

# Calvary Baptist Church of Denver Messenger



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Calvary's mission is to be a Christ-like community that experiences and shares God's love.

## Come and see

### Sundays

8:15 and 10:55 am worship  
9:30 am church school for all ages

### March 14, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Daylight Saving Time begins

*Son of a Paraclete*

Acts 2:42-47

ABCUSA Ministers' Council Director

Rev. Dr. Joe Kutter preaching

### March 21, Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Working Our Way Through*

Isaiah 43:16-21

Brian Henderson preaching

Exploring Calvary event+dinner, 3:30-6 pm

### Upcoming March 14-27

March 15, Book group, 7:30 pm

March 16, Reed Circle, 7 pm

March 19, MOMentum, 9:30 am

March 22, Men's ministry group, 7 pm

March 25, Sewing group, 9 am

March 27, Snowshoe Adventure with Anne, 9 am

Sundays, Children/youth choirs rehearse, 8:30 am

Taizé at The Threshold, 5 pm

Tuesdays, Women's Bible study, 9:30 am

Wednesdays, Prayer breakfast, 6:30 am

ABYouth gather, 6:30 pm

Thursdays, JuBellation handbell rehearsal, 6 pm

Thursdays, Praise band rehearsal, 5:30 pm

Thursdays, Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, 7 pm

Saturdays, Nuer language classes, 12:30 pm

Sudanese sewing class, 1:30 pm

## reflections



### Hope motivates the journey

Our Sudanese Nuer church members know something about a journey. Forced to flee their war-torn homeland in South Sudan, they found temporary shelter in UN camps in Ethiopia and Kenya. Those most fortunate were able to immigrate to either America, Canada or Australia. Upon arriving at their destination they encountered a new way of life. The term "culture shock" aptly describes the challenges they faced in their time of continuing transition. They wanted a safer and better way of life for their families. Their desire motivated them to press on.

It is difficult to grasp the determination necessary in making so many changes. Yet the vision of a better life pulls people onward. In a parallel sense, our lives as Christians and church members come with a call to move forward to follow the Savior. Craig Barnes, a reflective Christian writer, perceptively frames our spiritual journey. He writes, "It is hard to find anyone who is in a serious drama with God who is not on the move. Sometimes it is a relationship that is in motion, constantly changing, or a job. Maybe it's just the process of growing older that is forcing change." Our heritage

as people called of God reminds us of our ancestors Abraham and Sarah. They had to leave that which was familiar to realize God's promise. Their descendants moved from slavery to the Promised Land. The early church moved beyond Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

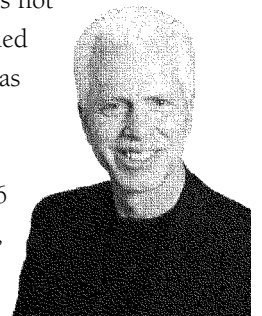
At times I am tempted to stop, rest and settle where I am. In such instances I recall Barnes' words of challenge. "Will you follow Jesus to a new place or just settle into memories of the old place? Choose carefully because the Savior is on the move, and you'll lose sight of him if you don't keep moving as well."

This scripture gives me a light of inspiration in my spiritual journey. "These all died in faith not having received what was promised but having seen it and greeted it from afar ... therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God for he has prepared for them a city."

Hebrews 11:13-16

—Warren Risch,

Pastor





## FAMILY NOTES



*Thank you, church family, for helping us realize our goals for work trips to Wyoming and Montana next summer. Hope you were as happy with your Superbowl subs and sweetheart dinners as we are with you and your support!*

### Debby Pilloud's Feb. 23 devotional

Pray continuously inspired Margie Jonell's cousin to write, "Normally traffic stop lights are upsetting, but I make stop lights 'prayer lights'. I relax and pray to God for ONE person. You'd be surprised how many you can pray for in a day! And thanks for the Lenten e-mails!"

### Over the past month, our webcast

ministry has been experiencing technical difficulties. However, it was just updated with new equipment, and we are making improvements to both audio and video. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work to better serve those who worship with us over the Internet.

—Kevin Padworski

### Ecumenical Refugee Services

is in desperate need of bedding, blankets especially for the many refugees coming to Denver this month—45 cases by the end of the week! Please contact me directly at 303.750.5838, and I will arrange pickup or delivery. All items are tax deductible. —Mason Brown

### Your generous Love Gift

contributions at the coffee receptions totaled \$1,582. Thank you. These funds

were forwarded to American Baptist Churches USA for mission program support. Although the Love Gift offering has traditionally been promoted around Valentine's Day, donations are accepted throughout the year. Look for a Love Gift envelope in the pews or simply write Love Gift on your check's memo line.

### Rebuilding in Haiti: Global

Missions is preparing a list of those interested in trips to Haiti (similar to our post-Hurricane Katrina trips to Pearlington) over the next two years. If you are interested, let Global Missions know! Put your name and contact information in Michelle Honeycutt's church mailbox or e-mail [michelle\\_honeycutt@hotmail.com](mailto:michelle_honeycutt@hotmail.com).

