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CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY AND INSTITUTION OF

The Rev. J. Scott Walters

AS THE 22ND RECTOR
OF CALVARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 AT 10 A.M.

*The Rt. Rev. Don E. Johnson,
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee
will preside.*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE RECEPTION
FOLLOWING IN THE GREAT HALL.

Placemaking

BY THE REV. SCOTT WALTERS, RECTOR

As I moved into my new office at Calvary and got the computer set up, I decided I should cull the website shortcuts I keep. They pile up over time. But as I did, I found a few links I didn't recognize. One took me to instructions for making your own moss shower mat. I'm not making this up. A shower mat. Made of moss. As in the green stuff that grows on the north sides of trees in damp climates. There's a website about how to make one. And someone on my computer apparently wanted to return to it regularly.



Scott Walters

I suspect this was the doing of one of my children. Oddly enough, as different as Alden and Kate are from each other, I could imagine either of them taking an interest in moss shower mats. Now you know something else about the Walters family, I guess.

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Happenings at Calvary



◀ Thanks to donations from Calvary and another mission team, the Alonzo Movement program of the LAMB Institute for at-risk youth in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, was able to purchase musical instruments and start a band!



◀ Charlie, pictured here with Bishop Don Johnson and wife Jeannie, threw out the first pitch at the Redbirds game on Diocese of West TN night at Autozone Stadium.



◀ Camp Gailor-Maxon Assistant Director and Calvary parishioner Carter Webster welcomed several Calvary families to Pre-Camp, a camp for first, second, and third grade students and their parents.



◀ Sisters Ellen, Katherine, and Annie Parker sold G2H bags, bags filled with nutritious, non-perishable food that can be kept in your car and given to anyone in need, on Sunday, July 16.

Ministry Spotlight: Acolytes

BY GRACE FRANKLIN

Acolyte. Not just a name, but a duty. Not just a duty, but a part of who I am. As one who assists the clergy during the service, acolyting is one of my favorite roles and contributions to Calvary.

My experience as an acolyte started when I was in sixth grade. Growing up, I watched my big sister Maggie carry the “big” cross down the aisle and lead her team, and decided that one day I wanted to do that, too.

“Mr. Raymond” Spence took me through training and taught me everything I know about acolyting. I was a little nervous the first few times it was my team’s Sunday to acolyte, but I soon came to realize that being an acolyte was much more than carrying a flag or lighting the candles. It was an opportunity to be a part of the service and lead others to the table of Christ. I looked forward to walking into the Acolyte Room and putting on my white robe and cross. I felt like I had been given an important responsibility, and I was definitely a big kid now.

Six years later, I still feel that way. I feel included and involved and “lucky,” as former priest-in-charge, the Rev. Buddy Stallings would have said, to be a part of a ministry that allows me to give back to the church that has given so much to me.

Whenever someone asks me what I “do” at my church, my first answer is always “acolyting.” The connections I have made with the clergy make every Sunday up at the altar full of smiles. And with our acolyte master “Mrs. Catie” Thacker and all of our amazing adult mentors, we work together as a team to lead the congregation during every service. I especially enjoy inviting people up for Communion one row after another, saying hello to all the people I know, and receiving a warm smile from someone new each time, too.

My time as an acolyte has given me a chance to both lead and serve. And for one more year—my senior year in high school, with my fellow acolyte team captains Alex, Jordan, Lil, and Mack—acolyting at Calvary will be a part of who I am.



▲ Grace Franklin carried the “big” cross to lead the procession on Palm Sunday.

For the love of books

BY THE REV. EYLEEN FARMER, ASSOCIATE RECTOR



Eyleen Farmer

I clearly remember the exact moment when the letters h-e-a-r, written on a chalkboard by my kindergarten teacher, formed the word "hear" in my mind. Suddenly I could read! It was an experience of pure joy, and I have been reading ever since. I love the feel of books, the smell of books, the way they look, all lined up in a row, on a bookshelf. I most especially love the thrilling adventures books have made possible for me.

Imagine my delight as Mary Baird and I cooked up a plan whereby she, with the help of several other Calvary book lovers, would catalog all the books in my office. The titles could then be added to the existing library catalog and made available to anyone in the parish who wished to borrow a book from my office.

The first step was to obtain a hand-held scanner, which Hilary Chipley's daughter, Ella, used to scan the ISBN numbers of every book in my office. It took most of a day. Then Mary, with Betty Anderson's help, searched the publication information associated with that ISBN, including the Dewey Decimal numbers, the identification system our library uses.

Next, using funds remaining from the sale of CD's and

tapes of Lenten Preaching Series sermons and memorials received honoring Beverly Bressler, Mary purchased new software to upgrade Calvary's entire cataloging system and buy a computer dedicated to that system. Ultimately these upgrades, along with hundreds of hours of work, made it possible to create an online catalog, including all the books in my office. It was tedious, sometimes frustrating, work involving attention to minute details and endless decision making.

One day during my sabbatical last fall, I needed a book from my office. So I headed downtown intending to make a quick trip of it. But as I opened my office door I was surprised by the gaggle of volunteers working away, attaching "spine" labels to all my books and cross-checking each one for accuracy. They were focused on their tasks. But they were also laughing and talking. They were having a fine ole time and deepening their already solid friendships. It made me wish I had been able to be a part of their yearlong library project party.

