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New curriculum for Caldwell toddlers: Godly Play

Highly structured approach to Sunday school lessons will help students interpret what they heard and saw in ‘stories’; reverence in their own “worship center”

Bible stories are familiar teachings for youngsters at Caldwell, but in March our more youthful worshippers – our toddlers – will learn some of their Sunday school lessons through a new curriculum: Godly Play.

The potential fit of Godly Play at Caldwell has been “a topic of discussion for a couple of years,” says **Gina Shell**, one of several education leaders to research and witness Godly Play in action. The highly structured curriculum is a plus for students but also reduces the need for weekly lesson planning, much of which was shouldered by **Elizabeth Bevan**. The first lesson to be taught with Godly Play is tentatively scheduled for

Sunday, March 13 to coincide with the Lenten season.

Godly Play uses three dimensional

the concepts behind Godly Play. The Caldwell connection comes from **Kelly Cleghorn** who had seen



Susan Pierson and Jeff Mitchiner lead their young charges through a recent class for our youngest parishioners. The room will change, and so will the lessons, when Godly Play is introduced in March.

materials in a “worship center” space specifically intended for Godly Play lessons. According to the web site godlyplayfoundation.org, the approach is “based upon the recognition that children have an innate sense of the presence of God.” It is described as being more like worship and “rather than being told about God, they (children) experience the reality of God.” The method (modeled in part on elements of Montessori) involves all of a child’s senses to learn stories about God and to later describe what they learned in a variety of ways. The **Rev. Jerome Berryman** is largely credited with

Godly Play put to use at the pre-school where she teaches.

Kimberly Shumaker, the chair of the 2010 education committee, describes a typical Godly Play lesson as “bible stories and parables told with objects” in a storytelling manner. The storyteller is assisted by a “doorkeeper” who tends to needs of the young children so the storyteller can concentrate on the lesson. The storyteller uses animate objects – for example, a small statue of Moses trudging through a shallow box of sand to depict his wanderings in the desert – for almost every lesson.

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What will 2011 bring?

Pastor's Message

"See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them."
-Isaiah 42:9

The month of January gets its name from the Greek god Janus, who had two faces – one looking backward and one looking forward. It's clear this congregation prefers the God who calls us to look forward, never forgetting its past but always moving toward its future. As this busy little church looks ahead, there are a number of emerging areas of activity and interest that will take shape in 2011:

- Godly Play, a new approach to teaching Bible stories to our youngest children, is taking shape, thanks to the energy and commitment of a great group of parents and other adults.

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- After careful consideration and a time of listening to the congregation, Caldwell will venture forth to offer a mid-week fellowship opportunity. This is a wonderful new sign of the desire of the congregation to spend time together, finding company and support. Plans are taking shape but it likely will center on a meal, followed perhaps by a brief program or class or project.
- A second Caldwell dance is being planned for Saturday, Feb. 19 to raise additional funds for Caldwell's Missions and Justice ministries. Many remember the wonderful event we had in 2008. Mark your calendar and you will hear more about how to buy tickets.
- Additional conversations are underway about a follow-up to the successful 4x4 dialogues that emerged in 2010. About 75 people participated in those meaningful conversations and many want to continue to deepen and broaden relationships with other members of the Caldwell family.
- The Women's Shelter at Caldwell, which we operate in conjunction with the Salvation Army, has been given a reprieve from closing at least through the end of January. New sources of community funding have come to light and the Salvation Army is hopeful we can extend the shelter even further into the year. Stay tuned.
- Caldwell's website is being redesigned with the intent to make it more visually attractive, functional and useful, more reflective of Caldwell's personality and more robust in terms of hosting media such as audio and video.
- We continue to prayerfully imagine what God might have us do with the currently unused Belk Gymnasium space. The space



Rev. John Cleghorn

needs work but is our next opportunity to expand the mission and activities of the church.

- Planning is gaining momentum toward the first all-church retreat of the "new" Caldwell, date TBD.
- Yet another gifted seminary student has indicated her interest in serving Caldwell as an intern. More to come on that later.
- 2012 will be Caldwell's 100th anniversary. Before the year is out, we will begin to plan how we will honor God for all that has – and will – happen here.

