

# Caldwell Good News!

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## Merry Oaks volunteers savor year of helping kids

Caldwell’s mission reaches into classrooms to help the kids; ‘the progress they are making is phenomenal’

If you walk into **Merry Oaks Elementary School** virtually any day of the week, there’s a good chance you’ll see Caldwell volunteers pitch in to help kids read or per-

form any number of ‘back office’ tasks so teachers can teach.

As the school year wraps up, some of the faithful volunteers share their feelings about what their effort means to the school, the children, and to Caldwell as a whole.

You have no idea how adorable students look on the first day of school. All are clutching new pencils

What is it that makes being a volunteer at Merry Oaks a treasured experience? Is it the chorus of voices calling out your name when you enter the door of their classroom as the school day begins on Wednesday mornings? Or maybe it's a first grader opening a library book and surprising you with the fluency and expression with which they read from a page where only the pictures were comprehensible to them a few

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*Caldwell volunteers scoop up ice cream for deserving Merry Oaks students.*

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or notebooks or lunchboxes. Many are holding their parent’s hand. Each is wearing an endearing, great, big, beautiful smile. They are so excited about coming to school! You’ll want to be a part of helping these children be on a level playing field when it comes to learning – and becoming our future leaders. And you’ll want to be a “first day of school” greeter!

**Carol King**

### ‘Help the youth’

“We have been partnering with Merry Oaks for two full years now. It came up because almost three years ago, in the fall of 2008, in focus groups and church congregation discussions about what we wanted to be involved with mission-wise-people said they wanted to "help the youth" - so **Jeff Mitchiner** and **Doreen Byrd** and I looked into some different options, like different after-school programs as well as partnering with a CMS school, and we were drawn to Merry Oaks - it's a Title I school, with a large population of underprivileged children, whose parents are not always able to help out as much as the school needs. Normally the PTA does a lot of the volunteer work, but they don't really have an active PTA. From our first visits, we were impressed by the positive spirit and energy, and we just felt like God was steering us there.”

**Helen Hull**, Merry Oaks Steering Committee

## A Busy Four-Year Old in a Ninety-Nine-Year Old Body

### Pastor's Message

What is our best experience with the Caldwell congregation?

What do you value most about being a member of the church?

What do you think Caldwell's core values are?

What three wishes do you have for the church?

These were among the questions your session (governing body) discussed at a recent annual retreat. Once a year, we take at least a day to think deeply about the state of the church, its potential, its needs and its opportunities to serve our Lord.

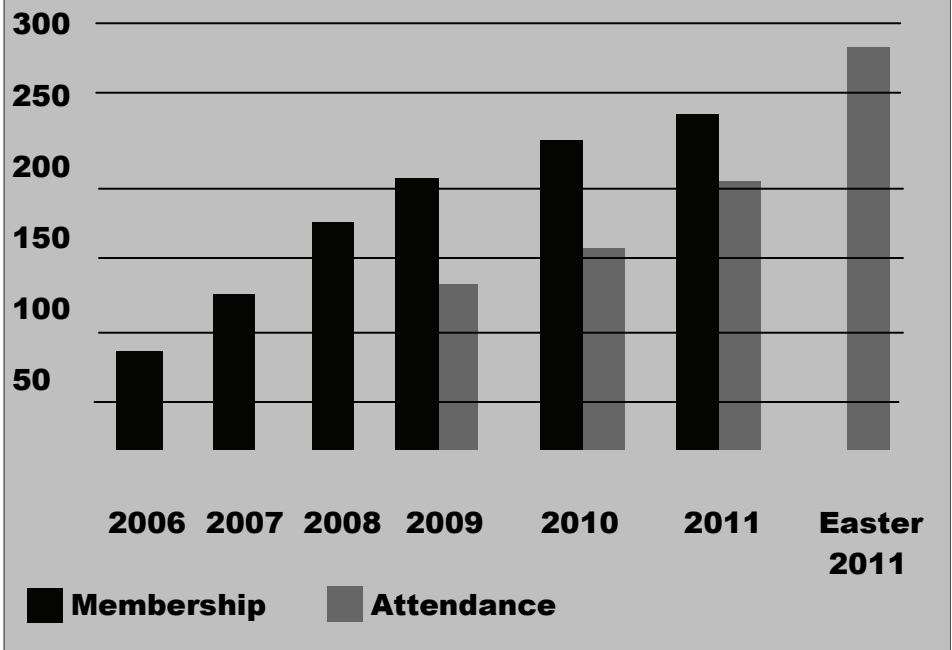
This year, the session was keenly aware of the abundant blessings Caldwell has had as well as its possi-

bilities. As always, we took into account the "data" of the church – its rate of growth, the scope of ministries we undertake, the growth of our on-campus ministries and partnerships and the budget.

