



Caldwell served as a rallying point for an immigration case that drew local attention.

Our version of vacation Bible school has drawn huge numbers of guests and parishioners for fun, food and faith.
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We take pride in PRIDE but our support for the LGBT cause doesn't stop when the parade is done.
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Pastor's Column

Watching, Waiting, Acting

“Teach me good discernment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.”

— Psalm 119:66

Discernment. It's one of those “churchy” words that we people of faith, in particular, tend to use. When Caldwell entered the “discernment” phase of our “3D” process, it was a new word to some of you. Now I hear it rolling off people's tongues right and left.

The thing about discernment is that it requires submission. Even when we try to open ourselves fully to God's will, we can still be reminded – in wanted or unwanted ways – that we are on God's time, not ours (as I said in my sermon last Sunday, July 27). So, we listen, wait and watch. Sometimes God gives a clear answer right away, other times our season of discernment stretches out as God takes God's sweet time.

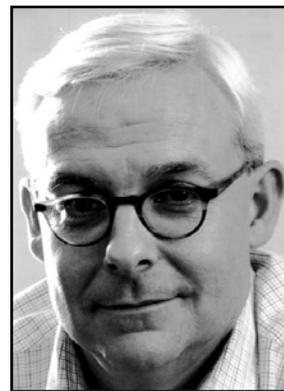
So it goes with our 3D process. More than 150 of you contributed excellent ideas for new life and new ways of ministry here. We have acted on many of those and will continue to do so. Our “Big and Bold” ideas (a bilingual preschool/Mother's Morning Out, an after-school program, a ministry of

entrepreneurism for those needing work, ministry to CPCC and others) received even more attention from teams of members that deeply explored those possibilities. Most of those ideas have yet to “take flight.” For them, we continue to watch and wait for God's nudge regarding the right time, the right partners, the right use of our campus, etc.

But we are also *acting* on two 3D-related ideas that have the power to form and transform us in the coming weeks and months.

Discipleship of Race and Class: As I said in my sermon, many expressed interest in how we can deepen our understanding of how differences in race and class affect us, those around us and our relationships as we strive to be the Body of Christ. We seek to be a diverse family, hopefully becoming even more so, that is candid and “real” about our differences. Such understanding and candor can lead to far more meaningful common ground. Three opportunities are coming that I hope you will incorporate into your faith journey.

• **Sunday Aug. 10 – De Kirkpatrick**, who is white, and **Jimmie Lee Kirkpatrick**, African-American, were acquainted at Myers Park High in the mid-1960s but also separated by all the ways segregation shaped their world. With the same last name, they jokingly called themselves “cuz.” Recently, they discovered they and their families *are* related – through slavery. In worship, we will hear from them about their journey with this discovery and how it has shaped them and their faith and spirituality. We also will be invited to think about where we have unfinished business in our own lives relating to race. The experience will continue after worship over a



Rev. John Cleghorn

covered-dish lunch and a panel with De and Jimmie Lee.

• **Saturday, Sept. 13** – All are invited to participate in a poverty simulation experience that will deepen our understanding of life in Charlotte for those who are poor. Led by a representative of Crisis Assistance Ministry, this workshop is often said to change people's perspectives in deep and formative ways. Mark your calendar.

• **Later this fall** – We will be invited to form small groups and explore portions of a book titled Toxic Charity. The book addresses constructive – and unconstructive – ways to help those in need. It includes a number of helpful exercises that bring its truths alive.

Something New – Buddy-Mentor: Another shared interest you expressed in the 3D dialogues focused on on at-risk youth. While we talked to several potential partners who work in that field, we “discerned” that we have a proven veteran of such work in our congregation. For 21 years, elder **Kim Bohannon** has led a non-profit organization she founded named “Buddy-Mentor.” It has paired hundreds of adults with youth for mentoring and lasting relationships. It focuses on encouragement in academics, achievement and making good choices. For those students who remain in the program until they graduate from high

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A capsule look at your church's financial picture

Summer means many things in our lives – vacation, longer days, the warmth of the sun, a slower pace. In the life of the church, summer is a good time to look at our financial health and remind ourselves of our commitments to help build the kingdom of God with our tithes and offerings.