These are just some of the possibilities that lay in store for Caldwell. As I said in my Jan. 9 sermon, we often don't know what God has in store. So we wait in joy for what else may be part of our creator's design for this place. In that same sermon, I quoted a line from an old session memorandum from the 1990s that so perfectly stated what the gospel requires of us. I offer it again here that we might all be inspired and guided by it throughout 2011:

"Caldwell is prepared to lay on the line all it has, its available cash assets, its fine large physical plant, and its small but loyal congregation."

*Do you have event or committee news, calendar items, photography and other tidbits Caldwell members and guests should see in the newsletter? Please send items by the first of each month to the editor: david.bradley@yahoo.com
Visit us on the web at:
www.caldwellpresby.org*

Merry concert at Merry Oaks!

Many thanks to our merry volunteers who turned out in December to help **Merry Oaks Elementary School** celebrate the holidays at their Holiday Concert. We all enjoyed the children's singing. After each grade sang their selections, they came through a refreshment line, where **Kathy Neal, Kitty Bohr, Jane Wallwork, Judy Atwell, Joyce Deaton, Helen Hull**, and the indefatigable **George Michie** helped them to punch and cookies. After the concert was finished, family and friends were then welcomed to the refreshment table. One child told one of our volunteers that it was the best holiday party he'd ever been to!!

We continue to appreciate the tremendous support Caldwell members and friends give to Merry Oaks. Remember, volunteers are always welcomed - there are opportunities on a regular basis in the classrooms, the library, and the office, and they often need support for "one-time" events, like proctoring for EOG tests at the end of the school year. We'll keep you posted, and in the meantime, if you have questions, please contact **Helen Hull** at 704-333-9169.
Helen Hull, CGN! correspondent

Women's Circle holiday luncheon draws 16 revelers...



Caldwell's Women's Circle drew a full house to the group's festive holiday luncheon at Sharron Towers

The 16 assembled holiday-goers enjoyed a wonderful meal of soup, salad, roast chicken followed by a sumptuous cheesecake dessert.

After the meal, Christmas carols were sung and a good time was had by all.

The **Women's Circle** meets monthly and has plenty of room for additional members. Interested? Visit Caldwell's online church calendar (caldwellpresby.org) or watch for announcements at Sunday services for the schedule of Caldwell's Women's Circle.

God is loving and faithful

Veronica Rogers



Last Sunday at Caldwell, we celebrated “The Baptism of the Lord.” We learned from scripture that when Jesus was being baptized by John, the Spirit of the Lord descended like a dove and a voice from heaven said, “**This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.**” If we have been baptized with Jesus Christ and in unity with one another, are we too the beloved of God? Can God truly love us in spite of our brokenness?

“God is Faithful!” These are purported to be the last earthly words of Henri Nouwen, a Dutch-born Catholic priest and educator, who shared his views on spirituality with the world through his writings and actions. In his theology and his life, Nouwen displayed a brutal honesty that was revealing, yet freeing. In sharing his vulnerability unapologetically, he gave us permission to admit our feelings of inadequacy and still be in sacramental relationship with God and with each other through Jesus Christ.

The life of Nouwen followed the sacramental pattern of being taken (chosen), blessed, broken and given, the same model that we use during our sharing of the Lord’s Supper. In his book, *Life of the Beloved*, Nouwen pointed out that in unmasking the world as sometimes manipulative and destructive, we will feel pain. However, our feeling of inadequacy is not the ultimate truth. The **Truth** is that we are chosen of God, even when the bluest blues block our abilities to see. Although in giving ourselves, we run the risk of being hurt, it is also important to let go of the fear of intimacy and rejection in order to “have a heart so that one can love.” Anxiety and compulsiveness can lead to burnout, spiritual exhaustion, and consequently, spiritual death!

Nouwen placed emphasis on God’s blessings of those who are weak, poor in spirit, depressed, oppressed, grieved, humble, treated badly and insulted for God’s sake. And no matter our status in life, we all have fallen into one of these categories at some time. It is through our *brokenness* that we are able to appreciate the blessings. Nouwen suggested that our response to brokenness can be to first, befriend it, then to put it under God’s blessing. However, we often do just the opposite. We are in constant battle with our brokenness, which keeps us in a state of flux and confusion. It almost becomes a badge of honor which keeps us from trusting and does not let us advance to the stage of being given for God’s sake. We use our brokenness as *insulation* from pain, thus *isolation* from community.