We also always take into account



Rev. John Cleghorn



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the particular "DNA" of the congregation and our shared aspiration to be a missional church. As with any church, our past and our future inform us. In six months, Caldwell will begin its 100<sup>th</sup> year. Then again, it's been only four and a half years since the church's rebirth began in the fall of 2006.

Elders enjoyed discussing their answers to the questions I noted above. Their answers sounded a lot like the answers I would expect many members might provide, and that's good. Just some of their answers:

Best experiences to date?  
"Cleaning up the Price building to make into a homeless shelter." "First time in worship." "Men's retreat." "Women's retreat." "Moments of

spontaneity." "Being asked to serve."

What did we value most about Caldwell? "The caring spirit." "Our action orientation." "Authenticity." "How we make decisions as a church vs. a business." "It brought me back to church." "The invitational spirit." "Diversity in all forms." "Feels like family." "Use of campus."

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*Do you have event or committee news, calendar items, photography and other tidbits Caldwell members and guests should see in the newsletter? Please send items by the first of each month to the editor: [david.bradley@yahoo.com](mailto:david.bradley@yahoo.com)*

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# Many hands make Caldwell's garden grow

Caldwell's garden on the north side of the property is growing in more ways than one

The church has roughly doubled the size of the seed beds, including generous amounts of top-notch soil.

Indeed, at least six dump trucks each unloaded approximately 14 tons of good earth to create the expanded plot. Many Caldwell members aided in the planting.

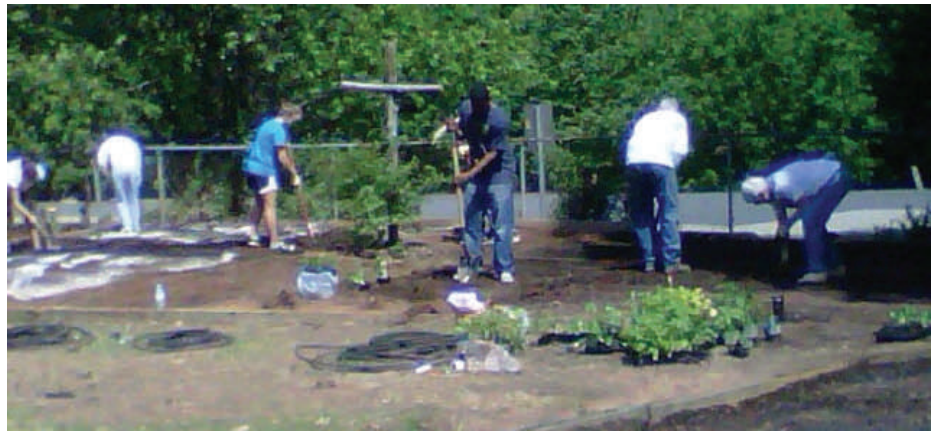
The bounty will be shared with **Friendship Trays** (Charlotte's Meals on Wheels program, co-founded by Caldwell years ago), the preschool families and perhaps the **Salvation Army**.



*Caldwell's greatly expanded garden is already abloom with vegetables and flowers. The good earth has been cultivated and prepped and planted. Already, plants are poking through the soil.*



*Gardeners-in-chief Anne Sangine (left) and Merritt Tracy. (John Patton photo)*



*Caldwell volunteers dug deep to make the garden a reality. (John Patton photo)*



*At least six dump trucks unloaded precious soil onto the new garden plot. Each load: approximately 14 tons.*



*David Passmore and his front end scoop made short work of filling in the new garden bed.*

## Good hearts and intentions as a starting point

If we cannot learn to love each other and live together in harmony, we will fall apart as a nation.

I attended an immigration reform workshop last month. The speaker said, "Charlotte has become a city that has no racial majority. Its white population dropped below fifty percent of the total population in the 2010 Census." He continued, "We are becoming a nation of minorities. If we cannot learn to love each other and live together in harmony, we will fall apart as a nation. But we can dot his, and you'll find that it's a beautiful thing." Living in diversity and difference has become a mandate, not a choice anymore.

I am Korean-American. We call this a "hyphenated" or "in-between" identity, meaning that I am neither completely Korean nor American. I live "in-between" or "liminal" space, always negotiating and transforming the sense of who I am. This liminal space is thus a potential source of tension and conflict and, at the same time, exciting and creative energies for me.