A summer check-up on members' pledge payments shows we have some catch up to do. Pledge payments are 20% behind where they should be. This week (week of Aug. 3) those who have made a pledge will receive an individualized, year-to-date report via email or US mail (pending on their stated preference). Please attend to your pledge payments so that you have paid at least half of your pledge for 2014 if at all possible.

Without a pick-up in pledge payments, the church will have to start limiting its ministry efforts. We have been given so much. Let us give back a portion of what God has given us.

For a full report on the church's financials, see the information accompanying this article. If you have questions, contact Finance Chair **Molly Griffin**, any elder or Pastor John Cleghorn.

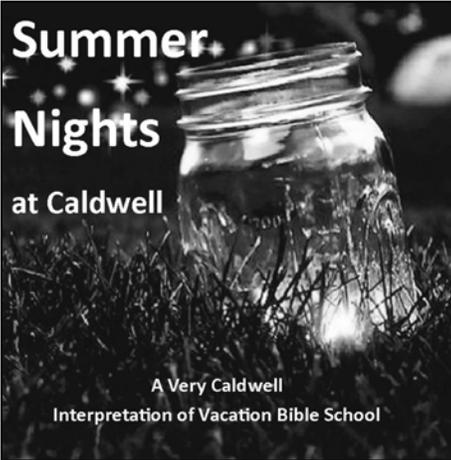
Summary Financial Report June 30, 2014

Money Market	37,275
Checking	<u>101,999</u>
Total Cash	139,274

(Excluding SA)	YTD <u>Income</u>	YTD <u>Expense</u>	YTD <u>Budget Avg</u>	+/- <u>YTD Budget</u>
Pledged	133,069		165,000	-19.4%
Unpledged	43,061		33,000	30.5%
Other	<u>17,562</u>		<u>22,192</u>	<u>-20.9%</u>
TTL Operating	193,693	177,547	220,192	-12.0%
Non-Operating	21,433	19,221	-	
TOTAL	215,125	196,768	220,192	-2.3%

Summary

1. Pledged income YTD through June 2014 is 19.4% less than projected
2. June 2014 YTD expenses are 17.88% less than projected
3. Compared to 2013: Income YTD 2014 is \$24k more than June 2013 and expenses are up by \$4.7k



Summer
Nights
at Caldwell

A Very Caldwell
Interpretation of Vacation Bible School

BIG turnout for Summer Nights at Caldwell

Thursday, Aug. 7 is finale for Summer Nights:

- 5:30 - 6 Get-acquainted games
- 6 - 6:30 Taco bar dinner
- 6:30 - 7 Story and song
- 7 - 8 Fun & fellowship
- 8 - 8:30 Closing Prayer & Song

What began as a discussion about a vacation Bible school for our youth became something much, much bigger - it mushroomed into Summer Nights at Caldwell.

“As we talked about it, we decided if you do it (Bible school) it’s just for one week and you might miss everybody,” said **Peg Robarchek**. “We decided to do an intergenerational one over the summer to get the highest number of participants. It’s our unique spin on vacation Bible school.”

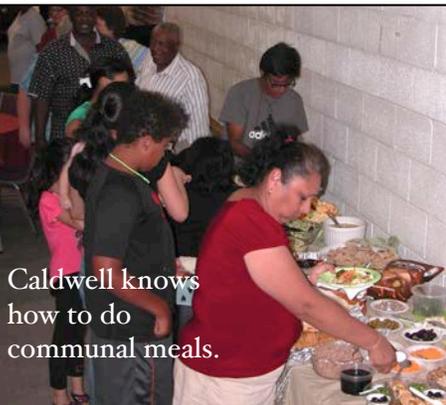
And our organizers (including **Kitty Bohr**, **Caroline Lublinkhof**, and **Anne Hunter Eidson**) certainly achieved their goal. Estimates of weekly attendance range upward from 70. Everyone came for a good time - and they got one. Each night centered around a Bible story but included a host of activities to beat the summer heat - and strengthen communal bonds. Thursday, Aug. 7 will be no different. But it will feature a taco bar (Peg says taco shells and tortillas will be provided) but bring your own fav fixins’.



Friends help friends tie shoelaces to get ready for fun.



Summer Nights featured a bit of everything - including dancing.



