

# Caldwell Good News!

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## Merry Oaks at heart of Caldwell volunteerism

Many Caldwell volunteers pitch in at this diverse elementary school

By necessity, much of Caldwell's outreach effort is aimed at adults. But not far from our 5th street campus, many from our church spend considerable time with those who are much younger and also in need - students at **Merry Oaks Elementary School**.

"For the kids, I would say that we can offer them encouragement and affirmation - encouraging them to try or keep trying when they are learning something new and affirming their efforts with a big "YES!" whenever they strive for or attain their particular goal," says **Jeff Mitchiner**, who volunteers every week at Merry Oaks.

From books to school supplies - even ice cream socials as a reward for good work done in school - Caldwell has been a fixture on the Merry Oaks campus for several years.



*Caldwell has been no stranger to helping Merry Oaks. A recent book drive brought volumes to kids eager to read.*

The Caldwell - Merry Oaks story began at the urging of the congregation. "In terms of how it came about, about three years ago, it came

up through town hall meetings and forums that the congregation wanted to 'help the youth,'" says **Helen Hull**.

Jeff, **Doreen Byrd** and Helen paid a visit to a school system volunteer coordinator who "hooked us up with Merry Oaks," says Helen. "We went to visit and we were so impressed by the community - the spirit and love that already seemed to be in operation there. We felt like it was God's work/will, for us to be there."

More than 30 Caldwell volunteers have helped with an assortment of duties at the school from reading to students to helping teachers. It is the teachers who've also appreciated the Caldwell presence. "For the teachers and staff, our very presence is a source of encouragement," says Jeff, "and more than one teacher has mentioned to me, 'all of your Caldwell volunteers seem so genuinely happy to be here!'"

### So, how do our members and visitors help Merry Oaks? This report late last year shows plenty of ways we help kids

- Donation of school supplies - enough to fill Jeff's car!!
- Support for the annual teacher/staff Welcome Back luncheon
- Throwing the first AR (Accelerated Reading) party of the year - for 130 students!! (Up from 40 children at the first AR party) We supply and serve the ice cream at the parties.
- Providing birthday cards for teachers and staff
- Helping with the school's art program
- Helping coordinate Merry Oaks's recycling program
- Chaperoning for field trips and starting a Book Club
- Help with physical fitness testing
- Help with the fall carnival and providing a judge for their spelling bee
- Support for their PTA
- Linking Harris Teeter, etc. cards to Merry Oaks's number

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# What's going on with Presbytery?

## Pastor's Message

Some of you may have seen the Feb. 15 article in The Charlotte Observer concerning the Charlotte Presbytery's recent decision to sever its relationship with its senior staff member. Your reactions probably varied.

What is the Presbytery and why should I care?

What does this have to do with Caldwell?

What does this have to do with me being Presbyterian?

Well, I'm glad you asked, because this issue brings up a range of key things any of us should at least know about, if not also care about. Let's start with the role of Presbytery. What sets Presbyterians apart, as much as anything, is how we govern ourselves (and I bet you thought it was predestination).

Our word "Presbyterian" is based

on the Greek word 'elder.' Elders are "called" from within a congregation, as you've seen happen here. Their ordination holds the same importance as mine or Veronica's. They are called to lead and care for the church. Just this year Presbyterians went back to some former language, calling lay elders "ruling elders." Veronica and I are called and ordained to be "teaching elders," otherwise called ministers of Word and Sacrament. In calling regular folk to lead the church, we differ, for example, from Roman Catholics, who believe that the Pope is God's designated and authorized representative leader.

To be Presbyterian is also to believe in what we call a connectional system. In contrast, Traditions such as Baptist are not connectional. Each individual Baptist church and congregation is its own 'island' so to speak, with complete local control over issues such as belief, doctrine, money, ownership of land and buildings, polity, membership, etc.

We might say that Presbyterians, however, are 'networked' together, from the local level to the national level. The Presbytery is what we call the regional network. The Charlotte Presbytery covers seven counties and includes 130 churches.

