

## Union Pres. Seminary: source of Caldwell clergy

New building highlights decades of preparing Presbyterian clergy - including those we know at Caldwell

Tucked behind **Sharon Presbyterian Church** on a wooded tract is a new building whose two wings symbolically represent outstretched arms of welcome to visitors.

Welcome, indeed. It is the new home of **Union Presbyterian Seminary**, where those aspiring to the ministry begin their walk with the church - and a school where a pastor and a half-dozen recent interns have received a call to serve Caldwell.

The three acre Charlotte campus is affiliated with the seminary's 200-year-old primary location in Richmond, Virginia.

'Union' derives from a union of seminary doctrine between Virginia and North Carolina. The Charlotte school was formed 12 years ago when a group of five presbyteries approached Richmond officials to



*The new home of the Charlotte campus of Union Presbyterian Seminary. It serves a regional need for commuter-oriented students who go to class on weekends.*

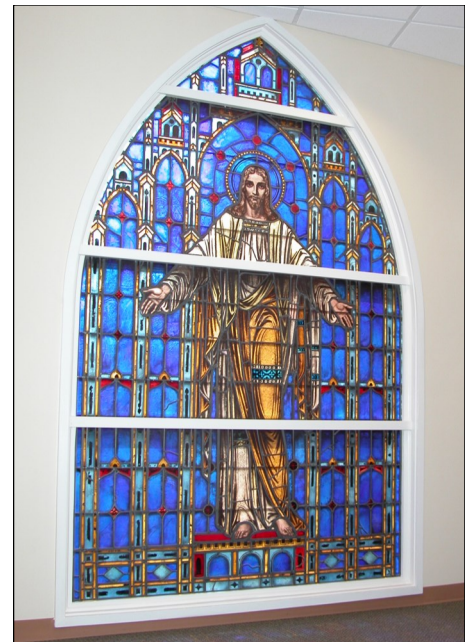
request a Charlotte location to serve the needs of area Presbyterian churches.

The new facility was completed in September, 2012 at a cost of nearly \$7 million raised from individuals, presbyteries and churches, but the total includes an endowment to fund maintenance and upkeep.

Inside the two-story structure are four small and three large classrooms, an 18,000 volume resource library and offices for four full time professors and a small administrative staff. The chapel and other rooms feature stained glass windows once stored on the Richmond campus.

The building can accommodate up to 130 students, but this semester's 78 students is a typical enrollment. Union is a welcoming study environment; classes are open to Methodists, American Baptists and Lutherans.

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*Several beautiful stained glass windows long in storage at Union's home campus in Richmond, Virginia found a second calling and new life on the Charlotte campus.*

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# Missional and Transformational

## Pastor's Message

Last month in this space I described an upcoming experience for all of us. Dubbed "Caldwell in 3D," we are beginning a bottom-up process of gathering in small groups to talk about our next phase of life together. The "3D" part stands for a season of Discernment, Discussion and Dreaming.

As a first step, we will be invited to focus on two powerful words that appear in our Mission Statement that has - and will continue to be - our blueprint for seeking the Kingdom of God: Missional and Transformative. (As a reminder, our Mission Statement resulted from a series of congregational town hall conversations and brainstorming meetings in 2007, captured eloquently by primary authors **Tovi Martin** and **Jeff Sinn** and

adopted by the session that same year.)

### Missional and Transformative:

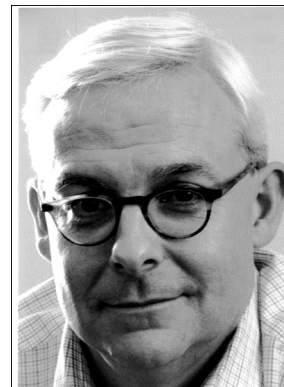
These are intentional ideas, more than just "churchy sounding" words. They have and will continue to form us. As with so much of our Mission Statement they are aspirational. They have the power to form us as a new expression of the body of Christ in an era when the church at large desperately needs new expression.

As a natural first step, we will spend time deepening our understanding of what they mean. We will do this by sharing some reading and short videos in which church leaders from various circles express what it means, to them at least, to be missional and transformative. These materials will be shared via our website and in handout form for reading. The congregation will divide up into small groups for discussion (the second "D") and shared elaboration. Stay tuned for details on how we will share the information and gather in small groups.