Books in my library have an EFO (Eyleen Farmer's Office) designation in the online catalog. I'm delighted to share them, and when I retire in December, many of them will find their way to Calvary's "main" library.

A thousand thank yous to Mary, Betty, Dana Sue Percer, Brenda Woemmel, and Pat Robison for their beautiful gift to Calvary! You are indeed a gift to me.

Visit Calvary's online card catalog at calvarymemphis.org/library.



◀ Calvary's Library Guild, l-r: Betty Anderson, Brenda Woemmel, Mary Baird, Pat Robison, and Dana Sue Percer

A sense of eternity: Evensong

BY MILTON WINTER

Calvary Episcopal Church is different in the late afternoon. I first noticed it one December day when the AIDS fabric sculpture was being draped across the high beams of the nave. In the morning the sun comes (most appropriately) through the east window above the altar; but come evening, the rays beam through the south windows, casting a lovely, warm glow on the brass-railed pulpit, the altar, and the choir seats. This light creates the setting for Calvary's monthly service of Evensong and gives a beauty to the occasion that cannot be experienced anywhere else in our city. Sometimes in the winter months, when candles are placed up and down the center aisle, the atmosphere is enchanting, almost like the feeling of attending a quiet, simple wedding.

Evensong lets a worshiper experience church differently. The idea of prayer at the close of day stretches to biblical times. Monks and nuns offered prayer eight times a day in their convents and abbeys. It was the distinctive idea of the English Reformers that these services might be simplified and condensed into two (the other was Matins or Morning Prayer) so that everyone could participate. The service of evening prayer is called Evensong when music is added, and in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition it has been part of our religious fabric for centuries. It is an offering to God and to others that can serve as a second service for Sunday or an occasion to experience an alternative approach to the usual Sabbath way of worshipping God.

The structure of the service is oriented around scripture and prayer. There are readings from the Hebrew and Christian testaments, as well as the singing of one or more psalms. If Matins and Evensong were offered daily, the *Book of Common Prayer* provides a plan for reading most of the Bible each year and all 150 psalms each month! That might be more than most of us could attempt, but did you know that the BBC live-broadcasts a service of Choral Evensong from a different English church or cathedral every Wednesday and that a quarter of a million people listen? It's the longest-running radio program in Britain! (You can access these beautiful services online at bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006tp7r).

Along with the readings, two canticles, the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* from Luke's gospel are sung. These are words from Mary the mother of Jesus and Simeon

the prophet when Mary and Joseph brought their infant son to the temple. These words have been set to music by hundreds of composers and their variety is impressive. This music evokes a sense of eternity in the way that all great art can do. But there is no escapism here. Through these songs the crises of the day are laid before God, but in a way that assures that the risen Christ will prevail. There is something beautifully subversive about Evensong—Mary's words about the mighty being put down from their seat and the hungry filled with good things. No wonder oppressive authorities in India, Argentina, and Guatemala banned the *Magnificat*!

After this, "In quires and places where they sing" (to quote Archbishop Cranmer's words from the Prayer Book) "here followeth the Anthem." Beautiful music brings the service to its climax. To many this gives Evensong its timeless, spiritual character, and Calvary is most certainly one of those places "where they sing." A warning: It is not a concert, but a thoughtful, carefully ordered service of contemplative worship. It is meant to draw us into the realm of care and meaning in which we who believe seek to know better the reality and call of God.

The service (which has no sermon) closes with prayer. In these times when our minds are tuned in upon terrible events, I derive such encouragement hearing once more the simple, stately words that have been repeated in faith for almost 500 years, especially the prayer that says: *Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. (BCP p. 124)*

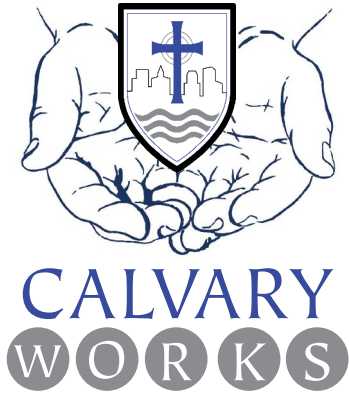
Our next Evensong service is Sunday, Sept. 3, at 5 p.m. Come worship.



Milton Winter

Calvary Works: Grizzlies Prep

BY SAWYER SCHAFBUCH, DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT, GRIZZLIES PREP



This summer, Grizzlies Prep cheers on its third graduating class of eighth graders as these talented and courteous young men make their way into the classrooms of Collegiate, Gateway University, Harding, Lausanne, Middle College at CBU, MUS, Southwest Early College High School, St. George's,

and White Station Optional this fall.

With these students off campus, Grizzlies Prep is focusing its efforts on the fifth-grade expansion. This expansion involves redeveloping a physical space as well as adding a new segment of the Memphis community to the Grizzlies Prep family. The 146-150 Jefferson transformation is proceeding on schedule and excitement grows daily as Grizzlies Prep has received nearly three times the amount of applicants as it has available seats. Grizzlies Prep is grateful to Calvary for making this journey possible.