All churches are expected to support the Presbytery through tithes and offerings. These funds go to the "regional office" to be pooled and used in support of all the churches in the region. This takes the form of training, supportive programming, educational offerings and ministry to pastors among other things. The Presbytery works with congregations in times of conflict or transition.

Some churches, a small handful, receive financial support to keep their doors open, though that has dwindled greatly in recent years.



Rev. John Cleghorn

Caldwell is financially self-sustaining but some of our ministries benefit from Presbytery resources, including \$20,000 for Latino ministries that went to refurbish two classrooms in the Price Building for the **Bilingual Preschool** in 2010. More recently, the Bilingual Preschool was named as a recipient of the 10-Cents-A-Meal donations that dozens of churches take up. Funds are used to stock a food bank for lower-income preschool families.

It's easy for any given church to take the posture that it doesn't really need Presbytery – its staff, its resources, its "meddling" in local church affairs. I disagree. By building relationships through our denominational ties, we become stronger and we gain a larger perspective. For example, our relationship with **Bread of Life**, a sister PCUSA church, is purely a result of an idea that **Kitty Bohr** had. Kitty is one of our city's most devoted church leaders. She was moderating (leading) their session when she learned they were losing their former space. She connected the dots and many of us have benefited from the relationships we've built and the

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# Caldwell has a history - and a history in the making

Our Centennial year is here. There is a lot of history to look back on - and a lot of history ahead of us, too

If anything, the photo on the right reminds us that Caldwell's formative years weren't too far behind the end of the horse-and-buggy era. A lot has happened to our church in our first 100 years.

April 4, 1912 was a big day for our church. That was the day our first Elders and Deacons were elected, and a short one month later, on May 19, the first service was held in a college auditorium for the church that would later become Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian.

Soon thereafter, the congregation paid \$3,000 for the lot on 5th Street where a small wood frame church - Knox Presbyterian Church - was housed.

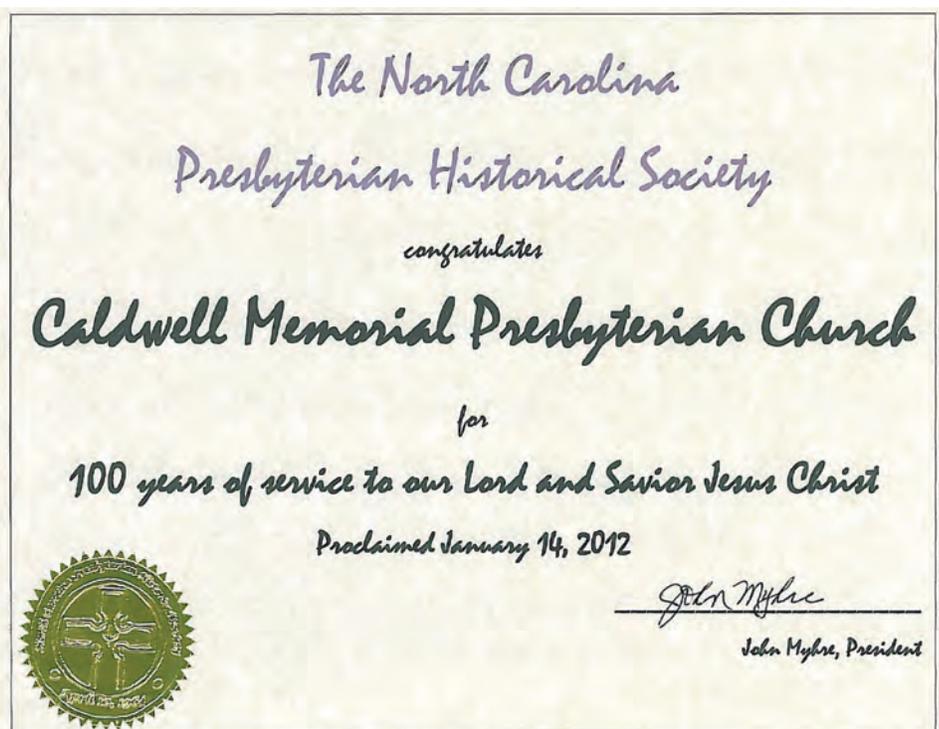
But 1922 was a significant year in the life of our congregation. Mrs. Sallie Caldwell White stepped forward with a \$50,000 donation as a memorial to her parents, David and Martha Caldwell. In March of that year the church changed its name to Caldwell Memorial. The 'new' edifice was finished that year (the first permanent building was called the Sunday School Building which was built at a cost of \$14,000), and the membership at the time was 525 with a Sunday school enrollment of 612. A second Sunday school building was built in 1928 at the rear of the first structure. The cost: \$11,000.

