Play practice
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
8:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Nursery Workers

December 3rd Anthony & Devin Finch December 10th Alexa Dickens

Last Week in Review

Sunday School: 48

Worship Service: 75

General Offering for November 26th

\$1,423.00

Deacon’s Meeting

The Deacon’s will meet on Monday, December 4th @ 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Attention Monthly Business Meeting

On Wednesday, December 20th we will be having our monthly business meeting. All members are requested to attend.

2024 Church Envelopes

Please pick up your 2024 Church envelopes in the Vestibule. We urge you to use your envelopes so you will be sure to get credit for your contribution. Your envelopes are in ABC order. If anyone needs envelopes and didn’t get them please call the Church Office 634-3215.

Christian Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is expressed to the friends and family on the passing of Marshall Bailey.

Planning Committee Meeting

The Planning Committee will meet on Sunday, January 7th after services in the Fellowship Hall. The following people are on this committee: Anita Jarratt, Janet Gillam, Katie Slate, Dorothy Traylor, Mike Allen and Pat Callahan.

Planning Committee

December 17th 2023

Children's Christmas Play and Church Party

Santa: 12:30-1pm

Please bring finger foods

December 19th @ 6pm \$20 per person

Deacons Dinner (Past & Present)

Signup sheet available

Deadline to sign up- December 10th 2023)

\$20 per person (Pay at event)

Randi's Restaurant on Halifax St. Emporia

Christmas Cards for Veterans

Yes we are doing The Christmas Cards for Veterans this year and the totes are already out. Out cutoff date is Dec. 13th but we will make an extra trip if the need is there.

Lottie Moon/CBF Christmas Offering

Our goal this year is \$500.00

Lottie Moon: \$



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Dr. Bob Pipkin

Attention Youth

- **Wednesday, December 6, 2023** - Christmas Play practice 6pm to 7pm
- **Wednesday, December 13, 2023** – Christmas Play practice 6pm to 7pm
- **Sunday, December 17, 2023** – Christmas Play during morning worship service. **Special visitor after Sunday Service. Please join us in the social hall.**
- **Saturday, January 20, 2024 to Sunday, January 21, 2024** – Youth Retreat to Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia. Meeting at the church parking lot at 9am Saturday and returning around 5:30pm on Sunday. Children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Cost (Lodging, meals, and entertainment) will be covered for Youth Leaders, Children, and adult accompanying children 6 and under. Additional adults accompanying children and all others will have to pay a fee to cover meals and entertainment. Only 10 rooms (4 to 6 person rooms) are booked so there is a limited number allowed to sign up. **Sign-up is closed.**

Attention

3 Heath Brothers

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SILENT NIGHT

CHRISTMAS TOUR

EMPORIA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

EMPORIA, VA

December 5, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$10.00 a person

A Special Thank You

We would like to thank you all for another successful Fall Festival. We had lots of fun with lots of games, sweet treats, and yummy food. We would like to thank everyone who helped decorate, run games, cook, serve food, donated, cleaned up, and attended. During the Fall Festival we had an Art Silent Action as our Youth Mission Project where proceeds were split between 3 programs, Samaritan's Purse gift items, Calvary Shoe Box Ministry, and Youth Trip in January. Last Sunday during Childrens Church, the children selected the following gift items from Samaritan's Purse to donate proceeds:

-Child Feeding Project - covers a week of formulated food for a famished child

-Hot Meals & Feeding Program - provides a week of hot meals for a child

-Goats & Dairy Animals - gives a struggling family a goat or other dairy animals, along with related training and resources

-Beekeeping - provides a hive, equipment and training to a struggling family

-Chickens & Poultry Products - provides a needy family with a dozen chicks, a coop, and basic veterinary care so a family will have eggs to eat or sell for income

-Blankets & Bedding - provides blankets to someone who is desperate for hope

-World Medical Mission - helps send doctors or nurses who will deliver medical care

Thank you again

Calvary Baptist Church Youth Department.

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