

Calvary Episcopal Church 2011 Annual Report



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Call to Order

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Interim Rector*

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and Chief Teller

Voting Instructions

Al Harvey, Chief Teller

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Jeff Kitterman, Sr. Warden

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*Hall Gardner,
Budget & Finance Chair*

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The Rev. Eyleen Farmer

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The Rev. Ben G. Robertson, IV

2011: Year in Review



January

An early morning Eucharist was held on the feast of the Epiphany. Calvary's combined choirs entertained the parish at the Boar's Head Feast. Five new vestry members were elected at the parish's annual meeting. Katy & Bailey Leopard hosted the Guild of the Christ Child's (GOCC) annual Epiphany Party.

The 5th Sunday Brunch included a pastoral care presentation by Eyleen Farmer.



February

The vestry, clergy and staff met in retreat at St. Columba to plan for the future. Many of our youth participated in Happening #49 at St. Columba. The Thursday Healing Service returned. Mike Ehmer facilitated a discussion about Episcopal identity during a Sunday morning Great Hall class. Four members

of the clergy and staff attended the annual Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes conference in St. Louis. The Flower Guild hosted a Saturday training workshop. Calvary's 120-year old altar cross was stolen.



March

Mimsy Jones was given the title of Archdeacon at the Diocesan Convention. The Daughters of the King hosted a Quiet Morning for Women. Proceeds from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper benefitted Episcopal Relief & Development. The evening Ash Wednesday service included a special worship

experience for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. The Lenten Preaching Series included its first Islamic preacher. Waffle Shop offered parishioners many volunteer opportunities. Michael Briggs was ordained to the Diaconate. The parish bid farewell to Brooks Ramsey. Calvary cosponsored an evening event with Dr. Marcus Borg.



April

A group gathered for Morning Prayer at the Civil Rights Museum on April 4. The Altar Guild hosted a Day of Service to prepare the church for Easter. The GOCC hosted a book shower for Ellen Robertson. Both the City and County Mayors attended Prayers for the City on Palm Sunday. A prayer vigil was kept by an

Altar of Repose until midnight on Maundy Thursday. David Balling created a life-size wooden cross for the Good Friday Taizé-style evening service. Helen & Chris Bird hosted the GOCC Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Vigil began in the parking lot as we lit the New Fire together with parishioners from St. Peter. Two Veda Reed paintings in memory of Tom Johnston were dedicated on Easter day. Brenda Johnson was hired as the Parish Administrator.



May

A festival of outreach grants ministries celebrated Calvary's support of community service organizations in the city. Yom Ha Shoah was observed with a labyrinth walk in the Great Hall. Bishop Johnson made his annual visit on May 8 and explained the search process for a new rector. The ECW hosted a birthday party

at the Emmanuel Episcopal Center. Michelle Walker & Paul Pellay were married during a Sunday morning service. The Strategic Planning

Team was commissioned for work in beginning the search process. A sculpture by Carroll Todd in memory of his mother May Todd was placed in the courtyard. Calvary awarded over \$100,000 in outreach grants.



June

An early morning Eucharist was held on the feast of the Ascension. Calvary celebrated the feast of Pentecost with festive worship and a pot-luck parish picnic at the Ornamental Metal Museum. Hester Mathes preached on Theological Education Sunday and the parish bid her a fond farewell as she moved with her family to Alexandria, VA to attend Virginia Theological Seminary. Phyllis Tickle discussed emerging Christianity with the vestry and strategic planning team. The *Chronicle* moved to a monthly printing schedule. The 4th floor staff offices received a face lift.



July

As a part of the “greening of Calvary,” the parish made the switch to “ugly mugs” for Sunday morning coffee. Fellowship after church featured Sno-cones and smoothies. The Strategic Planning Team hosted six “Come to the Table” self-study discussion sessions. Five new pastoral care teams were organized under the leadership of Eyleen Farmer and Martin Jellinek. The Young Adults (YAMs) made their annual trip to Hardy, AR for a weekend of canoeing.



August

The parish collected school supplies for Carnes Elementary. Calvary celebrated its 179th Founder’s Day with baptisms and birthday cupcakes. Monogrammed walking sticks were presented to our high school seniors, including Maggie Franklin who was the guest preacher. Ben Robertson celebrated a pool-side Eucharist for the YAMs. Second graders were commissioned to “big church.” The Strategic Planning Team conducted a parish survey. Heather Anderson attended an eco-justice conference in Seattle.