It was in 1949 that the church completed the educational building to the east of the sanctuary. This building was named after a charter member of the original church, W. E. Price.

*Materials from Elora Heffner contributed to this story.*



*This early photo, circa 1920, of Knox Presbyterian Church - the forerunner of Caldwell - was printed on a full-color 3"x5" postcard. Elizabeth School is to the left. (Photo courtesy of the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room - Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.)*



## Caldwell – the “new kid” on the block?

We at Caldwell are excited to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012. But who would have thought that our founding in 1912 would make us the new kids on the block? Also celebrating major anniversaries in 2012 are: Hopewell Presbyterian Church (250); Davidson College and Pleasant Hill (175 years); Mark's Creek (150); Banks (120) and Bethel (100). Happy Anniversary to our sister Presbyterian congregations!

## Adult education and a short survey



Liz Wagner

The Education Committee here at Caldwell Presbyterian has developed a brief survey to determine if the time is right to launch an additional adult education opportunity.

You may have received an email with a link to the survey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BLVJGD8>). If so, I hope you take a few moments to answer the five questions. There will be some printed copies of the survey available on the table in back of the sanctuary for those of you who cannot respond electronically. Paper surveys can be placed in the collection box located on the same table. We would like your responses by Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please help us accommodate your spiritual needs by giving us your input.

The current adult Sunday school class, fondly known as the Red Bus, is in the midst of a study of the Lord's Prayer. Guided by John Dominic Crossan's book, *The Greatest Prayer*, they have already encountered Biblical poetry's metaphor and parallelism, the concept of distributive justice, two words in Hebrew and the 10 Commandments. And all of that occurred in the first two weeks! Join us as we complete the study of the prayer which will end March 18th. The current class meets at 9:45 on Sunday mornings in the Shelby Room.

### *Pastor's Column, from page 2*

worship we've enjoyed with Bread of Life.

It is often said that the Presbyterian "way" reflects the best of democracy, which is another good argument for our denominational system. We elect people to lead us at multiple levels of governance. BUT ... we don't tell them how to vote. We ask them to vote their conscience, guided by the Holy Spirit. Do you see the inherent balance – we choose men and women, flesh and blood, to lead us, but we call on the Spirit to direct them?

Caldwell has an illustrious history in denominational affairs. **W.E. Price**, a true force in building Caldwell from its inception, was elected to lead the old southern branch of the Presbyterian church. Doug Oldenburg, who worshipped here as a teen, was elected to lead the reunited denomination in 1996. I'm sure there must be another church that has produced two moderators, but I don't know of one.

The job that is now vacant at Presbytery isn't enviable. The future of denominations in our consumer-driven, I-want-it-my-way

to end the employment of our denomination's top regional leader was a painful one for all. He has held his position for almost a decade and sought to lead in times of deep complexity and fast change in our surrounding culture and society. When the reporter called me, I sought to avoid commenting on the decision. Instead, at his request, I sent him a few thoughts in writing. I wrote:

