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We express our appreciation to Tory Slippy for his service as our Administrative Assistant over the past 7 months. During this period of time, in addition to working in the church office part-time, Tory also completed the remaining requirements to receive his Master of Arts in Ministry degree. Having finished graduate school, Tory now is ready to return to full-time pastoral ministry and has accepted an offer from Creekside Bible Church in Marion to serve as Associate Pastor over Youth, beginning July 1. We are excited to see how the Lord will use Tory & Emily at Creekside, as they seek to faithfully follow Him and fruitfully serve Him. Please pray for their transition.

Gina Taylor remained as our Bookkeeper during Tory's tenure and now has chosen to resume the additional duties to return as our Secretary-Bookkeeper. We are glad to welcome her back in that role. Please pray for that readjustment.



BibleTelling Workshop Weekend For Youth

We have a great ministry trip planned for our youth group this summer that will help them grow their love for Jesus, their love for people, and their love for God's Word by learning how to communicate biblical stories through BibleTelling. The teens who are going to Omaha, NE for this BibleTelling Workshop Weekend (July 13-16) will learn how to communicate God's heart to people of all ages by sharing God's Word accurately and creatively in a story format. The workshop will include opportunities to go out in public places and seek to share their stories with people they encounter. Pray for the Lord to use this workshop weekend in significant ways.

YOUTH REPORT TO CHURCH FAMILY ABOUT THE BIBLETELLING WORKSHOP WEEKEND

On Sunday, July 30 at 6:00pm, the teens will share their stories and experiences from the BibleTelling Workshop Weekend trip. Come and hear how God's Word is alive and active, what the students learned through the workshop, and how the Lord used their interactions with people as they went out to share their Bible stories.



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Sunday Services

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Inner Mission
10:30am Worship Service
(Livestream Available)

Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:00am – 3:00pm
Friday 9:00am – Noon
(The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

QUARTERLY MINISTRY UPDATE

Our Quarterly Ministry Update is scheduled for Sunday, July 16, at 6:00pm. Members, come to be informed about opportunities to prayerfully support, helpfully serve, and actively participate in the ministries of the church. Ministry leaders, please come prepared to share about what is happening in your area of ministry. To top off our fellowship for the evening, the deacons will be serving ice cream with a variety of toppings. Don't miss out on this special time together as partners in the Lord's work!



MINISTRY UPDATE FROM ONE OF OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS

This past October, our annual PACT (Plant A Church Together) project challenged us to help provide "Building Blocks for Stellenbosch." This was an effort to show our support for the work of Wayne & Susan Royce, missionaries in South Africa with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) and among the more recent additions to our global ministry partners. Wayne will be with us on Sunday morning, July 23 to share an update about how the Lord has been working in their lives and ministries. May we be informed and inspired to faithfully support them in prayer!

SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP

5 th /6 th Grade Camp	July 9-14
7 th /8 th Grade Camp	July 16-21
Senior High Camp	July 23-28
3 rd /4 th Grade Camp	July 30-August 2

You can go to www.springvalleycamp.org/camp-overview for basic information and registration. Calvary will provide a \$40 subsidy for each child entering grades 3-12 (or just graduating from grade 12) who is a regular participant in our church programs. Submit camp receipts to the church office to receive the subsidy reimbursement. *If additional assistance is needed to enable a child to attend camp, contact the church office about scholarship funds.*

Pray for God's work at SVBC!



Thank you so much for very generously financially partnering with our team. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we leave May 24 to take the Gospel to Bangkok, Thailand. It is a region steeped in idolatry and darkness. Pray for us to shine brightly and boldly, proclaiming the name of Jesus, as well as for the hearts of the Thai students we will meet. We look forward to sharing with you the work God will do this summer in Bangkok! With love,
Sydney Crittenden

It's a privilege to be launching a new work at UNO. Thank you for standing behind us. When David commissioned Solomon to build the house of the Lord, "the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly and made their offering to the Lord with their whole heart..." We thank God for your congregation's willingness and whole-heartedness in giving. Till all have heard,
John and Courtney Anderson

Thank you, Calvary, for your prayers and love. My knees are feeling much better, and I am healing well. Thank you!
Carol Kiser

Sending a heartfelt thank you to all who helped to make VBS week a success. It was a lot of fun for the kids, helpers, teachers, and leaders. It truly takes a village to be as successful as we were. Thanks also to all those who donated prizes to the prize closet. In addition to those who invited friends, each child went home with something at the end of the week. Extra prizes have been passed along to benefit the Awana Closet.