The great blues philosopher, BB King croons, “I want to live the life I write about in my songs.” As a lover of music, I am especially fond of the blues because of its honesty and acknowledgement of life’s joys and pains. It is a celebration of all facets of life. I see Henry Nouwen as one who lived his theology--- a theology that was not all neatly wrapped in a gift box. It was a life that was broken and fragmented, yet in communion with God and humankind. Nouwen shared what I call the “Red Blues,” when he spoke of his passion for life and for serving God’s people. His “Yellow Blues” were in his contemplation of the beauty of all that God had made, of all kindnesses, of joys and of peace. Nouwen displayed his “Blue Blues” in sharing his pain of lamentation, disappointment and loss.

As a community of faith, in our humanity, we are indeed broken. But through the faith of Jesus Christ, brokenness is not the last word. We are chosen, beloved, and blessed of God, and ultimately, we are given by God to be of service to others.

Close your eyes now. Visualize the dove descending. Listen for God’s voice saying to you, “You are my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

God is truly faithful!

Not a quilter? Maybe it is time to become one...

Due to popular demand, another quilting class is set to begin in late January. According to **Marilyn Rowland** (a quilter of 30 years), the course should run for about six

weeks and will be held in the Shelby Room. There is no cost for the class although quilters (or would-be quilters) should have access to basic tools such as a sewing machine,

ruler, robo cutters and a cutting board. Quilts will be made of 100% cotton fabric and cotton thread. Marilyn says she’s already had considerable interest, so if you want to quilt, call Marilyn at 704-516-9403 or via e-mail: mrowlan1937@att.net.

Adult Sunday school attendance up, up, up...

‘Life experiences’ draw adults to the class; ‘fascinating how it speaks to people’

Caldwell’s adult Sunday school class perked along nicely for much of the past year. On any given Sunday morning, 10 or so bible studiers would appear at 9:45, and for the next hour they would reflect on varying books of the bible.

Of late class size has blossomed even though it’s not altogether clear why. “Lo and behold, we had 21

March of this year. The teaching resource has an interesting side note; it was written by **Mary Mikhael**, who Caldwellians will remember as having visited the church last year in her role as president of the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon (and who was featured in the print and online edition of the October 2010 *Caldwell Good News!*).

In the several years the class has existed the focus has always been on introducing adults to books of the bible. Mitchiner says this approach has particular appeal for the adult audience who bring “various life

floor meeting room each Sunday. “We take an entirely different look (at the bible) at this age and time in our lives,” says Mitchiner. “It seems to me when you’ve had a little bit of life experience, then you understand this really matters.” The difference maker for adults is that they now “read these books for content and they have a desire to hear again what the bible says,” according to Mitchiner. “It’s fascinating how it speaks every week to people.”

The ebb and flow of attendance is dependent on individual schedules and each class meeting is hardly a one-size-fits-all proposition. After an opening prayer followed by a reading of appropriate scripture, the floor then opens for attendees to reflect on how the salient passages speak to them. “We pass the leadership of the class around, but it’s not obligatory,” says Mitchiner. “Some listen while others want to be more involved in the conversation. I hope they see that’s the way it is and it seems inviting.”

So, what’s after Joshua? “We will look back over the past three and a half years to see what we’ve done and ask ourselves that very question,” says Mitchiner. “That is something we’ll be working on.”

An adult Sunday school class earlier this year. The class attracts adults drawn to the message of the bible, because they understand “this really matters,” says Jeff Mitchiner.



this past Sunday,” says **Jeff Mitchiner**, one member of a core group (including coordinator **Helen Hull**) that plots adult Sunday school activities. “We are excited about the influx of people who have decided to give this a look. You never know what to ascribe this to, it could just be the New Year.”

Or, it could mean the class strikes a chord with adults looking for that little added something in their spiritual lives. The trend seems to be upward and onward. The class will continue to stay the course with its weekly bible-based curriculum. On the docket now: the book of Joshua. Mitchiner says the week-by-week study of Joshua will continue into

experiences, professionally and where they have lived” to the second



Caldwell welcomes three new members

Please give a warm welcome to three new members who joined Caldwell in January.

Linda Matney (l), Susan Poel and Perry Mayhew (not shown) are the latest additions to our church.

If you are interested in possible membership at Caldwell, contact the church office at 704-334-0825.

The spiritual and personal path for Cald

For me, I want to get more involved in the church.

Ebony Petty



Commercial interests put the weight of expectation on me. But what about spiritual resolutions? Caldwell members share their resolutions and their hope for the new year.



