



Caldwell Good News!

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Caldwell's spirit of inclusiveness welcomes all

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34 - 35).

The shelter for women and bilingual preschool, both housed in our Price Building, are just the latest signs of inclusion from a diverse, welcoming congregation. Our doors were open long before to anyone looking for a church home to accept them as they are - including gays and lesbians.

Three active members of our church family were asked by *Caldwell Good News!* to describe how, and perhaps why, Caldwell came to be their church home. Here are their stories:

"Every Sunday morning my car would just take me there. I knew immediately that was where I wanted to be."

Johnny Johnson

I have been so blessed since my life began. First and foremost, because I had a loving family, a comfortable home and never had to want for any essentials. One of the things that I appreciate so much, is that it was a rule in our family that we attended Sunday School and Church each Sunday and Youth Fellowship every week. Although I may not have always wanted to go, this af-

forded me the opportunity to make more informed decisions about my faith as I became an adult. It saddens me when I see my friends with children not affording their young this same opportunity, as I fear it will make these children of God much harder to find Him.

I moved away after school and did continue to attend church, but it was more ritualistic than meaningful. I have known I was gay all of my life but remained in the closet until I was 35 years old. Once I came out, I also walked out on organized religion.

How, I asked myself, could I support
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Quilt project warms bodies - and hearts

Caldwell goes full steam ahead to craft 30 quilts for 30 beds in nearly 30 days

The women of Caldwell certainly know how to make quilts. To be precise, their skills finished 30 quilts with winter cold mere weeks away.

The quilt project for the **Center for Community Transitions'** new 30 bed women's facility was the brainchild of Caldwell member **Cassandra Mays**. The final, frenzied tying of 20 quilts at Caldwell brought church members together with women from the next door homeless shelter and women who will live at the Center while they serve out their term of incarceration.

Our link to this mission is **Lynn Michie, George and Mary Carol's** daughter, who is a prison chaplain in Black Mountain - many of these women come from her facility.



The tie that binds. Cassandra Mays and Cyndi Hayden (right) are among helping hands that finished 30 quilts. (Photo - Katy Hill)

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Lift a prayer of gratitude to our creator

Pastor's Message

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

With those words, the apostle Paul gave encouragement to the church in the coastal city of Thessalonica, part of the Roman province of Macedonia. We know the rest of this letter as 1 Thessalonians, the oldest book in the New Testament. In the coming days, we will follow Paul's guidance to “give thanks” in that unique American holiday, Thanksgiving.

I give particular thanks for the generous spirit of discipleship that runs through this congregation, demonstrated so clearly in your commitments for 2011. It's hard to say

which is a greater statement of our faith – your pledges of your time and talent or your promises to support the church's ministries financially.

To date, about 80 people have made formal commitments of their time to ministry in 2011. That total looks more like 100 commitments when we count folks who make a habit of volunteering generously but who have yet to fill out a pledge form. Last year, 45 people pledged time and talent.

“Then I said, “Here I am: in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will.” (Psalm 40:7-8)

On the financial side, 79 pledges for \$167,526 have been received to date. That is tremendous progress toward our informal target of \$200,000. That includes commitments from 22 people who did not pledge last year! For the last two years, pledges at Caldwell have totaled \$180,000. Thanks to all who have pledged for enabling God's church to respond to increased need in our congregation and beyond our campus.

“Give thanks to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance that comes from knowing him.” (2 Corinthians 2:14)

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While Caldwell is hardly “average” (as in typical) in many



Rev. John Cleghorn

ways, we are looking more like the average PCUSA church when it comes to statistics. Our membership stands at 207, compared to a national average per congregation of 195 (2009 data). Contributions (pledges plus non-pledged contributions) at Caldwell should end the year around \$240,000, compared to the national congregational average of \$216,100. The average congregation's total 2009 church budget, which takes into account other forms of income such as endowment and investment income and bequeaths, is about \$318,000. The projected Caldwell budget for 2010 is just under \$300,000.

