

Calvary's Light

JANUARY 2025

The Aquilino Report 2024

BY PASTOR DOM AQUILINO

"Behold, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my lifetime as nothing in Your sight; Surely every man at his best is a mere breath.

Psalm 39:5

It is hard to believe that yet another year has come and gone. As I look back on 2024, I can't help but wonder where all the time went! Yet, God has been faithful to me and to my family and has blessed us abundantly in the past twelve months. Thank you very much, Calvary Bible Church, for your prayers and your faithful support, without which I could do nothing.

2024 has been a year full of "Hellos," "Goodbyes,"... a year of hallelujahs and of heartbreaks. Let me share with you some of the things that we have lost and some of the things we have gained:

1. Saying "Goodbye."

This year we had to say goodbye to our cat of eleven years (Toby). He was a good cat, and the apple of Bethany's eye. Saying goodbye to such a great pet was incredibly difficult for us. We praise the Lord for putting humans over animals and entrusting us to care for our furry friends. Even when a loved one lives for a long time, it seems that the more they are loved, the shorter their lives appear to be. Toby will be dearly missed.



This year we also said goodbye to my 2010 Dodge Journey. They say that parting is sweet sorrow, but not in this case. There were so many things wrong with this car that parting was not sorrowful at all. However, we do praise the Lord for how He sometimes extends the usefulness of worn-out things, and I hope He will do the same with me as I get older.

I have unfortunately had to also say goodbye to sugar, as I was diagnosed as a diabetic this year. Jen and the kids have been very supportive as I drastically change my eating habits and adjust to

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this new way of life. Please pray for me, because I have literally had dreams in which I was eating a Boston cream donut! May the Lord continue to strengthen me as I rely on Him day to day.

2. Saying "Hello!"

This year we said hello to a new cat. His name is Jaspurr (yes, that is how it's spelled) and he is a kitten of almost unlimited energy. I don't have to tell you that the adjustment from an 11-year-old cat (Toby) to this kitten has been educational for all of us, but Jaspurr is fitting in nicely with the other members of the family.



One of the other blessings this year is that I got to say "hello" to a new car. I have affectionally dubbed this car, "The chili pepper," and it has so many things that my old Journey didn't have... like heat and a horn! I praise the Lord for how He meets our needs in the proper time.

3. Saying "Stick Around!"

The greatest blessings are not what we get, but who we get to spend our lives with. Jonathan and Bethany are doing well, and Jen continues to be the best wife a guy could hope for. She is a very patient lady (pray for her!) and this year we hope to celebrate our 28th anniversary together. This



year we got to take a train ride together and see the beautiful colors of fall in Pennsylvania. It was really special.

Of course, Bosco is still doing well! He is truly a good boy, and I enjoy having him despite his little quirks. After dinner every night I have to sit on the floor while he runs around in circles for a while. If I try to get back into my chair, he barks at me! A strange, strange dog! He fits in perfectly in my family!

Speaking of sticking around, being a part of this pastoral team and a part of this church family is a huge honor and blessing for me. I pray that the Lord will continue to bring us closer to Him and closer to each other in the coming year.



1 Corinthians 16:24

My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Pastor Dom

The Greene Report 2024

BY PASTOR ROB GREENE

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Greens. I hope your holiday season was full of great memories with family, friends, and with the Lord. Another year comes to a close, and 2025 is up and running. This year, I will go from oldest to youngest (:

Rachel is still working at Littlestown Veterinary Hospital as a certified veterinary technician with specialty certifications. She gets to work with a wide variety of animals, including exotic birds, reptiles, small and large animals, and more. She works in surgery several days a week and really enjoys that part of the job. This year, she was asked to attend a veterinary conference in Atlantic City. She enjoyed time with her fellow employees and sitting in on seminars.

