

Caldwell Good News!

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Where is God leading us?

Earlier this year, the Caldwell Session attended a retreat to worship together and to explore the path that God has provided for our Church. From that, a “state of the church” report was drafted for discussion. The newsletter extends the conversation to you. Last month we shared what God has given us over the past four years. This month we ask, “Where is God leading us?”

If anything, the past few years strongly suggests that the Caldwell community will be shaped in the next three years by several factors:

- **A unique congregation/community of people who choose to be part of Caldwell with great intentionality:** Our mission statement and how it is lived out offers a distinct, special alternative to most houses of faith in Charlotte. People who come here, especially those who join, make a very conscious choice to become part of something that is different.
- **Steady but manageable growth:** Caldwell seems to have assumed a consistent rate of growth in the last 2 years with roughly 24 new members per year. Membership stands at about 220, and another 60 folks who walk with Caldwell but have not joined for a variety of reasons. Average attendance on Sundays is around 170, and with a dramatic spike on Easter Sunday at 260, as we welcomed many guests. The session is in the process of removing about 25 members from the rolls who have not attended for some time.



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- **Financial soundness:** God has blessed Caldwell with a highly unusual position to weather the recession of a lifetime. Not only has the church avoided the significant budget cuts that virtually all houses of worship have experienced, but the budget has advanced steadily. This is due to two factors: mostly membership/friend growth, and secondarily, non-contribution sources of revenue. Looking ahead, membership/friend growth is likely to continue; non-contribution sources of revenue have likely reached a plateau because our campus is full.

Major obligations to repair and refurbish the buildings loom large, with estimates reaching as high as \$1 million, all things considered in “a perfect world.” These needs will pose an important question for Caldwell: How will it balance buildings and grounds needs with its commitment to Christ-like, missional self-sacrifice?

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Our ministry at home and beyond

Pastor's Message

What a difference a few weeks has made for our two primary on-campus ministries.

The **Salvation Army Shelter** at Caldwell has been generously funded by a range of community sources. As I reported on the blog, the **United Way** committed \$52,000, **Forrest Hill Church** \$80,000, **St. Gabriel** and **St. Matthew's Catholic** churches a combined \$50,000, an anonymous donor another \$25,000, the **Levine Foundation** \$70,000 and **Mecklenburg County** \$78,000. This means the 50-bed shelter will operate for another 18 months.

Led by **Jill Aleong**, a team has begun plans to deepen Caldwell's ministry to the shelter guests. We envision more support programs that encourage, equip and inspire the

guests as they work toward more permanent housing and stable living. Because our vision will require volunteers beyond just Caldwell, we're inviting the Elizabeth churches, other sister PCUSA churches and Elizabeth neighbors to hear more about how they might be involved. If you are interested, a **lunch meeting will be held this Thursday, July 21 at noon at Caldwell in the Shelby Room**. This planning will take some time and you will hear more as our plans take shape.

The outlook for the **Bilingual Preschool** had been far less clear, until just last week. The preschool draws about half of its funding from the N.C. Smart Start program. It's a long story, but the school has just learned that most of its funding will be renewed for 2011-2012. Our sister church, **Third Presbyterian**, where the school has resided for 12 years, deserves great credit. That congregation's recent decision to allow the school to move into classrooms that can be licensed motivated the state to provide funding just when it seemed that there would be none. Thanks be to God for the response by Third and state funders. Current plans call for 34 children to attend class at Caldwell in the coming academic year, the same as last year. I'm looking forward to when school begins and the kids are back.

Expanded Ministry to Our Latino Neighbors

With the preschool situation sorted out for at least a year, some other plans are moving forward. Over the last year, you, the Caldwell family, has extended hospitality in a range of ways – at fellowship events, volunteering in the school with the kids



Rev. John Cleghorn

and their parents and in our bilingual worship on Sundays. Witnessing the warm welcome you all extend has been a great inspiration to me and others in the city taking notice.