We "kick off" with sermons on Feb. 24 (what it means to be missional), March 3 (what it means for a church to be transformative) and



March 10, when we are privileged to host a visit by **Bruce Reyes-Chow** (above) who recently held the top elected position of our national denomination. Bruce will bring his per-



Rev. John Cleghorn

spective of what's happening nationally to our context. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

If you would like to help in leading this process, please let me or elder **Gina Shell** know. Also, don't forget that we all have the chance to participate with other Presbyterians from across the country in a national conference here in Charlotte. For more information, see the website at <http://nextchurch.net/2013-national-gathering/>. To be sure, we enter this next phase of life together from a position of abundance – abundance in relationships, ministry opportunities, potential and a sense of adventure in seeking what God has in store for us. As is written in Ephesians 3:20-21:

*Now to the One who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.*

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# Última llamada (last call): Caldwell to Guatemala!

## Join the Caldwell Vision Team in Guatemala

There is still room for you on the Caldwell Mission trip to Guatemala, but now is the time to secure your spot! Please think about joining our **Vision Team** and represent our church community from **October 6 to October 13, 2013** in Guatemala. You can make a difference in the lives of Guatemalan families, and they will certainly make a difference in your lives. To secure your spot on the Vision Team, turn in your Common Hope application and \$400 deposit as soon as possible and turn in to the team leader, **Cathy Lum**. The absolute deadline to register is Monday, March 25, but spaces may be filled before then. If you have questions or need an application form, please contact Cathy Lum at 704-237-3731; [catbivslp@aol.com](mailto:catbivslp@aol.com).

We will again be working with **Common Hope** in Guatemala. Common Hope was recently noted as a "top rated" charity by *Charity Navigator*; America's leading independent charity evaluator. This is great news for Common Hope! According to *Charity Navigator*, "Common Hope has grown into a dynamic organization serving more than 11,000 Guatemalan children and adults, living in rural and urban poverty. With Common Hope more than 1,200 young adults have graduated from high school with skills for professional careers in a country where the average adult drops out before 6<sup>th</sup> grade and survives on several dollars a day."

### What can you expect as a member of our Vision Team?

Common Hope's Vision Team experience is intended to foster encounters that educate, provoke compassion, and challenge complacency. While in Guatemala you will work hard to accomplish real and significant work. However, the work is not



**Be ready to help once you get to Guatemala.** Caldwell Mission Team members on a recent trip ( L to R), **Richard Bargoil, Elise Deal, Kitty Bohr, Jane Wallwork, Shawanda Jones, Cathy Lum, Sherry Bargoil, Felicia Pine, Tom Bohr and Bo Jordan**. In front are coffee farmers **Claudia and Alberto**. These are the people helped by Caldwell and Common Hope.

the end goal, but rather part of the experience—an experience that will change your world view and open your heart.

The Common Hope staff seeks to maintain a balance between the needs of the organization and the interests of the volunteers. You will alternate job assignments depending on individual abilities and the work needing to be done. Some of the work can be hard, but there is plenty to do for people who prefer less strenuous tasks

During the trip you will participate in a variety of activities which may include the following: accompanying a social worker on visits to the villages, observing or helping in the classrooms or preschool, constructing a home, teaching a craft,

preparing educational materials, landscaping grounds, working in the warehouse, or attending talks by staff members. Common Hope loves to draw on volunteer's special skills and talents as well.

Your experience will not end when you leave Guatemala. Returning home provides Vision Team members with an opportunity to share their experience and what they've learned with friends, family and the Caldwell congregation.

Our mission trips to Guatemala are an integral part of Caldwell's mission and justice ministry and enhance much of the work we are doing locally in our community!

**Cathy Lum**, *CGN!* correspondent  
(See companion article on next page from **Zach Thomas**.)

### Become a 'friend' of Caldwell on Facebook

If you're a Facebook user, become a friend of Caldwell's Facebook page. It's constantly updated with the latest news and information for visitors and guests alike. After you log onto your Facebook page, search for Caldwell Presbyterian Church.