This school year, 2017- 2018, Grizzlies Prep is staying true to its vision—academic excellence, social emotional development, and access to opportunities for all young men who attend. An important way Calvary members have and can continue to contribute to the school's vision is through

our Lunch Buddies and TEAM Mentor Programs.

GRIZZLIES PREP LUNCH BUDDIES PROGRAM

Join a pair of scholars for lunch once a week to talk, bond, and grow as they strive to excel academically and demonstrate integrity, while also navigating life's challenges.

Commitment: Once a week, 30-minute lunch period

On-boarding process:

- Attend New Mentor Training with Grizzlies Foundation
- Attend Grizzlies Prep Program Orientation
- Complete background check
- Submit written one-page application and three references

TEAM MENTOR PROGRAM

The Grizzlies TEAM Mentor Program pairs three volunteer adult mentors with nine students to create a TEAM. This is an on-site, after-school program managed by the Grizzlies Foundation. Grizzlies Prep is one of five schools that participates in this program.

Commitment: Tuesday, 2:30-4 OR 3:30-5 p.m.

For more information: grizzliesfoundation.org/be-the-difference.

For more information and next steps on either of the above programs, contact Ashley Adams at mentor@grizzliesprep.org or 901-474-0955 ext. 104.

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Leslie Atwood Smith and Dana Sue Percer are two of Calvary's Lunch Buddies volunteers.



I love to tell the story: being a Calvary docent

BY BILL BRANCH

When asked if I would write an article for the Chronicle I said, "Yes, sure!" I was reminded that the Chronicle tells stories - exactly! That is what the docent volunteers do in the new guided tour ministry provided by our church.

"Docent" is a word that comes from the Latin verb "docens" which means "teaching." Docents are usually associated with museums where they are tour guides for exhibits; they also can be lecturers at a university. Docents always offer their knowledge and service as volunteers.

When I first read about the request for docents at Calvary Church, I thought, that is something that I can do. I recently retired from a career in museums where one of my favorite things to do was give tours of exhibits and historic sites, and interact with the visitors. I have worked with objects, done research, planned exhibits, and managed staff in a museum. But there is something special about being the one to "tell the story."

The Calvary docent tour tells visitors about the beautiful, historic church building that we have, how the Episcopal Church came to Memphis, the symbolism contained within the art in the sanctuary, and the ministries that serve the parish today, both internally and externally.

Currently, tours are being offered on Fridays from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and on Sundays after the 10 a.m. service. My tour starts at the front door and works its way to the altar. I have studied and done research to prepare myself to present a tour. I offer "a story" of what I have learned to the visitors.

Many of the tour-goers have been parishioners, some have been out of town guests, and some have been visitors walking outside Calvary. Everyone has told me that they have learned something. Many learned that the meaning of the large area of our church that contains the pews is called the Nave because the ceiling above the pews resembles the inverted hull of a ship. Some learned that visible on the top of

the stone altar under the cloth are five crosses representing the five wounds of Christ.

Docents can perhaps answer a question that has long plagued a new member to the church. Someone asked me what the large wooden calendars are that lined the walls of the church. I replied that those were hymn boards with changeable numbers to direct you to the page number in the hymnal.