### Thank you so much for thinking

of our family during this exciting time in our lives. We greatly appreciate the prayer shawl. We will be sure to pray over and with Lincoln as he grows and discovers God for himself. Thank you for the clothing as well. We appreciate the love shown by your church.

—Kari, Justin and Lincoln Hudson

### Nanci and Joe Campbell joyfully

announce the marriage of son John Snowden Campbell to Amy Suzanne Dwyer (of Wichita, Kans.) on Friday, Feb. 26 in Estes Park. John is a 24-Hour Fitness club manager. Amy teaches at Aurora Central and Hinkley High Schools and is Aurora Public Schools' sports trainer.



*Jen Jonell humbly accepts heart-felt appreciation from Pastor Joe in Feb. 21 worship for her good work as nursery coordinator for nearly two years.*



*At the second annual Roller Derby Feb. 27, guys and kids lent a hand to our hard-working AB women to prepare 90 roller bandages, which will be sent to the Congo. Thanks, Calvary, for helping!*

### The love and sympathy of the

Calvary family are extended to ... Mildred Smith on the Feb. 20 death of her sister Sarah Smith in Alabama ... Bill Leonard family on the Feb. 22 death of Bill's father Robert in Denver ... Shelby and Joe Greemore on the Feb. 23 death of Joe's great great aunt Bernadine Edwards in Broomfield

## FAMILY HAPPENINGS

### WITH WILLING HANDS



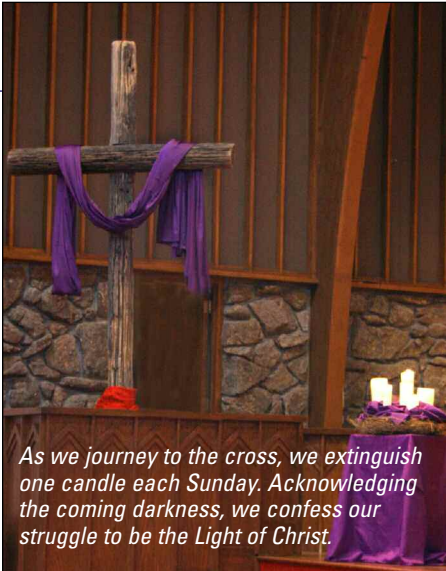
AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2010

### The March America for Christ

offering supports children in poverty, neighborhood action endeavors, chaplaincy programs, church plantings, intercultural ministries and ABCUSA colleges and seminaries. Please give generously.

### Welcome Rev. Dr. Joe Kutter,

executive director of the ABCUSA Ministers' Council, to the pulpit Sunday, **March 14**. Since 1997 he has served as senior pastor of the First Baptist Church, Topeka, Kans.—Joe Greemore's "growing up" church home. With his leadership, that congregation constructed a \$2.3 million community life center. Ask Pastor Kutter about construction fun!



*As we journey to the cross, we extinguish one candle each Sunday. Acknowledging the coming darkness, we confess our struggle to be the Light of Christ.*

### If you are new (or newer) to

Calvary, are considering church membership or would like to know more about Calvary's history, organization, mission and structure, plan to attend *Exploring Calvary*, 3:30 to 6 pm, Sunday, **March 21**. This event will conclude with dinner. RSVP to the church office by Friday, March 19. When you RSVP, indicate if you will need childcare.

### Adventures with Anne presents a

four-mile (beginner level) snowshoe hike Saturday, **March 27** to the Boston Mine at Mayflower Gulch. Meet at 9 am at Calvary with a sack lunch and snowshoes. If you need snowshoes, let Anne know asap. This is a great outing for the whole family! RSVP: ajernberg@calvarydenver.org

### Put youth to work and treat yourself

with homemade taste of butter braid pastries at the **March 28** Sunday fund raiser! Calvary middle- and high-school kids are headed to Wyoming and Montana in July to work for others and serve in Christ.

Frozen butter braids are perfect to bake for your family, for thank you gifts or for Calvary's first-time visitors on Easter!

### Mission Mexico: Head to Chiapas

**April 9–17** to help rebuild a church! No skills required with our missionaries Chuck and Ramona Shawver. Estimated cost: \$1,200/person. E-mail John Turnage at Jbkt@aol.com for more information.

### Celebrate what music brings to

Calvary worship on Music Appreciation Sunday, **April 11**. Whether listening or participating, music is a spiritual endeavor at Calvary. Our music is guided by this: God is the focus of all that we do. *Soli Deo gloria!* Our music is an expression of our faith in Christ and God's love for the world. The intent of our music, in whatever style it may take form, is to help the Calvary community experience and share God's love.