*"There is a growing consensus that the Presbyterian church is at a moment of truly historic change, what some are even calling a 'new Reformation.' Church leaders at every level are wrestling with a host of complex questions involving generational differences, racial and cultural differences, differences in scriptural interpretation, financial hardship for both individuals and congregations and, most important, how to be the body of Christ to a world in need. The Charlotte Presbytery has its own complexities that challenge our call to walk in unity— it is urban and rural, black and white, conservative, moderate and progressive theologically and politically. Presbyterian roots run deep here, which can be both a blessing*

*leading and supporting churches in this Presbytery is a very, very demanding job.*

*Our church constitution states that we Presbyterians are to have 'a new openness to see both the possibilities and the perils' of the church and its related institutions. We're at a point where the stakes are very high, in terms of both possibilities and perils. It's a point where we have to embrace change far more readily, but clergy and laypeople alike have different opinions about whether we're going too fast or not fast enough."*

As Presbyterians, we believe God goes ahead and makes a way out of difficult times. These are very challenging times for us, but also times of great hope. I am blessed to see that hope every day as I seek to minister to you and as I witness your discipleship. I truly believe that you – the congregation of Caldwell church – are a beacon of hope for all to witness.

Please join me in praying for the one God will choose to be our next regional officer, for the Presbytery staff in this time of transition and for all our 130 local churches, that we might navigate the perils and make the most of the possibilities of these times.

## Abundance in the midst of the recession...

Lisa McLennan



In these recent years of the recession, it seems like we have all felt the squeeze of cutbacks.

Higher prices, credit freezes, stagnant wages and job losses have affected everyone. No one remains untouched by it. Yet despite the difficult economy, Caldwell decided to open its doors a little wider and expand the ministry to Elizabeth's Caldwell House with the Sunday Sabbath.

When I first came back in September, I must confess that I was a bit worried. I wondered how in the world breakfast would get cooked each week and I wondered how we would find enough volunteers to bring a hot lunch. Shame on me...oh ye of little faith! Within the first two weeks of breakfast a solid core of volunteers began to faithfully show up each week. Since then more volunteers have begun to rotate in to help with breakfast cooking and serving and donations of food, time and money have been made. We started with no volunteers, no money and no food. Yet each week, a delicious hot breakfast is now cooked, served and cleaned before Sunday school even starts. I asked for coffee pots and they appeared, including a 36 cup brewer. Just when I thought it couldn't get any better, two brand new cast iron skillets showed up for us to use. Thanks to all the donors for everything!

The first few weeks we were also scrambling to find groups to provide lunch for the ladies at Elizabeth's Caldwell House. After asking lots of groups to help out, two restaurants (Nothing But Noodles and Jason's Deli) made an ongoing commitment. Then several churches made ongoing commitments. Recently, thanks to you and your suggestions, the 2012 calendar is quickly filling up. We are now scheduling groups for May and each remaining month already has several dates filled. Praise the Lord! Despite the shortage in the economy, I am witnessing an abundance of generosity in your sharing efforts and those of our community partners.

When I reflect on my time at Caldwell, abundance comes to mind. Something wonderful has been created out of very little. God has brought two wonderful ministry opportunities right to this campus with Elizabeth's Caldwell House and the Bilingual preschool. What wonderful opportunities to share the abundance of our gifts and the abundance of God's grace. I am excited to watch how this continues to bless Caldwell Presbyterian. I'll leave you with a comment made to me at breakfast last week. "I'm new to Caldwell House and I have been hearing about this breakfast for a few days. It was even better than I was told it would be." Abundant love was the extra ingredient that made it so good.

## Adult Sunday school now studying the Lord's Prayer



Attendees at Adult Sunday School have turned their attention to *The Greatest Prayer*

The morning lessons are based on the book *The Greatest Prayer* by John Dominic.

Class moderator **Helen Hull** told the group "You can't do justice and righteousness without prayer.

On a recent Sunday, the group engaged in a lively discussion about this prayer that is so central to the Christian life. Among the key discussion points: people on earth as God's heirs.

Everyone is welcome to attend these classes.

Attendance at Adult Sunday School has grown steadily. The class meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Shelby Room. All are welcome.