Nowadays, many people in the U.S. are carrying dual or even multiple identities. There are Italian-Americans, Jewish-Americans, Chinese-Americans, Irish-Americans, Mexican-Americans, etc. It is no wonder that many people come to value and celebrate rich "diversity" rather than a single-layered, monotonous "homogeneity." We are living in a so-called "globalized" world. Interacting, mingling, and mixing are now experienced as fun.

The challenge, however, is how to engage with the "Other" as truly another who is radically different from us. Of course, good heart and intention is a good starting point, but many psychological and theological scholars say that it is not enough to break the obstacles deeply embedded in our "humanness." We are inevitably self-oriented and therefore need intentional, persistent, and systematic strategies of counteracting such self-insulation. It is the "Other" who summons us to the world outside of ourselves. The "Other" calls into question our privilege that we have not earned but enjoy simply because we belong to the center. The "Other" challenges the power we exercise unjustly. The "Other" challenges the patriarchal ideology that justifies the abuse of women. That's why living in difference and diversity with the Other is a mandate, not a choice - particularly for Christians.



*Insook Lee*

## Caldwell's first quarter financials

	YTD-3/31/2011		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>+/-</u>
-			
<b>Pledged Income</b>	51,250	45,100	-13.6%
<b>All Other Income</b>	<u>27,500</u>	<u>27,580</u>	<u>0.3%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	78,750	72,680	-8.4%
<b>Expenses</b>	78,750	74,835	-5.2%
<b>Total Gain/(Loss)</b>		(2,155)	

At the end of the first quarter, pledged income was down almost 14%; total income was down 8.4%. Expenses are below budget. But, due to the deficit in income we have a net loss of \$2,155 for the first 3 months.

Overall, Caldwell's cash balance remains strong, and we hope that pledges will be kept current in order to maintain a positive cash flow. Contribution statements will be sent in mid-May to all individuals and families who pledged in 2011.

**Janet Blanchard**, CGN! correspondent

*Pastor's column continued...*

Our core values? "Emphasis on worship." "Inclusiveness with Jesus." "Focus on mission." "Listening to others with different opinions." "Music ministry."

Three wishes? "Retain sense of community." "Stay spiritually grounded." "Maintain authenticity." "Always look beyond ourselves." "Attract greater diversity (3 people)." "More money (3 people)." "Maintain a prophetic and visionary edge." "Defeat racism." "Continue to grow and glow in God." "New carpeting and cushions."

You can see how inspiring it was to understand the similarities of our experiences and hopes for Caldwell. To live into those hopes, the session also took time to look at ourselves individually and collectively, so that we can work more effectively together.

In addition to their respective responsibilities as committee chairs, your elders has will continue to spend time on the important

questions and opportunities we face. So much great ministry is underway. More is planned, both "in-reach" and "outreach."

As for my input, I said my hope was for time for Caldwell to "stew" a bit. By that I mean God has given us wonderful ingredients for ministry, especially the nearby presence of the shelter for women, the Bilingual Preschool and the presence of the Bread

of Life on campus. We've been growing and expanding ministries so rapidly, it's as if we've been sitting on a stove with the heat on high. I'm not much of a cook, but I do know that the best soups and stews need time on low-boil for their tastes and flavors to mix and mingle.

One major opportunity and responsibility that we have is to form a Centennial Committee to coordinate a range of activities through which we can celebrate a century of God's goodness here. Generally, we foresee a series of events spanning worship, fellowship, mission activities and the such. If you're interested in giving your time and leadership toward this effort, please call or email me at [pastor@caldwellpresby.org](mailto:pastor@caldwellpresby.org).

## An Even More Welcoming Church

I'd be remiss if I did not add a word here to what I've written on my blog about last week's pivotal change in our denominations constitution.

From the earliest days of your church's resurrection, your leaders stated a bold and clear commitment to inclusivity and justice. The change in our constitution approved last week removes language barring qualified gays and lesbians in committed relationships from serving in ordained positions. Now, our denomination can live more fully into the pledge we make at Caldwell, "God invites. We welcome. All."

The language that has now been approved simply permits local governing bodies (Presbyteries and sessions) to determine how important sexual behavior, in or outside marriage, among all the other aspects of life and leadership, is relative to others ways we sin or abstain from sin. It does not force any governing body to ordain anyone or any type of person. However, and most important, it removes an unjust prohibition against those whose natural-born orientation is homosexual and who are in the kind of faithful and committed relationships that many heterosexual married couples fail to uphold.