Hannah is in her senior year at Lancaster Bible College seeking a degree in Early Childhood Education (K-3rd grade). All she now has left is her student teaching this spring. She will be at a local public school in second grade. She is so excited to be going to the Dominican Republic again; she is in charge of different aspects of the trip. She is also currently learning Spanish. She finished her first year at CBC as the Children's Ministry Director. Hannah loves the Lord and is serving Him by blessing children (:



Josiah is a second-semester freshman at Appalachian Bible College in Beckley, WV. This past summer, he was a counselor at Alpine Bible Camp. Josiah loves Jesus and serves Him through ministry. He also works part-time at Sheetz near the college. Pray for him as he studies and works hard.

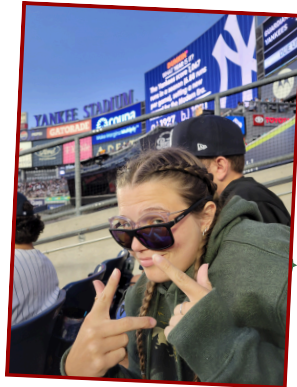
Cindy is a wonderful wife and mom, always blessing us and others as she lives for the Lord. She continues to work a few hours to help one of our church families, does data entry, and has three cleaning jobs. She continues to bless Calvary and me, helping to serve in many ways.



This past year was also new for me in that I was unable to umpire because of a broken foot. I missed the fun of doing it and the additional income, but the Lord walked me through it, even if I had to use a knee cart (: Cindy and I were also able to go to an excellent Christian counseling seminar; we learned so much. I so enjoy serving the Lord at Calvary, and my heart sings to see teens, young adults, and parents grow in the Lord and choose to live for Him.

This year has also been a hard change for us with supporting and taking care of my mom. If you do not already know, she had a severe stroke on the left side in August and has lost much of her speech and some of her cognitive ability. Please pray for additional recovery for her as we try to figure out what the new norm is.

We appreciate all of your love, prayers, and encouragement for us and our family.



The White Report 2024

BY PASTOR JASON WHITE

God blessed 2024 in many ways. The main one for our family was celebrating my parent's 50th wedding anniversary with a family trip to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. My parents, their three sons, two spouses, ten grandchildren, and one spouse were all together for several days. It was the first time my brothers and I had been together in several years.



We are thankful for the ways God has blessed us individually this year. Evan took his first steps, said his first words, and developed a love for spatulas. Many of Andrea's blessings are closely tied to nurturing Evan through the first year



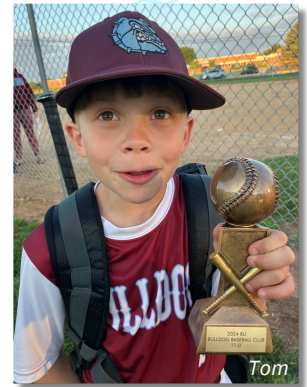
and a half of life and homeschooling the other boys. Beyond that, she really enjoyed getting to see Fiona the hippopotamus at the Cincinnati Zoo and singing in the choir at church.

Ben trusted Jesus as his savior at Kids' Camp this year, enjoyed being in God Squad, and playing with his friend who lives next door.

Tom lost his two front teeth, enjoyed an undefeated baseball season on the Bulldogs 8U, and had a lot of fun competing in the Sparky games.



Henry pitched his baseball team to a win over their rival, became a teenager, and was selected to play in the his baseball team's league All-Star game.



Paul forged his own knife, placed second in AWANA quizzing, and was Buckler in God Squad. He also got baptized.



Sam went to teen camp for the first time and is finally taller than Dad.

For me, highlights were hiking and camping on the Appalachian Trail with the boys, visiting the Billy Graham library with Dom and Rob, visiting Wayumi, and baptizing Paul.





The CBC staff and their families enjoyed the annual Christmas party and gift exchange at The Barn Resort in Gettysburg!

Update: Prison Goody Bags

Text taken from Chaplain Paul's latest email update.

I wanted to share the group update from our chaplain team here about our recent collecting and giving of Hope Pack Goody bags.

“I have never seen this much donated before!” declared one officer at the prison as the donations kept rolling in on December 19.