Caldwell folks have inquired about other opportunities to build relationships with these neighbors. With that interest in mind, and because we are uniquely suited among Charlotte Presbyterian churches to do so, a group of members is beginning to explore expanded ministry with our Latino brothers and sisters. **Joyce Deaton** is currently on point for this effort. If you would like to be a part of that exploration, **there is a meeting on this topic this Wednesday, July 20 at 6 p.m. in the Shelby room to discuss the possibilities.**

Both of these possible ministry expansions reflect conversations by the **Mission and Justice** Committee and the Session about how we can respond more deeply to God's gift of these two opportunities on our campus. These well-timed conversations fit within a larger discernment process that follows the "state of the church" study that you can read

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Caldwell builds on Habitat for Humanity legacy

Our volunteers know something about rolling up their sleeves to help build homes for thankful new owners

There's not much glamour in hefting boards and pounding nails on a hot, steamy Saturday morning. The satisfaction of a job well done by others, however, was all too clear in the face of **Abuukar Hajiadem**.

The smiling 38-year-old father of four and the soon-to-be owner of his family's first home - through the auspices of **Habitat for Humanity** - was investing his own sweat equity alongside nine volunteers from Caldwell. "It is good, this is good," beamed Hajiadem.

Such is the reward for Caldwell volunteers. This new single-story dwelling was the latest in a long line of homes where our volunteers pitch in from framing walls to troweling drywall compound on newly installed walls.

Continuing the Caldwell mission of construction on this weekend were **Tom Bohr, Erskine Harkey, Susan Pierson**, and



Abuukar Hajiadem stands alongside what will be his family's first home. Caldwell volunteers have participated in virtually every stage of construction for many, many Habitat for Humanity homes.

Caldwell's new Habitat co-coordinators **Sheena Bossie and David Ashley**.

The emphasis for Caldwell is enthusiasm over skills. "No matter who you are, you can learn pretty quickly," says David, who himself has no construction background but has "just enough to get by."

"I really like coming out here to help somebody and try something I'm not used to," says David. "This is a great way to build community with other Caldwell members."



Volunteers walk a wooden tightrope as they finish the roof. Hardhats and safety glasses are musts for volunteer workers.

On top of the world. Sheena Bossie and Susan Pierson (left) show how it's done when it comes to installing plywood on the soon-to-be completed roof.



Interested in constructing a relationship with Caldwell's Habitat for Humanity work crews?

Contact **David Ashley** (678-852-5215, dla3111@gmail.com) or **Sheena Bossie** (304-542-3058, shbossie@gmail.com).

No special skills required - just your enthusiasm.

Guatemala mission trip stirs emotions, memories

Those who went told more than 40 about a trip that helped change lives

The Caldwell mission team that traveled to Guatemala has been back for weeks, but the experience, and what they brought to people in need, remains fresh in their minds.

Those memories were retold to an audience of more than 40 who heard personal anecdotes about a coffee farmer who persevered against violent factions in a long-running civil war to health care clinics where patients think little of taking a full day off from work to travel for hours for medical help.

Also noted in the discussion was Caldwell's mission partner, **Common Hope**, an organization whose mission is to improve lives through education and health initiatives by working with local Guatemalan communities.

Their reflections of the Caldwell Vision Team members ranged from describing local social workers as "angels doing God's work" (**Cathy Lum**) to personal assurance to his sponsored child Ronoldo that "I'm not going to give up" on you (**Bo Jordan**). **Shawanda Jones** said the country "felt like home" after "seeing people in need." **Elise Deal** said children routinely leave school after the sixth grade, often due to "economic pressure to help their family with household income." That outlook may change as a new generation of young Guatemalans stay longer in school. **Richard Bargoil** told of a local farmer who was forced to aid - at pain of death to his family - Guatemalan revolutionaries while he tried to scratch out a living cultivating coffee plants on volcanic slopes. The farmer outlasted three decades of civil war and is still working, and expanding, his business today.



A full house heard our mission team recount experiences from their recent trip to Guatemala. From education to social work to coffee farming, the group related individual stories of working with families that needed help and appreciated it, too.



Blue Branch Presbyterian Church has invited us to their annual church service and dinner on the afternoon of September 4. Blue Branch is a historic African-American church started by slaves in a brush arbor outside of Sharon, South Carolina.

