

Calvary Baptist's 93rd Homecoming



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Much to my delight, Bro. Max was the same down-home, loving person he has always been. In fact, his sermon was about love and our love for our fellow man. **John 13:35, By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. KJV.** It is true if don't love your brother, you don't love God . . . Love is what it is all about.

One of the great things I remember about him is his love for his flock; he was always writing you notes if you missed church, and was concerned when you were sick and in the hospital . . . he never missed any of my family's illnesses and surgeries and that was about 5 or 6 times for me, including one that began around 5 a.m. He was right there holding my hand and praying for me. I appreciated all those visits, notes and his caring and concerns.

He was there for us when he agreed to marry us . . . because we both had been divorced . . . he married us on September 27, 1986, and married my daughter, Tara and son-in-law Steve on December 12, 1998. He baptized both Bob and Tara in 1989. He means so much to our family.

Bro. Max has a memory that's unbelievable; he is blessed to be able to remember birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas gifts and secret pal gifts that he receives. He's amazing!

When Bob, my husband was Youth Minister at Calvary from 1990 - 1993 and

Youth Encounter Organizer and Leader, in 1997, Bro. Max supported his endeavors to reach out to the all youth in the community to spread the good news of the gospel through drama, music and song. Bro. Max backed Bob in having the Youth Encounters and many teenagers and youth were saved because of these programs. I thank God for that.

Our spirits were uplifted through the beautiful songs sung by Shelia Niece; she has a wonderful gift . . . her voice is awesome and so spirit filled. I just thank God for her and for coming and sharing her talents.

Glory Road, Calvary's own bluegrass quartet provided inspirational music too. The Quartet consists of Roger Thomas - Lead, Bill Singleton - Baritone, Jason Woolery - Tenor, and Bob Young - Bass and Kara Beth Singleton. - Vocalist.

A special lady at Calvary, Armeda Newton was recognized for her faithful service as organist for our church for 40 years and was presented a picture of a beautiful country church. Armeda is also known for her love and beautiful cards, notes and telephone calls; Oh! and her delicious chocolate pies too.

A bountiful meal awaiting everyone in the fellowship hall after services. An afternoon of love, fellowship and reminiscing was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to all who helped make out homecoming a huge success; a special thanks to Sharon Whitaker for planning and organizing all the details to have a great homecoming.

Yesterday was a great homecoming but nothing compared to someday with our homecoming with Jesus. What a wonderful day that will be!!

Some history of Calvary Baptist Church:

When Calvary was organized in the 1920's, West Irvine was a thriving community with local sawmills and a railroad that stopped for passengers at the freight depot.

A toll bridge connected Irvine and West Irvine, link-

ing the communities on the north and the south. Families were moving in the area to work and as West Irvine's population grew, the need for churches became apparent.

The Boone's Creek Baptist Association held a tent revival in July 1921 with Elder James Thomas Turpin, a missionary, leading the meetings. As a result of that effort, on July 31, 1921, a church was organized with forty three "charter" members. Mr. and Mrs. H. Simp Elliott, West Irvine residents, deeded the congregation a choice plot of land on Camp Street for the construction of the church.

Building Committee members Thomas Henderson, Newton Edmonson and Robert Sloan awarded a contract to Mr. George W. Baker for \$1800.00 for the construction of the church.

In February 1922 the local paper reported that Calvary's membership had increased to seventy-two members and their splendid frame building was thirty-six by forty feet and cost nearly \$5000.00. The Sunday School attendance was averaging more than 100.

With the completion of the new building Calvary extended a call to Bro. Turpin to be its first pastor. Bro. Turpin was released by the Boones' Creek Association to serve a period of one year for the newly established church. A motion was made and accepted that the the name of the church would be Calvary Baptist Church of West Irvine, KY.

On September 3, 1921, the church requested admission into Boone's Creek Association and Bro. Turpin was released from field ministry and accepted the pastorate at Calvary on September 21, 1922.

By September 1922, Calvary's average Sunday School attendance was one hundred and eighty-five with fourteen being baptized that year.

Calvary continually struggled in the early years and money was always an issue. Tithes and offerings paid bills and whatever was left was given to the pastor

for his salary. The church struggled when the sawmill was closed and the railroad was re-routed to the Irvine side of the river.

