



Calvert City Church of Christ

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Dividing Over Politics

"Rancor" is synonymous with hostility, bitterness, spite, and vitriol. In Ephesians 4:31, Paul warns the Christian against "bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander [and] malice." While it didn't seem possible that this election cycle could produce more heat and saber-rattling than the last couple, it has already exceeded it. It is almost painful to watch the cable news networks, but we should expect the world to behave like the world. Yet, when I see brethren so vehemently defending their candidate and excoriating those who disagree with them, I am truly disheartened. Social media continues to pour gasoline on this already potent fire.

I try to imagine the apostles and early Christians, were they to have such an outlet, tying into one another and beating their chest as they debated each other over the merits of Claudius over Nero, devoting so much time arguing their points about which candidate would better favor the cause of Christianity. Inspired writers had every opportunity to show such a participation and bias, but they are conspicuously silent. While I do not agree with the extreme that David Lipscomb took in his book *On Civil Government*, can we not, if we are not careful, veer toward the other extreme through blind allegiance to rulers who, when dispassionately and objectively viewed, honor and demonstrate evil over godliness? Whether it is foul language, deceit and dishonesty, and glorifying sexual immorality (a la *Playboy!*) or lying, pro-abortion, and criminal behavior, I am baffled as to why a Christian should get so invested in one candidate or exorcised at the other. May we never prioritize America over our dear brotherhood or our heavenly goal. We gauge that priority by our thoughts, speech, attitude, and actions regardless of what we claim.

As a husband and father for whom the prospect of grandchildren may not be many years hence, I grasp with such personal investment the gravity of this year's election and the current world situation. Yet, I can let the fear of that eclipse the infinitely bigger picture. What a glorious day it would be if we could steer our consuming passion toward Jesus and the mission He left us!

You may have decided in leaning toward the Republican or Democratic offering in this year's election. Given this year's choice, I don't believe you can cling to either without your hands being very dirty. That being said, may we all be prayerful and imminently restrained in our interchange especially with our brethren and before the eyes of the world. Our unity in truth, our common mission, and our Christian example are eternally more important than politics. Period!—Neal Pollard

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Dates to Remember:

September 8—Caring Cooks
September 10—WKYC Golf Scramble
September 11—Youth & Family Devotional
September 12—Monday Night for the Master
September 16-18—Jim Gardner here
September 16-18—WKYC Teen Week Retreat
September 22—Caring Cooks

World Bible School Online

Dennis Driver and Gary Smith will be conducting a training session Monday night, September 12th, during Monday Night for the Master. This is the same World Bible School that is conducted by some of our folks through regular mail, except it is through the internet. If you are interested, please sign the sheet at the MNftM table.

In the column across the page, there is a thank you note from our summer intern, Brian Buckner. Brian has now returned to school at Harding University. His address is:

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Birthdays: September 11-17

- ◆ September 11—Ed O'Dell
- ◆ September 12—Kelli Roberts
- ◆ September 13—Barbara Glass
Wanda Thompson
- ◆ September 14—Teresa Owen
Becky Walker
Ramona Walker
- ◆ September 16—Ashley Appleton
- ◆ September 17—Katie Roberts

Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCKK, FM—95.7

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

Outdoor Evening Worship Service

Sunday, September 11th, we will conduct the evening services behind the Activities Building. Bring your lawn chairs!

Monday Night for the Master

The next work night for Monday Night for the Master is Monday, September 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you wish to eat and fellowship together before the work begins bring a sack supper at 6 p.m. If possible sign the list at the back of the auditorium if you plan to work.

Snack-Pack Program

We have the opportunity to help the Calvert/Sharpe Family Resource Center provide snack items for children who do not have adequate meals on the weekends. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to buy snacks for the Resource Center's Snack Pack Program please see **Laura Cordle** or **Wava Hall**.

Senior Adult Fellowship

Lone Oak church of Christ will host their 6th Annual Area Wide Senior Adult Fellowship on Thursday, September 22, 2016. Speakers will be Philip Dale Smith, Howard Norton and Jerry Hill. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Golden Agers, please sign the list in the lobby ASAP if you plan to attend.

Placing Membership

Nathan and Heather Arant have expressed their desire to be identified with this congregation and to work under the oversight of our elders. Please welcome them among us!

Address:

2578 US Hwy 95

Calvert City, KY 42029

Remember in Prayer:

Bobbie Travis—now at Calvert City Convalescent Center, Rm. 102B

Joe Ed Inman—eye surgery Sept. 12

Danny Butler—stem cell transplant Sept. 20 at Vanderbilt

Charles Allen, Nelda Beth, Norman Bradford, Danny Butler, Paul Carr, Sue Cox, Carlos Morales Cruz, Billie Davis, Jimmy Davis, Shirley Devine, Rudell & Ernestine Noles, Gina Swacker, Wanda Thompson, Brenda Williams

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Brookdale (Paducah)—**John Main**

CCCtr—**Betty Clark, Eedra Dossett, Sue Owen, Bobbie Travis**

Lake Way Nursing & Rehab—**Dora Davis**

Morningside (Paducah)—**Bobbie Travis**

Stilley House—**Ed Odell, Ralph Steury**

Military: **Cory O'Bryan**

September 16-18

"My God and My Money "

Lessons by Jim Gardner,
Henderson, TN

Friday, Sept 16, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 18, 9:15, 10:00 a.m.;
6:00 p.m.

We hope you will be present and invite someone to be with you.

Record:

September 4, 2016

Mid-Week (August 31)	162
Sunday Bible Study	192
Sunday Morning Worship	273
Sunday Evening Worship	139
Contribution	\$8,462

A Note from Brian Buckner

One of the major attributes that Christians should have is showing gratitude or thankfulness. We see many examples in the scriptures of Christians being thankful. In Psalm 107:1 King David wrote, *"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"* Paul wrote to the Thessalonians in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* As Christians, we are to be thankful for all the things that God has done for us. We show our gratitude to God by worshipping him as he wants us to and living our lives in a way that glorifies Him.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to not only show our thankfulness to God, but to each other. The entire book of Philippians is a big thank you note from Paul to the church at Philippi. We see very early in the book in Philippians 1:3 Paul says, *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."* When our brothers and sisters thank us, it's always very encouraging and it builds us up.

Just like Paul, in this article I want to say thank you. Thank you for this amazing summer. Thank you for becoming like a second family to me. You have been such an encouragement to me as a congregation. I have learned so much and matured in my faith this summer. I will always be thankful for the people I have met, the things that I have learned, the many acts of kindness shown to me, and all of the many relationships that have formed that I know will last through eternity. The Church at Calvert City is one of the most outgoing, kind, loving, and God-fearing groups of believers that I have ever been around. This summer was such a blessing to me, and I thank you for that. Words can't describe how thankful I am, but I think Paul's prayer in Philippians 1:3-11 sums it up pretty well. In closing, I want to encourage you all to always stay true to God's word and His teachings, no matter what the circumstances are. Again thank you for everything, and I'm sure we will be seeing each other again soon.

—Brian

Pew Packers

September 11 @ 5:45 p.m.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.
Worship — 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, September 11, 2016

10:00 A.M.

Song Leader: Gayle Hall
Opening Prayer: Ross Dougherty
Closing Prayer: Jared Hall
Convalescent Center: Jeff Hall
Gary Smith

6:00 p.m.

Song Leader: Gayle Hall
Opening Prayer: Pat Croley
Closing Prayer: Stan Gautney

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Announcements: Jake Hall
Song Leader: Dale Roberts
Opening Prayer: Jamie Leonard
Closing Prayer: Jerry Hall