I want better health. I just want a smooth road (in 2011 as she recovers from a stroke).

June Edwards,
Caldwell guest

I'm looking for peace and harmony and a stronger faith. If I have a stronger faith, the peace and harmony will come. I've put a lot of thought into that.

Zoraida Stewart



What I'm looking forward to is getting to church more often. I'm just looking forward to do what's right, and to be a good person.



I think it has been the most wonderful thing for me and others. I am full of gratitude for help in every possible way. It's been a blessing. Even though we (the shelter) may not stay here, I'll do my best to get back to this church. There's so much warmth here, and people they don't look down and judge us.

Beth Johnson (without a home since July 2010)



I just hope my year goes well and my family has good health and everyone stays okay. And the world has peace.

Bryce Gotta, age 11

Caldwell members and guests in the New Year

ons on us when it comes to New Year resolutions. members and guests gave some thoughtful consid- as for them - and others - in 2011



I want to continue to divine Christ's mission in my life and grow in my relationship with him.
Mary Mattiacci,
Caldwell guest



Well, I want them to start a children's choir. I want them to start arts and crafts to help us remember what Jesus died for.
Tatyanna Montgomery,
age 10

arch more, that and working for the Lord.
Beverly McClure
nd with God helping to turn my life around.
Bernard McClure



I'd like to get to be one with God, listening to God and responding better to what God wants to do in my life.
Craig Rhodes



I would like to find more quiet time to develop a calmer relationship with God. I think I don't focus on it until I'm up against the wall.
Ann Dorsett
I enjoy coming and visiting and I enjoy the music. I want to be able to stay in my house.
Betty Jo Dorsett, Ann's mother

Dust off your dancing' shoes...

Mark your calendar. It's time to shake a leg to help Caldwell's work in the community.

You can dance the night away Friday, February 18 to two bands with Caldwell connections: **Smitty Flynn** and the **Rivieras** and the high energy dance music of the Cajun/Creole influenced **Carolina Gator Gumbo** band (with **Jean Prewitt, Don Cowan, Carole** and **Fisk Outwater**). Location is St. John's Baptist, 300 Hawthorne Lane (just up the street from Caldwell). A bonus: watch for cameo musical appearances! Tickets (\$20) will be sold at the church. All proceeds aid Caldwell's mission activities. Please think about inviting friends and watch for more details about specific times. If you would like to sell tickets to raise funds for Caldwell, contact **Jill Flynn** at jflynn@flynnhealth.com.

Godly Play...continued

Godly Play truly shines after the story is told. Children are free to draw pictures, use modeling clay, or paints to describe their own interpretation of what the story means to them. As opposed to an assigned art project, "Kids can respond to what they learned however they want," says Shumaker. "Art lets them synthesize what they learn" rather than be told what they just learned, she says.

recommendations for how the room is set up, in part, says Shumaker, because even very young children need to learn that holy places deserve their reverence, attention and manners. "When kids enter the 'sacred space' we teach them to be calm and still," says Shumaker. Hence the need for a doorkeeper to help maintain decorum. Indeed, Shumaker says beyond transitioning the room, the church "also needs to transition the kids into this, too."

Nearly a dozen Caldwell members

als and lessons for the March classroom introduction of Godly Play.

Caldwell has taken a step-by-step approach to prepare itself for classes for five to seven children although the church will prepare for 20 as the



Doreen Byrd "models" the creation story for Caldwell volunteers as the church prepares for the roll out of Godly Play. (Photo: Kimberly Shumaker)

Of key importance is the setup of the "worship center" within a room. Shumaker says Caldwell is still in the midst of configuring such a "sacred space" in our lower level toddler room which, when complete, will include adequate yet visible to young eyes storage of the objects used in lessons. The organizers of Godly Play have specific

were trained in Godly Play this past autumn when **Pastor John Cleg-horn** arranged for a Godly Play trainer from Chattanooga, Tennessee to visit the church for an extended weekend. Gina Shell says even more parishioners have since expressed interest in helping with this effort. The church has already purchased some of the figurines, materi-



Gina Shell says Caldwell has considered Godly Play for several years but is taking a step-by-step approach to make sure the church is ready for this unique educational approach.

program enters our education mainstream. "It is no small feat to get ready for this curriculum," says Shell. It is not uncommon for churches to plan for one year or more to ready themselves for Godly Play.