## Common Hope's approach works

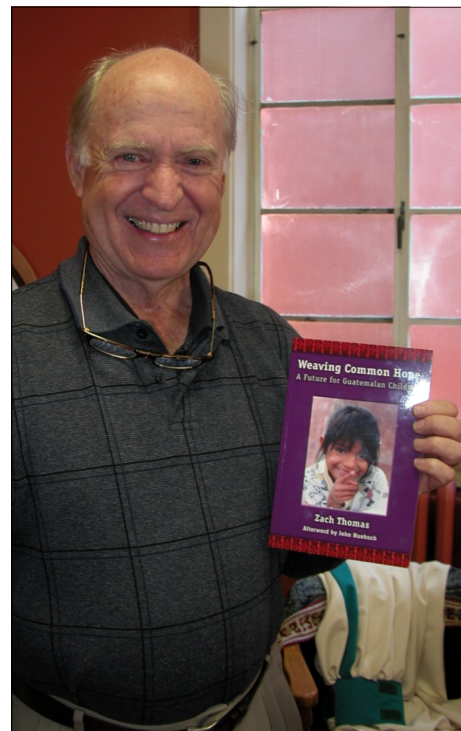
*Zach Thomas shares his experience with Common Hope:*

Common Hope focuses on education to help poor children in Guatemala. Does their approach actually work? The Sociology Department of Chicago University compared two sets of children - those affiliated with Common Hope and those who were not. Affiliated children were more likely to graduate from high school, to find jobs that paid more and to live healthier lives.

I wrote *Weaving Common Hope: a Future for Guatemalan Children* to provide a detailed history of the project. The book explains the project's origins and how it grew to help over 11,000 people to break the cycles of poverty. It supports children, their families and public schools in a manner that respects their dignity and self-determination.

The family of a Guatemalan child, sponsored by families in the U.S., receives health care, housing, school supplies, support groups and more depending on the family's needs. Our Vision Teams' experience (which Sally helped administer during our five-years there as long-term volunteers) is life-changing.

*Weaving Common Hope: a Future for Guatemalan Children* is available through Common Hope or Amazon or me. Proceeds go to the church.



*Zach Thomas with his book. The Guatemala Vision Team mission experience, says Zach, is "life-changing."*

### Women's Circle recaps a great 2012

The **Caldwell Women's Circle** had a very exciting year!

We have been studying *Dispatches to God's Household, the General Epistles*. Once again our Bible teacher, **Cornie Pleasants**, made these lessons interesting and thought provoking. The topics included *Fatherhood, A Spiritual House and Household Matters, The Help, The Ties That Bind* and we will continue with *The Elders, The Children, The Bad Seeds* and end with *Brothers and Sisters in Harmony*.

We continued our donations to The Thank You offering, Least Coin, Share the Warmth, Friendship Trays and provided sandwiches for the Salvation Army's Women's Shelter. We also placed a poinsettia in the church at Christmas in memory of **Toby Herring**, our member who passed away in 2012.

We attended the ballet *Sleeping Beauty* in March. It was so beautiful and very enjoyable!

On December 9 we presented Cornie, our faithful Bible teacher, a special pin and certificate honoring her with a Life Membership Aware in the **Presbyterian Women's Organization**. It was such a wonderful day! **Lynn Watson** ordered the pin and certificate and had the certificate framed. The presentation was made during the church service by **Elaine Hultman**, Circle Chairwoman. A reception followed with cake and punch and fellowship! Lynn gave of her time and talents organizing this very special event.

On Easter Sunday we provided a lily in the sanctuary to honor our past and present members.

In November we donated \$75 to go toward Christmas gifts for the women at Caldwell House. These gifts were presented at a Christmas party. This committee was chaired by **Cassandra Mays**.

We brought our year to a close with a wonderful celebration and lunch at **Sharon Towers**. We all enjoyed the day, including the 'White Elephant' gift exchange.

Here we come 2013!

We welcome all the women of Caldwell to join us on the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Shelby Room.

