



# Chronicle~October 2014

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*Sharing the love of Jesus Christ.*



## “Let’s Get Moving”

**“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:9, 10)**

When I was a kid my fondest Thanksgiving meal-memories wasn’t the food but actually the cleanup. I don’t know why, there was something special about the moment the cleanup was finished.

We just got finished praying & eating together; all that preparation was finished in about an hour – and it was worth it. But more than that, after the first lull, my sister, Wendy, whom we call “The Little General”, would say, “Let’s get started.” Even though she was the 4<sup>th</sup> sibling out of 5, she seemed to have the skill and the will to get us organized. My 2 older brothers were zany. One would put on the 70’s disco music; my older sister Kathy would start singing like Aretha Franklin; Dougy would probably start dancing something funky, and Wendy would say “Common’ guys, let’s get this done!” (with a twinkle in her eye). My mom would laugh and laugh. Now that I am a dad I understand that beautiful, harmonious sound of your kids getting along together; there’s nothing like it! Somehow mom would jump-in. She nudged us away from the funk music toward singing Christmas carols as we dry and put away dishes. A 3-part harmony of “I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas” and “Silent Night” made any youngest-of-five smile with bliss – a touch of home and a touch of heaven in my kitchen!

As I said, cleanup for me was better than the meal. But why? The first and most obvious reason was how fast the cleanup was. What would take 1 man hours took 5 kids only minutes. I know it’s cliché but “Many hands make a light load.” Another reason cleanup was better is it was fun. I loved being with my older sibs. I loved seeing my mom & dad smile as we got her done with flair. The holiday spirituality during the singing was glorious but I have a hunch the Good Lord smiled more at us simply getting along; having busy bodies rather than being busybodies. It was nice to serve one-another, to be getting along, and to actually be in 1 room for a change. After the counter and sink were wiped we sat around “the bar” (our wraparound counter) and sang songs and told stories – my fondest memories.

This past Monday night I had a flashback. The church popped-over at 5 PM and helped unload the U-Haul. All the aforementioned reasons why I love the cleanup more than the meal apply. We got her done! What would have taken me days took us all minutes. I just handed boxes and furniture to people and told them where to go and it went. The chaos was music and harmony to me! There was so



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much laughter and giddiness; that house was vacant way too long. We siblings were getting along and our heavenly Dad must have smiled. Once I declared "that's it; we're done" people's eyes got big. I said it with a humble tremble in my voice with so much gratitude because together we dozens of people did together in an hour what would have taken my family weeks. God and God's people are so good! Someone brought pizza (thanks!). We broke a slice together with thanksgiving. After we held hands and said a prayer. Brian Wenger prayed for my family and I gave thanks for God's family. I was blown away as a Pastor and as a brother in Christ. I had those ushy-gushy feelings from when I was a kid – a love for my family.

Those sentimental feelings happen on a less-grand scale all the time. I have attended board and committee meetings and felt that feeling. It happens after fellowships in the hall. There are work days and ministry experiences. Even the church staff and I have had those mini-moments. One day in the office with all the business I had a renewed love for the Bride of Christ, the Lord's church. It's a good feeling. In the above passage Peter speaks of being generous with our gifts and talents, to go out of our way to bless one-another. When we do it in a unified way, the feeling is bliss. Maybe if you and I and a few others pitch-in together in joyful ways our worlds will become better places. It sure has in my world when I was a kid, Monday night with the move, and this week in the office -- where else can we find joy in mutual service? Let's get "moving"!

See you in church,

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Dear Church Family,

Rarely am I at a loss for words, but I find myself struggling to express adequate thanks for the way you have welcomed our family. The preparations for our home, a stocked pantry and fridge, cookies and other treats, gifts in the home, air mattresses, towels, and everything else blessed us greatly and delighted the hearts of our children. You helped unload and return the moving van and carried box after box into the parsonage. You assembled tables, put contact paper in our cupboards, fixed our vacuum and moved a giant hutch not once but twice for us. You've helped us with homeschooling, unpacking a kitchen, running errands, figuring out internet and spending time watching our children. You have prayed for us and provided great encouragement. I am sure I am missing some things and that blows me away even more! Many cards weren't signed and others became separated from gifts, so I am not sure whom to thank for everything, so let me just express a heartfelt thanks to you all. The kindness and generosity and heaps of love you have showered upon our family shows me we have covenanted with a group of people who truly love God and each other! I am confident that together we will do great things in the name of our Lord.

Thank you again for welcoming us to Calvary Baptist and coming alongside us in very tangible ways.