Are you interested in assisting with Caldwell's Sunday school for children? Contact Kimberly Shumaker at kthombs@carolina.rr.com.

Committees in action...

Building and Grounds Committee

First, a huge thank you to **Ann Alford, Fred Powers, and Jimmy Todd** for the many, many hours they've devoted to caring for the buildings and grounds of Caldwell since its rebirth. Caring for a campus of old buildings, dating back as far as 1914, with only the limited resources of a still relatively new and small congregation is extremely challenging. This trio is to be commended for their dedication, expertise, and resourcefulness in caring for our church.

We are able to gather in community, worship joyfully, and achieve some of our missional goals in part because we have been blessed with a bounty of space, more than a congregation our size would normally have. The valuable support we have given the **Bilingual School** and the **Women's Shelter** would not have been possible if we had to pay for it with dollars rather than space. Care of our buildings goes beyond keep-

ing us warm (or cool) and dry and even beyond honoring the long history of Caldwell--it now goes to the foundation of our mission to serve others.

A primary goal is to expand the Building and Grounds Committee in 2011 to add more members to share the responsibilities of taking care of Caldwell's property. We hope to break down the many tasks into smaller jobs that individual committee members can oversee. Committee members will help set priorities (the list of required maintenance and renovations in old buildings always exceeds the resources available), encourage and lead volunteers, help look for innovative sources of funding, and plan for the future of our church. Contact **Tom Bohr** or **Troy Aleong** if you would like to join new committee members **Jim Curtis** and **Brenda Campbell** on the Building and Grounds Committee. Help us preserve what has been given to our congregation by God and by the

Caldwell members who came before us.

Tom Bohr, CGN! Correspondent

Mission and Justice Committee

Moving into the New Year after moving into a new home is a great way to start off 2011. Three Charlotte families were able to experience the joy of owning their own homes after putting in hundreds of hours of sweat equity helping construct their **Habitat for Humanity** houses. Caldwell was privileged to help them build their new homes as we participated in four workdays last year with Habitat Charlotte. Thank you Caldwell for supporting this mission. Let's all include the following families in our prayers, and wish them blessings in their new homes in the years to come: **Tep Rahlan** and **Sem Puih** and their three children, **Rachel Brown** and her son, and **Jaquilla Abraham** and her daughter and son.

4x4s build on success; popular gatherings to be held again

Designed for 60 but attended by 75, 4x4s met a need for Caldwell members to know one another

They're (almost) back! - the 4x4s that is.

"It was a hit and people really liked them," says organizer **Jill Flynn**. "There is a lot of interest in doing these again. Everyone had a good experience with it."

According to Flynn, tentative plans call for the gatherings to resume possibly in the first half of this year.

The small groups were highly popular because the informal get-togethers met a basic need for congregants to simply know each other

better, and as Flynn points out, the concept fits the open, inclusive nature of Caldwell and its members.

"We are blessed with such a wide variety of people from a lot of backgrounds," says Flynn, "but people want to go deeper, across racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds. I think there's a real hunger for people to know each other as individuals, because in the rest of our lives we don't have a lot of opportunities to do that. It's not very often that we get to tell our story, ever."

It helps, too, that those who attend are able to tell their personal and spiritual stories to small, intimate group of what amounts to new friends. "It is nice to have the attention of three or four other people

who are intently listening to you," says Flynn. "The fact is, other people really are interested and value and want to learn from your story."

A post-4x4 survey bore that out. Typical responses included "We were able to connect on a deeper level" or "we all wanted to be there" as well as "we had such a diverse and interesting group."

Facilitators were key to the success of each group and that feature of the 4x4s will return. "It (the facilitator) was an important role," says Flynn, and not to just for scheduling but to set the tone of candor and authenticity. We called it 'listening deeply,'" says Flynn.

Watch for information and announcements soon.

Isn't it amazing what you can do with 12 motivated people?

(Caldwell knows that the persistence of a few can mean a great deal to the many. Jim Schick's story will ring a strong bell for many Caldwell members.)

Pastor John has asked me to share the following story with the Caldwell Congregation because of the similarities to our history as a resurrected church. In the summer of 2010, **John** went to a conference at Montreat, North Carolina and met **Rev. Carol Seaman**. Carol's daughter, **Rev. Ashley Seaman**, was at a church in Denver, Colorado.