**Elaine Hultman**, *CGN!* correspondent

### Women's Retreat in April

Join your Caldwell sisters as we connect our personal stories with the timeless biblical stories so central to our faith. The 2013 Women's Retreat will take place April 19-21 at Montreat Conference Center in Black Mountain NC – a short two-hour drive which can be enjoyed in the fellowship of a full car! Registration forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. Contact **Katy Hill** by phone at 704-335-1510 or email at [catharine.hill@gmail.com](mailto:catharine.hill@gmail.com) if you need additional information.

**Katy Hill**, *CGN!* correspondent





## Unity is seen as a gift and obligation for the church

### Liz Wagner

I was fortunate to spend two days with fourteen Presbyterians from various regions in the United States and Puerto Rico. We were pastors and laypersons from churches large and small, diverse and homogenous. Our common interest was *The Belhar Confession* and devising a strategy for successful inclusion into the Presbyterian *Book of Confessions*. The highlight of our meeting was having the opportunity to interact with the authors of the confession by way of Skype. It was 2:30 in the afternoon in Louisville, Kentucky and 9:30 in the evening in two cities of South Africa but the single conversation centered on Unity-Reconciliation-Justice proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Belhar Confession. Next we talked with members of the Reformed Church in America (RCA) who shepherded the confession through the RCA adoption process. The following church vision comes from a portion of the resources RCA has generously offered to share with the PC(USA).

- Imagine a church called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to stand where God stands, with the poor and powerless.
- Imagine a church that give voice to the voiceless, exercises power on behalf of the powerless.
- Imagine a church that resists and rejects as contrary to the Gospel and essence of the church any form of separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups
- Imagine a church where baptism and not biology determines a person's status and opportunity of membership in the body of Christ.
- Imagine hurts being healed, the lost being found, the hungry being fed...lives transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.
- Imagine "a thousand churches in million ways doing one thing ...following Christ in mission, in a lost and broken world so loved by God".

That is the church who, following Belhar, confesses "Unity is seen as a gift and obligation for the church... Reconciliation is entrusted to the church by God through both word and deed...Justice and true peace are revealed as the nature of God."



## The Lord says, "I am about to do a new thing..."

### Will Davis

"I Am Presbytery." That was the phrase which guided the 117<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the **Presbytery of Charlotte**, held Saturday, Feb. 16, at **Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church** in Charlotte. If you grew up Presbyterian, you have probably heard and read a lot about presbytery meetings over the years.

But if you are relatively new to the denomination, as many of us are, the concept of Presbytery may be a little puzzling...perhaps a bit mysterious. Plus, much of the news coming out of the secular media recently has focused on internal squabbles related to a transition in leadership at our presbytery.

Put simply, a presbytery is the council which serves as the corporate expression of the **Presbyterian Church (USA)** within a certain district. It is composed of all the congregations and teaching elders within that district. The Presbytery of Charlotte is made up of more than 120 churches, with nearly 40,000 members, within a seven-county area of south-central North Carolina.

And, if you attended the meeting on Feb. 16, you probably felt right at home. In fact, a better slogan for it might have been: "We are Presbytery", because there were a lot of familiar faces there. Pastor **John Cleghorn** is the current Moderator of Council; **Kitty Bohr** is Co-Moderator of the Committee on Ministry; active Elders **Sharon Harmon-Robinson** and **Johnny Johnson** were there as commissioners from our church; past intern **Danny Trapp** was enrolled as a Candidate for Ministry at the meeting; and several other members of our church attended as visitors.

A highlight for everyone was Pastor Cleghorn's council report, which included a video showing some of the many wonderful things that the Presbytery of Charlotte does in our district, such as supporting pastors, organizing presbytery-wide mission initiatives, and funding hospital chaplaincy programs. You can view it on the internet by going to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), and entering "presbytery of charlotte video" on the command line.

What I learned at this meeting is that, while it's true that we face challenges in this time of transition in our denomination, it is also a time for new possibilities. In Isaiah 43:19, the Lord says "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" That passage of Holy Scripture has had special meaning for Caldwell Church during the past five years, and now for the Presbytery of Charlotte as well. As Pastor Cleghorn said to those in attendance, "This is your presbytery. Get involved, find a role to play."

What an exciting time it is for us to be disciples of Jesus the Christ! Amen.