Many questions remain unanswered. Can our congregations, from those that are disillusioned by this latest change to those that welcome it, remain in respectful conversation, relationship and communion? Will this vote resolve the issue of ordination standards after 25 years of debate? Or will that debate continue to take our valuable time when so many other aspects of discipleship demand our attention?

I encourage you to pray with me for the future of the Presbyterian Church (USA), nationally and locally, that we may move on together in unity, in mutual forbearance, love and appreciation, as the body of Christ.

## What visitors and guests say...

If you are interesting in exploring the possibility of Caldwell as your church home, please call the office at **704-334-0825**. New members are admitted the first Sunday of the month.

"I think it is great to see all the faces, nice to see all the diversity. And that choir! It's been a good experience so far."

"Very friendly, very open."

"It seems very friendly and welcoming. That's what struck me when we walked in."

## Guatemala mission trip not about the

### Our Vision Team may have returned from Guatemala but they left a part of themselves in the Central American country

Caldwell's Vision Team has returned from another mission trip - 10 days this time - to rural Guatemala and both themselves and - moreover - the Guatemalans they helped, are the better for it.

**Kitty Bohr** reports the group used a **Common Hope** compound outside Antigua as a home base. "We went to a lot of towns around there," says Kitty. Among the projects: a home with two 12x12 rooms (luxurious by local standards because most homes are one room). But the home was "just one of the things we did," says Kitty. "On any given day, the team was divided and going in different directions to do functions. We went on visit with social workers, Bo and Elise did programs with teenagers, we did preschool programs, we visited artisans in their homes. We made five visits with children sponsored by the Caldwell community." One of those, **Maria Modesta**, is sponsored by the church congregation, others by individuals.

The trip as a whole made a lasting impression on team members, and CGN! talked with several about their personal reflections. Among them: **Jane Wallwork, Shawanda Jones, Cathy Lum** and **Felicia Pine**.

I enjoyed it. I found it especially informative. I found it to be an extension of our multi-cultural experience. I learned a lot about Common Hope, which is a really good thing. All in all, it was really, really good, and I enjoyed getting to know the

team. It was enlightening to me in terms of how we could be helpful. What Common Hope did was help me with a vision of a long-term connection of a project such as this, which can really have an impact. It was quite real, and full of all of those pieces we hear about, but to see and experience it made it work somehow. I didn't know sponsoring a child would make a difference until I saw the difference it made. To see whole communities impacted by that, to me it was a wonderful experience. I thought it was quite in keeping with what appears to me to be what Caldwell is going to be. One of things I was touched with and my first impression as a visitor to Caldwell was, it felt like a church. It was representative of the community and full of those things a church should be. The mission trip was a natural extension of that. It is all the right things a church should be. I was quite pleased with it.

**Felicia Pine**

Well, we talked a lot about what it meant; to me, this is my first trip calling it a vision team. It gave us a bigger view of the whole vision that Common Hope is trying to do and what we can do as a church. Instead of just going and building a house, it helped me understand, and not just in terms of Guatemala, but what goes into the bilingual preschool at Caldwell, and it gave me a greater appreciation of what that means. We also went on social worker visits, and interacted with families, and Sherry (Bargoil) was able to work in the clinic. Since I am a speech pathologist, I was able to work with the speech therapists. I am not a member at Caldwell, but have been going. Nonetheless, I love Caldwell, and the reason is the diversity. I always wanted to be part of a church that is out doing the work, and I get a good sense of that. The people at Cald-



*The entire Caldwell Vision Team with 20-year-old farmers. From left: **Richard Bargoil, Elise Deal, Cathy Lum, Sherry Bargoil, Felicia Pine, Tom Bohr.***

well want to be good stewards in the world, not just the community. It made me feel like I was a part of the church. It was a wonderful experience, and I was one of the fortunate ones to go with Maria Modesta, the child Caldwell sponsors. That meant a lot to me. For me, and it sounds very cliché, but it really does give you pause to think about how to be grateful for the little things we take for granted. That's one of the biggest messages from it.