Overwhelming! Your response and care for the community in York County Prison was noticed and the impact felt. Thank you! As the community dropped off the goodies, we had a team of volunteers assembling the bags on the inside. The bags themselves contained first the Hope Pack book that some of you helped provide through your financial donations (thank you), a calendar and notebook pack that was also donated, a pair of socks from the Salvation Army, an apple from the prison kitchen, a datebook, two bags of chips or pretzels, two Pop Tart or granola packs, two hot chocolates, and a large handful of candy.

We delivered a bag to every one of the over 1,050 inmates in YCP that day. Were they grateful? Yes! We announced that the bags were from churches and individuals who wanted to remember the inmates at this Christmas season.



The chaplains



The assembly team



The goody bags

Read more by subscribing to Chaplain Paul Beliasov's newsletter! Email paulbeliasov@gmail.com.

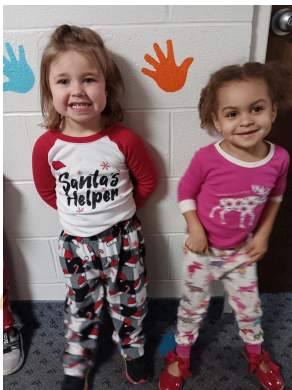
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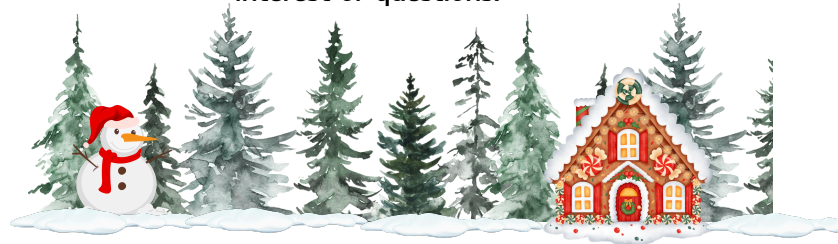
THE Shepherd's Fold

December was a busy month for the teachers and students at TSF! The children enjoyed a variety of festive Christmas activities and spent many hours practicing for our annual Christmas program held on Thursday, December 19. This year's program was titled *A Savior is Born*, and focused on how Jesus was born to save us from our sins. The salvation message was clearly presented through both songs and Pastor Dom's closing devotional. It is our prayer that God will use the program to plant seeds in the hearts of some of our TSF families. The next day, our students celebrated a job well done by enjoying a cozy Christmas pajama day and donuts. The TSF staff were also treated to various treats from the parents and a generous monetary gift made possible by donations from CBC members. Many staff expressed how encouraging it was to be recognized and supported by members of the CBC congregation. Thank you!

Contributed by Joy Hempfing, TSF Director.



Interested in volunteering or working for The Shepherd's Fold? We have flexible schedule options! Email Joy at shepherdsfoldoffice@gmail.com with interest or questions.



As we close this year and come closer to the holidays, our Children's Ministry has continued. During the month of December, we were able to slow down a little and learn about our Savior's birth. We celebrated by having ice cream in Sparks for bringing in the most canned food for Adopt-A-Family. T&T clubbers were able to fellowship with each other during game time, and our Cubbies were creative and played in the hallway one week during club!

Our Kindergarten through second-graders had class in the dark with candles, learning about Jesus' birth. Third through sixth had a waffle party and celebrated Jesus' birth with each other through fellowship and fun.

We look forward to the new year and all that it will bring for the Children's Ministry! Pray for volunteers to come forward and be blessed by serving these children. We are thankful for all our current volunteers, and for those who have remained for years. We are thankful that God provided in all the ways we needed it, for He ultimately knows what we need.

Contributed by Hannah Greene, Director of Children's Ministry.

Teens

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest



WINTER RETREAT

NEW LOCATION!

January 31-Feb 2, 2025

\$25 deposit needed to reserve spot!

Registration by Nov 20: \$85
Registration after Nov 20: \$125
Registration after Dec 11: \$170

Email Pastor Rob: rgreenebc1@gmail.com



Cookie Decorating



Ministry Update



Twelve children participated in choir this season! There were 35 voices, two narrators, three sound and light techs, and 18 instrumentalists.