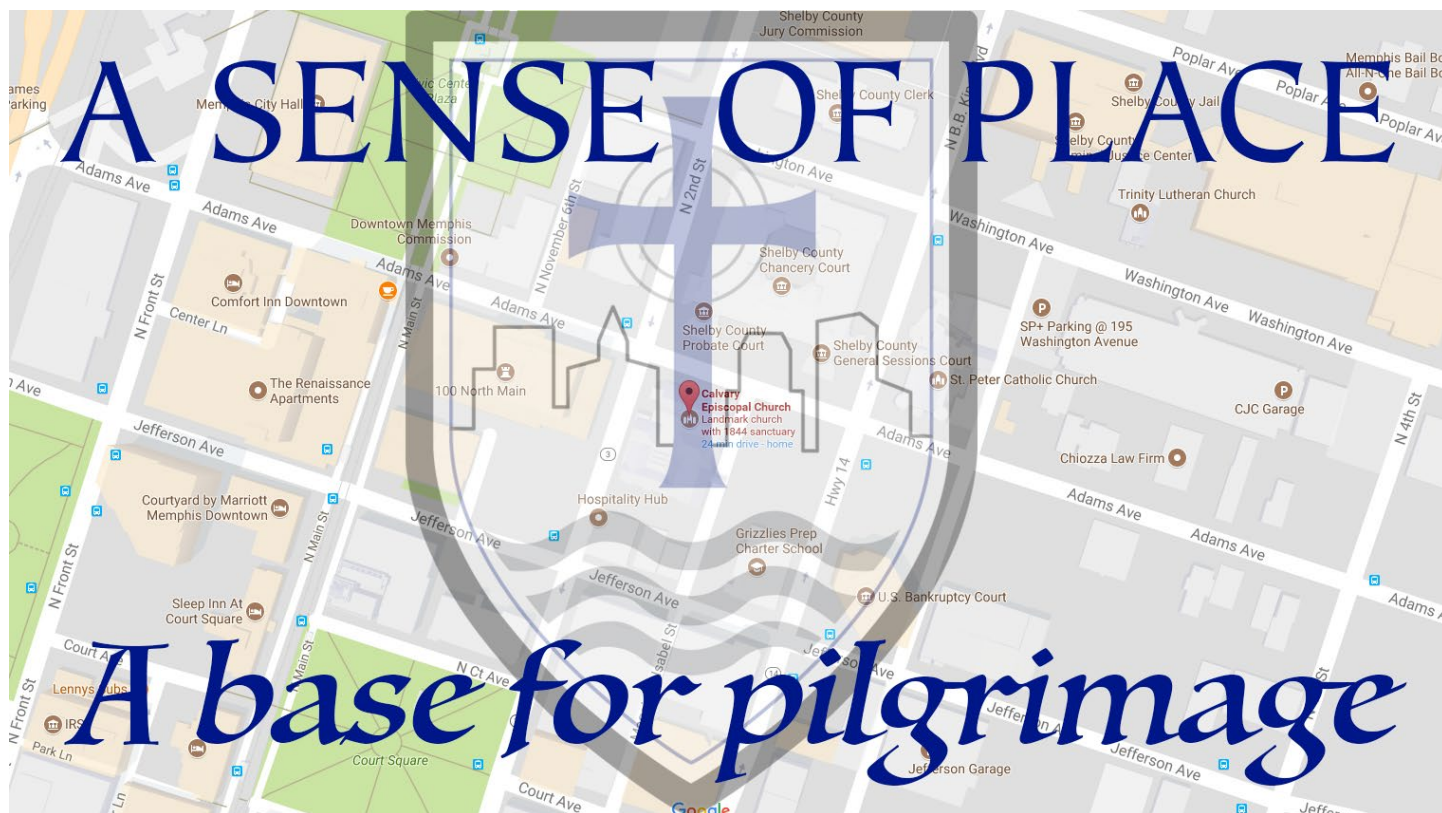


Bill Branch

The Calvary docents, I believe, can educate, illuminate, and inspire visitors and members of our church to a more meaningful experience while at church. We pledge to continue to "tell the story" and share it with others. The current group of docents includes David Armbruster, Vincent Astor, Bob Carlile, Kelly Harrison, Madge Deacon and myself. If you also like to tell stories, perhaps you would like to join us. With the training and information, you can be a Calvary docent "storyteller," too. We have an upcoming training session Friday, Aug. 18, at 11 a.m. in the church. All are welcome!

▼
Docent David Armbruster gives a tour to lawyers who were on their way back from court.





Adult Christian Formation 2017-2018: A Sense of Place, A Base for Pilgrimage

The theme for Calvary's 2017-2018 adult formation is "A Sense of Place, A Base for Pilgrimage." As Calvary enters an exciting new era with the Rev. Scott Walters as our rector, this fall is a good time for us to examine our sense of place as an urban downtown church in the city of Memphis. We will look back at the interesting and surprising history of our block and will get to know our neighborhood and city better. We will explore opportunities to engage with the built environment around us through shared relationships and ministries. In the winter and spring, we will look at Calvary as a base for pilgrimage as we join our city in commemorating the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will examine the concept of pilgrimage locally and globally as we seek Christ's direction on where, when, and how we are called to walk with him.

SUNDAYS in the GREAT HALL

Aug. 6: Founder's Day—Celebration of Calvary's 185th Birthday



Aug. 13: New Rector's Forum with the Rev. Scott Walters

Join the Rev. Scott Walters for his first rector's forum. This will be a chance to get to know a bit more about Scott—his past and present, his theology, his thoughts about the church, and his hopes and dreams for Calvary as he is coming to know and love it.

Aug. 20: History and Developments in Calvary's Block and Neighborhood
Rhodes history professor Tim Huebner will present the surprising history of Calvary's block and neighborhood, describe the things that are happening and not happening around us, and suggest some things Calvary members can do to become more aware and make small improvements.



Aug. 27: Celebration of New Ministry and Institution of the Rev. Scott Walters as Calvary's 22nd Rector
A festive reception will be held in the Great Hall to celebrate this joyful occasion.

Sept. 3: No Formation Classes

Sept. 10, 17, 24: Urban Christians—What's a Theology of the Built Environment?

When Christians speak of being stewards of creation, we almost always have only the natural environment in mind. But God's creative process continues through us. The things we build—houses, churches, neighborhoods, cities—have a great deal to do with the health of the natural environment. But the built environment also shapes human lives. It affects the health of our bodies, what strangers we encounter (or not), and the most basic rhythms of our lives. For three weeks, **the Rev. Scott Walters** will lead us in reflecting on what Christian faith and tradition might have to say about life in the environments we build.

Oct. 1 and 8: Calvary's Place in our Journeys

Panels of parishioners will share their personal stories of how Calvary has provided a sense of place and touchstone in their spiritual journeys.

Oct. 15: Finding Your Place at Calvary

A panel of leaders of Calvary ministries will talk about how the work of our parish is impacting lives and the built environment around us. They will help us discover ways we can each find our sense of place through loving service to others.