Much Love,

Kerry Northrup

## Communicating with the New Pastor

I so appreciate being called as your new pastor. Just like every person is different, every pastor is different. **Visits:** If you ever want me or my family to visit you at your home or at your workplace, give me or Leanna a call. **Contact:** For now, until we get settled and feel the rhythm of the church, I am basically keeping the same office hours as Leanna and will adjust them later. My e-mail is pccalvary@gmail.com. Feel free to call the office and leave messages: (814) 723-1630. If you have an emergency my cell is (805) 535-8505; Kerry's is (805) 535-8505.

**When you're ill:** If you are ever sickly or having to go to the hospital for a medical procedure and would like special prayer please let me know. Not everybody wants a visit for special prayer from the pastor, but I know I would. It's okay to say, "just wanted to let you know I'll be in the hospital and don't need a visit but appreciate prayers." But in most cases, I can meet you the night before or the morning at your home, or to meet you in the chapel at the hospital, or even the waiting room before pre-op. Please know Christ is the Great Physician and it's always the highest honor to be asked to pray for special needs.

**Sunday AM Communication:** On another note, Sunday mornings gets very busy. Feel free to use the attendance sheets as an excellent form of communication. I've seen people write, "Our ministry needs more copies", "music was great today!", "Pastor, I'm having surgery Wednesday", "PC, better luck next time on your sermon." No matter what, the office staff will make sure the messages get to the right people including me. Also feel free to stick a note in the office for Leanna or me after service. It's always hard when you're both the secretary and a church member. People sometimes forget Sunday is the church secretary's Sabbath too. **At the door:** After the benediction I like to greet as many people as I can, including getting to know new guests. Please don't feel I'm being terse or a snob but praise God I'm trying to reach as many people as I can during a small window of time. **Coming forward:** Also, during the final hymn feel free to come forward up to

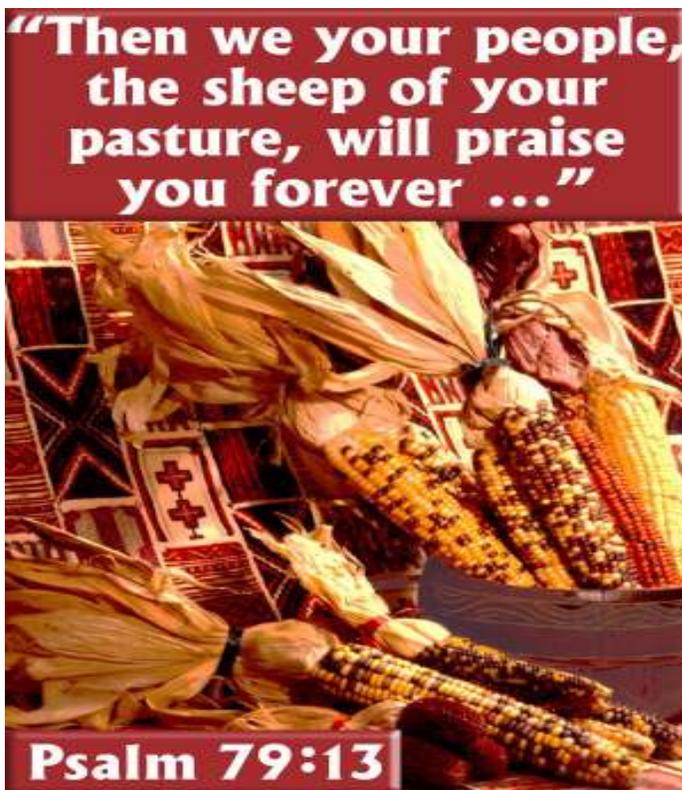
dedicate your heart to Christ, or to present yourself for baptism or church membership. These are special, sacred times for our whole church community.

**Extreme health issues:** On a final note, if for some reason you are facing a difficult, terminal issue or a medical issue that will dramatically alter your quality of life please let me know. The Scriptures say to call the elders together for a prayer of faith. I've seen many healings in both the heart and the mind after individuals have been prayed for by the leadership in the church. This can be done quietly in a room in the church, or in your home, but please, let the pastor and the deacons stand together and lay hands on you and pray.

As far as everything else goes we'll figure it out as we go.

Love,

Pastor Chip



## Christian Education Board Update

I am excited to share with you a shift in focus on the CE Board to a more supportive format! If you are a leader of one of the ministries supported by the CE Board, you will be contacted regularly by a CE liaison, to see how things are going in your ministry. Your liaison is your direct contact with the CE Board, and as such, will be providing support and encouragement to you in your ministry endeavors. Your liaison will also be sharing with you any decisions made by the CE Board which may affect your ministry. Please feel free to seek out your liaison if you have questions or concerns.

