

March 1, 2014

# Calvin Commentary

## Special Interest Articles:

- Lenten Devotionals/Ash Wednesday Service
- Spiritual Journey through India
- Kids' Art & Fun Festival

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## FROM THE STUDY WINDOW

New Beginnings is about new ways of thinking and doing. New Beginnings calls for significant changes in the way we go about being church. Reggie McNeal in his book Missional Renaissance points out that one example of this change is that our thought and actions need to move from an attractional model of ministry to an incarnational model. Traditionally churches have identified themselves as places where things happen, where people receive religious goods and services. As such churches provide worship services, programs, and events that attract people to attend. In this attractional view the church is something that exists apart from the people, it's an organization; an institution. In this model church is a place to frequent and to support by one's participation and gifts of time, talent and treasure. And the church evaluates itself on its ability to attract more people and have more elaborate facilities.

In contrast to this an incarnational understanding of the church declares that the people of the church are the body of Christ in the world. An incarnational understanding of church focuses on the church being there at home, in the street, in the marketplace, at the school, in the neighborhood, in the places where people live their lives. Incarnational believers are primarily interested in connecting not just with each other but with the world outside the church. They look for ways to help people discover and live out their faith in the spaces they already occupy.

Mc Neal suggests that the DNA of the two approaches is different. Different DNA leads to different foci. Does the congregation see its mission as growth, competing for market share, and providing bigger and better programs? Is the great commission understood as a mandate to get more people to come to church services and activities? If the answer is yes then the DNA is attractional. On the other hand is the primary goal of the church is to carry on Jesus mission in the world beyond the church? Is ministry guided by the idea that followers of Jesus are the church? Is helping people live intentional lives of blessing as they go about their daily routines the key strategy for partnering with Gods' mission in the world? If this is the case the DNA is incarnational.

To make a new beginning and become a more incarnational church we need to seek to be a blessing to people around us and then share stories of how God blesses people. We need to think about commissioning people as missionaries to apartment complexes and sports clubs. We need to make sure that classes and groups with the Church: The Sunday School, the Choir, etc., are carrying out mission beyond the Church. We need to think about adopting a public school and embracing the challenges that go with helping kids families and faculties be all that God intends. To be more incarnational we need to do everything we can to celebrate the life and ministry of people in their everyday lives in the places where they live, work, go to school, and have fun.

In Christ's Service,  
Rev. Harry Brown

## PLAYSCHOOL NEWS

We are WILD about learning through PLAY at John Calvin Presbyterian Playschool. Our 3's, 4's and 5's had a great time parading around school and have really enjoyed learning about Mardi Gras!! Thank you for your help and support of our biggest fundraiser, our Art & Fun Festival!!



### A COUPLE IMPORTANT PLAYSCHOOL DATES TO NOTE:

**MARCH 3-7: MARDI GRAS HOLIDAYS**

**MARCH 10-14: GRANDPARENT'S WEEK & BOOK FAIR**

**MARCH 29: ART & FUN FESTIVAL**

**PLEASE BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BEING A SPONSOR FOR THE FESTIVAL.....FLYER COMING SOON!!!**



## 2014 Lenten Devotional Booklets

The devotion begins on Ash Wednesday, and with each day we will travel through the last week of Jesus' life as told in the Gospel of Luke. Each daily mediation includes a prayer and a Scripture reading. Keep a Bible on hand to read the full passages, only excerpts of which are provided.

The Lenten Devotional Booklets are available for you to pickup this Sunday or at the Ash Wednesday service March 5. You may also stop by the office during the week to pick up a copy.

**Dinner is served at 6:00pm and followed by the Ash Wednesday service on March 5 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.**

## 2014 Second Harvest Activity Dates

Please mark your calendars. We are scheduled to sort food items with Second Harvest at their Elmwood warehouse, 700 Edwards Ave. at **8:30-11:00 a.m. on the Saturdays of March 8, June 7, and October 11.** We are scheduled for 12-15 volunteers.

During recent years, John Calvin has participated regularly with Second Harvest. Today, Second Harvest of Greater New Orleans

and Acadiana distributes more than 22 million meals through a network of 240 non-profit member agencies and provides emergency food assistance to more than 263,000 people, including nearly 82,000 children and 40,000 seniors. Learn more at [no-hunger.org](http://no-hunger.org).

We are now seeking volunteers to help on **March 8<sup>th</sup>**. If you are able to participate, you may contact Richard Britson or Sharon

Fortin. This outreach activity provides an excellent opportunity to invite friends and neighbors.



When you give your time as a volunteer, you become a partner in Second Harvest Food Bank's fight to end hunger in south Louisiana.

## Spiritual Journey through India Well Received

Tuesday evening, February 25<sup>th</sup>, over 35 of our members and friends were treated to a wonderful slide show of Nancy Davis and Richard Ashmore's trip to India last October. This was no mundane travel log, but a walk through the spiritual journey they experienced on a month long, in depth tour. Their slides and stories gave us a glimpse into the everyday lives of the Indian people at all levels, and covered much of the spiritual aspects of daily life and faith customs in the areas they visited. We had lots of questions! Thank you to Nancy and Richard for a great evening.