As I said, Caldwell is anything but typical in so many ways, for which I give thanks. But, at least statistically, God's “new thing” here now stands shoulder to shoulder with many of the other 8,800 churches in our denomination.

Please join me in lifting a prayer of gratitude to our creator and savior for the work we are allowed to do here together. To you and yours, a warm, safe and happy Thanksgiving.

With Thanksgiving a few short days away and many of our fellow citizens hungry and in need, please keep our front entryway **Loaves and Fishes** basket in mind next Sunday.

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Hear Caldwell's music and rejoice...

The music we hear during Sunday worship services has been a source of spiritual renewal since God began a "new thing" at Caldwell. Starting in late 2006, **Smitty Flynn** volunteered his many musical talents to lead a hearty but small cadre of singers, which was the beginning of Caldwell's gospel tradition. During this phase of the music ministry, careful attention was given to blending the traditions of time-honored hymns with more contemporary gospel sounds.

In mid-2008, **Dr. Thomas Moore** began as a paid, part-time co-choir director, working with Smitty week to week and leading the choir when Smitty was out of town. Serving in this capacity for about seven hours each week, Thomas has been able to focus on what he often describes as "working with voices" and has helped refine the joyful voices we hear each week. His attention to vocal techniques and harmonies has improved the overall range and quality of the choir's musical sound.

Children also play an important role in Caldwell's music program. The congregation is indebted to **Jean and Don Cowan, Carol Outwater, Angela Everitt** and others for volunteering their time and talent to work with the children.

The choir and/or its individual members have sung at funerals and weddings. Another aspect of Caldwell's music program is its work beyond our doors. Frequently, the

Caldwell choir is invited to participate in concerts and other events around the community.

In all of these ways, our music program has come together piece by piece, combining the talents of a volunteer co-choir director (Smitty), a part-time, contract co-choir director (Thomas) and a range of volunteers working with children.

As our music ministry has grown, the **Worship Committee** and the **Session** have been in dialogue with Smitty and Thomas about the best ways to handle the various - and sometimes disparate - responsibilities of leading the program. Responsibilities range from community relations to administration to financial budgeting to equipment upkeep to music selection and accompaniment and, of course, training and coaching voices.

With all of these factors in mind, the Worship Committee and the Session have voted to review the music program. These church leaders want to broaden their knowledge of music programs at other non-traditional churches and consider what Caldwell's needs might be in the future.

Both the Worship Committee and the Session are committed to preserving our blended music traditions, including traditional hymns and gospel music. Stay tuned for more, including an invitation to join in the conversation.

We are thankful in so many ways...

We have much to be thankful for and while Caldwell members often give thanks at services throughout the year, this month has a special meaning for many

I'm still alive and I have Jesus in my life. I have a good life and I'm not homeless and I have enough to eat and I'm healthy.

Chris Gaddy

I'm thankful for being healthy and get to live to see another day.

G.W. (George Baker)

I'm thankful my mother (Janie Young) is still alive (eds. note: she has had three surgeries in three weeks), and I am thankful to be alive so I can worship. I am thankful God

is our Lord and Jesus is our savior.

Jimmy Harris

I am thankful for my wife, daughter, family, friends, and Caldwell. When sick, your car will not help you get up off the floor when your legs don't work. If you lose your home your video game won't give you a place to sleep. If you lose a loved one prayers to your flat screen TV won't comfort you in your time of grief. God through Caldwell will!

Kevin Martin

P.S. It is HARD to be brief about Caldwell! :)

I'm thankful for the leadership at all levels that inspires our church family to stretch ourselves beyond our comfort level and share our resources with our brothers and sisters in Christ who have few or no resources

...for the wide variety of ages, backgrounds, and lifestyles that keep us open and willing to welcome all who are searching for a deeper and richer spiritual life...for those who share their gifts of musical talent to take us all to a higher place...for those who work tirelessly behind the scenes for justice and peace...

Carol King

We are grateful for the message of Caldwell Memorial church - conveyed by the membership and through music, singing, preaching and the invitation to share our blessings - that we are equally loved by God. (We visited the church for the first time this morning --- but we plan to come back and get involved.)