Since 2009, members of Caldwell have attended this service and have found the experience profound. Among the memories: sitting in the homemade pews in the very basic sanctuary and contemplating the long history of the church; the cadence of the preacher's sermon; the sound of the call-and-response hymns; the friendliness of everyone; the good food.

Because Blue Branch is hard to find and we must arrive before 2:00, Caldwell members will leave as a group immediately after our own service on September 4. We will travel together and return around 6:00. Details for this trip will be provided in August.

Also in August we will meet to discuss Blue Branch's history and the challenges their members faced.

Please contact **Kathy Neal** with questions at kathynealsc@gmail.com.

A life lived with multiple sclerosis

Caldwell member Zoraida Stewart, one of several Caldwell members who live with multiple sclerosis, spoke to the The Charlotte Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America about life with MS. Here are her remarks.

I'd first like to express just how humbling it was for my Pastor, John Cleghorn of Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church; to ask me to speak to you all concerning how multiple sclerosis has impacted my life. That profound humility is equal though to a desire that I have to touch on even one encouraging thing that might be received by any one of you who are afflicted by MS. As well, I hope to give those of you who may not know anyone with MS, just a little insight into what we endure.

Significant, symptomatic flare-ups that usually require medical intervention are called episodes. My first episode gained its notoriety while I sat at my desk at work one day. I tapped the computer mouse with my finger and felt a sharp pain shoot up my right arm and gouge into my neck. Leading up to that I had felt some more subtle sensations like it but this was more intense. But, I kept typing and tapping until the pain actually made me scream out loud as I jumped out of my chair. I had pulled muscles, herniated spinal discs and had countless strains and sprains before. I had never, ever felt a sensation like that.

It's been about 12 years now since that initial episode. What is multiple sclerosis? I searched and asked, I read and heard, and discovered the one "unpredictable certainty" is that MS differs from person to person, dramatically in symptoms and progression. Meaning, I could have 1 lesion (as I did) and be totally incapacitated in a wheelchair which I

wasn't; or my spine and/or brain could be riddled with lesions and I could appear "normal". Since its onset more lesions have showed up on both my spine and brain. To date, I kind of stop counting.

I've had an interesting variety of MS-related experiences. Dyslexic reading, writing and speech? There are times I feel confused while talking. Frustration sets in because it's hard to think of the next word, or I switch the order. It can be hard to keep my thoughts aligned with my speech. One pronounced episode of this included not being able to recite the alphabet while slurring with what felt like a severely swollen tongue. I couldn't remember the correct order of the letters. Uhum? A, B, C, G? One ambulance paramedic thought I was intoxicated the other thought it a stroke. But, it was the MS. A call to my neurologist was made and he knew exactly what was wrong; and how to fix me. Yeah, a ½-hour IV of what he called a "steroidal cocktail," and I could sing my ABCs again.

"They say" your eyes are usually one of the first organs that fall victim to MS and my vision slides in and out of focus. Is it a 6, 8, or 9? I once became completely confused at an ATM, reentering the right PIN numbers in the wrong order, until I was closed out. I've looked at my cell phone and didn't have a clue as to how to make a call. So sometimes, I can't see the right numbers and sometimes it really doesn't matter because I am a little unsure about in what order to use them.

MS can wreak havoc on limbs. Sufferers can wallow in a pile of diverse issues ranging from minor quirks or "irregularities" to severe pain. I have woken up from a good nights sleep; stood up, lost my balance and fell over. I've been in so much pain my dog has had to pull

me out of bed. Often its hard to stand up and hard to sit down. I've tried explaining an unnerving sensation in both arms that feels like a blood pressure cuff filling up all your veins from the inside out, to where you feel like if you bend your arms too sharply they might burst open. I had "drop foot" which is not terribly painful but its like your ankle hinge is broken. I was familiar with the term but, the first-hand experience was something else. I just could not get that foot to



Zoraida Stewart

lift up so that I could step properly without dragging it or swinging the whole leg around. I secretly wondered if one leg grew longer than the other one overnight. I tried to describe what I called a confetti party inside my legs. It was if the veins are made of bubble plastic popping as the blood courses up and down through them. It progressed from confetti party to 4th of July fireworks, so I had a procedure last Wednesday which is the reason I'm able to stand here in front of you today.

