

Calvin Commentary

July 1, 2014

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Vacation Bible School

Thank you to the numerous volunteers who served as crew leaders, helpers, storytellers, snack servers, sound tech, music, crafts, fun and game leaders during last week's VBS "Wilderness Escape".

VBS Coordinator: Kristin Guidry Rich
Coordinator Assistant: Carson Perret

Barbara Taylor, Julie Hebert, Judy Tracy, Wayne Tracy, Marlyn Brown, James Brown, Laurie Robinson, Portia Robinson, Maureen Nelson, Terri Levet, Linda Lowry, Lorraine Hicks, Helen Fish, Amy Cardinale, Eva Mace, Jan Cox, Carolyn Calvin, Barbara McHan, Sue Crawford, Cynthia Palmisano, Ryan Isham, and Reverend Harry.

Worship

Chapel Service

8:30 a.m.

Communion is served the third Sunday of every month.

Traditional Worship

10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first Sunday of every month.



Volunteers
do not necessarily
have the time;
they just have the *heart.*



From the Pastor's Pen

“And he said to them go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation”. (Matthew 16:15)

We are involved in a long term process of mission redefinition. That process involves changing the way we think and act. It involves changing our focus from an internal focus on the church to an external focus on the people around us. If we are going to become “mission central” for the community we need to do as Reggie McNeal suggests, “move from being institutionally focused to being organically focused”.

The traditional church has had an institutional focus for centuries. It focuses on institutional goals, a church year calendar, a place to belong, and a member culture. It is centralized in buildings and cared for by people hired to look after it. The staff of the institution develops and administers its programs while attempting to meet constituent's service needs and expectations. In return, members support the institution with their prayers, time, money and energy. As a result church is limited to being one of many parts of people's busy lives.

The organic church, by way of contrast, is not membership driven; it is decentralized and simple. It is not dependent on clergy, it is synched with the routines of its people and is focused on the spiritual development of its participants and the people they touch. The focus is not on attending or going to church. This is because the people are the church. The church is not something that exists apart from them. For the missional follower of Christ, church is not a part of a busy life - it is a way of life.

The move from institutional focus to an organic focus requires leaders to change their way of thinking about and understanding church. The change is often painful and often requires multiple efforts to take root and grow. The difficulty centers around coming to see and accept that much of what it takes to do church, has little to do with directly helping people know and live their lives for Christ.

Once conversion from an institutional model to an organic model has occurred, leaders can begin to reshape the institutional culture by changing the conversation they have with the church. Storytelling and corporate celebrating will shift from focusing on church program activity and successes to celebrating the lives of missionary followers of Jesus in their efforts to serve and make Christ known beyond the institutional setting. The stories told around church will evolve around the successes and challenges people are having sharing the gospel outside the church. The web site changes from being a bulletin board of church activities to a dynamic site that shares stories of God's intervention in the lives of people.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Harry Brown



STAIR: Start the Adventure in Reading

STAIR graduation was held in John Calvin’s Fellowship Hall on May 14, 2014. Seven second graders, their tutors, their teachers, and the children’s families attended the brief presentation hosted by John Calvin’s STAIR coordinator, Melinda Early. Each child was introduced and gave a short book report of the last book read. Melinda presented the children with certificates, a parting book and a children’s dictionary. A cake with all the children’s names, as well, as delicious sandwiches and snacks were enjoyed by everyone in a social after the ceremony. Tutors from John Calvin included **Richard Britson, Linda Hubchen, Beverly Ross and Linda Lowry**. Tutoring took place in the Fellowship Hall every Monday and Wednesday from 3:30 – 5:00 PM from October to May.

10:30 am Sunday July 27th



Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

It’s time to submit your list of favorite hymns for the **Annual Old Fashioned Hymn Sing** to be held on July 27. Please submit by email or drop your list in the offering plate by July 20.

July Birthdays

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| 2 Andrew Palermo | 22 Langley Laporte |
| 3 Emma Wood | 22 Sofia Hill |
| 8 Sandy Mundell | 23 Kelly Frost Kron |
| 12 Mike Wade | 25 Ray Prince |
| 13 Erica Nelson | 25 Amy Fernandez |
| 13 Kate Corcoran | 28 Portia Robinson |
| 13 Layne Corcoran | 29 Amy Cardinale |
| 17 Jan Bagwell | 29 Bob Malsbary |
| 18 Dian Ashurst | 29 Christian Hebert |
| 19 Mel Morrell | |
| 19 Joshua Bush | |
| 21 Emily Garland | |



John Calvin Food Pantry--a local Mission Outreach

John Calvin’s food pantry meets the needs of those seeking assistance from the church. This food is provided to families in crisis and to the homeless within the community.

Food Pantry supplies are low at the present time. Donation of canned vegetable, meats, fruits, and pastas are needed.

Pantry supplies may be dropped off in the church kitchen.

You may also contribute by monetary funds to purchase gas cards and pantry supplies. Please write “JPCP Pantry” on your donation.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1–June 30, 2014

2012 Pledge \$242,000.00

Receipts to date \$110,639.03

Total Revenue to date \$216,139.20
(all sources)

Expenses to date \$227,177.63

Second Quarter Contribution Statements
will be mailed out the week of July 7.

The Church office is closed
on Friday's during the
summer.



*"Come, go down to the potter's
house, and there I will let
you hear my words."
Jeremiah 18:2*

Friends of Westminster Tower Annual Garage Sale

2301 Idaho Ave., Kenner

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Saturday July 12

They are accepting clothing, furniture, household articles, Bric-a-Brac donations.
Drop off items at the Tower, 2301 Idaho Ave.
weekdays between the hours of 9am -5pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Happy 4th of July!	
6 Communion 10:30 worship 8:30 AM Chapel Service 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM Hospitality	7	8 7:00PM CE Nominating Cmt	9	10	11 Church Office Closed	12
13 8:30 AM Chapel Service 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM Hospitality	14	15	16	17 7:00 PM Resource Meeting	18 Church Office Closed	19
20 Communion 8:30 Worship 8:30 AM Chapel Service 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM Hospitality	21 7:00 PM SESSION MEETING	22	23	24	25 Church Office Closed	26 FH Rented for Birthday Party
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JCPC JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS