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Caldwell Good News!

March 2015



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Pastor's Column**Caldwell to Host a Freedom School for Kids This Summer****Funny how the seeds we plant in our past bear fruit, sometimes years later.**

Many of you know that Caldwell planted or helped plant a number of other Presbyterian churches around town last century. One of those was Seigle Avenue Presbyterian, across the street from what was then the Piedmont Courts community. Many years later, of course, it was a group of faithful who had once worshipped at Seigle that joined with Caldwell's older members to keep Caldwell open. We know the rest of that story!

But there is more to this "what-goes-around-comes-around" tale.

When Seigle Avenue was near its height of activity as a racially integrated, missional congregation in the 1980s and 1990s, it helped launch several important non-profit organizations aimed at helping the most vulnerable of the city's residents. One was Seigle Avenue Partners, a successful after-school program for neighborhood youth. **Mary Nell McPherson** was Seigle Avenue Partners executive director and expanded the ministry significantly. Years later, still under Mary Nell's leadership, Seigle Avenue Partners

became Freedom School Partners, implementing a national program offered through the Children's Defense Fund.

So, where is this headed?

Well, Caldwell and Freedom School Partners held several early conversations about whether we might host a Freedom School, but we lacked funding. The Lord didn't stop working on the problem, however. As things worked out, a Freedom School provided through QC Family Tree and its funders needs a new location – and opportunity came to us.

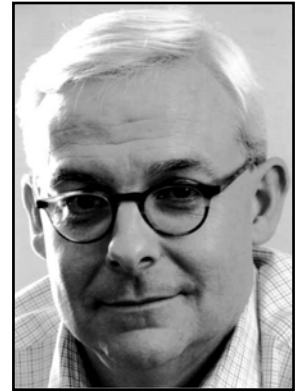
That's right - Caldwell will host a Freedom School this summer in the Price Building, provided with all costs covered and offering a range of ways Caldwell folk can volunteer. QC Family Tree is a ground-breaking ministry of "urban monasticism" serving the families and children of the west Charlotte Enderly Park neighborhood.

What exactly is a Freedom School? Each serves 50 "scholars" ranging in age from kindergarten to 8th grade as they learn, read, create, discover, enjoy, and come to believe in themselves.

Freedom School will take place 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. weekdays from June 18 through July 29. It focuses on helping children develop literacy and social emotional skills and connect to a supportive community. College students are the Servant Leader Interns who serve as classroom leader, role model, and mentor for every class of 10 scholars.

Volunteers are invited to play additional roles - preparing breakfast or lunch, joining us for our daily morning pep rally called *Harambee*, leading a hands-on activity with a group of 10 scholars for 45 minutes one afternoon, supporting staff during an afternoon field trip, making families feel welcome during an evening parent meeting, donating bathing suits and healthy snacks, and more!

In Charlotte this summer, there will be Freedom Schools at 19 sites, hosted by

**Rev. John Cleghorn**

more than 25 community partners and serving 1,200 students. Freedom School Partners just celebrated its 10th anniversary, having served more than 4,000 scholars and employed 400+ college student interns.

Charlotte has approximately 10% of all Freedom Schools in the U.S. This is the 20th anniversary of the "modern day" Freedom Schools movement. Children's Defense Fund Founder Marian Wright Edelman, who worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy, modeled it after the Freedom Summer of '64. She is a native of nearby Bennettsville, S.C.

One of the most exciting aspects of this opportunity is that we hope to engage volunteers from our neighboring churches in Elizabeth, allowing members of the Elizabeth Communities of Faith to work side by side.

Adds our friend, Mary Nell McPherson: "What a joy to have Caldwell and the Elizabeth Communities of Faith in the Freedom School family! We have come full circle, as this work was created in the Seigle Avenue community (as Seigle Avenue Partners in 2000) and nurtured in our early years by of your members. "This will build on the mission of our founding - 'to strengthen and expand educational and leadership development opportunities for children and their families.' Together we will serve a new community in the magnificent and messy work of God's kingdom. I look forward to seeing you at *Harambee*! Thank you for your generous and welcoming spirit." Stay tuned for more details.