## Interns find a well-rounded experience at Caldwell

The road to ministry can be a winding one, but for a few **Union Presbyterian Seminary** students, that road led them straight to Caldwell.

An internship is a calling almost totally initiated by the student. According to former Caldwell intern **Lisa McLennan**, “Students make the outreach” to churches in hopes of finding a church that will let them practice areas the student needs to strengthen. In Lisa’s case, she wanted to center on being able to preach, taking on mission activities and working with the session. She found all three at Caldwell. “I knew Caldwell had the shelter, and I knew John (Cleghorn) would let people preach,” she said. “I asked him if you would let me practice these things.” Lisa got her marching orders right away: ‘We need to feed these ladies (at the shelter)’, said John. To Lisa, a registered dietician who had the background to help feed the women, it meant “the Holy Spirit stepped in.” Other interns (next page) provide similar witness.

That Caldwell allows interns a well-rounded experience is great. Seminary Dean **Tom Currie** said “We are thrilled to have a partnership with Caldwell. It has worked well for our students.”

### *Union from page 1*

Until the construction of the new building, classes were held on the Presbyterian-related Queens University campus in Charlotte. Union - the second oldest Presbyterian seminary in the U.S. - takes a unique approach to seminary education.

Caldwell’s interns are no different than the rest of the student body - working adults well on in their careers but who experienced a call to ministry. Classes are held largely on weekends or evenings as a matter of convenience for working adults, and the school attracts scholars from a wide area. Commuters come from as far as Greenville, South Carolina or Atlanta for weekend courses.

Seminary is no different than other colleges in that Union students start with basic courses (“HST101 - History of Christianity”) and work their way up to advanced classes (“BIB221 - New Testament 1”).

The connection to Caldwell runs deep at Union. In addition to Pastor **John Cleghorn**, Union has supplied a steady stream of interns eager for a broad church experience (see companion story above). In recent years, Caldwell has been a springboard to the ministry for Pastor **Vernonica Rogers**, **Danny Trapp** (who graduates in April from Union), **Will Davis**, **Phanta Lansden**, **Lisa McLennan** and **Liz Wagner**.



*Resource rooms are well-lit, spacious and conducive to study (some pastors write sermons in the rooms). A model of a 6 foot Celtic cross that will be placed in front of the building. Grads get a smaller version. Union Dean **Tom Currie** and former Caldwell intern **Lisa McLennan** who works in admissions and recruiting.*



*Honestly, I have spent most of my life in a small white congregation and, my time at Caldwell allowed me to experience worship in a different format which was enriching to my life, and informative. Caldwell is much more of a celebratory atmosphere, with enthusiasm. It’s a contagious enthusiasm for our love for God, and it allowed me to experience worship in a completely different atmosphere. I got to walk with people and get to know them in different ways. God’s children are very diverse, and I got to experience that much more intensely at Caldwell. Caldwell looks like the whole world and at 11:00 it’s not so segregated. It gave me a chance to practice things I need to practice. The congregation nurtured me and gave me feedback on what I needed to improve and what I was doing well.*  
**Lisa McLennan**



*When you become an intern, the church you go to has needs specific to that church, and interns have specific needs. I needed experience in worship leadership. I had never led a service of worship. That is what Caldwell has enabled me to do. My second Sunday here, I did everything but the sermon. For me, that's incredible to have that opportunity. Some churches don't make an opportunity to do that. To be able to lead an entire service was what I needed. I had never preached a sermon to an entire congregation. Some churches don't give interns an opportunity to preach, and here I've had four sermons. The support of this congregation gives you energy. When you look out at the congregation, you can feel and see the support in their faces and demeanor. They want you there. It's like 'we're here for you. We'll help you.'*

**Will Davis**



*What is unique about Caldwell is that the congregation is extremely affirming, loving, supportive and extremely genuine. It just blows my mind and enriches my heart. When I came in as a intern, I didn't know many people, but it has been an awesome experiences because of the richness of the congregation and the people. They share the love of Christ, it is what we're supposed to do, and it's truly an image of the mission statement that God calls, and they welcome all. It's just a wonderful place. For me, it's been fertile ground and it's just been an amazing opportunity for me to grow, and for God to reveal his gifts to me and to be comfortable in my own skin. Caldwell has been that place where I can be who I am. People surround me and encourage me to be Phanta. And in doing that, it has brought so much joy to my experience and my walk in ministry.*