**Cathy Lum**

For me personally, it was my first time on a plane, and I left the country to go volunteer for people in the same situation as me, just in a different country. It felt like a real mission team, and one of the things we



*Claudia and her father Alberto, both local coffee Kitty Bohr, Jane Wallwork, Shawanda Jones, Bohr, Bo Jordan. (All photos courtesy of Tom*

discussed was ‘where did you see the face of Jesus?’ We went on a walking tour of Antigua, and the guide took us to a hospital for disabled adult and kids, and that’s where I saw the face of Jesus. It makes me feel like a member of a very caring and very diverse and multicultural church. Just going on the visit with the social workers, and seeing how the poverty is really, really bad over there made a big impact on me. Some families don’t have floors or walls, or running water or bathrooms. One man, his total house was made out of plastic. For me, the trip meant to me to see the force of giving, and how far a little can go.

**Shawanda Jones**



*This photo shows the walls we prefabricated being assembled into a two-room home for a Common Hope family. Through donors' sponsorships of Guatemalan children, parents are able to send their children to school and receive other services from Common Hope, including housing. **Shawanda Jones** and **Elise Deal** hold a wall in place while **Felix** and **Maura**, Common Hope staff, debate making the final connection to complete the walls. The home we built will house parents **Israel** and **Maria Gregoria**, and their children **Jennifer**, **Israel** (both pictured looking in what will be their new front door) and **Cindy**. The construction of a two bedroom home was only one of many mission experiences for our Vision Team.*

When it came to construction, I was not very helpful or when it came to digging ditches. But I went out on to see the girl (Maria Modesta) the church sponsors. I got to go out and take a package to her from our church, and then I went on some social work visits. That was the most wonderful part of the trip, visiting families in their homes. I was there for the dedication of the house we helped build. As far as profound words, I guess when I went to San Rafael, that is the one that was the most desolate, the most needy areas, and I was moved by that. We had to move a cow off the road before we get there. I had been to Guatemala with another trip, but this was what Guatemala was all about. To me, it was really going out to see the families and their children in their homes. That’s what I loved the most about

it. Even though we didn’t have a translator on the social trips, it was amazing to me that you could pretty much tell what people were saying without knowing a great deal of Spanish. It was just their expressions and their hand movements. It’s just a great opportunity to learn about another culture, and be immersed in another part of the world, where people need so much help. But there’s no way you can change the way they live and we don’t go over there hoping to change them. We go to try to understand them. And we want to come back and tell the people in the church about what it’s like.

**Jane Wallwork**

*Merry Oaks continued...*



short months earlier. Being a volunteer at Merry Oaks allows an opportunity to give so little and to receive so much in return!

**Jeff Mitchiner**

I always enjoy the big smiles and hugs I get each Tuesday as I enter the classroom.

The children are so eager to please and to learn. Their faces light up



when you compliment them on good work and they are so eager to show you what they have accomplished. It is a joy to me to work with them each week and to know our church cares and will go the extra mile to help those in need.

**Nancy Nance**

80 years ago I grew up in a homogenous community. I never

knew a person of color or anyone with a religious persuasion other than Christian,



until I went into the Army following college. The 4th. grade class I work with has African Americans, Hispanics, kids from Vietnam, Thailand, Burma, and Nepal. I told the teacher that God had hand-picked her class for her. Diversity, diversity, diversity - what a great thing!

**George Michie**

It has been a great pleasure for me to work on the Recycle program at



Merry Oaks. The program has grown and the teachers and students always make me feel important to

them. They greet me every time with a cheerful Good Morning or Hola!

**Erskine Harkey**

I started volunteering at Merry Oaks, after Christmas. I volunteer one morning a week. In a kindergarten class. It has been such a rewarding experience for me. The kids are wonderful, and the teacher makes me feel so welcome. I've worked in the schools for 24 years, and in the public schools for 10. I can tell you being a volunteer has been so much more rewarding, when you do what you love because you love it and not because it's work. I get to interact with kids in a meaningful way. The kids get so excited when I'm there, and I've see so much progress. I've done informal reading logs to chart their progress, and the progress that they are making is phenomenal, and I feel like I am making a difference, and I wish I could be there more.

**Cathy Lum**

Copies! Massive amounts of copies. Last year I was the copy guy, and was amazed at the requests, and even more amazed to learn that teachers, for the most part, supply their own paper at their own expense. A ream, 500 sheets, might last a week for one teacher.

**Mike Watson**

It is such a joy to work with my Merry Oaks class! And I don't



volunteer in order to be thanked, but recently it made an impact on me when a little girl from another classroom asked me

if I were going to her teacher's room, and when I said no, she said, "But my teacher doesn't have one of those!" She meant *volunteers*-- the students *notice* that people who don't have to are spending time with them--which can only be a positive thing.

**Helen Hull**

Going to Merry Oaks and working with Ms. Nooe and all the other

wonderful teachers at Merry Oaks has been a real blessing in my life.