## Another year, another home built for Habitat

The homes may be modest but new owners see them as a dream come true

Caldwell has started another year of significant volunteer hours for Habitat for Humanity. Our crews recently spent a Saturday morning to help on interior work of a home for a family of five Vietnamese immigrants.

Our H4H coordinator **David Ashley** says last year nearly 20 Caldwellians stepped forward to help with housing. Caldwell volunteers are needed for four homes this year. The high number of workers “makes it a lot easier because we know who is going to help,” says David. “It gives us a good base for what we’re trying to do. It just makes it easier.” But more help is always welcome. You can email David at [dla3111@gmail.com](mailto:dla3111@gmail.com).

Knowing his family will have a home makes the new owner, 33 year old **Kul Rhalan**, “very happy.” Kul and his wife have children ages 5, 3 and 2.



**Kul Rhalan**, a native of Vietnam, looks out a front window of his nearly-finished home. The home, he says, makes him “very happy.”



**Mark Rowe and David Ashley** of Caldwell maneuver wood trim on the front porch of the home on Blackmon Street in west Charlotte. The day was dreary but spirits were high.



First time volunteer **Laura Gilchrist** knows how to wield power tools. “I’ve always been intrigued with Habitat,” she says. “It seemed like a fun way to meet people and be involved in the community at the same time.” Her husband **Jon** also pitched in at the bungalow under construction.



On this particular Saturday, the effort was on baseboard and other trim work throughout the single story house. Work crews are largely volunteer although professionals handle some of the skill-intensive tasks. But as Caldwell knows, enthusiasm and a willingness to help are just as important.



*New members of the session were recently installed, and it is the custom for past members of the session and others to lay hands on the newly installed members.*



*Susan Milkey and Braxton McLennan (left) were here recently to hear Lisa McLennan preach. She did a marvelous job..*



*Marilyn Marks, a former employee of the church ("many years ago") says "Oh, wow. It is amazing what God has done here. It's wonderful. It's a wonderful testimony of what can happen."*



*Sophie Cleghorn collects some of the \$550 raised during Souper Bowl Sunday. Proceeds will help pay for breakfasts for guests at the women's shelter.*

### **The Caldwell Women's Circle - 2011 in review**

The Caldwell Women's Circle had a very interesting and challenging year. We completed our study of Revelation and move on to "Confessing the Beatitudes." Our Bible teacher, Cornie Pleasants, transported us back to the time when Jesus was the teacher and brought The Beatitudes back to life in our hearts and minds. Are we poor in spirit, meek, merciful, pure in heart, and above all, peacemakers?

We donated to the Thank Offering and Leads Coin and provided sandwiches to the Women's Shelter. We also donated money to "Share the Warmth", Friendship Trays, the Bilingual Preschool and the Women's Shelter. In November we voted to place poinsettias in the sanctuary at Christmas to honor past and present circle members.

There was an exciting field trip in April to Covenant Presbyterian Church to view the stained glass windows. Afterward we had a wonderful lunch at the "Kings Table."

At our May meeting we decided to continue our tradition of a summer break and reconvene in September. We did decide to meet in July for lunch and fellowship.

We ended 2011 with our Christmas Luncheon at Sharon Towers. The food was delicious and the fellowship outstanding! We presented our church sexton Fred Hamilton and his wife Mary a long weekend trip as a gesture of thanks for 30 years of service to our church and best wishes for a fulfilling retirement.

As always, we extend a warm welcome to the women of Caldwell to join us on the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Shelby room. We look forward to an even better year in 2012.

**Elaine Hultman**, Chairman and CGN! correspondent

## A proper goodbye for Caldwell caretaker 'Mr. Fred'

Fred Hamilton retires after many years as caretaker of Caldwell's campus

A huge crowd packed Fellowship Hall in January to say goodbye and 'thank you' to **Fred Hamilton** as he retired as church sexton.