Curt, Janie Beth, Andrew & Sarah Frueh

Prayer: The Heart of Worship

Veronica Rogers



You may have noticed recently that during our *Service of Worship* on Sundays, there are more opportunities for silence and for individual and corporate prayer. Prayer has always been at the heart of worship. But in a world of noise, clamor and intrusions, prayer becomes even more important for optimal spiritual, emotional, and physical health.

Prayer creates a sacred space for meditation, reflection, and contemplation. It is a “conscious opening of the self to God, who initiates communion and communication with us.” (*Book of Order*, W-5.400.4001) During worship through prayer, we are responding to God’s gracious acts of love and are offering ourselves to God as a community of faith. Each Sunday, during our opening *Prayer of Adoration*, we praise and give honor to God and in our *Prayer of Confession*, we acknowledge our shortcomings, repent, and humbly receive God’s grace and forgiveness. Through our *Prayer of Dedication*, we express our gratitude for all of God’s blessings and offer our gifts of time and resources. And in our *Prayers for the People (Supplication and Intercession)*, we express our joys and concerns and petition God on behalf of ourselves and of others.

Words are not essential to prayer. Prayer involves active listening as well as active speaking. Thus, SILENCE! Prayer may also be expressed through music and scripture and enacted in movement. Enacted prayer is expressed by gestures such as kneeling, bowing, lifting hands, dancing, anointing and clapping.

As a worshipping community at Caldwell, engaging in prayer is not limited to our gathering on Sunday morning. Christians are called to “pray without ceasing.” (Romans 12:12, I Thessalonians 5:17) Therefore, prayer is to be incorporated into every facet of our lives each day. It is vital to intentionally set aside time at home for meditation, contemplation, and reflection as a part of our daily spiritual discipline. We can begin with just five minutes of prayer each day, practicing deep breathing, lighting a candle, and listening to music or reading the psalms and other inspirational daily devotionals. We can dance, clap our hands, or kneel in reverence to an Almighty God. Or we can just sit in silence.

For some of us, this call to silence will create discomfort. Yet as our body, mind and spirit become accustomed to the peace that emerges from this spiritual discipline, we will find ourselves eagerly anticipating that special time with God in what will become “sacred time and space.”

In these ordinary times leading to Advent, let us commit ourselves to renewal as we engage in prayers of Adoration, Confession, Dedication, Supplication and Intercession, not just on Sunday but every day of the week!

A glorious evening to see our church home through my eyes...

I went to the church on a Tuesday night to help with the quilting for the Women's Transitional Shelter. It was dark when I arrived, and I saw immediately that all the street parking was taken and there were many cars in the lot across the street. After parking there, I looked over at the light shining through the beautiful stained glass window on the second floor of the Price Building. I pictured our guests in the shelter, preparing for another evening's rest in the lovely, peaceful space painted the weekend before.

As I walked around toward the basement entrance, I noticed that there were lights on in the Shelby Room. I remembered that the Mission and Justice committee was meeting in

there, planning for the financing of all our varied missions in the year to come. Then I went down the steps toward the Fellowship Hall, where I could hear the sounds of a large group of people who were busy practicing a complicated dance routine. They were preparing for the upcoming Gay Bingo Nights, to be held elsewhere in the community to raise money for people affected by AIDS. And there in the other half of the Fellowship Hall was the group of women working on the quilts -- some from the church membership, some from the shelter, and some who were from both. We quilters worked steadily, entertained by the dancing and the fun just a few feet away from where we were sitting. At some point, I began

to hear African drumming in the background. This group practices regularly at Caldwell, most recently in the sanctuary.

When we finished our work with the quilts, I walked up the basement steps and across the street to my car. The music of the dance rehearsal receded as the sound of the drumming became more distinct. By then, the Mission and Justice Committee had concluded its work and turned out the lights in the Shelby Room. It was late and I knew that the shelter lights in the shelter would soon go out as well. As I drove home, I wished that everyone could have seen our church home that night, just the way I did.

