

Connections

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HEALING THE HEARTLAND

Serve the City, a coalition of more than 40 churches and parachurch ministries in Linn County, will sponsor a special weekend of activities to mark the anniversary of the great flood of 2008. Friday evening, June 12, 6:00pm–9:00pm will be “Neighbors and Friends Barbecues” at eleven locations throughout the Cedar Rapids area. Calvary is partnering with Cedar Rapids Family Church, Stonebridge Church, and Word of Faith Church to host the Cedar Hills and Stoney Point area event at Cherry Hill Park. This will be an opportunity to build relationships with friends and neighbors while enjoying FREE hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks.

Saturday, June 13, will be the community-wide “Healing the Heartland Festival” in and around the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. There will be a Community Care Tent (11:00am–5:00pm) with over 50 services and exhibits, a Family Fun Zone (1:00pm–4:00pm) with a variety of children’s activities, a Sports Zone (2:00pm–5:00pm) with demonstrations of amazing athletic ability, and a concert stage (5:00pm–10:00pm) featuring presentations by comedian Dennis Swanberg and musicians David Phelps, Barlow Girl, and the Newsboys. All of these activities are provided FREE as a gift to our community. Food vendors with special budget-friendly prices will also be on site.



SUMMER STUDY FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday school curriculum for June 7 – August 23 will be “The 10 Greatest Struggles of Your Life.” Every day is full of struggles. We struggle with time, we struggle with truth and authority. We struggle for peace and for purity and contentment...and that’s just the beginning. God speaks to us in the Ten Commandments about these struggles that put us to the test each and every day. By His power we can prevail over these struggles. Colin Smith’s unique ability to open the Scriptures will lead you to a fuller understanding of the Ten Commandments and their relevance to the greatest struggles of your life. You will learn that when you love God fully and unconditionally, His commandments no longer seem the impossible rules of a benevolent dictator, but the firm guidance of a loving father, setting you on the path to the rich life He desires for you, His child. We will begin at 9:30 each Sunday morning with all of the adult classes in the Sanctuary to view the video segment and then move to our regular classrooms for discussion and prayer.

MARC & JODY VAN EIJDEN

Marc & Jody Van Eijden will be at Calvary Sunday, June 28, to give a brief ministry update during the morning worship service. Marc and Jody serve as missionaries with European Christian Mission International in Tours, France. Jody grew up at Calvary, and we have supported their ministry for many years. They are church planters who have seen the Lord use them to grow a church that now has over forty in attendance.

AN EVENING FOR PERSONAL OUTREACH

Sunday evening, June 28 has been set aside as an evening designated for personal outreach. Rather than gathering with other believers for another activity at the church, think of a way that you can reach out to someone with the love of Christ: invite your neighbors over for ice cream, take a co-worker to a ballgame, enjoy a picnic with some classmates, ask a friend to go fishing with you, etc. Use the activities you enjoy as a means to build bridges for ministry.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

During the summer months (June–August), child care will be provided on Wednesday evenings for the children (babies–5th grade) of parents attending the adult prayer meeting or serving in the youth ministry.

SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY INTERN

We are looking forward to having Ryan “Bear” Wroughton serve as our youth ministry intern from June 1 through the third week of August. Ryan comes from Warsaw, Indiana. He is currently a senior at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana, majoring in Youth Ministry and Behavioral Science. Bear (as he is affectionately called) loves Jesus and loves people. He says, “I’m a follower of Jesus Christ, a people person (social butterfly), I LOVE THE CUBS, DA BEARS, Dr. Pepper, and I’m a lovable, tall curly-haired guy.”



Family Forum

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to John & Sandy Lewis on the birth of their grandson Jeter Johnny, born April 28 to Darren & Erica Lewis. He weighed 7lbs, 5oz.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Jim & Carol Allen and family on the death of Carol's father, Raymond Wright, on May 11.

We extend our sympathy to Harold & Amy Aldrich and family on the death of Amy's sister, Grace Wilson, on May 7.

We extend our sympathy to Gordon & Beverly Danielsen and family on the death of Beverly's brother, Donald Marquis, on April 24.