Calvary Baptist Church continued to survive through the 1920's and 1930's with help from Irvine First Baptist Church. That "sister" church took Calvary under its wing and helped through the rough times.

Missionary programs and BYPU (The Baptist Young People's Union), later called Training Union was formed and In April 1926, the WMU (Women's Missionary Union) was given permission to purchase a piano for the church and GA's (Girls Auxiliary of the WMU), became an active organization.

God continued to bless Calvary's efforts and started missions in the county with one at Lower Bend in 1944, Greenbriar in 1946, and another at Valley View in 1954.

Baptisms took place in the Kentucky River near the old Toll Bridge (now demolished), and at the baptistry at Irvine First Baptist until Calvary was able to install its own baptistry from a gift received from the estate of Mrs. Grace Cox.

Calvary Baptist Church has had sixteen pastors from its beginning until the present time. Brothers William R. Royce, E.R. Sams, E.Q. Wilson, A.K. Cheek, Hugh Shelton, F.W. Noel, Paul White, J.I. Smothers.

In 1971, when Bro. Barker retired, Calvary did not hire a pastor due to financial reasons. Much needed renovations began on the church and parsonage. New pews, pulpit and carpeting were added to the sanctuary. Bro. Douglas Miller served as interim pastor during this time.

In 1979, Ron Doss became pastor. Calvary had outgrown its building and many Sundays, folding chairs were placed in the aisles and around the front and back of the church to accommodate the overflow of people. A larger sanctuary was needed, but at this time a vision was needed of how to enlarge the pres-

ent building or design a new one.

In 1984, Max Hester became pastor of Calvary; He was the youngest pastor to date and also served the longest term staying seventeen years. He and his wife Gail also gave birth to the only child ever born to a pastor while at Calvary. Kyle was born January 27, 1987.

During Bro. Max's tenure several adjoining lots were purchased and a vision for a new building became reality when the new church was built. Through the vision team's and Bro. Max's hard work and dedication the first service was held on Mother's Day, May 14, 1995. Bro. Pearl Miller was the only charter member from the 1921 organizers to see the completion of the new building.

Calvary's members have been faithful in giving and one member, Eliza Morris, left her estate to Calvary that provided the money to pave the church parking lot. Virginia Ashcraft Smith also left a gift of \$12,000 to install a sound system in the new church. The Ladies Adult Sunday School Class called the "widow's mite" has been very faithful in their giving of change and small bills to support the payoff of the church debt. The church is debt free.

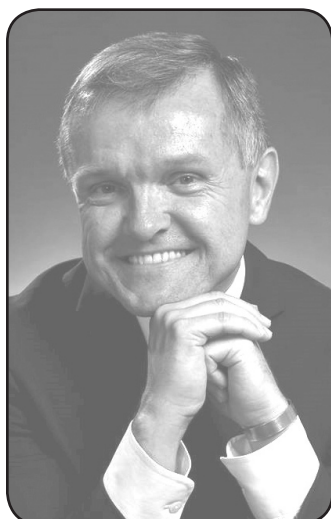
At the present time Bro. James Stillwell is serving as our Interim Minister until God sends the right person to be our next pastor. Keep Calvary Baptist Church in your prayers. God Bless.

DEACONS THAT HAVE SERVED SINCE 1921:

Everett Finney, B.D. Gray, Carter Henderson, Clell Richardson, Edgar Thomas, Clarence Harris, Walter Miller, M.L. Aldridge, Charles Rice, Gilbert Miller, Pearl Miller, Ollie Richardson, O.D. Perkinson, Tiffie Parks, S.H. McIntosh, Roy Houston, Kelly Morefield, Hugh Dozier, Russell Brandenburg, Earl Horn, Tom King and Ray Whitaker.

Current Deacons:

Beverly Miller, Bill Eckler, Floyd McIntosh, Dan Ball, Sherman Wiley, Jeff Barnes and Wes Hensley.