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Caldwell choir modest in

Willing voices and strong group relationships mold the Caldwell choir into a centerpiece of services

"Do it again."

Give him the praise...

"Do it again. And then the next part. Don't forget your rhythms."

Give him the praise...come let us worship the Lord...

And with those encouraging words from **Thomas Moore**, co-director as well as their vocal response, the Caldwell choir masters its repertoire for the following Sunday's service.

Every Wednesday evening at choir rehearsal, the choir melds its voices into one but their musical results - often lauded in visitor comments reported in this newsletter - also result from strong bonds between group members, a group that is modest in number but mighty in voice.

"We sing in ways we've never sung before," says Moore. "We're building trust" between each other. "This is a learning and building experience beyond which we thought we had."

Rather than run through an entire hymn or inspirational number, the choir rehearses nearly line-by-line. And they repeat their work until a critical tonal mass seems to be reached.

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies...Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise...

"It's going to be good," concludes Thomas.

Choir members have strong personal reasons for the donation of their musical time and talents. Caldwell Good News! asked members to share their reflections.

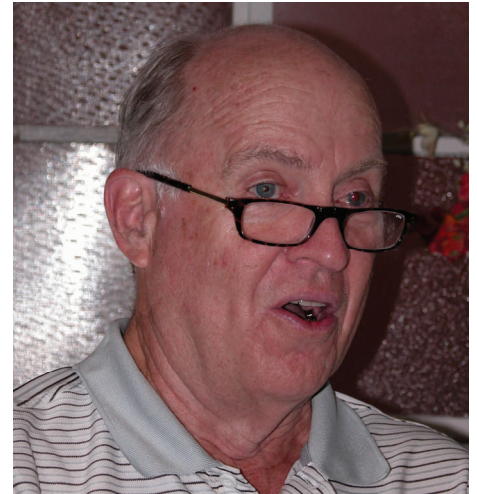


The Caldwell choir hits the high and low notes during a recent evening of musical selections, the group produces music that reflects its close relationships: "...and that choir!" says one, while another told CGN! "I like



It is an honor and a privilege to be a part of the choir. Our Directors pray over the songs and scripture. Our part is to be guided by our leadership and prepare ourselves for worship. Then the Holy Spirit is able to move through us, connecting the music, preaching and scripture in a way that feeds the congregation. It is all of God and an awesome experience to be part of.

Pamela Jepsen



I can hear my mother singing "Heavenly Sunshine" and Virginia Sinclair singing the descant in "Holy, Holy, Holy." The choir connects me with this joyful spiritual theme throughout my life. I love writing songs and singing harmonies. The company of Thomas, Smitty and passionate singers is truly a blessing.

Zach Thomas



*...ing rehearsal. Moving carefully through the following Sunday's
-knit relationship. Their results speak loudly according to visi-
the overall liveliness, and the overall liveliness of the choir."*



Mere words cannot describe the Wednesday night and Sunday morning experiences I have as a member of the Caldwell choir. Voices meld, smiles deepen, hearts open, bodies rock, goosebumps tingle, tears flow and souls respond as we join together in a spiritual community.

Katie Holliday (soprano)



Participating in the Caldwell Choir is a blessing to me in many ways. I love to sing and have been a part of one of the choirs since I was a child. Music is in my soul and makes me feel closer to God. I see smiles on many faces as we sing. I am an alto but often sing soprano when needed.

Elaine Hultman



It's vital that a new member to any congregation quickly find a place to "plug in" and get involved in the church. For me this was the Caldwell gospel choir from day one. Though choir members rehearse hard and have many "heavy lifting" Sundays I find the whole choir experience purposeful, deeply rewarding and soul-quenching. And it just keeps getting better and better!

Jim Curtis



To me being in our choir means being a part of a spiritual team, linking today with another time, healing, learning, miraculous memories, respecting, striving for the divine, the south, uniting, being closer to God, listening closely, and last but not least it means singing.