Fred, who stood with Caldwell through both thick and thin years, heard many comments about his good work at the church, and in return, Fred told the appreciative group "God is still here."



**Fred Hamilton** and his wife **Mary** bask in what moments later becomes a "thank you" standing ovation in a sanctuary he so lovingly attended to for many years.

Perpetually good natured, humble and blessed with a wonderful sense of humor, Fred finds something funny to share as he introduces his family who attended both the regular service and the reception.



Former Caldwell pastor **Charlie McDonald**, above, speaks to Fred and Mary as he tells a packed house of Fred's steadfast devotion to our church and congregation.



# Committees on the move early in the new year

Caldwell's varied committees - usually at the forefront of our service to others and the community - are gaining steam

Church committees are where needs and opportunities (for members and guests) intersect. Our committees are formulating plans for the 2012 year. Here is an early look at the directions some committees are considering.

## Education

Just like our church, attendance in Caldwell's adult, nursery, Godly Play and school-age education programs is growing. Adults and children are enjoying their experiences, which bring them closer to the Lord, the church and one another. We need volunteers to maintain a strong program. If you have one Sunday a month or every-other month, etc., that you can spare, we'd love to have you volunteer. Please contact **Sharon Harmon**, Education Committee chair with any questions at sharonharmon67@yahoo.com or by calling 704-644-7071.

## Congregational Care

Congregational Care Committee consists of the following groups: Visitation Ministry, Critical Care Food and Support, Prayer Ministry, Funeral and Transportation Ministry. These are the groups that take care of us in the congregation when illness, death or prayer needs arrive. We have a very active group that is dedicated to helping our congregation when needed. In addition to praying for specific needs when requested, our prayer ministry is going to pray for each member of Caldwell during Lent.

**Ruth Curtis**, chairperson

## Buildings and Grounds

Eagle Scouts have had a hand in several projects at Caldwell. One project has been completed (the 12' x 12' sandbox roof/cover for the preschool playground) by **Kyle Doyle**, one project-in-process (6' x 10' outdoor covered seating area and benches for ladies staying at Caldwell house) by **George Williams**, one in the approval stage (8' x 10' x 7' tool shed for the garden) by **Will Morrill**, and another yet-to-be-defined project being considered by another Eagle scout candidate. These fine young men have chosen Caldwell for their Eagle Scout projects, and we're blessed by their contributions to our campus.

**Tom Bohr**, chairperson

## Mission and Justice

The Mission and Justice activities are off to great start this year! Some highlights so far:

\* The Merry Oaks crew is hard at work, and already hosted their first Accelerated Reader party for the year, with more readers than ever.

For volunteer information at Merry Oaks, contact Helen Hull: nchelen2012@gmail.com.

\* Caldwell's first Habitat build day of 2012 was in January. A group from installed interior trim in a home in the Thomasboro neighborhood. For information about how to volunteer through Caldwell on Habitat build days, contact **David Ashley** or **Sheena Bossie**: dla3111@gmail.com.

\* Room in the Inn continues with 2 more Friday evenings (March 2 and 30). **Jessica Polk** has info: pistolepolk@gmail.com.

\* The youth and the adults who helped them netted over \$550 in the **Super Bowl of Caring** for breakfasts at Caldwell House.

**Susan Pierson**, chairperson

Welcome to the *Caldwell Good News!*

# Treasure Trove

Have household items you don't need but others might? The *Caldwell Good News!* Treasure Trove debuts today

If you possess items in useful condition (new or gently used) that you would like to offer to others in need at no charge, contact:

**Zoraida Stewart**  
704-900-7558

**zstewart1@carolina.rr.com**

Your message should include:

- 5 - 10 word item description
- Size - quantity - color
- Your name, phone and email

Interested recipients will contact the provider directly.