Because of this new focus, liaison assignments have shuffled a bit, and are as follows:

Ministry	Leader(s)	Liaison
Sunday School	Cindy Wenger Ruth Zullo	Liza Bigelow
Youth Group	Kerwin & Loraine Smith	Liza Bigelow
Jr Youth Group	Karen Donovall	Deb Youngquist
All Stars For Jesus	Liza Bigelow	Sheryl Morgan
Children's Church	Ruth Zullo	Deb Meabon
Library	Jen Gossard	Cindy Wenger
VBS	Kim Chapman/ Peggy Chapman	Sheryl Morgan
Heart-to-Heart	Karen Donovall	Deb Meabon
Bethlehem Marketplace	Cindy Wenger/Lisa Ledebur/Steve Watson	Peggy Chapman
Church-wide studies	Pastor	Deb Youngquist
Child Safety	Deb Meabon	Ruth Zullo
Women's Studies	Peggy Chapman	Cindy Wenger
Men's Studies	Dave Chapman	Ruth Zullo
Camp Burton	Deb Meabon	Peggy Chapman

Please see me or any member of the Christian Education Board if you have any questions.

Deborah Meabon





## October 10-12

Come join us for a weekend of refreshment and restoration as we enjoy God's creation and the fellowship of others! You can enjoy a hike, trail ride, hay rides, crafts, rope course, paintball, or just sit in front of the fire and relax. We will also be having a pajama party / spa night and many more activities! We would love to have you along as we seek God's face for what He desires to teach us through His Word.

<b>Cost &amp; Housing:</b>	<b>Bunkhouse*: Top Hand Qtrs*:</b>	
Adult Fri – Sun:	\$95.00	\$115.00
Adult Fri – Sat:	\$69.00	\$89.00
Teens Fri – Sun:	\$85.00	\$95.00
Teens Fri – Sat:	\$55.00	\$65.00

All registrations are handled through Miracle Mountain Ranch. Register online at [www.mmrm.org](http://www.mmrm.org) or call 814.664.4669. Be sure to include the group name of Calvary Baptist Church, Warren so we can room together.

\*Bunkhouses are bunk-style units with no linens provided. Bathrooms will be provided via our new central restrooms. Bathrooms are provided at the top hand quarters for top-hand quarter residents.



## Pastor & Pulpit Fill Appreciation Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, October 25 at 5:30PM

### Release Time Religious Education Classes Fridays: 1:40-2:40PM Calvary Baptist Church

The Release Time Religious Education classes, starting October 10, that will be held at Calvary Baptist will be expecting approximately 150 students each week. These students will be bused from the Warren Area Elementary Center to Calvary.

There is a need for someone to ride on the buses to help ensure safety while the students are being transported.

There is also a need for help with the individual classes. You will not be asked to teach, but to help make sure the students are acting appropriately and are safe while attending their class. The classes are broken down by grade and there will be a total of 5 classes here at Calvary on Friday afternoons.

If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile outreach to the children of Warren, please let Ruth Gray know.



## Traveling On Your Knees

Last night I took a journey  
To a land across the seas.  
I didn't go by ship or plane  
I traveled on my knees.

I saw so many people there  
In bondage to their sin,  
And Jesus told me I should go.  
That there were souls to win.

But I said, "Jesus, I can't go  
To lands across the seas."  
He answered quickly, "Yes, you can  
By traveling on your knees."

He said, "You pray, I'll meet the need.  
You call, and I will hear.  
It's up to you to be concerned  
For lost souls far and near."

And so I did; knelt in prayer,  
Gave up some hours of ease.  
And with the Savior by my side,  
I traveled on my knees.

As I prayed on, I saw souls saved  
And twisted persons healed,  
I saw God's workers' strength renewed  
While laboring in the field.

I said, "Yes Lord, I'll take the job.  
Your heart I want to please.  
I'll heed your call and swiftly go  
By traveling on my knees."

--Author Unknown--



You are invited to "Travel on Your Knees" by praying for the following missionaries we support around the world.

Thailand: Steve & Nopaluck Cable  
Thailand: Craig & Ann Clark  
Philippines: Joel & Linda  
Japan: John & Elaine Mehn  
U.S.A.: Sarah Monticue  
Mexico: John & Linda Wagner

To know how to specifically pray for our missionaries, check out their recent newsletters on the Mission Bulletin Board in the sanctuary overflow.

### Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, November 9  
following the morning worship service.

### Pastor Installation and Harvest Dinner

Sunday November 16

## October Helpers

### Deacon of the Week:

October 5 Dave Chapman  
October 12 John Backstrom  
October 19 Brian Wenger  
October 26 Brad Morgan

### Greeters:

October 5 Liza Bigelow/Krissy Perrin  
October 12 Tim & Leanna Ashe  
October 19 Bill & Janette Wagner  
October 26 Bo & Sue Unen

### Nursery/Children's Church:

October 5 Loraine Smith & Krissy Perrin  
October 12 Peggy Chapman & Sue Unen  
October 19 Sheryl Morgan & Ruth Zullo  
October 26 Leanna Ashe & Emily Chapman