Maggie Jordan

Where is God leading us?...from cover page

- **Space usage and needs:** Caldwell has now filled its campus with important mission partnerships. The congregation's space needs can be met for at least six more months, perhaps a year. However, important decisions are in the near future relating to our fellowship and ministry needs. How will we manage the building upfits and the costs for any upfits, and how might we continue to use our space for mission? With increase in attendance and membership, what are some of the long-range considerations for our sanctuary for worship?
- **Spiritual Formation:** We are constantly exploring new programs and ways to connect with one another in our sanctuary, on our campus and in our community. Our racial diversity has not grown at the same rate as our membership – how important is this to our identity and how do we need to address it? Our Christian Education programs are thriving – how can we sustain and grow them for both children and adults? How can our music ministry grow and contribute to our expanding vision of life at Caldwell?
- **Staff:** Just as God has shaped a non-traditional congregation with a non-traditional mission, God also has provided direction to a non-traditional but effective and fitting staffing model for the church as it exists today. But what about the future, both short-term and long-term? How do we create a positive, effective work environment for our staff including reasonable work schedules, expectations and compensation? What are the talents and skills needed to support the direction set by the session and congregation?

If anything, the last few years have proven the providence and sovereignty of God shaping Caldwell church. Yes, the church has been guided by a strong mission statement. Yes, its leaders and members have worked hard and intentionally to fulfill that mission with partners and community. Yes, it has been an exciting and fulfilling four years and through God's grace we have only begun.

Amen and Amen.

If you have ideas or thoughts, or want participate or to talk further about some of these concepts, please reach out to any of the session members or clergy (all names are listed on the back of the church bulletin each week).

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Caldwell Good News! loves photos, but if the newsletter can't get to your event, your event, meeting or gathering can get to the newsletter.

How? Send CGN! your photos (including cell phone photos). Welcome are three to five shots - a mixture of close ups and wide angles.

Convert your photos to jpegs and e-mail to david.bradley@yahoo.com. Be sure your e-mail includes the names of those in each photo. Include your name, too, so you can be credited.

Tips for great cell phone photos:

- If possible, turn on all room lights or shoot near a window for good fill light
- Shoot both vertical and horizontal shots
- Wide shots set the scene, close ups show individuals or small groups
- With a regular camera, flash photos are best

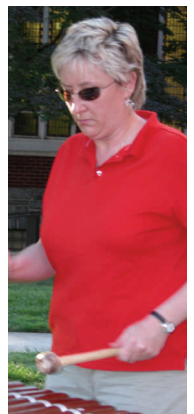
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about elsewhere in this edition of CGN! As reported in this space last month, that process will include opportunities for the congregation at large to speak up in the coming months.

Way to Go Leslie!

Caldwell Office Manager **Leslie Gipple**, who is about to celebrate her second anniversary here, has been elected secretary of the local chapter of the **National Association of Church Business Administrators** (NACBA). This puts Leslie in line to be the chapter president after moving through the ranks.

NACBA is the professional organization for folks in roles like Leslie's. She's been an active participant in the local chapter, contributing not only to their meetings but bringing back to Caldwell lots of vital information and perspective about how we can best run the church office. Those who know and work with Leslie aren't surprised that NACBA recognized talent when it saw it.



Leslie Gipple

As my call is to attend mostly to pastoral duties – preaching, teaching, pastoral care, moderating session business, leading in the community, serving the broader church, etc. – Leslie, Caldwell's only other full-time employee, has proved an excellent fit in what for her is a brand new professional endeavor. With five different organizations operating on our campus, Leslie's job is a lot like being the ringmaster in a five-ring circus, to say nothing about her incredibly generous spirit, personal energy and integrity and her respect for what Caldwell seeks to do.

Way to go, Leslie, we're all proud of you!

'Thank you' to our education volunteers

As chair of the education committee, I recently had the honor and privilege of recognizing the many volunteers who have assisted with our children's program during the past year. So many of you answered the call to help and support the youngest members of the Caldwell family and guests.

Volunteers staffed the nursery/toddler room to allow parents to give full attention to worship while little ones napped, played, or listened to stories.

In the pre-school classroom, a great group of volunteers took on the challenge of learning the new Godly Play curriculum, and physically transformed what was once a playroom into a sacred space where children can come to understand the lessons of the Bible, the life of Jesus, and the various parts of our worship services.