Sally Thomas

Inclusion...continued

an organization that thinks I am a sinner simply because of who I am — of who God created me to be? Why would I give my money to a place in which I still had to hide when that money could be better used to help teens who were struggling with the same issues that I had gone through? Where was the understanding of the

**Johnny Johnson**

true message of Jesus as I understood it? So, I left the church for more than a decade. I did not feel free of anything, no burden was lifted, I was just spiritually adrift.

I eventually went to a church that a friend had invited me to and felt that God had called me back. I was active in the church for a time, but it ended up not being the right place for me. There are many churches and we all must find our home.

I visited Caldwell over a year ago and instantly felt very much at home. My goal was to visit many churches, but my car would just take me to Caldwell every Sunday. It was simply meant to be. This wonderful church is so full of love and joy and compassion. I have never once felt judged in any manner. I feel so embraced by everyone and have made so many very special friends in such a short time. I cry every Sunday, as I

am so overcome with the joyful experience of worshiping with so many giving followers of Christ. I could never return to a church that was not as diverse and multi-cultural as Caldwell. I love seeing the many visitors we have each week. One reason I sit in “my seat” in the back is so I can look into the faces of others and see the joy of God radiating through them too.

God created us all. God does not make mistakes. The Bible is the

story of God’s love for the world and the people of the world. It tells the history of God’s love at work rescuing, renewing and empowering humankind. It was never intended to be a book about human sexuality. Hopefully, you will agree.

God invites. Caldwell welcomes. All. How thankful I am that I accepted the invitation!

Johnny Johnson

“Everyone seems to be there to worship God, and that’s what we were looking for, and to be comfortable with who we are...it just feels like home.”

Marie Mancinelli

Not that food sealed the deal, but for **Marie Mancinelli** and her partner of nearly 26 years, **Terry Nilles**, one trip to a Caldwell picnic as visitors was a *quid pro quo* situation. “So they fed us and we said we’d better go to church,” recalls Marie. They did, and they have never left.

In reality, the pair was looking for a church home that would, as Terry says, “be somewhere where we could go and still be a couple, and still be Christians and serve. And Caldwell has afforded us that opportunity.”

The idea of service is of key importance to both of them. “We want to worship God, and do what we can to help in what God is leading us to do, to help with Salvation Army, or Room at the Inn or helping to build houses,” says Marie. “We are comfortable with who we are, in that we are gay, and God knows who we are.”

That they are a gay couple is of no consequence to a congregation that sees them as worshippers in a pew. “We’re recognized as a couple, but not necessarily recognized as a gay couple. We don’t think of

ourselves as a gay couple, we think of ourselves as a couple, serving God,” says Terry.

They feel a sense of community at Caldwell that bypasses labels but instead creates a reverent atmosphere members and guests perceive on any given Sunday. “To a lot of people, the word Gay and the word Christian are not allowed in the same sentence,” says Terry. “Everyone from my perspective has been truly a giving and sharing group of people.”

So when they slip into their seats at services, it is business as usual. “We feel like we’re making friends here, people we can talk with. I

**Marie Mancinelli, Terry Nilles**

just feel like this is where God is calling us to be right now,” says Marie.

Caldwell in wor



Three Presbyterian leaders in Charlotte - can you pick out the one who is NOT a banker? That's our own **Smitty Flynn** flanked by two Bank of America executives as Smitty received one of the bank's highly respected **Local Heroes** awards last month. Smitty was recognized for his long-time support of Jacob's Ladder, a work readiness non-profit agency. With him are Bank of America's **Charles Bowman** (left, a member of First Presbyterian and Charlotte Market Executive) and **Joe Price** (right, a member of Sharon Presbyterian and President of Global Consumer Banking). Way to go Smitty!



People in motion. Parishioners greet the passing of the peace during a recent Sunday service.

Bob Metzler poses in his work clothes during a Habitat project. Bob is a regular at Habitat work sites.