To see the professionalism, creativity, and positive discipline techniques is a real joy. The children are just blossoming with a love for reading and learning.



**Lynn Watson**

## ‘Caldwell Connectors’ paves way to know the church

Newcomers to Caldwell have a new ally to help them acclimate to the church, its mission and activities: Caldwell Connectors

Visitors, guests and new members don’t have to go it alone to get their arms around everything that is Caldwell. They can simply talk to their friendly **Caldwell Connector**.

The **Newcomer Committee** started the low-key, one-on-one effort as an ice breaker for people to get to know us and for us to know them.

“It’s really about keeping it pretty informal at a comfort level for the connector and the connectee,” says Mark Rowe of the committee. “It can be coffee, e-mail, or a meal. It’s the biggest thing going on right now for our committee.”

Rowe says that since March of this year, 11 Caldwell Connectors have been assigned to 14 people who are new to the church and its environs. The aim of the effort, according to committee materials, is to:

- Provide an opportunity for Newcomers to connect with members and friends of Caldwell both in and beyond worship.
- Assure Newcomers are aware of congregational events, ministries, and service opportunities.
- Engage with Newcomers on a regular basis.
- Offer encouragement and friendship.
- Serve as a point of contact with the Caldwell church family.
- Help determine Newcomers’ interests related to congregational, mission, and service opportunities within the church and congregation.



*Members escort guests and visitors to a post-service brunch of pizza on a beautiful recent morning. It’s all part of Caldwell’s effort to make visitors feel at home with us.*

Rowe says the Connector concept goes back a couple of years and that his committee is looking “for more to serve in that role. Anyone interested in this can contact me.”

Rowe says the people who have worked on the Newcomer Committee from the onset include **Maggie Jordan, Carol King, Sarah Beth and David Mulet, Danny Trapp, Woody Connette, John Cleghorn,**

**Beth Van Gorp, and Lawrence David Sander.**

Rowe also notes that **Carol King, Mary Carol Mitchie, and Sarah Beth Mulet** have baked our newcomer cookies passed out during worship services.

If you want to be a connector or have a connector assigned to you, contact Mark at 704-641-4384.

# Caldwell in photos...



*Above: No need for the pastor to signal when to wave palm fronds on Palm Sunday. Our cherubs don't need any encouragement. Left: Morning diners find hearty food awaits at a recent breakfast.*



*The cookie brigade - Troy, Mary Carol, Johnnie and Zoraida - prepare treats for visitors and guests.*

*The first Sunday of every month is communion Sunday.*

*Don't forget Loaves & Fishes.*



# Caldwell Good News! Bulletin Board

## COMING UP SOON...

### May

#### Tuesday, May 17

**FitClub**, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, May 18

**Zumba**, 6 - 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Evening devotionals**, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Quiet Room, Price Building, 2nd floor

#### Saturday, May 21

**Church picnic**, location will be announced

#### Sunday, May 22

**MS Benefit**, 4 - 7 pm, Caldwell Sanctuary

#### Monday, May 23

**Session**, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, Shelby

#### Tuesday, May 24

**FitClub**, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, May 25

**Zumba**, 6 - 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Evening devotionals**, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Quiet Room, Price Building, 2nd floor

#### Tuesday, May 31

**FitClub**, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

### JUNE

#### Wednesday, June 1

**Zumba**, 6 - 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Evening devotionals**, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Quiet Room, Price Building, 2nd floor

#### Monday, June 6

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

#### Tuesday, June 7

Caldwell Women, 6:30 - 8 pm., Shelby Room

## 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](http://caldwellpresby.org)

## PLEASE!

## REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON

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

**Mrs. Barbara Atkinson** Lake Park Nursing Center  
Mailing address 830 Faircrest Drive

**Miss Toby Herring** Emeritus @ Eastover

**Mrs. Elise Hood** Legacy Heights

**Mrs. Irene Kennedy** 419 Clement Avenue

**Mrs. Ann Ranson** Legacy Heights

**Mrs. Irene Brown** Emeritus @ Eastover

3315 Faith Church Rd., Room 600 Indian Trail, NC 28079  
Charlotte, NC 28210

3610 Randolph Rd, Memory Care Charlotte, NC 28211

11240 Ballantyne Trace Ct., F-4 Charlotte, NC 28277

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3610 Randolph Rd., Room 228 Charlotte NC 28211

## Caldwell's Mission Statement

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

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

**God Invites. We Welcome. All.**

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