**Saturday March 28**

**10:00AM –3:00PM**

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|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| GAMES         | Grilled Burgers | Jambalaya         |
|               | Hot Dogs        | Sweets            |
| PRIZES        | Nachos          | Pizza             |
| FACE PAINTING | Soft Drinks     | And               |
|               | Juice Boxes     | Many More Items!! |
|               | Chips           |                   |

**Silent Auction Items**

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| <b>Basket Ideas:</b> | Happy Father’s Day!     | <b>A packet that list ideas for baskets is posted on the bulletin Board in the narthex.</b> |
| Sports Anyone?       | Happy Mother’s Day!     |                                                                                             |
| Kids in the Kitchen  | I Scream for Ice Cream! |                                                                                             |
| Eat Dessert First    | Arts & Crafts           |                                                                                             |
| Cooking up a Storm   | Mexican Fiesta          |                                                                                             |
| Legos                | My Best Friend & Me!    |                                                                                             |
| That’s Italian!!     |                         |                                                                                             |

Please bring your auction items to the church office no later than March 24.

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*“Come enjoy a day of fun, great food, and children enjoying the games and class performances.”*

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| Gift Certificates | Restaurant Gift Cards      |
| Wagon             | Tickets to Sporting Events |
| Bikes             | Gift Basket                |
|                   | And ??????????             |

## John Calvin Presbyterian Church 2014 Elder Committee Assignments

### RESOURCE/FACILITIES

|                               |                                             |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Bill Bottomley                | Moderator Pro Tempore                       |
| Buddy Haw                     | Facilities <b>Chair</b>                     |
| Volunteers Financial          | <b>Treasurer</b> – Disbursing - Dianne Boan |
| Volunteers Financial          |                                             |
| Counter - Evelyn Tobey,       | Weekly Auditor - Earl Sundmaker             |
| Volunteer Executive Assistant | Dave Garland                                |
| Bill Bottomley                | <b>Clerk</b>                                |

### WORSHIP/HOSPITALITY

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Ron Palmisano | Worship <b>Chair</b> |
| Bill Memmott  | Traditional          |
| Amy Cardinale | Hospitality          |
| James Brown   | Ushers/Greeters      |

### OUTREACH/CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

|                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sharon Fortin & Richard Britson | Co- <b>Chairs</b>       |
| Sue Crawford                    | Mission                 |
| Fernando Martinez               | Congregational Life     |
| Barbara McHan                   | Congregational Care     |
| Valerie Corcoran                | Church Community Events |

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/TRAINING

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Don Melchert            | Committee <b>Chair</b> |
| Laurie Robinson         | Children's Program     |
| Volunteers              | Youth Program          |
| Tony Hill & Jon O'Regan | Adult Program          |

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#### LAYSCHOOL

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Sheryl Wise | Committee <b>Chair</b> |
| Kathy Begg  | Committee              |

All Session committees welcome participation from the congregation.

At anytime you wish to volunteer on a committee, please contact the committee chair.

Share your time and talent at JCPC!

# MARCH 2014

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                   | Monday                                                                         | Tuesday                                                                                    | Wednesday                                                                                                                      | Thursday                                        | Friday    | Saturday                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>2</b><br>8:30 AM Chapel Service<br>9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages<br>10:30 AM Traditional Worship<br>11:30 AM Hospitality                                         | <b>3</b><br>Church Office Closed<br><br>Playschool Closed all week             | <b>4</b><br>Church Office Closed<br>Mardi Gras                                             | <b>5</b><br>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Live-ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP in the Fellowship Hall<br><br>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal | <b>6</b>                                        | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Second Harvest Workday                                                                                             |
| <b>9</b><br>8:30 AM Chapel Service<br>9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages<br>10:30 AM Traditional Worship<br>11:30 AM Hospitality                                         | <b>10</b><br>Playschool Book Fair Mon-Fri<br><br>Playschool Grand-Parents Week | <b>11</b><br>9:30 AM PW Coordinating Team Mtg<br><br>7:30 PM Lydia Circle-- Church Library | <b>12</b><br>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Live<br><br>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal                                             | <b>13</b><br>7:00 PM Resource Committee Meeting | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>16</b><br>Project Hope Homeless Meal Offering<br>8:30 AM Chapel Service<br>9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages<br>10:30 AM Traditional Worship<br>11:30 AM Hospitality | <b>17</b><br>PS Summer Camp Registration Begins<br><br>7:00 PM Session Meeting | <b>18</b>                                                                                  | <b>19</b><br>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Live<br><br>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal                                             | <b>20</b>                                       | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>23</b><br>Project Hope Homeless Meal Offering<br>8:30 AM Chapel Service<br>9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages<br>10:30 AM Traditional Worship<br>11:30 AM Hospitality | <b>24</b>                                                                      | <b>25</b>                                                                                  | <b>26</b><br>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Live<br><br>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal                                             | <b>27</b>                                       | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>10:00 AM - 3:00 PM KIDS' ART & FUN FESTIVAL<br> |
| <b>30</b><br>8:30 AM Chapel Service<br>9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages<br>10:30 AM Traditional                                                                        | <b>31</b>                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                |                                                 |           |                                                                                                                                                   |

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**2 Joshua Hebert**  
**2 Sue Crawford**  
**5 Betty Sundmaker**  
**6 Andrew Crawford**  
**6 Megan Lauland**

**13 Brian Fish Jr.**  
**18 Kelly Laporte**  
**19 Alex Prince**  
**21 Benjamin Bone**  
**24 Brian Fish**

**25 Lee Mundell**  
**28 Beverly Ross**  
**30 Ron Marler**  
**31 Carson Perret**