**Deadline: The 10th of each month.**

### Su-Sa Medication Organizer (new)

Quantity: 1      Color: Pink  
Zoraida Stewart  
704-900-7558  
zstewart@carolina.rr.com

### Sinus Wash Neti Pot Kit (new)

Quantity: 1  
Zoraida Stewart

### One Day My Soul Just Opened Up by IyanlaVanzant (new)

Zoraida Stewart

### 3'x6' unframed mirror (used)

Dave Bradley  
704-989-8407

## New members join Caldwell

Several people have decided to walk with Caldwell as new members: **Jerry Ancrum, Kitty and Joe McDonough, and Jackie Moore-Jones**. Please give them a hearty and heartfelt welcome to their new church.



**Jerry Ancrum** says "I had looked for 16 years, and came to Caldwell at the suggestion of a friend."

**Kitty McDonough** (with **Joe**, age 8) says "When we came here Joe said 'this is the place for us'. We knew immediately."

**Jackie Moore-Jones** says "I visited Caldwell two Sundays ago and God put it in my heart. I like what I see and want to be part of it."

Preface: In contemplation of Psalm I which offers us a chance to reevaluate our past and influence our thoughts on how we enter into this new year that God has granted us to better ourselves and lean even closer toward being more like Christ. It encourages turning away from harmful associations and bad habits whether they involve drugs, detrimental relationships, or anything else which stands in the way of a brighter spirit or a clean heart. Sometimes it means cleaning your inner house and saying good-bye to that which you have become comfortable with and yes, there is an art to saying goodbye.

### The Art of Saying Goodbye

There are many ways to say goodbye.  
 Each selected by its merit,  
 A choice made from the moment of "Hello."  
 The force, the power of a union  
 Merely seconds long or  
 Just seconds short of eternity.  
 How urgent is the desire of separation?  
 How resplendent the foregone goodness?  
 How vivid the bygone pain?  
 Oh yes, there are many ways to say goodbye.  
 Memories which cling serve to select  
 The penalty for crimes of the heart.  
 The angels and the demons  
 Turn to face each other  
 And the art of saying goodbye is rendered  
 In all the glory and in all the infamy  
 Of two hearts.

**By Zoraida Stewart**

From: *The Art of Saying Goodbye*, 1997

### What visitors are saying

"I'm enjoying it so far. There are friendly people, that's number one."

"It's big. It's a big congregation. Everybody seems so nice and friendly."

"I enjoy it a lot. This is my 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> time here. Everyone is very friendly."

**Lucy Barber** (below) hand wrote her response to visiting Caldwell for the first time:

*"We have to live with intention because if we don't we fall prey to the impressions and judgments of those we allow to influence us. Thus we must live with the intention to be open and accepting or else we will simply live to close ourselves off to the people and opportunities that empower us to grow. There are few people I know who strive to live that way but my aunt (**Molly Griffin**, background right) is one of them and thus I wanted to visit the community she holds so dear who must also share her devotion to intentional living and those are people I want to fill my life with."*



# Caldwell Good News! Bulletin Board

## COMING UP SOON...

### FEBRUARY

**Wednesday, February 22**

Zumba, 6 - 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Monday, February 27**

Session, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., TBD

### MARCH

**Tuesday, March 6**

Caldwell Women, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Shelby Room

**Sunday, March 11**

Caldwell Tales from the past, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Monday, March 12**

Women's Circle, 10:30 - 12:30 p.m., Shelby Room

Women's Book Club, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., TBA

**Monday, March 26**

Session, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., TBD

## 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, Shelby

6:30 pm - Finance Committee, Upstairs

6:30 pm - Education Committee, Upstairs

### 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](http://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. Irene Kennedy** 419 Clement Avenue

**Mrs. Ann Ranson** Legacy Heights

**Mrs. Irene Brown** Emeritus @ Eastover

3315 Faith Church Rd., Room 600 Indian Trail, NC 28079

Charlotte, NC 28210

3610 Randolph Rd, Memory Care Charlotte, NC 28211

Charlotte, NC 28204

11240 Ballantyne Trace Ct. Charlotte, NC 28277

3610 Randolph Rd., Room 228 Charlotte NC 28211

## 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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