Caldwell knows how to do communal meals.



Now this is a big turnout on a fun evening.



Are we ready for prime time? You bet.

Caldwell takes pride in **PRIDE**



There are more straights than gays on Caldwell's PRIDE committee.

Plans are in full swing for Caldwell's participation in the city's PRIDE festivities August 16-17 - including a parade float. More than 100 of us are expected to take part - and we already show lots of support.

The fact that there are more straights than gays on Caldwell's PRIDE committee isn't lost on Johnny Johnson. "I think that says a lot" about the church's view of a diverse, welcoming congregation, he said. After all, the group of volunteers wasn't asked to serve; they just showed up at the first meeting. Caldwell has thrown its support behind the PRIDE in more ways than one. The church has opened its meeting rooms to the city-wide PRIDE committee for year-round committee meetings. Caldwell's sense of openness and inclusion in the face of occasional protests was undeterred, which the city PRIDE committee sees first hand. "They are aware we've taken heat for it (our openness)," said Johnny. "And they appreciate all we do for them." That Caldwell embraces PRIDE is a measure of how the church tries to welcome and treat others, said Johnny. "The feedback I get is, we are so diverse and that we'll pitch in and help. People are amazed at that, and it is what draws people back" to our church.

There's big news for Caldwell youth. Our offerings for young people are expanding.

The development is in part driven by need - we have more teenagers and other young adults and the church is very keen on how we serve them and their parents. It's also a reflection of how congregants viewed the expansion of our mission as part of last years Caldwell in 3D process.

August 9 - Youth will be 'locked in' at the church to kick off a year of togetherness at Caldwell.

August 10 - the first Sunday school class for young adults will be held. These classes will be held twice each month.

Late August - Our youth will explore how they might partner in service with with non-profits.

Caroline Lublinkhof would love to year from our youth. Call her at 704-651-1077.

Building futures

Caldwell knows a new home isn't about the hammer and nails. It's what is built inside each volunteer and the homeowner that matters.



Soon-to-be homeowner Lakeya Burns and her crew from Caldwell take a well deserved breather.

Lakeya Burns knows all about sweat equity. She's put in plenty of it as she helps to prepare the home she'll someday - soon - own.

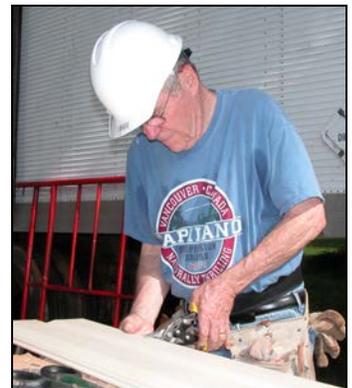
But she had considerable help on a warm Saturday morning in July. A cadre of Caldwell volunteers swarmed over the home to help with siding and other chores.

The home is yet another Habitat for Humanity residence Caldwell volunteers have pitched in to create from the ground up.

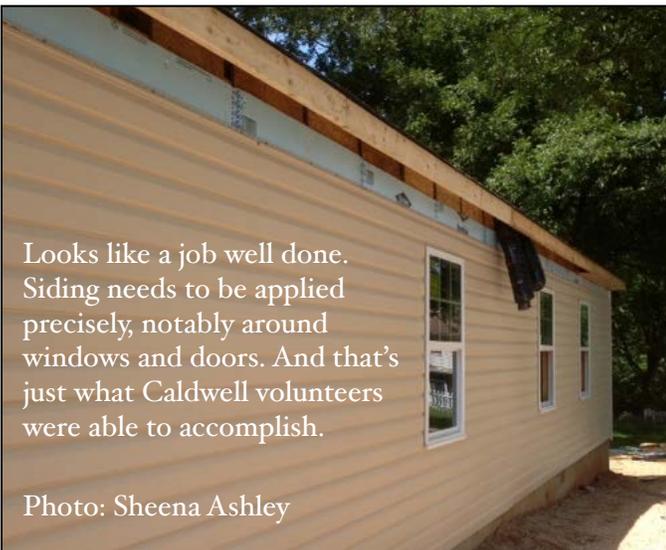
The Caldwell volunteers are, said Lakeya, "... a blessing. They care, and they care from their hearts."

That degree of caring far overshadows any perceived lack of construction skills or savvy. Those are acquired traits - or at least can be taught on the spot by Habitat staff members.

Attaching vinyl siding was the order of the day, and Erskine Harkey knows his way around it. "It's the one thing I know," he said as he deftly applied shears to trim a piece.



Habitat crew chief Thomas Hixson shows Marie Mancinelli and Rachel Eldridge the fine points of siding. "It is inspiring to know there's churches out there like Caldwell that want to help surrounding communities and break out of their four walls. I thrive off their energy," said Thomas.



Looks like a job well done. Siding needs to be applied precisely, notably around windows and doors. And that's just what Caldwell volunteers were able to accomplish.

Photo: Sheena Ashley



A great day on the water at Lake Norman aboard the
Catawba Queen

The Caldwell Womens Circle along with some spouses and special friends met at the church to travel to Queens Landing on Lake Norman for a lunch cruise on the *Catawba Queen*.

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day. After all were aboard we left the dock at 11:30 a.m. As we cruised along a voice over the loud speaker told us many interesting facts about the various landmarks and lovely homes that we saw on our way.

We were served our choice of salad, croissant sandwiches, cookies and a drink. During this time we were able to chat with our fellow passengers as we ate our lunch. We could enjoy the sun and the breeze on the top deck or be comfortable in the air conditioned lower deck.

When the *Catawba Queen* arrived back at the dock, the captain and crew were on the steps waiting to thank us for sailing with them and wished us well. I truly think a good time was had by all.

By Elaine Hultman, Circle Chairperson

WANTED
SCHOOL
SUPPLIES

Caldwell has maintained close ties to a school nearby: **Merry Oaks Elementary**. Many of our volunteers have spent hundreds of hours at the school. Now, you can help, too, by bringing much needed school supplies for children. Drop supplies by the main sanctuary entrance. Talk to **Joyce Deaton** for more details.



Caldwell has a strong record of helping Merry Oaks Elementary. It's time to help students and teachers again.



Making Connections in the Prayer Room

Each Wednesday,
4 - 6 p.m.

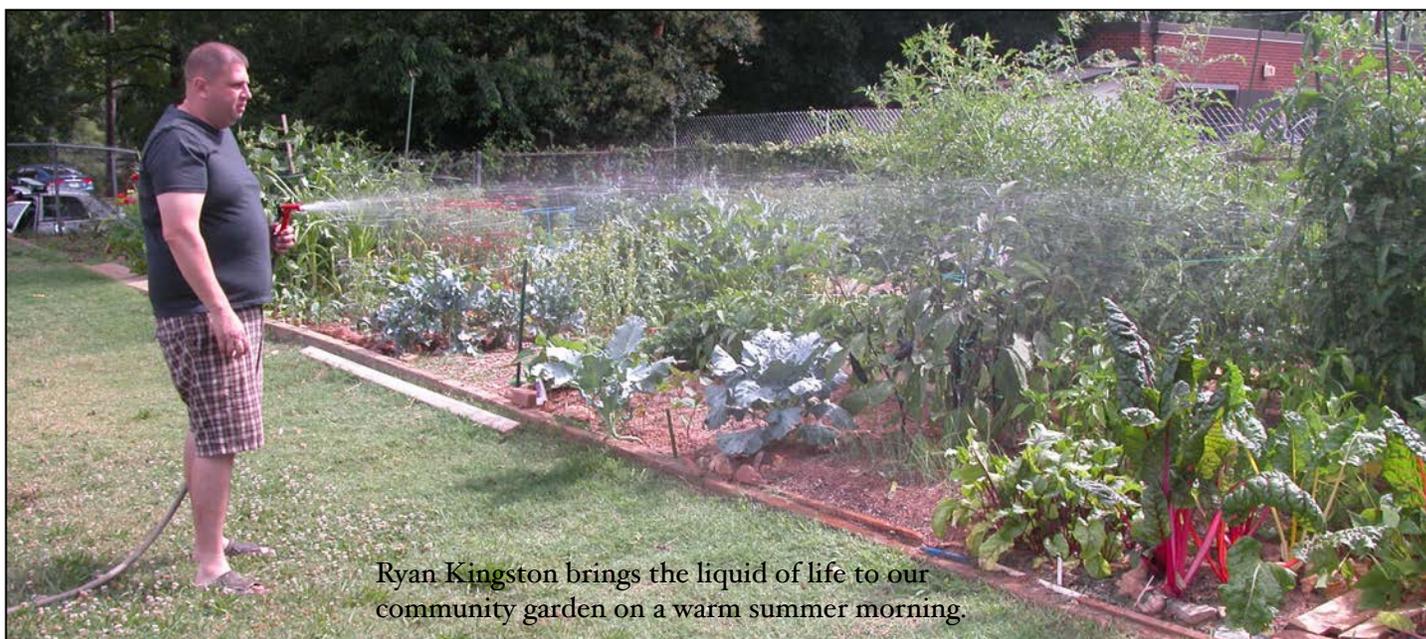
Are you a budding writer? Photographer?

You can contribute to the Caldwell newsletter!

Some ideas have emerged for possible new regular features to *Caldwell Good News!* That will add a personal touch and help us get to know one another better. Note: The titles are just initial suggestions and can be changed.

- 1) A “Creative Corner” that would be a place to showcase some of the products created by members of our Caldwell community. These could include short poems and writings, beautiful or meaningful photos, pictures of self-created artwork and crafts, photos or notes about performances, etc. We have some amazingly talented people among us and it will be great to give them a place to share their gifts with all of us.
- 2) “All in the Family” would be a regular feature where one or two Caldwell “Family” members tell a little about themselves. Through a brief interview, they can answer some basic questions, but also tell us some things that might surprise us. Learning about a hidden talent, bucket list items, or a memorable life experience is a way to know each other a little more deeply than the smiling face that we greet while passing the peace.

As primary editor and photographer, Dave Bradley has his hands very full already. We are looking for folks who are interested in taking the lead to turn these ideas into reality. Is that you? If you see this as a way to make your own contribution to Caldwell, or just want to learn more about the proposals or ways that you can help, contact Doreen Byrd at 704-575-1273 or musicmist2003@yahoo.com.

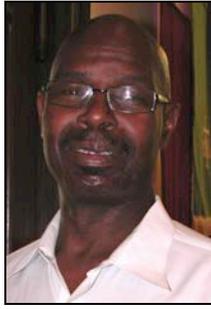


Ryan Kingston brings the liquid of life to our community garden on a warm summer morning.

What are you **Praying for?**



Peace. Personal and otherwise.
Kathy Neal



I'm praying that I'm staying living and praying for my family, too. We lost our nephew, but we're sticking together.
Leroy Stinson



I'm praying for the homeless because when it rains they don't have a home. And for my family. It's been rough lately.
Tatyanna Montgomery



I pray for self improvement and to improve my relations with the Lord and be a better person.
John Chandler



I'm praying for my grandma (Ms. Francis Smith). I'm praying that she gets better.
Jermaine Johnson



I pray for peace and discernment constantly. And for comfort and healing for people with chronic diseases. And, because I am a parent, for patience. Lots of patience.
Tovi Martin

At last, Al gets his medal

Al Mancinelli, father of Caldwell member **Marie Mancinelli**, received the Legion of Honor - nearly 70 years after his distinguished foreign service. Al - a paratrooper in World War II and who took a notable skydiving jump after age 90 - received the prestigious medal in Charlotte from the Consul General of France, **Denis Barbet**. The honor began in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte and is the highest award by France to recognize services to the French republic. It is the French way to honor their liberators in WWII.



Caldwell opens its doors to those who wanted Rausel Arista freed - and they won



Rausel, a friend and advisor to Latinos new to the U.S., had friends and supporters turn out in force at Caldwell; they helped win his release in New York state so he could return home to Charlotte and his two sons.

Caldwell, long a friend and ally to the Latino community, added another page to the list of how it supports Latinos by allowing friends and supporters of **Rausel Arista** to use the church as a gathering place to call for his immediate release following his arrest at an airport in New York. Nearly 70 people rallied for his cause at a Monday meeting in Caldwell's sanctuary. Rausel's arrest "is a reality we live with every day, a reality of our status," said **Luis Zarco**, an event organizer. "Let us remember, we are here to change the curse of deportation" that separates nearly 1,100 immigrant families every day, according to Luis. Others spoke to the moral dilemma, too.

The event came together hours after the arrest of Rausel earlier on Monday, and organizers needed a place to hold it. Caldwell answered the call. "Why would we open our doors when it would be just as easy to say 'there's not enough time'," Pastor **John Cleghorn** told the assembly. "We count this as a blessing to welcome you." Leading a group prayer, pastor Cleghorn prayed "God of mercy, you have always traveled with those away from their homeland ... We lift our nation up to you, and pray with urgency we can find by your hand ... to show us how to be a nation of all colors, creeds and ethnicities ... to walk together." On hand were members of the broadcast and print media, and an article on the gathering was included in the Tuesday edition of the *Charlotte Observer*. By mid-week, more than 1,000 had signed an online petition (Facebook) to demand Rausel's release. It must have worked: Rausel was released.

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August		
Sun., 3	Reception for Leslie Gipple Piedmont Courts Community	12:15 4 - 5 p.m., Front Room, Price Building
Mon., 4	Congregational Care, 'Good Grief' roundtable	6:30 p.m., Shelby Rm.
Tue., 5	Theology on Tap	7 - 9 p.m., Leroy Fox Restaurant
Wed., 6	CMA	6 - 7 p.m., Belk Hall, Shelby Room, Price Bldg.
Thu., 7	Summer Nights at Caldwell	5:30 - 8:30 a.m. Belk Hall
Fri., 8	La Casita de Amor Bible Study and Zumba	9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Price Building
Sat., 9	Youth kick-off, lock-in	7:30 p.m., Youth Room, Price Bldg.
Sun., 10	Youth Bible School Kirkpatrick potluck lunch and Talk Back Interfaith Pride Worship Service	9:45 - 10:45 a.m., Youth Room, Price Bldg. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Price Bldg. 4 - 5 p.m., Sanctuary (reception to follow)

Pastor's column ...
 school, a substantial college scholarship is offered to help them continue their education.

Kim feels called to launch Buddy-Mentor in Charlotte, based at Caldwell and drawing mentors from our congregation and across the city. The Session endorsed this "calling" for Kim and for Caldwell last month. It has the potential to draw us into relationships not just with the youth but with their families. Kim's model is proven and effective and we are blessed by her experience and wisdom in bringing it to Caldwell and to Charlotte. You will hear more about how you can get involved in the weeks to come.

So we move forward with excitement and gratitude for these two significant new ministry initiatives. Meanwhile, as a church that likes to stay busy, we watch and wait for what else our God would have us do. Thanks be to God.

Church Calendar

Sundays
 9:45 a.m. - Adult Christian Education, Shelby Room
 10:45 a.m. - Nursery is open
 11 a.m. - Worship (including Children's Sunday School)

1st Sunday
 Communion
 Session receives new members

2nd Sunday
 Ten Cents a Meal Offering

All Sundays
 Loaves & Fishes Collection (non-perishables in entry basket)

Mondays
 6:30 p.m. Mustard Seed Men's Group (biweekly)

3rd Monday
 6:30 p.m. - Women's Book Club

Tuesdays
 6:30 p.m. - Yoga, Fellowship Hall
 7:00 Theology on Tap (biweekly)

2nd Tuesday
 10:30 a.m. - Women's Circle

3rd Tuesday
 6:30 p.m. - Building and Grounds, Shelby Room

4th Tuesday
 5:30 p.m. - Session, Shelby Room

Wednesdays
 3:45-6:45 - Contemplative Prayer, Prayer Room
 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice, Choir Room

2nd or 3rd Wednesday
 6:00 p.m. - Mission & Justice, Shelby Room

2nd Thursday
 6:00 p.m. - Congregational Care, Shelby

3rd Thursday
 6:30 p.m. - Worship Committee, Shelby
 6:30 p.m. - Education Committee, Upstairs Meeting Room

Fridays
 9:30-11:30 Casita de Amor Bible Study & Zumba, Third Presbyterian Church
 7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous, Shelby Room

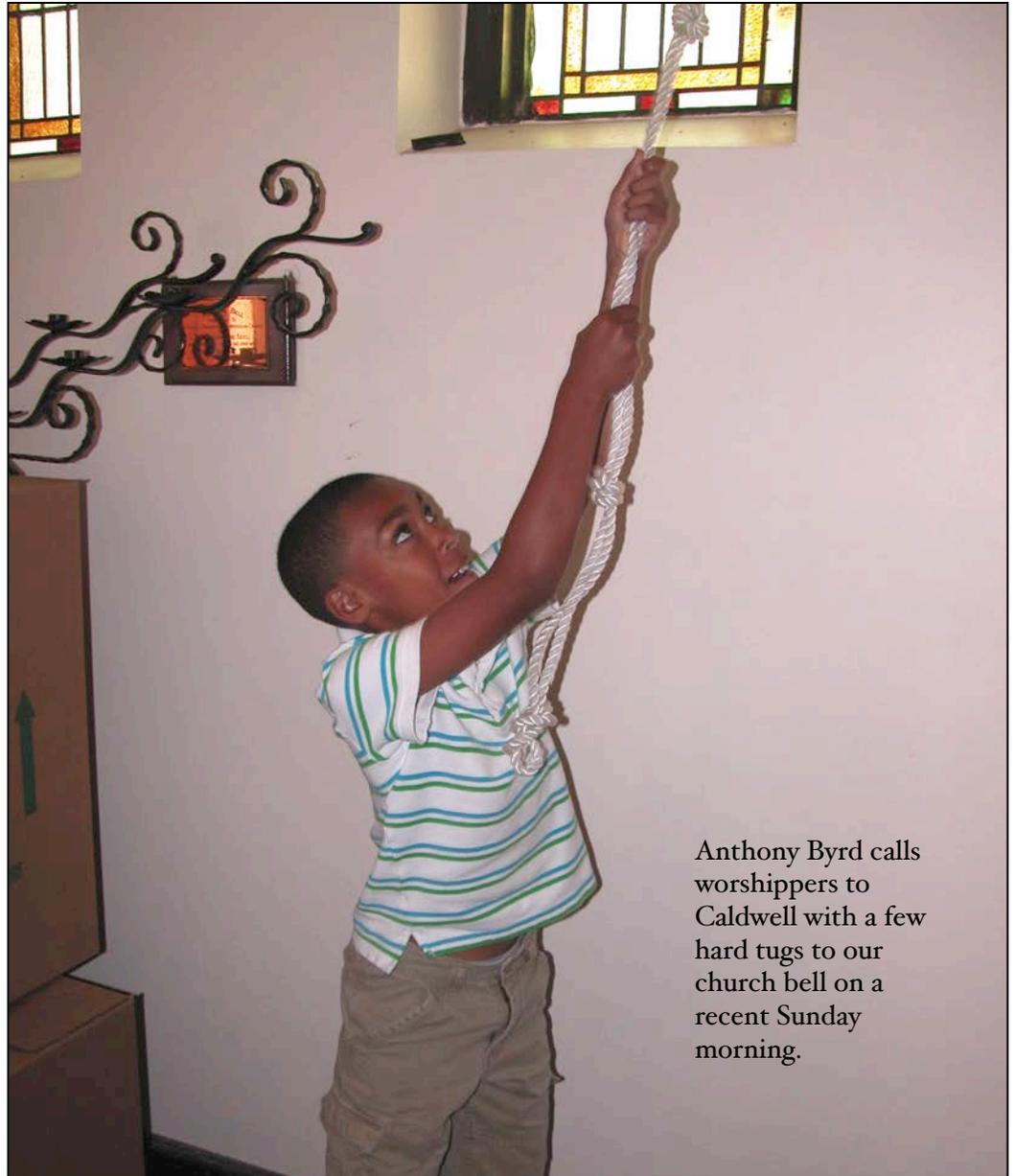
2nd Friday
 6:00 p.m. - Young Adult Fellowship

3rd Friday 12:15 p.m. - Finance Committee, Upstairs Meeting Room

Administrative office hours
 Monday, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 - 5 p.m.

Pastor's office hours
 Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 Reach Pastor Cleghorn on his cell: 704-957-4511

And lastly ... Amen!



Anthony Byrd calls worshippers to Caldwell with a few hard tugs to our church bell on a recent Sunday morning.

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 in 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, follow the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.