Rev. Ashley Seaman had worked as an associate Pastor at a large church in Denver. About four years ago, she was seeking a different "spiritual connection", so she started visiting other churches in Denver.

North Presbyterian, at 3700 Federal Blvd. in Denver, had dwindled down to about a dozen members in the congregation on any given Sunday. Since they had no Stated Pastor or Ordained Teaching Pastor, the church celebrated a "Love Feast" of bread and juice every Sunday. One long term member of the congregation, **Gilbert Carpinelli**, a 43-year old man with autism would sometimes exclaim "Why can't we have communion? I don't want a 'love feast', I want communion!" (An ordained Presbyterian minister is required for communion in a congregation).

Rev. Ashley Seaman was visiting North Presbyterian Church when Gilbert cried out. She raised her hand and said "I can do Communion". Gilbert prophetically exclaimed "You're going to be our new minister". Although it took some time to go thru the Presbyterian paperwork, she's been there ever since.

According to Ashley "The twelve people left in the congregation were really committed to being in a church with or without a pastor, and for all the right reasons." "Since Rev. Ashley Seaman's arrival, North Presbyterian has grown from 12 to 70 members "with 30 to 50 in attendance on Sunday" - Denver Post. In March of 2009, the North Presbyterian Church Board sold its building to the American Orthodox Church. Rev. Seaman said "The lovely old building was expensive, demanding and distracted from what mattered." - Denver Post.

The story goes that the Archbishop of the American Orthodox Church had flown into Denver to find a church for sale. He was driving in the area before meeting with his Realtor, he pulled into the parking lot of North Pres-

byterian. He called the Realtor and said he was looking for a church like that. The Realtor checked and, even though it had not been advertised and there was no 'For Sale' sign, North Presbyterian had providentially been listed that morning at an acceptable price. Renamed "The People's Cathedral" by the new owners, the building was leased back for limited use (for \$1 per year for 10 years) to North Presbyterian for one service on Sunday and other programs including the soup kitchen/food bank every Wednesday afternoon.

In December 2010, North Presbyterian and another aging church, Highland Presbyterian, both dissolved their congregations. They re-chartered themselves as North Highland Presbyterian Church on December 12th.

In August, after I retired, Linda got a three month traveling nurse assignment in Denver, Colorado. Pastor John said, "I think I have a church in Denver, for you to check out." We did check it out and felt privileged to be a part of yet another miracle of new beginnings. We benefited from the worship services, got involved with helping during the Wednesday afternoon food bank and enjoyed the fellowship of the congregation. We even joined in riding bicycles with a church group one Sunday after worship.

On the way back from Denver, Colorado, Linda and I called to see if we could meet up with Ashley's mother, Rev. Carol Seaman. She has become the Interim Assistant Pastor at First Presbyterian in Kingsport, Tennessee. We had gotten to spend some time with her while in Denver and realized that getting to know her was an additional blessing of John's original connection in Montreat. It didn't work out to meet with Carol then, but it's only four hours from Charlotte, and would make a great "Road Trip."

ref: "North Presbyterian Church breaks away from Protestant status quo, grows vibrant Congregation"
THE DENVER POST 1/03/2010 by Electa Draper

Jim Schick, CGN! correspondent

Now here's news we like to hear

"Last Sunday after church I turned to some visitors from out of town and said it was good to have them with us and that I hoped they'd have a safe trip home. The woman said in response, "You know what? If someone came here depressed they surely couldn't leave that way!"

Judy Atwater, CGN! correspondent

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COMING UP SOON...

JANUARY

Monday, January 17

Women's Circle, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, Shelby Room

Tuesday, January 18

FitClub, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 19

Zumba, 6 - 7 pm, Fellowship Hall
 Officer training, 7 - 9 pm, Upstairs Room
 Evening devotionals, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Quiet Room, Price Building, 2nd floor

Monday, January 24

Session, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, TBD

Tuesday, January 25

FitClub, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 26

Zumba, 6 - 7 pm, Fellowship Hall
 Evening devotionals, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Quiet Room, Price Building, 2nd floor

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 1

Caldwell Women, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Shelby
 FitClub, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 2

Zumba, 6 - 7 pm, Fellowship Hall
 Evening devotionals, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Quiet Room, Price Building, 2nd floor

Monday, February 7

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

Tuesday, February 8

FitClub, 6:30 - 8:30 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

Monday, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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!

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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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