Roxann Von Lienen

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our condolences to the family of Darlene Fieselman, who died Saturday evening, June 17, at the age of 98.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Glenn & Pat Prochaska
3808 Bluebird Drive SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

BABY SHOWER

Ladies, you are invited to a baby shower for Ricardo & Nattacha Etienne on Saturday, July 1, at 10:00am in room 27. Let's help them welcome their coming baby girl. They are [registered at Target](#). Please help us to plan and prepare by signing up at the Welcome Center, on Breeze, or by contacting the church office. If you have questions, please direct them to Jeannette Frey or Sue Lindstrom.

SONJA NOVAK VISITATION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sonja Novak's earthly journey came to a sudden end on February 24. Her husband, Joe, and the family now are planning a time of remembrance on Saturday, July 8 at Calvary Baptist Church, with the visitation beginning at 1:00pm and the memorial service following at 3:00pm

KOINONIA INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Hey, young adults! Come and join us to celebrate America and have some fun together on Saturday, July 8, 5:30pm at the home of Steve & Marlene LeMont (11505 Maple Grove Road, Fairfax). There will be burgers and brats provided, a bonfire, water balloon volleyball, and more! Please bring a lawn chair, a side dish/dessert to share, and any lawn games you might want to play with others. Hope to see you there! Invite some friends! For more information, contact Travis Caldwell (319-573-8602).

WATER GAMES NIGHT FOR THE TEENS

The youth group will enjoy a fun evening of water games at the youth building from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Sunday, July 9. Invite your friends! Please bring a towel, modest swimwear (one piece for the girls, swim trunks for the boys), and some food/drink to share. For more information, contact Pastor Matt.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies, you are invited to enjoy dinner and fellowship on Monday, July 10 at 6:30pm at Red Ginger (2230 Edgewood Rd SW). If you plan to attend, please call or text Debbie Gaeta at 319-491-7720 or send her an email at djgaeta@q.com. If you want to come but need a ride, let Debbie know and she will arrange for someone to pick you up.

SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

Calvary Baptist Church will be hosting ImpactLife for another blood drive on Monday, July 17, from 3:00pm to 6:30pm. To be eligible to donate on July 17, your previous donation must have been before May 23. Your donation could be the blessing needed by a patient right here in our own community. For more information or to sign up, contact Nadene Roberts at 319-396-2836 or go to www.bloodcenter.org.

SALT AND PEPPER RETIREES FELLOWSHIP

There will be no activity in July for the Salt and Pepper Fellowship. You can mark your calendars for our next gathering on August 22.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMING IN AUGUST — MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- An afternoon of fellowship together at the ballpark, enjoying a Cedar Rapids Kernels baseball game at 1:00pm on Sunday, August 6
- An evening of "Stories & Songs" with special guest Marcy Each at 6:00pm on Sunday, August 13
- An outdoor movie night for the youth from 8:00pm to 10:30pm on Friday, August 18
- A church picnic at Noelridge Park at 6:00pm on August 20



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00am Etienne Baby Shower
2 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service (Communion) No Evening Activities	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Youth Groups and Adult Prayer Meeting	6	7	8 1:00pm / 3:00pm Sonja Novak Visitation and Memorial Service 5:30pm Koinonia Party at Steve & Marlene LeMont's
9 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service 5:00pm – 7:00pm Youth Water Games Night	10 6:30pm Ladies Night Out at Red Ginger	11 7:00pm Committee and Ministry Team Meetings	12 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Youth Groups and Adult Prayer Meeting	13	14	15
5th/6th GRADE AT SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP						
16 9:00am SS & ABC 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service Youth Returning Home 6:00pm Quarterly Ministry Update and Ice Cream Social	17 3:00pm–6:30pm Blood Drive 6:30pm Fellowship Ministry Team Meeting	18 6:30pm Board of Deacons Meeting	19 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Youth Groups and Adult Prayer Meeting	20	21	22
JUNIOR HIGH AT SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP						
23 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service (Missionary Update by Wayne Royce) No Evening Activities	24	25	26 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Youth Groups and Adult Prayer Meeting	27	28	29
SENIOR HIGH AT SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP						
30 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes 10:00am Inner Mission 10:30am Worship Service 6:00pm BibleTelling Workshop Report	31	3rd/4th GRADE AT SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP				



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| 5 Otto Sandersfeld | Taylor Slippy |
| Reiner Sandersfeld | 19 Lillian Kemmerer |
| 7 Brienne Hoy | 24 Ella Crittenden |
| Bruce Gritten | 25 David Frey |
| 8 Beau Caldwell | Matt Slippy |
| 10 Elie Koumakou | 26 Jennifer Crittenden |
| 11 Charles Seamans | Mari Crittenden |
| 12 Pat Henry | Burton Rodman |
| 15 Marlys Dengler | 28 Marianne Stanard |
| Allison Seamans | 29 Glenn Prochaska |
| 18 Gary Cronbaugh | Lucy Horning |
| Malachi Hauptly | 31 Kirk Bredenberg |
| Jessica Morris | Norma Jacobs |