Oct. 22: Lessons from the Rappel and Persons Tragedy

One hundred years ago in Memphis, a young girl was brutally murdered and a black man was burned to death on suspicion of having been the murderer. **Judge Jennie D. Latta** will tell the story of Antoinette Rappel and Ell Persons, and the persons and events surrounding their deaths. It raises questions of violence, justice, mercy, and forgiveness.

Jennie D. Latta, J.D., Ph.D., is a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Tennessee who holds degrees in law, theology, and philosophy.



Oct. 29: Addiction: The Church's Role in Recovery

Sometimes we find ourselves, our family members, or our neighbors in a dark place yearning for a glimmer of light and hope. **The Rev. Stuart Hoke** will speak with us on the spirituality of addiction, using his own experience as a springboard for considering this cunning, baffling, and powerful illness along with the spiritual and emotional

gifts that come in recovery. Dr. Hoke serves as an adjunct professor at General Theological Seminary where he

teaches two courses of study on the spirituality of addiction and recovery.

Nov. 5: Spencer Reece

Spencer Reece, acclaimed poet and Secretary to the Bishop of Madrid, will be at Calvary for the release of *Counting Time Like People Count Stars*, a book of poems by the Girls of Our Little Roses orphanage in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Come hear Spencer tell his story and read poems by the girls who changed his life forever.



Nov. 12: A Sense of Place from Literature and Beyond

Parishioner and author Suzanne Henley will draw on sources from literature and other media to explore our spiritual rootedness in a sense of place as Southerners. Suzanne is a teacher, author, volunteer, and designer who once spent two years in Europe learning, hitchhiking, and working in a German car radiator factory! Her story, "Beyond This Point There Be Dragons" is included in the recently published anthology of women writers, *Second Blooming*, and her book *Bead by Bead* is to be released by Paraclete Press in January.



Nov. 19: Preparing for Advent

The Rev. Katherine Bush will help us pack for our pilgrimage through Advent by sharing poetry and wisdom to prepare our hearts for this coming season of waiting and expectation. Katherine is the chaplain at St. Mary's Episcopal School. She is a graduate of Rhodes College and Virginia Theological Seminary, and she has served as a priest in West Tennessee for 14 years. Katherine and her husband Stephen were married at Calvary and are the parents of Henry and John.



Nov. 26: Advent Wreath-Making Festival

Dec. 3: Reception for the Rev. Eyleen Farmer

The Rev. Eyleen Farmer is retiring from her work as associate rector of Calvary. Come celebrate her time with us and send her forth with love and prayers at a festive farewell reception.

Dec. 10: The Search for the Healthy City Physician, author, and Calvary parishioner

Jim Bailey will share how our connections with our built environment contribute to healing us in body, mind, and soul. Jim is the author of the novel *The End of*





Healing, a look at America's health care system through the lens of Dante's *Inferno*. He and his wife Sharon led a pilgrimage to Italy last year to explore the life-giving impact of art and architecture in healthy cities.

SUNDAYS in MONTGOMERY FOYER



Oct. 1 - Dec. 10: Bible Study

Each week join the Rev. Paul McLain and Rhodes history professor and Calvary parishioner Tim Huebner as they lead a series of discussions centered on the biblical basis for finding our sense of place and preparing for pilgrimage. We will look at Bible passages related to place and pilgrimage in the Holy Lands using N. T. Wright's *The Way of the Lord: Christian Pilgrimage Today* as our guide.

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Sept. 6 - Oct. 18: Sidewalks in the Kingdom

The Rev. Scott Walters, our new rector, will lead us in finding our sense of place by exploring our tangible and spiritual relationships with the built environment around us. While not required, participants are invited to read Eric Jacobsen's *Sidewalks in the Kingdom: New Urbanism and the Christian Faith* as we join Scott on this mutual journey.

Sept. 6 - May 23, 2018: Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year intensive learning experience for adults, offered Wednesday evenings from 6:15-8:30. In a seminar setting, participants study the Bible, church history, theology, and contemporary church issues. Learning to think theologically is also a core component of the program. EfM was created at the University of the South, and its curriculum is a distillation of that which is used in the Seminary at the University. Participants learn the theological disciplines as well as the application of this knowledge in their lives. Students are asked to commit to one year at a time. To learn more, contact co-mentors Betty Jo Dulaney, bettyjodulaney@gmail.com and Richard Hendricks, rah662@yahoo.com.

Nov. 1-Dec. 13: Discovery

Stay tuned for details about this six-week course led by the Rev. Scott Walters.



Formation for Children and Youth

SUNDAY MORNINGS at CALVARY

Sunday Morning Nursery Care: Calvary maintains an excellent nursery facility staffed by trained, professional caregivers. Open from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., the nursery is for children ages five and under and is located on the first floor in Calvary Place Child Care Center. A loving atmosphere, personal attention, and age-appropriate toys, Bible stories, and Bible-based activities are all designed to make the nursery a safe, nurturing place for your child.