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As most of you know, we are going to have another Caldwell dance, featuring Smitty Flynn and the Rivas, on Friday, April 24. More details about the dance and a chance to buy tickets will be coming soon.

As a part of the evening festivities, we are going to have our Second Caldwell Silent Auction. Our last auction was so much fun and raised some money to boot. Please be thinking about items or services you could donate to the auction. The sky is the limit! For example, we would love to have jewelry, paintings, pottery, and other artwork made by our members and friends. We could feature services like babysitting or landscaping or cooking – whatever your talent may be. It would also be great to ask your friends who may own shops or businesses if they can make a donation to the auction. All donations will be tax

Bop ‘til you drop - and bid, too!

deductible, and we will provide a letter from the church to that effect. Put your thinking caps on - we know how creative Caldwell folks can be!

If you would like to help with the Silent Auction, please contact one of us. We would love to have your help both to gather items for sale and to staff the auction itself on the 24th. The work load will not be too demanding, and we can put you to work according to your wishes and time limitations.

Please let one of us know if you have items to donate or ideas for the auction. Thanks in advance - and get your dancing shoes on!

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Caldwell may not be synonymous with spring break, but for some service-minded college students, there’s no better place to be than our century-old campus for an ‘alternative spring break.’

Our most recent visitors were 10 students from highly regarded Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. To set the stage, last year **Bao Tran** came to Charlotte to job shadow Caldwell’s **Rachel Eldridge** (herself a Grinnell grad) the volunteer coordinator at Thompson.

Impressed with what she saw, Bao returned to Grinnell and coaxed other students to visit Charlotte. Bao said the goal is to “learn more about issues in the community, social awareness and racial diversity.” This year, the main focus was mental health issues, and the students used Caldwell as a home base for visits to three organizations that offer mental health services. During visits they gardened, helped with office tasks and created a playground.

The students had no problem bunking in our carpeted Sunday school room. “Our sleeping situation was good, we all brought sleeping bags” said Bao, “and the kitchen was well equipped. It was not difficult for us at all. We’ve had some great bonding times as we cooked.”

Of course, the group fielded the inevitable ‘you’re from Iowa?’ questions. “Nobody knows where Grinnell is,” she said. “People would ask us ‘Why are you here?’ But the situation is ideal for us.”

But we know why you’re here, and Caldwell and the mental health community is glad for it.



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Rev. Evie Landrau

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Lent: It's all about perspective

At a time when many of us speed up, Lent offers an opportunity to slow down - and savor the season

I've been in Puerto Rico in recent days to catch up with family and friends. As you can imagine, it was a whirlwind of activity. But that contrasts with how we might look at Lent - as a time to slow down, focus and savor.

In my heart, I think there is the need for us to slow down and really find ways to collect our breath. When we step away from the hustle and bustle that is at odds with our homage to God, it allows us to find our center.

How so, you say? We ought to have a sense to slow down in such a way that allows us to savor the loveliness of God through nature, through family, through Caldwell and not allow ourselves only those rigid experiences that are planned or set in stone but are, instead, the will of God. We can allow Lent to be a way for things to come together creatively without that 'rigid' planning.

It's advice I need to follow, too. What I realize is, I need to regain that sense of center. It is a matter of finding my own level of comfort to regain that center with God. Even for us in the clergy, there is a constant sense of hustle, no doubt the sense of hustle you feel daily, all of which is exhausting. When you leave Caldwell after a Sunday service, you may leave the church only to return to what leaves you burned out.

Slowing down puts us in a place where God can speak to us. And we need to listen. We as Christians must let God shift something within us to let us savor, taste and enjoy the quality of life He has given to us. Of course there will be challenges but our faith should allow us to live and taste and see and hear how God brings us back to the point of loving Him. We have to find what it is God wants us to find.

And during Lent, that may be about perspective. Right now, our perspective should be finding ease and grace in the world. In my experience, people do want to become better. For instance, I want to be a better pastor to serve our community. What we must set aside is the grind and shift our spiritual lives from the hustle and bustle by stepping forward into a place we need to find.

Matthew 11:28 sums up God's sense of grace and peace for us: *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

Let's go, you and I, and find that place. Let us leave the fast behind, accept the slower pace, collect our breath and allow Lent to help us savor, taste and enjoy the loveliness of God and all He has granted us.

**Women's retreat
April 17 - 19**

Coming up soon: The annual Caldwell Women's Retreat.

It will again be at beautiful Montreat in the North Carolina mountains. There's still time to get on board: Contact Katy Hill at catharine.hill@gmail.com.

CHARLOTTE PRESBYTERY JOINS OTHERS IN U.S. FOR AN HISTORIC VOTE

Marriage redefined as “between two people”

Delegates spoke for and against at the Presbytery meeting, but the dialogue remained “respectful”



Peg Robarchek and Intern in Ministry Susan Pierson (plus Pastor John Cleghorn) attended for Caldwell.

The pews were filled at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church as delegates worshipped prior to the vote.

Amendment 14-F goes into effect on June 15. Caldwell has already had three same-gender weddings

A sufficient number of local presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have voted to redefine its definition of marriage as “between two people” in a national referendum that included approval by the Charlotte Presbytery, where Caldwell is one of 108 local congregations.

The change, proposed by the last national meeting of the denomination’s General Assembly, required approval from a simple majority among the 171 presbyteries in the U.S.

Last month, the Charlotte Presbytery voted 140 - 107 to support the redefinition several weeks ago at a meeting at **Philadelphia Presbyterian Church**.

The vote comes in the wake of recent court decisions in many states to allow marriage between same-sex couples.

The vote has received extensive national and local media coverage and local church leaders have noted the civility of deliberations and the low-key response to the ‘yes’ vote.

Betty Meadows, General Presbyter of the Charlotte Presbytery, told *CGN!* that issues facing local churches in the post-vote environment include “how can we stay united in community when this is a very difficult vote for many people?” Presbyterians must find a way, said Meadows, to “open our hearts” and “stay together when we disagree.” The upshot of the vote, she said, is that everyone “matters and is loved by

God and the Presbyterian Church loves them as they were created.”

In his comments to the presbytery before the deciding vote, Caldwell Pastor **John Cleghorn** said “Since PC (U.S.A.) churches and pastors were given the freedom of discretion to perform same-gender weddings last summer, Caldwell has had three such weddings. These couples, all members, had been together 35, 30 and 28 years, respectively. We celebrate these couples as models of fidelity, loyalty and commitment, through life. For them, the chance to be married in a service of worship, in the eyes of God and their church family was a dream long-deferred but now realized in profound joy and gratitude.”

Caldwell Clerk of Session **Peg Robarchek** said the short presentations were “a respectful opportunity for people to comment. When it (the vote) was over, there was no cheering. We knew it would hurt one side or the other. But the Caldwell sense of what is justice came through.”

“The change to the wording on marriage will take effect June 21, 2015” according to the Presbyterian (U.S.A.) web site (pcusa.org). The June date comes one year after the 221st General Assembly of the church approved the “two people” amendment (14-F). Local votes on the amendment began soon thereafter in the fall.

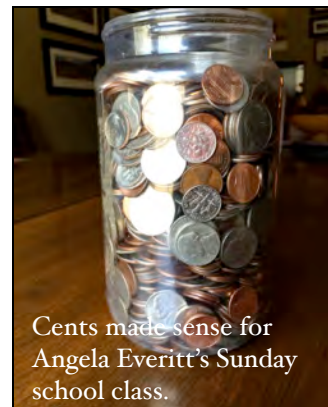


It means more money for Common Hope because they (in Guatemala) don't have all the things we have. Raising money made me feel good.

Aidan Gardner

Photo: Jared Gardner

A Sunday school lesson in how to help others



Cents made sense for Angela Everitt's Sunday school class.



As our children know, in a country like Guatemala, \$60 can go a long way.

The Lord may work in mysterious ways, but there's nothing mysterious about how our young children go about helping others

\$60

A lot more can fit inside peanut butter jars aside from, well, peanut butter.

Our youngest parishioners found that empty jars can hold a lot of assistance and goodwill for others.

That's what **Angela Everitt's** Sunday school class learned when students raised \$60 to purchase books and a food box for families supported by **Common Hope** in Guatemala. Inspiration for the fund raiser (and the jars to hold donated and spare coinage) came from **Aidan Gardner**. "I thought it would be kind of cool to raise money. I told Ms. Angela we could raise money for Common Hope." Common Hope is familiar to many at Caldwell who've made the pilgrimage to Guatemala, including Aidan's father, **Jared**.

The empty jar theme spread throughout the class, and soon students were seeking donations. "Everyone raised money," said Aidan. "We've been doing it for a good portion of the year." The children's generosity is inspired directly by their Sunday schooling. "It all goes back to being a good Samaritan," said Angela. There were "different lessons from the Bible that we went back to as connected to giving. It just tied in so nicely to what the church's mission is and talking to the children about giving back to others ... we spent a lot of time looking at passages in the Bible, so everything has been looped back into those."

The children have no intention of letting up on their peanut butter jar ministry. "The children have come up with all sorts of ideas about what we want to talk about and do next," said Angela. "They have come up with all sorts of ideas from helping animals in need to the juvenile diabetes association. That's what's come of it. The ideas are them looking around the world and coming up with other areas of need."

What does God have in store for you **in this Lenten season?**



Some knowledge (of Easter) for one thing ... what it means because Easter is a day of praise and celebration.
Gino Harris



Peace and introspection.
Marilyn Rowland



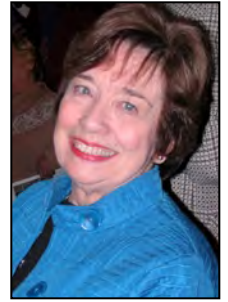
Sort of get closer to God and strengthen our relationship.
Benjamin Ratliff



Blessings. There are so many I can't think of them all. I thank the Lord for what I have.
G.W. Baker



Spiritual growth and better understanding of what He asks of me.
Scott Creigh



A deeper understanding of His word, and to feel it more than I have in the past.
Jane Wallwork



Photo: Susan Pierson

“Waiter, where’s my food? ... my coffee is cold”

A group of Caldwellians attended the **MeckMin 2015 Community Leader Breakfast** but a side note to the agenda were the ‘celebrity’ clergy food servers - including our own apron-adorned **Pastor John Cleghorn** who endeavored with limited success to keep up with the incessant demands of his eight top. Emcee at the event was former Caldwell intern **Danny Trapp**, MeckMin executive director. Keynote speaker was **Laura Belcher**, President & CEO of **Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte**. Building Habitat homes is a favorite activity of Caldwell volunteers.



Making Connections in the Prayer Room

Each Wednesday,
4 - 6 p.m.

Art that represents the Stations on the Cross

is being prepared for the 24 hour prayer vigil set for April 2 - 3.

The intent of the art is to help parishioners focus on the last hours of Christ before his crucifixion.

Please watch the Sunday bulletins and other announcements for vigil sign up and more information about the art being prepared and the artists.

Among the stations of the cross:

- Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane,
- Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested,
- Jesus is condemned,
- Jesus is denied by Peter.
- Jesus is judged by Pilate,
- Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns,
- Jesus takes up his cross,
- Jesus is helped by Simon to carry his cross.

HEY, WINTER: MOVE OVER

It's planting season at Caldwell

You've heard something close to this uttered at Caldwell: Winter needs to go away. Now. Enough already.

Caldwell gardeners are only too happy to oblige; they've already been readying our community garden beds for the spring season. A recent workday saw the group shake off the winter doldrums on a pleasant North Carolina morning. Much of our produce will go to Friendship Trays for those who do not have enough to eat.



Pulling weeds is part of a gardener's dirty work, as Carol Williams knows.



Tilling and toil are part of the sweat equity Caldwell gardeners invest in the promise of an earthly bounty.



It's only a matter of time until herbs begin to grow.



Mulch is gold for a healthy garden.

So how about it: are you a gardener or wanna-be gardener?

Your skills - can you water in the evenings? - are sorely needed as part of Caldwell's 'green thumb' ministry. Come out and enjoy the relaxation of working with the good earth. You'll be helping those in need at the same time.

Interested? Contact **Katy Hill** (catharine.hill@gmail.com) or **Merritt Tracy** (merritt.tracy@me.com) to find out how you can cultivate your skills.

Session Explores Community Partnerships and Gears Up for a Busy Spring and Summer



Spring and summer will be busy at Caldwell this year, not only with a full calendar of special activities but with the possibility of building bridges to community organizations as the Session explores two possible partnerships.

Save the

DATE

- April 2 - 3 – Fourth Annual Prayer Vigil, 8 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- April 5 – Easter Breakfast
- April 17 - 18 – Caldwell Women's Retreat
- April 24 – Caldwell Dance with two bands
- May 3 – Youth Sunday
- May 16 – Annual picnic at Veteran's Park
- June 14 – Buddy Mentor Sunday
- June 25, July 9, July 23 and August 6 – Summer Nights at Caldwell

Be sure to check out Caldwell's online calendar at www.caldwellpresby.org

First, mark your calendars (see the list at left) now so you don't miss the activities discussed at the February meeting of the Session.

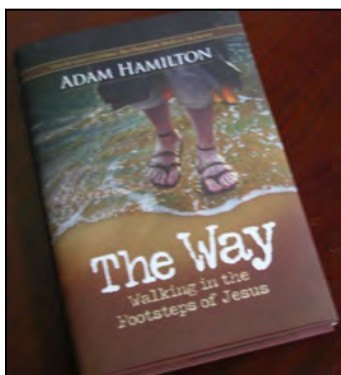
In addition, the Session discussed two potential partnerships.

First, Caldwell was approached in late February by the Freedom School, a national literacy program that grew out of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. As many as 50 children from a low-income community could spend six weeks in the Price Building if this partnership comes about. The partnership has since been finalized. Kim Bohannon is the point person.

The second partnership would be with Family Tree, an intentional Christian community in Enderly Park. Each year, Family Tree shares interns with area churches and Caldwell Spiritual Formation Committee (formerly Christian Education and Spiritual Formation) is exploring the possibility of sharing an intern who would focus on coordinating and planning children's and youth programs as our population of families continues to grow. Caldwell currently has two connections with Family Tree: member **Joe Lublinkhof** is a Family Tree intern this year and Music Director Anne Hunter Eidson is on the Family Tree Board of Directors.

Additional issues and projects discussed at the February meeting included:

- Congregational Statistics for 2014 showed a 2.8% net growth for 2014 with an active membership of 261. Racial diversity is 19%, up from 15% in 2013.
- The Worship committee is exploring ways to give younger children a gradual introduction to the full worship experience.
- The Congregational Life committee is considering a dedication celebration when the kitchen renovations in Belk Hall are completed, and is also putting more formal policies in place for use of the space.
- Marilyn Marks will take over funeral coordination.
- The Guatemala mission trip will not take place this year due to a lack of available participants. The Mission and Justice Committee is exploring replacing it with a domestic trip, possibly for youth.
- A volunteer pipeline is being established to provide two hours of assistance in the office three days a week. The photo directory update is in process as part of the systems conversion.



There's plenty of room on Sunday mornings at 9:35 through April 5 as our Adult Christian Education (ACE) class discusses *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton.

Hamilton has also produced an interesting series of videos to give a visual look at where Jesus walked, slept and preached.

No registration necessary. Class is open to everyone.



Caldwell through time



A time capsule manufactured to keep documents safe and intact for decades is on its way to Caldwell - and you can put something in it.

The time capsule will be inserted into one of the marble stones that held a time capsule that was removed last year.

Given the very small size of the space (see photo at left), the church is suggesting members and guests write letters that will be reproduced on archival paper and rolled into a sealed tube. The condition of items removed from the time capsule last year was fragile at best.

Email your letter - a single page is preferable - to **Beth Van Gorp** (bdvangorp@gmail.com) by April 4.

So, what should you write about?

In essence, you will be an historian. Readers years from now will appreciate your context and detail about the church as it is now - or as you forecast it to be.


Since few of us have complete A-to-Z knowledge of the church, you might write on 2-3-4 topics that are near-and-dear to you or you have specific knowledge on.

Here are some suggestions to get you started:

- ★ What are we focused on? Growth? Mission? Inclusiveness? Caldwell in 3D?
- ★ Reflections on the Caldwell history with race piece. What does it mean to you and your faith today now that we know our church history is entangled with the institution of slavery? How does that reality inform our living today? How does it inform our hope for the general topic of race in American in the future, when folks would be reading these letters?
- ★ Do we - and if so, how - support the PC-USA?
- ★ What is the makeup of our congregation?
- ★ How did that makeup reach this point?
- ★ How are we doing financially? What does the budget look like?
- ★ What is a worship service like today? What are the components of our service? (i.e. music, Passing of the Peace, overall friendliness, etc.)
- ★ What is the congregation reading these days? (i.e. *The Ragamuffin Gospel*).
- ★ What is our relationship to other Elizabeth area churches and other Presbyterian churches in and around Charlotte?
- ★ Why have we grown? What is our forecast for growth?
- ★ What is the leadership structure of the church?
- ★ What are emerging issues for Caldwell in the next 5 - 10 - 25 years?

Tips for writers

Here are some ideas to guide your letter writing:

1. One topic/theme per paragraph.
2. Don't sit down to write without preparation.
3. Create a 'cheat sheet,' a one page notation of ideas as they come to mind.
4. You can't write about everything; pick a limited number of topics based on your knowledge/emotion/ personal knowledge.
5. A relaxed, conversational tone may work well.
6. Add as many details as you can to support a given point - facts, results, data, etc.
7. Adjectives and other descriptive words are good and add flavor to your letter.
8. Read your letter out loud to find any errors/rough spots. 

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Sun., 22	We host a group from Grinnell College	Fellowship Hall and our classrooms
Sun., 22	Music Making with Children	5 - 6 p.m. Choir Room
Tue., 24	Session	5:30 p.m., Shelby Room
Wed., 25	Elizabeth Community of Faith Lenten Series Contemplative Prayer Lenten Contemplative Prayer	Noon, Sanctuary, followed by lunch 1 - 2 p.m., Prayer Room 6 - 7 p.m., Prayer Room
Fri., 27	La Casita de Amor Bible study and Zumba	9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Price Bldg., second floor
Fri., 27	Charlotte Compassion Action Network for Children	2 - 3:30 p.m., Price Building, Angel Room (big room in front)
Sun., 29	Casita de Amor and Caldwell bonfire	4:30 - 7 p.m., location TBA

April 2015

Wed., 1	Elizabeth Community of Faith Lenten Series Contemplative Prayer Lenten Contemplative Prayer	Noon, Sanctuary, followed by lunch 1 - 2 p.m., Prayer Room 6 - 7 p.m., Prayer Room
Thurs., 2	Maundy Thursday service	7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Thurs., 2	24 hour prayer vigil	8:30 p.m., Sanctuary and Prayer Room
Fri., 3	La Casita de Amor Bible study and Zumba	9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Price Bldg., second floor
Fri., 3	Charlotte Compassion Action Network for Children	2 - 3:30 p.m., Price Building, Angel Room (big room in front)
Fri., 3	24 hour prayer vigil	Continues until 8:30 p.m. in Sanctuary and Prayer Room

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, Belk Hall

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!



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.