**Phanta Lansden**



*I often recommend Caldwell as an internship. Because of the size of Caldwell, an intern can do all facets of ministry. At a larger church you get assigned one aspect, or maybe not get to preach. At Caldwell you have a congregation that is large enough so that you get a feel of what its like to preach to the congregation and you get a feel for all aspects of ministry. John Cleghorn is willing to encourage those experiences. That's what makes it a special place. You can enjoy a rich church history and what it's like in a 'new' church experience. I found Caldwell to be such a loving, affirming, giving and supportive congregation. It's where I felt I would always get support. I tell people 'If you really want an experience about what it will really be like, this is the place to come'. It's an environment where people want you to succeed.*

**Veronica Rogers**



*I was the second intern at Caldwell. As it worked out, I felt a little bit like a trailblazer, being a part of something that was so fresh and new and exciting. I especially appreciated the opportunity to be in a real leadership position as opposed to being just a situation where, as an intern, I got busy work and helped out with things. I appreciated the opportunities to preach, I preached five times, which is unheard of for almost any intern. It was certainly a great experience. I enjoyed being there at a time when things were really starting to take off. That was an exciting thing to be a part of. I'd worshiped there and I had a feel for what I was walking into. I was very aware of the story, not only when the church was on the brink. I remember when nothing was going on at Caldwell. It helped me understand where people and the church were.*

**Danny Trapp**



*When I started my internship, I was in a very bad place. I had lost my job, I was just beat up from school and all kinds of stuff. Caldwell healed me. The congregation was so gracious and loving and willing to accept me where I was and what I could offer them at the time. It was phenomenal and absolutely amazing. I didn't expect it and had never seen anything like that in a church congregation. It has just been a wonderful place. I entered seminary being interested in mission from an international mission standpoint. I had gone to Hungary with another church and gone to Guatemala with a study seminar. What Caldwell taught me is that mission can happen right on campus. You don't have to go across the world or fly on a plane. That mission is right here.*

**Liz Wagner**

## Sunday school class focuses on Lent: can you attend?



### Sunday school: the difference a day makes, Lent, and you

Have you ever thought about the difference a day makes?

The Sunday school class at Caldwell has embarked upon a study of that very question - although we're not studying just any day. As we move through Lent, preparing for Easter, we're considering the 24 hours that led up to Christ's crucifixion. Using *24 Hours That Changed the World*, a DVD prepared by the well-known pastor and author **Adam Hamilton**, we are tracing the journey Jesus himself would have made in those last hours of his life. Through video footage, Hamilton helps us to see the places today and imagine what the journey would have been like for Christ and his disciples. In turn, we're thinking about what that journey means for us as practicing Christians today.

We meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Shelby Room. All are invited to join in the study - even if you can only come for one session! We welcome your participation. For more information, contact **Helen Hull** at [nchelen2012@gmail.com](mailto:nchelen2012@gmail.com) or 704-806-1410.

**Helen Hull**, CGN! correspondent



Children at **Merry Oaks Elementary School** know how to say 'thank you'. The kids wrote notes to thank the congregation for the generously donated school supplies. A number of church members donate many hours each month to the school.

### All garden plots spoken for!

The **Caldwell Community Garden** is full up - all plots have been spoken for! Our first workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Spring planting will begin in early April. To help address problems of hunger within our community, we will share the bounty of our efforts with local agencies. If you are interested in joining us, contact **Merritt Tracy** ([merritt.tracy@hotmail.com](mailto:merritt.tracy@hotmail.com)) or **Katy Hill** ([catharine.hill@gmail.com](mailto:catharine.hill@gmail.com)).

Do follow our progress by taking a stroll behind the church periodically and watching our gardens grow!

**Katy Hill**, CGN! correspondent



Do you have a smidgen of CGN! correspondent in you? Submissions - articles, photos, story ideas - are always welcome additions to *Caldwell Good News!* The deadline is the first week of the month.