Children's Chapel: Children's Chapel is an opportunity for children to experience the "Liturgy of the Word" in an easy-to-understand, story format. Children participate in a number of ways, such as setting the altar table, listening, responding to the story, singing, praying, offertory collection, and the sign of peace. At the beginning of the 10 a.m. worship service, children follow the children's cross out of the church to Children's Chapel, which is held in room 203 on the second floor education wing. Children are escorted into church at the time of the Peace to join their families for Communion. Children ages three and up are welcome to Children's Chapel. The liturgy is geared for children ages three to seven. Parent participation is encouraged, especially during a child's first time to attend Children's Chapel.

Youth as Worship Leaders: There are many ways for Calvary's youth to serve in Sunday morning worship. Youth are encouraged to acolyte, lector, sing in the choir, usher, and/or help in Children's Chapel. Below is the list of ministry leadership contacts and volunteer age requirements. Please contact the ministry leader for further information, including training information.

Acolyte: 7th-12th grade – Catie Thacker, *catherine.thacker@ftnfinancial.com*

Lector: 5th-12th grade – Kendra Martin, *markaer@aol.com*

Usher: 6th-12th grade – Laurence Ritter, *lbritter@bellsouth.net*

Music: 1st-12th grade – Kristin Lensch, *klensch@calvarymemphis.org*

Children's Chapel Helper: 5th-12th grade – Hilary Chipley, *hchipley@calvarymemphis.org*

Sunday Morning Formation Aug. 13, 2017 – May 6, 2018

Pre-K and Kindergarten – Godly Play – Room 201

The Godly Play curriculum invites children to enter into our sacred stories through careful telling of the scripture stories, engaging story figures, and a variety of creative activities. Children are encouraged to wonder aloud about the Bible stories, themselves, God, and the world around them. Godly Play teachers encourage children to use their curiosity and imagination to experience the mystery and joy of God.

1st & 2nd grade – Godly Play: People, Prophets, and Parables – Room 203

First and second-grade students continue with the Godly Play curriculum and build upon stories learned in pre-K and Kindergarten, with focus on specific people, prophets, and the parables of Jesus.

3rd & 4th grade – Bible 101 – Room 205

Third-grade students join fourth grade students in Bible 101. Based on a two-year cycle that covers both the Old and New Testament, this class is devoted to an in-depth and age-appropriate study of Scripture. This year's focus will be on the Old Testament. We strongly encourage students to be present every Sunday as each lesson builds on the previous one.

5th – 6th grade – The Story – Room 206

The Story is about the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Each lesson begins with a review of where *The Story* has been and a hint at where it is going. *The Story* chronologically moves through events from Genesis to

Revelation and hopefully helps the participant to listen for God's call and through His help, write his or her own story.

7th & 8th grade – Room 208

High School – Third Floor Youth Room

Discipleship: What's Your Story?

This year's curriculum, "Discipleship: What's Your Story?" is all about the Christian journey of discipleship. Students will be encouraged take ownership of their Christian journey. The class begins with students hearing about the spiritual journeys of their parents and guardians, and then moves toward workshop-style lessons that will provide the tools that help students share their own journeys. During the spring semester, students will have the opportunity to share their Christian journey with their peers and parents.

High School Confirmation: 9th—12th grade – Room 207

Confirmation is an important moment in a young person's faith life. In confirmation class students prayerfully consider the promises made by their parents and godparents on their behalf at their baptism and claim them as their own. This year we are using *I will, with God's Help* by Mary Lee Wile. The class themes include: belonging, community, prayer, repentance, Scripture, service, story, and worship. This curriculum emphasizes the importance of experience as the primary learning avenue for the Christian journey. Classes begin Sunday, Aug. 13, and conclude with the sacrament of Confirmation during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018. In order to be confirmed, students may only miss two classes.

Wednesday Evenings Sept. 6, 2017 – May 9, 2018

Ages 0-5 – Nursery – 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Child care for children ages 0-5 is available in the Orgill Room.

Sr.K-2nd grades – St. Cecilia Choir – 6:15-7 p.m. Room 203

Directed by Melissa Elsholz, children learn hymns, other sacred songs, how to use their voices, and how to sing in a choir. St. Cecilia Choir sings monthly at the 10 a.m. worship service throughout the year. At the conclusion of their rehearsal, students have the opportunity to join their friends in other youth offerings until 7:30 p.m.

3rd grade & up – Boys and Girls Choir – 6:15-7 p.m. Crook Auditorium

Directed by Kristin Lensch, organist-choirmaster, the Boys and Girls Choir uses the "Voices for Life" curriculum established by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). The Boys and Girls Choir sings every other week with

the Calvary Choir, including major feast days such as Easter and Christmas. At the conclusion of their rehearsal, students have the opportunity to join their friends in other youth offerings until 7:30 p.m.

1st–5th Grades – EpiscoPals – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Room 205

EpiscoPals is a fellowship group for 1st-5th-graders that meets to play games, work on arts and crafts, read and act out stories, and have fun together in a Christ-centered environment. Led by Hilary Chipley and Eric Milner.