Up on the roof. Beth Van Gorp and Tom Bohr take a well-deserved breather from shingling a roof on a hot day as part of Caldwell's mission with **Habitat for Humanity**. Caldwell is noted for enthusiastic - and large - groups of volunteers who turn out for varied Habitat project. On this day, other Caldwell members were framing an adjacent house.

ds and pictures



each other and our visitors during the Sunday service.



These women can cook fish. Chief cook Annie Cox and helper Elizabeth Hyland keep the good food comin' at Caldwell's October 16 fish fry. The tasty fish never had a chance. The event attracted a big, hungry crowd, including guests from the women's shelter. (All photos Jim Everitt)



Delicious fried fish (and chicken, too) isn't just an adult thing. The kids know how to hold their own. After the meal, games and light-hearted attempts at line dancing kept the crowd around



Diners did not subsist on fish and chicken alone. There were pies and cakes aplenty.

People behind the scenes at Caldwell services...



The Caldwell choir regularly brings the congregation to its feet and our spiritual leaders sound crisp and clear but behind it all, and working in near anonymity, is the man who puts the sound into the sound of our services, **Don Cowan**.

Don is the unsung hero who strings the wires and checks the microphones every Sunday morning and interprets a spaghetti system of cords and do-dads that would leave the rest of us to scratch our heads. "If something doesn't work, I can usually figure it out," said Don. He usually arrives about 10:30 to make sure the sound system is live and appropriately loud.

He said he fiddled with electronics tracing back to his days as a youth. "That mostly consisted of taking things apart as a kid and not being able to put them back together," he said. "But I can follow wires," he said, from one point to another if something is amiss, and things aren't amiss very long - or often. He also records each service in the event an opportunity arises for the recording to be used later.

Don has something of a vested interest in his volunteerism. His wife, **Jean**, is in the choir that Don assists to sound great. Even so, Don takes joy out of his weekend work. "I enjoy it, and it's something I can contribute to," he said.

Don Cowan puts the sound into Caldwell's sound of Sunday music.

Interested in volunteering for Sunday services or for any other helpful duties as part of Caldwell's extensive mission in the community?

Send a note to **Bob Metzler**, volunteer coordinator, at bobnbg@earthlink.net.

When the congregation and visitors come forward in solemn silence to accept Communion the first Sunday of every month, few know that there is some work that goes into the preparation of the sacraments.

That work is the doing of **Marilyn Rowland**, who, while not chief baker, makes certain the whole wheat bread is fresh and the wine (grape juice) is poured and ready.

She shops for bread the day before at **Nova's Bakery** on Central Avenue. How did she arrive at whole wheat bread? "I asked them 'what's your finest bread?'" Whole wheat is also a little firmer in the pallet. She asks that the bread be sliced both ways - the crust is left on. Marilyn, who has performed this rite of volunteerism for the past couple of years, arrives a little bit earlier than normal (about 10:15) on Sunday to make certain things are just right.

Marilyn Rowland prepares Communion bread and wine (grape juice actually) the first Sunday of every month.



Deposits in God's Benefit Bank

Danny Trapp
Intern in Ministry



Did you know that each year in North Carolina over one billion dollars in federal benefits support goes unclaimed by people who are eligible? That's billion with a "B"! It's estimated that the Mecklenburg County area represents at least \$100 million of that total. That is \$100 million worth of things like food stamps, supplemental Medicare, earned income credits, tax return preparation, Pell Grants for education, etc. etc. Mind boggling isn't it?

I learned this in training through my employer to be certified as a counselor with The Benefit Bank (TBB). TBB is a program recently rolled out in NC that helps connect people with these benefits that are going unclaimed. (At the end of this column I will share how you can check on your own eligibility using TBB). First though I want to talk about this concept of God's Benefit Bank.