Volunteers with the school-aged program plan lessons, assist in classrooms and help children deepen their understanding of Christ, His role in their lives, and the Bible stories that provide lessons for living; all while having the opportunity to express themselves creatively - often in ways that they can share with their families or the congregation.

These programs could not operate successfully without our many volunteers who have shared their time, energy and wonderful talents. To all of those whose names were called and recognized with a floral contribution to the worship service, we want to say "thank you, well done and keep up the good work!"

Doreen Byrd, CGN! correspondent



A life lived...from page 5

I'm often tired when I wake up and unjustifiably fatigued after moderate exertion. A quintessential shop-a-holic I am, but a trip to the grocery store can be mentally and physically exhausting.

These were/are some of my particular indicators. A number of them aggressive and debilitating, others seem hardly remarkable. Bearing in mind that this disease attacks each individual differently; that in itself is good news—it can be inspiration for those of us who carry this particular cross and those who walk with us.

A crippling depression fed on the fatigue of my fight, the embarrassment of being labeled disabled and my pondering the potentiality of not being able to rely on *me* being able to take care of me. I couldn't do a thing about the reality of the symptoms but; these obstacles had to be vanquished! The one known to shake, rattle and roll had been shaken, I was rattled, and I felt life rolling all over me like a Sherman tank. Through the tears and the fears, if I am to live and not just survive, these thought processes have to die. There is no "Easy Button" when it comes to MS. There is however, a bewilderment button in its place.

So, I constantly reassess what I need to do to be able to cope day-to-day and try to work "with" my situation. Forgetfulness and organizational confusion means lists, post-it notes and a written calendar are more necessary. The floating focus in my eyes? I bought some "cheaters" as my ophthalmologist calls the magnifying glasses sold in drug stores. I partake of rest and sleep as 2 distinct acts. I learned to take smaller, slower steps and use braces and/or athletic supports for stability on troublesome days. Now I use a cane at home when I need it instead of leaving it at the top of the stairs while I fall down them like I used to before I took heed. My service dog, Zoë picks me up when I fall, steadies me when balance is off, and comforts me when I'm in pain but motivates me to keep moving.

I try to follow a balanced diet (eliminating caffeine, excess sugar/salt), take appropriate vitamins, exercise regularly, and strive toward a huge daily water intake. I take medications faithfully and I take an active role in managing my condition. There are many different therapeutic avenues and, I seek a second opinion before deciding to switch strategies to be sure my argument is with the treatment itself and not a disillusioned anger at the disease for not improving.

In addition, we cannot prevent the stress of negative incidents in our lives but we have some control over letting negative people in. Find a support group; a church; share your contemplations with the people who matter in your world. Realize many won't understand but it offers you an inevitable benefit and at least they can't say they didn't know. I am reaping that reward today by speaking with all of you, and particularly my Caldwell family.

I've always known God but MS helped adhere me to God. To His mighty hand, His strength and His promise to carry me when I can't walk. I invite you each to stretch out one arm for God's touch; be adhered to Him. As bad as any day can be, it can always be worse and it is for someone else. So, remember even on your painful most distressing days to keep one hand behind you to hold on to someone else. I would like to thank Kevin Martin for doing that for me. Lastly, delve into lots of laughs and good love where you find it and stayed dressed in a smile.

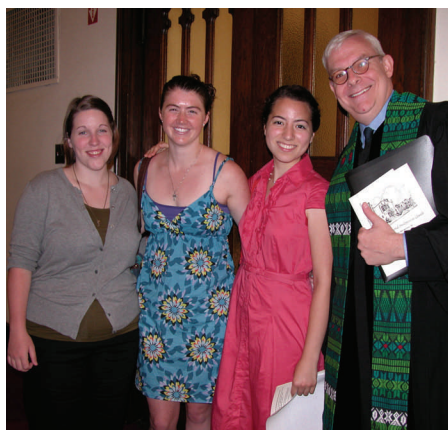
God bless you all and thank you for your consideration.



Grier Booker Richards of Greensboro greets parishioners after her guest sermon July 3 on "Breaking the rules." She is Associate Program Director for the Institute for Youth Ministry for the Princeton Seminary.



Courtney Bell and **Susan Tucker** ring the bell to call worshippers to a recent Sunday service.