## Caldwell in photos



*Sam Powell (inset) in quiet reflection before a Sunday service. "I've been looking to change churches. I was impressed by the video online." Sam wasn't a first time visitor - he was at church the day before for the funeral of his friend, **Mike Middleton**.*



*Our littlest voices can sing with us. **Jaqueline White** shows daughter **Lila**, age 5, and her friend **Eleanor Montgomery**, age 7, how to join in on a morning hymn.*



*Holdover jewelry from the Christmas party for shelter guests gathered no dust. **Cassandra Mays** said enough items were left over to give two pieces to guests after a breakfast. "What are you going to do with leftover Christmas things? Give it away?" said Cassandra, who proceeded to do just that.*



*Chef extraordinaire **Randy Hood** does last minute cleanup after a breakfast for our shelter guests before he hustles upstairs to join the choir. "I love doing God's work," said Randy. "He didn't put us here just to take care of ourselves, He put us here to take care of others." Now that the shelter will remain open, foods such as sausage, bacon, liver mush and biscuits are needed, as are eggs, potatoes - and volunteers.*

# New members!...and more good work by you



We welcomed more new members on the first Sunday in February (new members join the first Sunday of each month), including (front row, L to R) **Jennifer Gaskin, Caitlin Culp** (affiliate member), **Linda Shenton** and husband **Bud Lohr**. (Back row) **Eddy Capote, Jamie Hofmeister, Sarah Cline, Syd Howell**. Caldwell welcomed 37 new members in 2012 - a 13 percent increase over 2011. We now have 231 members.



**Tatiana and Rose** share a few moments before a Sunday service.



**Diane Mowrey** leads the new member class (9:45 Sunday mornings downstairs) in an opening prayer. The informal sessions are a good chance for visitors to ask questions about their prospective new church.



**David Ashley** digs deep to help Caldwell youth raise money to fight hunger during the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. Hundreds of dollars were raised.

Seen on recent Sundays were **Francis Smith**, who holds granddaughter **Mukahia Harrison** (age 8), and visitors **Lakehsa** and **Amanda Schrider-Rhodes**. "It was an unbelievable service," said **Amanda**. "We'll be back."



# Caldwell Good News! Bulletin Board

## COMING UP SOON...

### FEBRUARY

#### Sunday, February 24

Newcomers class, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall  
Covered dish luncheon, 12:15 - 1:30, Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday, February 26

Contemplative prayer, noon - 1 p.m., Scott Lindsey Chapel, Presbyterian Hospital  
Session, 5:30 - 8 p.m., Shelby  
Yoga, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, February 27

Latino Ministries Committee, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Shelby

#### Thursday, February 28

Contemplative prayer, 6 - 8 p.m., Prayer Chapel  
Education Committee, 6:30 - 8 p.m., upstairs

### MARCH

#### Sunday, March 3

Newcomers class, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday, March 5

Contemplative prayer, noon - 1 p.m., Scott Lindsey Chapel, Presbyterian Hospital  
Charlotte Knitting Guild, 6 - 8 p.m., Shelby  
Yoga, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

#### Thursday, March 7

Contemplative prayer, 6 - 8 p.m., Prayer Chapel

#### Sunday, March 10

High school youth game night, 6 - 8 p.m., TBD

#### Monday, March 11

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

## Church Calendar

### 1st Monday

6:30 p.m. - Men's Group

### 2nd Monday

Women's Circle

### 3rd Monday

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

### 4th Monday

5:30 p.m., Session, Shelby

### 1st Tuesday

6:30 p.m. - Women's Group

### 2nd Tuesday

6:30 p.m. - Mission & Justice Comm., Shelby

### Wednesdays

7 p.m. - Choir practice

### 2nd Thursday

6 p.m., Congregational Care, Shelby

### 3rd Tuesday

12:15 p.m. - Finance committee, Upstairs

### 3rd Thursday

12:15 p.m. - Worship committee, Shelby  
6:30 p.m. - Education committee, Upstairs

### Every Friday

7:30 p.m., AA, Shelby

### Sundays

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Upstairs  
11 a.m. 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, 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Pastor's Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Reach Pastor Cleghorn on his cell phone:  
704-957-4511

## **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  
**Mrs. Irene Kennedy** 419 Clement Avenue

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