6th-12th Grades – EYC HOME – 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Room 208

Episcopal Youth Community HOME is designed to Help Overworked Minds Ease. This time in the middle of

the week is made to help Calvary's EYC find a place to completely ease their minds from their everyday worries, concerns, stressors, and to-do lists. This time will be used to create an environment where the students can find their inner peace, let their fun-side shine, and learn how to create other 'ease' environments within their daily routines. This will be encouraged through team-building activities, music, games, crafts, Bible study, service projects, meditation, discussions, and prayer. It is important to keep God within your daily routine. This is the perfect opportunity to have fun with your peers while praising God. EYC HOME is led by Minister to Youth Kayla Bartosch and Tom Chipley.

PLACEMAKING continued from cover

But am I the only one who's never heard of moss shower mats? Am I the only one who wonders who thought this was a good idea? Our labor has been to keep things from growing on the bathroom floor.

As we keep nesting and settling into our new house in Memphis, I continue to be fascinated by the human instinct for "placemaking." Placemaking is a term planners use to the process of reimagining a neighborhood or even a city by considering all the different aspects that make a place feel compelling and vibrant to the people who live in it or move through it.

Creating a shower mat that reminds your feet of the time you bathed outside in a forest near Seattle one time (no judgment here) is a small and quirky way we might shape the environment our bodies move through day after day. I propose it's an act of micro-placemaking.

The theological implications of all this may not be abundantly clear to you. But the earliest (and, I'd argue, most persistent over the centuries) heresies that early Christians struggled with were forms of Gnosticism. Part of the problem with gnostic ideas was that they could be intensely exclusive. Only the chosen few received the secret knowledge (or "gnosis") from God about the mysteries of the universe. The rest of humanity was in the dark.

But just as problematic was the gnostic tendency to diminish the goodness of the body. Many saw the human soul as sadly trapped inside a bodily shell that was nothing but corruption and evil. Only in death would the soul be freed from its unfortunate temporary dwelling.

Jewish and Christian theology (at its most faithful, at least) was much less interested in separating bodies and souls so neatly, in part because when God created, God called all created things as good. And that God-given goodness extends to bodies, yours and mine, whether or not they look or feel or perform exactly like we wish they would right now. It is through our bodies that our hearts and minds and souls are formed. We're to care for them. And we're to care for the bodily experiences of others.

The theme of our Christian formation offerings for the coming year is "A Sense of Place: A Base for Pilgrimage." During the fall, we'll concentrate on place, wondering together how we are shaped by the places we inhabit, our buildings, our neighborhoods, our city. And we'll explore what a Christian community might have to offer, making the places where they live and worship more just, more inclusive, more life giving, and sometimes just more fun. We'll launch out from those places as pilgrims in the spring.

I hope you'll join these conversations on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. There are no plans as of yet for moss shower mat workshops, but we hope your reflection on how Calvary makes God's love visible in downtown Memphis will begin to include the simple truth that you and I are also being shaped by the physical world our bodies step into every single day. And as we embrace this truth about what it means to be human, we trust it will shape the ways we believe God calls us to look outward beyond our own bodies, our own homes, our own church building, and wonder what we might be called to do to make our place a little more into the image of the just and merciful kingdom of God.

Parishioner Spotlight: The Coggins

BY EBET PEEPLES, WELCOME AND COMMUNITY

In 2013, Jay and Kim Coggin were looking for a new church. “We were attending another church, but just didn’t feel a strong connection,” said Jay. The Coggins wanted to find a church that valued diversity, was committed to improving the City of Memphis, and had an active children’s and youth program for their daughter, Lilly (now 9). They decided to try Calvary because of their friendship with (former associate rector) Ben & Ellen Robertson. “We immediately felt a connection to Calvary,” said Kim. “The people were so warm and welcoming, and we knew this was the place for us.”

About a year after the Coggins joined Calvary, Kim’s mother was diagnosed with stage IV ovarian cancer. Kim recalls, “When I got the news, I immediately had my mom’s name added to the prayer list. A few days later when her name was read aloud during the Sunday service, I got so upset I had to leave the sanctuary. Betty Jo Dulaney came out to comfort me and gave me advice that I still carry with me – take it one day at a time and have faith that God is always with you. My mom’s name stayed on the prayer list for almost a year. She and I both felt the power of the uplifted prayers, and I am pleased to report that she is now two years with no evidence of disease.”

As a result of her mother’s diagnosis, Kim underwent genetic testing and tested positive for the BRCA2 mutation which greatly increased her risk of getting ovarian and breast cancer. “The renewed faith I found at Calvary helped me see my diagnosis as a true blessing and gave me the strength to undergo multiple proactive surgeries to safeguard my health. The stronger connection with God we had developed at Calvary helped us make it through some difficult times,” said Kim. Jay added, “Being a part of Calvary as we dealt with these health issues in our family was very comforting. Even though we were relatively new to Calvary, everyone was so wonderful and supportive. The prayers, visits, and, of course, the food from our Calvary friends meant so much to us.”

At Calvary, Jay and Kim are both Sunday school formation leaders, teaching first and second grade Godly Play. “We have a blast teaching the first- and second-graders. I volunteered us, but Jay is the one who is a natural teacher. He connects with the children and makes the lessons come alive,” said Kim. The Coggin family also has been involved with Room In The Inn, which serves people experiencing homelessness by providing shelter and meals during the

coldest months of the year. Jay said, “Room In The Inn has been an amazing experience for our family. We have loved having the opportunity to meet the guests and to do something that hopefully makes their lives a little bit easier. It has also been a great way for us to get to know other members of Calvary better as we work side-by-side serving our guests.” Lilly added, “It was fun! I like serving dessert and cleaning the placemats.”