It occurs to me that the discipleship season we have just been through at Caldwell, along with our intentional gatherings through 4x4 groups, is sort of like making deposits into God's Benefit Bank. By pledging your discipleship of time and then on the heels of that your financial resources, you are making a double compounding high yield investment in God's kingdom. God calls us to action and our response comes in the form of our commitment. God doesn't need our time or money. God is God and will be fine without us. But God desires our full involvement, especially in this new thing still happening at Caldwell. And God knows that the folks who really need our commitment of time and money are us. That is where the 4x4 groups come in. Next Sunday, November 21, there will be an all church covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall after worship. Here we plan to discuss aspects of these small group meetings and ideas for what comes next. If you were unable to participate in the 4x4 groups please don't think this lunch is not for you. You might even consider it especially for you as we discuss as a community of faith the impact of small groups on the life of this congregation and how we might expand and enhance what has already begun. All input, ideas and viewpoints are welcome.

God's Benefit Bank is open to everyone, no fees and no hidden charges. Hey, even if it's not for you there is no penalty for early withdrawal. But by giving of ourselves to the ministry happening in this little corner of the kingdom we become part of it, immersed in it, in sync with our God and each other. I hope to see you after worship on the 21st.

(To determine if you are possibly eligible for federal benefits go to www.thebenefitbank.com and click on the link at the top of the page called "Quick Link". From there simply follow the directions by entering a small amount of information and you will receive a listing of benefits and how likely it is that you are eligible. If you have trouble with this just let me know and I will be glad to help.)

Caldwell committees in action...

Looking for something to fill that extra devotional hour before Sunday Service? All are invited to join our Sunday School-hour offerings--for Advent, our adult Sunday School class will be looking at how "The Scriptures Sing of Christmas." Alternatively, Caldwell will be offering an hour of Centering Prayer each Sunday of Advent. Starting in January, we'll take a look at the book of Joshua, using the guidebook written by **Mary Mikhael** (President of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut and a visitor to Caldwell in Fall 2010). Stay tuned for further details!!

Mission and Justice...

Once again Caldwell partnered with St. John's Baptist Church to support Room in the Inn. Volunteers stepped up to share meals and conversation with homeless women during the overnights of October 19 and 21, and guests

were treated to a great **George Michie** breakfast in the morning.....members of the Caldwell family continue to find ways to help with the Caldwell Emergency Shelter. People have donated movies, puzzle books and toiletries and other items to help our guests feel comfortable and welcome.... M & J has developed a way to provide a consistent response when individuals stop by the church to request food or other assistance. Bags have been assembled containing some basic food items, water and information about community resources to meet a variety of needs. Some will be stored in the Narthex (foyer) of the Sanctuary for distribution by ushers when the requests occur on a Sunday. Individuals making requests should be directed to one of the ushers on duty.

Small parts of Caldwell's big picture...

Four nominated to serve on Session

The **Elder Nominating Committee** has completed its work and is prepared to present these names for election to the Caldwell Session as the Class of 2014: **Tom Bohr, Richard Campbell, Susan Pierson and Melanie De-Motts Taosuan**. A congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, November 21 for the purpose of voting on these nominees. The congregation expresses its appreciation to the nominating committee for prayerfully discerning God's will and to those who will stand for election for accepting this important responsibility.

Book club changes meeting date to second Monday of the month starting in December

The women's book club will meet the second Monday of each month starting December 13. The November meeting will remain the third Monday: Nov. 15. The January meeting will be on the 10th and February meeting will be on Valentine's Day the 14th. Everything else remains the same. We always need people to share their home. If that is not possible for some, maybe the opportunity could be shared with 2 people, one to share their home and the other one to bring the goodies!



Holiday Pies & Cakes

Home made by our resident baker, Johnny Frazier

Apple pie - \$13
Sweet potato pie - \$12
Coconut-Pineapple pie - \$13
Blueberry cheesecake - \$20
Strawberry cheesecake - \$20
Pound cake - \$15
Coconut cake - \$20
German Chocolate cake - \$25
Devil's food cake - \$20
 (Smaller pies and bulk discounts available)

Call Johnny
704-493-8172

Orders for Thanksgiving Thursday must be received by
Monday Nov. 22.