### You are invited to a spring piano

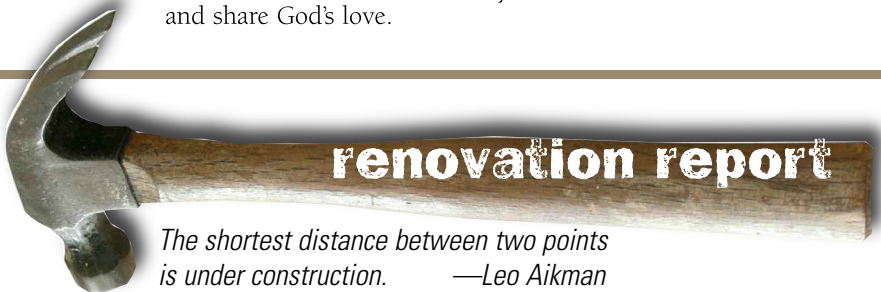
recital by Elaine Van Dellen at 4 pm, Saturday, **April 17** at Calvary in partial fulfillment of her certification through the Music Teachers National Assoc.

### May is right around the corner

and that means the 5th annual IHN Pancake Breakfast, 7–10 am, **May 15**. Mark the date for breakfast and if you're interested in volunteering to serve, flip or entertain, contact Pat Hagen at 303.713.1368.

### Introducing June 21–25 VBS

*SonQuest Rainforest* at Calvary—a week where kids can explore their faith in a jungle of fun and adventure! If you'd like to be a volunteer, contact Joe Greemore at jgreemore@calvarydenver.org or 303.757.8421. Registration begins May 17.



*The shortest distance between two points is under construction.*  
—Leo Aikman

**The renovation** we initially hoped would be finished by Easter will miss that mark by several weeks. Delays for asbestos abatement, sewer line replacement and unending boondoggles in the city's building permit department moved our projected completion date into late April or early May. But permits for both the courtyard and the interior work are now in place. Demolition is over; construction started March 1.

Project manager Larry Jenks works daily with contractors to modify specs and make decisions to ensure both the integrity of the project and the best use of our money. One such move was the use of a 36-inch diameter concrete saw to cut down the tops of the existing

retaining wall in the courtyard. Although not part of the original plan, this labor-saving, less costly modification yields a better result.

Finally, our man Jenks offers this: "We propose renaming the courtyard *The Atrium* to signal church-wide, rather than youth-exclusive, use of the space. Also, *atrium* was used to describe the open central courts of the ancient Roman house, containing the hearth and functioning as the center of family life. In those atriums was a basin where rainwater collected, known as the *impluvium*. Appropriate, since Calvary's courtyard has served as our impluvium for many years!

—Roving Renovation Reporter



*Ash Wednesday was a reminder of our humanity.*



## Share Holy Week journey with a friend

**Palm Sunday, March 28** worship, 10:30 am in the sanctuary

**March 29–31, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 12:15 pm** in the chapel

These half-hour services will be simple and contemplative, using the arts as well as scripture, silence, music and prayer. It is a wonderful opportunity to invite co-workers to worship during the lunch hour.

**Maunder Thursday, April 1** Service of foot washing, 12:15 pm in the chapel  
Communion by intinction, 7 pm in the sanctuary

**Good Friday, April 2** Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Christ, 12:15 pm in the chapel

**Holy Saturday, April 3.** Meditative service, 12:15 pm in the chapel

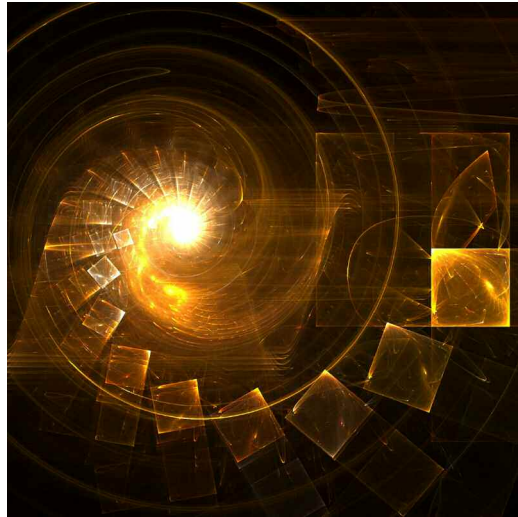
**Easter Sunday, April 4**

Sunrise service, 6:15 am, Cherry Creek Reservoir, Hobie Hill. Carpool—\$7 park permit may be requested. Bring chairs and warm blankets.

Children's Easter workshop, 9 am in east wing classrooms

Church school for all ages, 9 am

Easter worship, 10:30 am in the sanctuary



Next *Messenger* deadline is **March 16**, which covers March 28–April 10, 2010. **Please** include name/phone when submitting articles/ideas. E-mail articles to J.Howard: [jackie@sage-creative.net](mailto:jackie@sage-creative.net) or fax to 303.757.2586.

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