Bro. Max Hester

What to Preach About?
by BOB CASEY, Preacher
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Nearly forty five years have come and gone since I first made an attempt to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Most of the people who have heard me make this attempt, know by now that most of my sermons are taken from the New Testament. Does this mean that I do not believe those in the Old Testament, or that they have no place in today's world? Let me assure you that I believe that the Old Testament is so very important, simply because it tells us of man's beginnings, and how that God dealt with their sins, and foretold of their redemption that was to come through the Lord Jesus Christ, His Son and their Savior. **Romans 3:24, "being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."** Then in **Acts 4:12**, it says: **"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, by which we must be saved."**

So then, just the simple teachings of these two verses and there are many more, tells us clearly that in the New Testament, Christ is our only Redeemer and that salvation can only be obtained through His name. So again in the New Testament is found the virgin birth, the amazing life of Jesus as He proved by miracles, signs, wonders that He was without doubt the Son of the Almighty.

So He did not leave us without hope in this life, in that He was put to death for our sins, raised for our justification, and while at this time sitting at the right hand of the Father, waiting, for the Father so say: "Son, go down and reap the earth for it is ripe unto harvest." **Revelation 14:14-16** says so! Since we are not told the time of that day, what should we preach? The very same thing that our Lord preached in **Mark 1:15** **"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."**

So today, how good it is to have the assurance of salvation through hearing our Lord, believing in what He has said, changing our minds by repenting, gladly confessing His name before men, and to fulfill our conscience and obedience, being baptized for the remission of our sins. Why are all these things needful? **Luke 6:46, "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"** and to include the New Testament truth **Hebrews 5:8-9** **"Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."** In closing, have you fully obeyed His teaching then you have hope in Him but if you have not obeyed, you no doubt stand in jeopardy right this very moment. Don't lose your soul. Obey the Lord while you have the opportunity.

Sincerely, Bob Casey (859) 369-4165
P.S. Many of you have promised to attend church.

ETS College Road Trip to Washington, D.C.



The Educational Talent Search Program sponsored the ETS College Road Trip to Washington, D.C. June 23-26, 2014. ETS Scholars who went on the trip are posed in a picture in front of the White House. In addition to visiting many of the monuments and museums, they also visited America University, Georgetown University, and George Mason University. As with most all ETS activities, the trip to Washington, D.C. was made possible via the ETS program. The trip was free to the students, including Sarah Barnes and Jenna Kelley of Estill County.

ETS scholars from Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, and northern Madison Counties participated in the Washington, D.C. trip. Pictured above are Katie Ackerman, Michael Ackerman, Austin Bailey, Sarah Barnes, Austin Brewer, Tyler Brewer, Molly Carpenter, Jesslyn Cox, Cody Cunnigam, Dexter Davidson, Kevin Donathan, Katelyn Evans, Ryan Eversole, Angelica Farmer, Brianna Gabbard, Bethany Hampton, Gareyelle Henry, Je'Drien Henry, Katherine Himes, Lena Horton, Tyra Ison, David Jewell, Jenna Kelley, Sydney Lavoie, Rebecca Moyer, Ashley Oaks, Morgan Phillips, Autumn Randolph, Rachel Rollins, Ben Rose, Chyna Samples, John Sims Jr., Cassidy Sparks, Jacob Sparks, Matthew Turner, Makayla Walker.

The Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program is funded by the U.S.

Department of Education, and is a federal Trio Program. The main goal of ETS is to help students overcome financial obstacles, prepare for college, identify career fields, and become the first in their families to enroll in and graduate from college. The ETS Program hosted at Eastern Kentucky University since 1985, now serves 765 middle school and high school scholars in the following Kentucky counties: Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, and northern Madison.

The program identifies low-income and first generation individuals who have the potential and desire to succeed in some type of education after high school (such as community college, vocational/technical school, four-year college or university, and proprietary school), and assists these scholars to achieve their goals of post-secondary

education success. The program provides in-school workshops, activities to promote personal development, academic enrichment, career exploration, college preparation and knowledge, financial aid and scholarship information to all ETS scholars. In addition, our scholars are provided direct assistance with the college admission, financial aid, and scholarship application process.

If you know of a student in 6th grade through 12th grade who has the desire and abilities to go to college, be a Trio Warrior and nominate that student as a potential ETS Scholar. Nominations can be sent directly to the ETS Representative, Ashley Flynn at Ashley.Flynn@eku.edu or one can call the ETS Office in Richmond, at: 859-622-5425. For more information, please visit the ETS website at: www.ets.edu.

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