We extend our sympathy to Hilda Smith and family on the sudden death of her nephew, Jeffrey Flora, on April 26.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Ryan Caldwell — Home Schooled
Josh Chung — Jefferson High School
Daniel Frey — Jefferson High School
Kelsey Kasner — Home Schooled
Kris Krohn — Jefferson High School
Britani Nolkemper — Jefferson High School
Christian Setzer — Williamsburg High School
Paul Sharp — Jefferson High School
Thomas Shatzer — Jefferson High School
Tara Slippy — Home Schooled



PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

We praise the Lord for those who participated on May 10 in the parent-child dedication ceremony.
Phil & Amy DeLay with their son, Caleb
Will & Ellen Rogan with their son, Walter
Matt & Mindy Slippy with their daughter, Tessa
Justin & Heidi Zehr with their son, Jameson
Chad & Cindy Parks with their daughter, Caylee
Angela Thune with her son, Noah.

BAPTISM

We praise the Lord for His gracious work in the lives of Taylor Bredenberg and Christine Lewis, who were baptized Sunday morning, May 24.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the reception after David's funeral. It was a perfect time for us to visit with those who were not at visitation. The girls and I really appreciated it. Thanks too for the beautiful lily.

Cathy Rammelsberg

I want to thank the crew of men that came to my house on the second of May for the wonderful help with "summer chores." I am indeed grateful. They say they will come again! God Bless them. Love in our Lord,

Hilda Smith

Dear members of Calvary Baptist Church thank you for the outstanding blood drive you held this year. Your service and leadership on behalf of the community blood program is greatly appreciated. Thirty two units were collected at the drive, and because of your combined generosity, as many as 48 patients will benefit from lifesaving blood products. We are incredibly fortunate to have the support of dedicated sponsors like you, who believe in our mission and care enough to take an active role in the blood program. We never know who will need blood next, but we do know that our donors and sponsors are always there to meet the need. Collectively, you may be a quiet, caring minority, but your generous actions speak loudly. Simply put, what you do saves lives. Thank you for your partnership and all you do to make lifesaving possible.

David Green, President/CEO
Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center



APPRECIATION FOR RAISING SUPPORT LEVEL

Wow! What tremendous news! Karen and I thank you and the people of Calvary so much for this increase in support. It really is an answer to prayer and shows us once again how the Lord continues to be at work and meets all our needs just as he promised. Beyond this, Karen and I want to thank you as well for your love and continued prayers on our behalf. Thank you so much.

Paul & Karen Jonsson


We just received word that you have raised your support commitment to us and we want to say thank you from the bottom of our heart. Your very timely response is part of what the Lord is doing to help us return to our ministry in Cote d'Ivoire. Thanks also for your prayers for our family. We appreciate your long and faithful partnership so very much.
In Christ,

Glenn & Linn Boese

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES

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| Daniel Frey | Open House on Monday, June 1, 6:28pm-9:42pm in the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. |
| Kelsey Kasner | Open House on Saturday, June 6, 5:00pm-8:00pm at Ambroz Recreation Center, 2000 Mt Vernon Rd SE, Cedar Rapids. |
| Paul Sharp | Open House on Sunday, June 7, 12:45pm-4:00pm at 414 Bezdek Drive NW, Cedar Rapids. |
| Kris Krohn | Open House on Saturday, June 13, 4:00pm-7:00pm at 103 Stone Hedge Dr NW, Cedar Rapids. |