Ebet Peebles

Outside of Calvary, Jay and Kim are both lawyers. Kim is a health care attorney at the Butler Snow law firm. Jay works as in-house counsel, where he advises his company on a variety of legal issues. Lilly is entering fourth grade at St. Mary’s. She is an avid reader, plays the violin and the trombone, and loves the theater—both acting and watching.

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Jay, Kim, and Lilly Coggins



The life of St. Francis

BY NEIL RAMAN, CURATE



Neil Raman

St. Francis and those who have followed in his footsteps as Franciscan friars have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. Among my earliest memories are the repeated visits by an older man in flowing brown robes whom everyone called Brother Dunstan. I have to admit that due to my height I mostly remember the flowing brown robes. He had modeled his life on Francis who in turn had modeled his life on that of Jesus. Dunstan was the closest being to a living saint as anyone I have ever met, and to this day he is who comes to mind when I try to imagine what St. Francis must have been like.

Francis was born in Assisi, in what is now Italy, in approximately 1181 into a family of wealthy silk merchants. He spent most of his youth living a life typical of someone of his wealth and social standing. He attended the best parties, associated with nobility, fought for his city, and wanted for nothing. A series of visions convinced him to give up his life of luxury to devote himself and his resources to restoring the

church and serving the poor. He threw himself into this new endeavor with the same ferocity that he had applied to his life of luxury. In the town square in front of an embarrassed crowd of leaders and the local bishop, Francis dramatically renounced all that he had received from his family, including the clothes on his back, in order to live in solidarity with the poor and follow Jesus' example.

Historians may remember Francis primarily as the founder of the Order of St. Clare and of the order of St. Francis. However, Francis is best remembered through the animal blessings that bear his name and for emphasizing God's love for all of the created world. In tandem with calling Christians of his time to live more simply, he called them to remember that the natural world was no less God's creation than humanity. Even in his own life, it was said that animals would flock to him and that he would from time to time preach to them. Indeed, most depictions of St. Francis, including the statue in Calvary's courtyard, include animals, most notably birds. I hope you'll join me at Calvary's Blessing of the Animals Saturday, Sept. 30, as we honor the legacy of St. Francis.

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August 6 Sunday

Calvary turns 185!

Calvary was founded August 6, 1832. Come celebrate Founders' Day with cake and punch in the Great Hall following the 10 a.m. worship service.

August 8 Tuesday

Daughters of the King Information Dinner

Calvary's Daughters of the King JOY Chapter invite all women of the parish who are interested in finding out more about DoK to be our special guests at our dinner meeting at the home of Dana Sue Percer Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 5:30 p.m., 232 S. Highland Ave., #1103. If you'd like to come, please call or text: "<your name> would like to come on August 8" to Linda Nelson at 901-458-1836.

August 13 Sunday

Rector's Forum

Children and Youth Formation and Open House

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Students entering the third grade will be presented with a Bible during the 10 a.m. worship service. Students receiving their Bibles are Cooper Boeving, Zoe Bondi, Lucy Lyon, George Patterson, Rosie Rupke, Poppy Schnacke-Buckner, and William Trott. Bible 101 teachers and students in the fourth grade who have completed their first year of Bible 101 will present the Bibles to the third-grade students.

August 20 Sunday

Special Friends Fellowship Group

Special Friends Fellowship Group is a diocesan-wide formation ministry serving adults with special needs over the age of 19. Upcoming gatherings are Aug. 20; Sept. 24; Oct. 1, 15, and 29; Nov. 13; and Dec. 3 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 1508 S. White Station Rd. The events are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and include dinner, fun and games, and worship. Guests must register in advance with Janie Morris at 901-761-1020 or morrishome1@bellsouth.net.

August 27 Sunday

Institution of the Rev. Scott Walters as rector of Calvary (see front cover)

A Summer Evening of Song (see back cover)

August 30 Wednesday

Bratfest (see back cover)

September 7 Thursday

30 Days of Opera at Calvary

"30 Days of Opera" is exactly what it sounds like: 30 days of performances by Opera Memphis. For the entire month of September, they take the show on the road, turning the

"opera house inside out" by going all over Memphis and the MidSouth. Have a unique, and truly Memphis, lunchtime break when they visit Calvary Thursday, Sept. 7 at Noon!

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June 3 • *Jessica Simmons & Mike Flynn*

June 24 • *Emily Griesbeck & Jake Weller*

July 14 • *Lindsey Purvis & Ty Michelotti*

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Joy & Matt Johnson

Katie & John Owen

NEW LIFE

July 5 • *Molly Louise McKnight*,
granddaughter of Lucia & Hal Crenshaw

July 9 • *Townes Gregory Bishop*,
son of Anna Gregory & Terrence Bishop

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The Singers of Calvary Choir
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Wednesday, August 30
5:30-7:30 P.M. in the Great Hall

Enjoy a festive dinner of traditional brats, German
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