Five new members! And lots of guests, too

Caldwell is pleased to welcome these new members (joining date in parentheses):

Troy Bowles - November 7, 2010

Elizabeth Adele Johnson (Beth) November 7, 2010

Robert (Bo) Jordan - October 3, 2010

Jessica McQuillen - November 7, 2010

Jane Wallwork - November 7, 2010

If you are interested in joining our diverse, interesting and spiritual congregation, please attend one of our Newcomer classes held shortly before Sunday services begin.

Or, call the church office, 704-344-0825, for more information.

What our visitors and guests say:

"I'm enjoying myself. People have already made me feel welcome."

"This looks like a great participation in outreach. That's what drew me here."

"I'm loving it. We're from the Center of Hope, and it's a tremendous job they've done here. It has me speechless. This is very nice."

"I like it here. It's nice."

"I think it's wonderful. I really enjoy it and feel at peace when I come here."

"First word: lively. I've very impressed. It's very nice, and it's very energizing."

"The friendliness, and the energy of the gospel choir."

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COMING UP SOON...

NOVEMBER

Monday, November 15

Women's Book Club, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, TBA

Wednesday, November 17

Zumba, 6 - 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 18

Evening devotionals, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Quiet Room, Price Building, 2nd floor

Monday, November 22

Session, 5:30 pm, Shelby Room

Wednesday, November 24

Zumba, 6 - 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 25

Evening devotionals, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Quiet Room, Price Building, 2nd floor

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 1

McCreech Place birthday celebration, 5:30 - 7 pm, at McCreech Place

Zumba, 6 - 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 2

Evening devotionals, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Quiet Room, Price Building, 2nd floor

Monday, December 6

Men of Caldwell, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 6

Caldwell women, 6:30 - 8 pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 8

Zumba, 6 - 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

Church Calendar

1st Monday

6:30 pm - Men's Group

2nd Monday

(Women's Circle in recess until Fall)

3rd Monday

6:30 pm - Women's Book Club

4th Monday

5:30, Session, Shelby Room

1st Tuesday

6:30 pm - Women's Group

2nd Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mission & Justice Comm., Shelby

Wednesdays

7:00 pm - Choir practice

3rd Thursday

6:30 p.m. - Worship Committee, Upstairs

6:30 pm - Finance Committee, Upstairs

5:30 pm - Education Committee, Shelby

Every Friday

7:30 pm, AA, Shelby Room

Sundays

9:45 am Adult Sunday School, Upstairs

11:00 am Worship (including children's Sunday school)

1st Sunday Holy Communion

Session receives new members

All Sundays Loaves & Fishes Collection

(Non-perishables in entry basket)

Administrative Office Hours

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Weekdays

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Reach Pastor Cleghorn on his cell phone:

704-957-4511

See calendar events online: caldwellpresby.org

PLEASE!

REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON

A card, a call, a visit - please remember our longtime members & keep in touch!

Mrs. Barbara Atkinson Lake Park Nursing Center
Mailing address 830 Faircrest Drive

Miss Toby Herring Emeritus @ Eastover

Mrs. Elise Hood Legacy Heights

Mrs. Irene Kennedy 419 Clement Avenue

Mrs. Ann Ranson Legacy Heights

Mrs. Irene Brown Emeritus @ Eastover

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Charlotte, NC 28210

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Caldwell's Mission Statement

In the Summer of 2007, Congregational Dialogues formed the foundation of our church's renewed mission statement as adopted by action of the Session that Fall:

- We seek to build a diverse, intentional, affirming community animated by joyful worship and called forth into social action for service to the greater good.
- We seek to hear God's call not only as individuals but also as a progressive, missional community striving to reflect the Kingdom of God in the here and now.
- We embrace the rich history of the Reformed Tradition and the storied past of our once-prominent, center-city church, as we welcome a diverse, urban community of seekers—young and old, gay and straight, rich and poor, of all races and ethnicities.
- We are called into a meaningful, transformative community that values the unique blessings and perspectives of each member and offers a place of welcome and healing to weary souls.
- We seek dynamic servant leaders who serve humbly, embrace change, and boldly challenge injustices in the wider community.
- Most importantly, we seek to proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed, following the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

God Invites. We Welcome. All.

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