June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:28pm-9:42pm Daniel Frey's Graduation Open House 6:30pm Ladies Night Out	2 7:00pm Board of Deacons Meeting	3 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Jr/Sr High Youth Groups and Adult Prayer Time	4 7:00PM Young Adults	5 Ladies Camp at Spring Valley	6 5:00pm-8:00pm Kelsey Kasner's Graduation Open House Ladies Camp at Spring Valley
	7 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service (<i>Communion</i>) 12:45pm Paul Sharp's Graduation Open House 6:00pm Community Groups	8	9 7:00pm Committee and Ministry Team Meetings	10 6:30pm Jr/Sr High Youth Groups and Adult Prayer Time	11 7:00pm Young Adults	12 6:00pm-9:00pm "Neighbors and Friends Barbecue" at Cherry Hill Park
14 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 3:30pm-8:00pm Serve the City Faith Night at the Kernels 6:00pm Community Groups	15	16 9:00am Salt & Pepper Club Breakfast at Cherry Hill Park 7:00pm Board of Deacons Meeting	17 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Jr/Sr High Youth Groups and Adult Prayer Time	18 7:00pm Young Adults	19	20
21 Father's Day 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service No Evening Church Activities	22	23 8:00am-9:00pm Jr. High Trip to Adventureland	24 9:00am Staff Prayer 6:30pm Jr/Sr High Youth Groups and Adult Prayer Time	25 7:00pm Young Adults	26	27
28 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service (<i>Marc & Jody Van Eijden</i>) An Evening for Personal Outreach	29	30 7:00pm Voices of Hope Concert at New Covenant Bible Church				



June Birthdays



2 Donna Jentink
 Paul Sharp
 3 Leslie Clayberg
 5 Karmela Rotter
 Travis Tjelmeland
 Brian Bullington
 6 Jean Jensen
 9 Terry Stephenson

10 Charlotte Hoermann
 11 Daniel Frey
 14 Jen Thayer
 15 Karen Lorenzen
 16 Leslie Wainwright
 17 Blake Borrett
 18 Luetta Puffett
 Caryn Horning

19 David Shelley
 Verlan Smith
 20 Rebecca Bradshaw
 21 Lexie French
 Jean Salter
 22 Linda Holmes
 23 Sue Lindstrom
 24 Diana Baumgartel

26 Benjamin Boerhave
 Jaylee Chung
 27 Alan Baumgartel
 28 John Pruett
 Ryan Caldwell
 29 Malia Jacobs
 Sarah Pisini



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Upcoming Activities

SPRING VALLEY BIBLE CAMP

Spend some time at Spring Valley Bible Camp this summer.

July 5–10 Intermediate Camp (grades 5–6)

July 12–17 Junior High Camp (grades 7–8)

July 19–24 Senior High Camp (grades 9–12)

July 26–31 Junior Camp (grades 3–4)

Call the church office (396-3233) for additional information.

WOMEN'S CAMP 2009

Ladies you are invited to "Women's Camp 2009" at Spring Valley Bible Camp on June 5–7 in Muscatine, Iowa. The ladies at Valley View Baptist Church in Cedar Rapids look forward to seeing you at retreat! The title of the theme this year is "His Sheep Am I." Guest speaker will be Jean Hofmann who lives in Battle Creek, Iowa. She is the wife of a professional sheep shearer and the mother of 10 children!

PATRIOTIC CONCERT BY THE "VOICES OF HOPE"

"Voices of Hope," a community choir sponsored by Serve the City, will present a patriotic concert as an official Freedom Festival event Tuesday through Thursday, June 30–July 2, at 7:00pm each evening at New Covenant Bible Church. This year's program, entitled "One Nation under God," celebrates our nation's heritage, honors our military veterans, active military, and civil servants, and challenges us to seek God and humble ourselves before Him.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies night out will be meeting on Monday, June 1, 6:30pm at Zio Johnno's Spaghetti House, 2925 Williams Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Gaeta (396-7976).

SALT & PEPPER CLUB

Tuesday, June 16, we'll have a hearty breakfast in the Cherry Hill Park pavilion. Kaj O'Mara, Meteorologist at KCRG-TV9, will join us for breakfast and after breakfast will share some interesting information. We will be ready to have breakfast at 9:00am. For more information, see Nadene Roberts or Violet Johnson.

Thursday, July 2, Ted Colschen, Director of Spring Valley Bible Camp, has invited us for lunch and fellowship with a few other groups on this date. We will want to accept Ted's kind invitation, so please mark this date on your calendar. For more information, contact Nadene Roberts or Violet Johnson.

ADVENTURELAND TRIP

A junior high trip to Adventureland is planned for Monday, June 23, from 8:00am to 9:00pm. Cost is \$20 plus money for two meals. Permission slip and \$20 are due on June 14.