Brass players performed four Christmas selections for the Adult English Class Christmas party!



Approximately 40 Christmas carolers shared a night of music with the residents at Homewood!

Photos courtesy of Laura Sterner.



Thank you!

Eighty-three families came to CBC. They heard the gospel and were able to choose needed items and go home with a food and treats! Thank you to everyone who donated and helped at the event!

- Boys' Coats: 48
- Girls' Coats: 46
- Boys' Underwear: 37 packs
- Girls' Underwear: 55 packs
- Men's Underwear: 32 packs
- Women's Body Wash: 59 bottles
- Men's Body Wash: 74 bottles
- Throws: 165
- Toothbrushes: 67 packs plus 30 kids' toothbrushes
- Toothpaste: 118 tubes
- Pillows: 202
- Adults' lip balm: 168
- Kids' lip balm: 55
- Boys' Socks: 87 packs
- Girls' Socks: 50 packs
- Many hats and gloves!

We collect items throughout the year for the Adopt-a-Family event in December. This event is a great way to show the love of Christ to our neighbors!

Start looking for sales on kids' coats, hats, gloves, and throws now! The Adopt-a-Family collection bin is in the coat closet to the right of the Ushers Station.

CBC Marketplace

HELP NEEDED. In need of one who will clean one full bath twice a month. Price negotiable. Resident at Crosskey Village New Oxford. Call Dolores Thoman at 717-634-7105.

FREE. Almost new electric ceramic top 2 burner induction cooker. Special (iron-based/magnetic) cookware required. Please contact Trisha at 410-415-1202.

FREE. Piano in good shape! You haul. Contact Karen Buch for details at 717-634-7124.

FOR SALE. Yellow Cub Cadet 357cc electric start engine, 3-stage, gas powered snow thrower with trigger control power steering and light, heated grips, 26-inch clearing width. Like new, used only two or three times at most. Cash only, \$950. Call Lillian at 717-818-4119.

Have something to sell or give? Need a hand with something? Send info and pictures to leikercbc@gmail.com

January Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Room
1	Wednesday		CBC Office Closed - No PM Activities	
4	Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Boyer Hall
5	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Communion Service	Sanctuary
7	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
		6:30 PM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
8	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Ladies' Prayer Time	Off-Site
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Awana	
		6:30 PM	Adult English Classes	
		6:30 PM	GriefShare	122
9	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elder Meeting	Mathias Ctr
10	Friday	1:00 PM	Calvary Ambassadors Event: Soup, Bread, and Dessert	Boyer Hall
12	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary
14	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
		6:30 PM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
15	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Fellowship Bible Study	112
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Awana, ESL, GriefShare	
16	Thursday	6:30 PM	Men's Guard Your Heart Fellowship	
19	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Welcome and Membership Class	122
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		11:45 AM	Children's Workers Meeting	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary

January Calendar

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21	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
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		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Awana, ESL, GriefShare	
23	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elder Meeting	Mathias Ctr
26	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Welcome and Membership Class	122
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		11:45 AM	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	
28	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
		6:30 PM	Precept Bible Study: Revelation Part 2	201
29	Wednesday	6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Awana, ESL, GriefShare	
Jan 31- Feb 2	Fri-Sun		Teen Winter Blast Retreat	Refreshing Mtn, Stevens, PA

Save the Date

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 26**

**ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

**FOLLOWING
THE MORNING
SERVICE**

**USHERS
NEEDED**

**VISIT THE USHERS STATION IN
THE FOYER FOR MORE INFO!**

Membership Class

**SUNDAYS IN JANUARY (19, 26)
AND FEBRUARY (2, 9)
AT 9:30 AM**

Learn more about Calvary Bible Church and
what it means to be a member!

Contact the office to sign up!

Ambassadors

Soup, Bread, Dessert, and Table Games

Friday, January 10, 1:00 PM