For the fourth year, **Davidson-Stapleton** interns from **Davidson College** helped our service on June 26. Joining Pastor Cleghorn are **Sarah Jordan**, **Katie Voegtli**, and **Kelsi Hobbs**.

Domestic mission plan takes shape

Initial planning is underway to set the stage for possible domestic mission trips for Caldwell members

A group of 10 recently convened over lunch after our Sunday service to talk about the "what ifs" of such an endeavor which could involve an ongoing relationship with a group such as Common Hope in Guatemala. According to **Susan Pierson**, the "group is leaning toward staying closer to home rather than traveling farther away" including exploration of possibilities in both east and west North Carolina as well as urban areas such as Atlanta. That approach, including car travel to nearby locations, would "minimize costs and time, so more people are able to join the trip," says Susan.

Tentative plans call for a first trip in the summer of 2012, thereby enabling older youth to make the trip as well.

Pierson says the group - and others who are interested - will meet again after the Sunday, August 14 service review initial research into trip possibilities.

Also in the early discussion stage: the potential for creation of an "on call" mission team to respond quickly to emergencies, such as natural disasters in the Midwest.

If you are interested in joining the conversation, contact Pierson (susanmpierson@gmail.com) or **Ann Dorsett** (adorsett@mcguirewoods.com).

How our garden grows...

The bounty in Caldwell's gardens is growing ever-closer to readiness for those who will find fresh produce a fresh and tasty addition to their daily diets.

As the contrasting photos from March to mid-July show, our volunteer-tended garden has zoomed toward ripeness.

Nearly ready to be picked are zucchini and other types of squash, melons, 'Big Boy' tomatoes, okra, beans, eggplant and herbs, among other vegetables.



Caldwell Good News! Bulletin Board

COMING UP SOON...

JULY

Sunday, July 17

Newcomers luncheon, 12:30 pm

Thursday, July 21

ECF Lunch, 12 - 2 p.m., Shelby Room

Monday, July 25

Session, 5:30 - 8:30 pm., location TBA

AUGUST

Monday, August 1

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

Tuesday, August 2

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

Monday, August 8

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

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

Monday, August 22

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

Church Calendar

1st Monday

6:30 pm - Men's Group

2nd Monday

(Women's Circle in recess until Fall)

3rd Monday

6:30 pm - Women's Book Club

4th Monday

5:30, Session, Shelby Room

1st Tuesday

6:30 pm - Women's Group

2nd Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mission & Justice Comm., Shelby

Wednesdays

7:00 pm - Choir practice

3rd Thursday

6:30 p.m. - Worship Committee, Upstairs

6:30 pm - Finance Committee, Upstairs

5:30 pm - Education Committee, Shelby

Every Friday

7:30 pm, AA, Shelby Room

Sundays

9:45 am Adult Sunday School, Upstairs

11:00 am Worship (including children's Sunday school)

1st Sunday Holy Communion

Session receives new members

All Sundays Loaves & Fishes Collection

(Non-perishables in entry basket)

Administrative Office Hours

Monday, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

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

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Reach Pastor Cleghorn on his cell phone:

704-957-4511

See calendar events online: caldwellpresby.org

PLEASE! REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON

A card, a call, a visit - please remember our longtime members & keep in touch!

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Mrs. Elise Hood Legacy Heights

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Caldwell's Mission Statement

In the Summer of 2007, Congregational Dialogues formed the foundation of our church's renewed mission statement as adopted by action of the Session that Fall:

- We seek to build a diverse, intentional, affirming community animated by joyful worship and called forth into social action for service to the greater good.
- We seek to hear God's call not only as individuals but also as a progressive, missional community striving to reflect the Kingdom of God in the here and now.
- We embrace the rich history of the Reformed Tradition and the storied past of our once-prominent, center-city church, as we welcome a diverse, urban community of seekers—young and old, gay and straight, rich and poor, of all races and ethnicities.
- We are called into a meaningful, transformative community that values the unique blessings and perspectives of each member and offers a place of welcome and healing to weary souls.
- We seek dynamic servant leaders who serve humbly, embrace change, and boldly challenge injustices in the wider community.
- Most importantly, we seek to proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed, following the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

God Invites. We Welcome. All.

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