September

Grace Bethell served as rector for Happening #50, which was held at Calvary over Labor Day weekend. Over 250 people attended the closing

Eucharist on Sunday afternoon. Ten new Foyer dinner groups were organized. Dr. Bashar Shala and Philip Wiehe gave a dialogue sermon on Christian/Muslim reconciliation to mark the 10th anniversary of September 11. The Strategic Planning Team presented their findings at three Sunday morning “Parish Dialog” sessions. Several Calvary families worked with Carnes families in their community garden.



October

The five Sundays of October were designated as “Creation Season,” and focused on our call to be good stewards of the Earth. A Blessing of the Animals was held at Overton Park. Kirk Whalum kicked off Calvary & the Arts. Sam Henley was the guest musician for the parish retreat at Camp McDowell in Alabama. Andy Andrews preached at the AIDS Healing Service. New recycling bins that accept cardboard, paper and plastics#1-7 debuted. Children trick-or-treated along the education hallway during the Halloween Event. The parish bid farewell to staff members Terri Purvis and Heather Anderson and welcomed back Ellen Coleman.



November

A grand evening Requiem Eucharist was held on the feast of All Saints. The YAMs built their second wheelchair ramp for MIFA. Bishop Jane Dixon returned for confirmation and baptisms on All Saints’ Sunday. Three Opera Memphis singers presented *Billy Goat’s Gruff* to school children. An ECW-sponsored Artist’s Market featured some of Calvary’s potters, jewelry makers, painters and more. Dr. Ken Tullis preached on Recovery Sunday. Youth confirmation classes began. St. Nicholas honored Helen Bird and the choir presented Handel’s *Messiah* on the first Sunday of Advent.



December

Dr. Mitzi Minor’s class drew a crowd to the Great Hall on Sunday mornings in Advent. A Christmas Pops finale wrapped up the Calvary and the Arts season. The EYC went Christmas caroling at Trezevant Manor. Both a Family and Traditional Lessons & Carols were offered on the third Sunday of Advent. A new Blue Christmas service was held. Dozens of volunteers served the Emmanuel Meal. Andrew Moore wrote a new Christmas Pageant that was staged on Christmas Eve. Audrey Gonzalez preached on Christmas day. The Profile Team published Calvary’s parish profile for recruit rector candidates. Longtime Sexton Calvin Smith retired.

Words from Our Interim Rector



The Rev. Philip
F. Wiehe,
Interim Rector

In the world of interim ministry there are five developmental tasks that several denominations use as the core of what is to be done during this transitional time, and they are a part of my letter of agreement. After fourteen months all of them are either completed or underway and will continue to receive attention. Let me be clear that these are not five tasks that comprise my job assignment. In fact, these are things that we do together. Here is a progress report on the five tasks.

1. Coming to terms with the history of this congregation and its relationships with previous clergy.

This task was certainly the most challenging for us as you have a rich variety of opinions regarding the previous clergy. It is inevitable that people judge their leaders, witness the presidential election. The news is full of polls and opinions about the incumbent and the candidates. Nevertheless, a rector is an unusual kind of leader in that he or she does not just sit in an office and develop policies; he or she is expected to have a relationship with the members of the church. The intangibles of the personality of the rector and the corporate culture of the congregation have a lot to do with the success or failure of this relationship. Clergy and congregations are, of course, quite capable of fostering bad relationships. The issue here at Calvary as I described in my report to the parish in April was largely one of expectation and the issue was mutual. I will not rehash all of that now. If you want to have a look at that report you can find it on the parish website.

Self-understanding is the key to getting any relationship right, which is why I did the research on your relationships with rectors and reported back to you. Also, that is why the Strategic Planning Team did their research probing your collective values and preferences for leadership and gave you their report. The bottom line is that whatever the previous relationships were, Calvary is going to concentrate on having realistic expectations of the next rector and will foster a relationship that is a partnership based on a shared vision of Calvary's call. This is a significant change for this parish so it will not come easily. You and your new rector will need to work together on developing a successful model for leadership.

So, item number one is well on the way, but will need to be continued beyond my tenure.

2. Discovering the congregation's special identity, what it dreams of being and doing apart from previous clergy leadership.

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When any relationship between two people is severed for any reason, each person is released into a new world with new opportunities. You can probably cite examples from your own experience of friends or relatives who have been locked in relationships that drained both people of energy, confidence, and joy. Then, when the unhappy relationship was terminated, one or the other or both partners blossomed with new life. I recall a woman whose abusive husband of many years died rapidly of pancreatic cancer. Hours after his death, I heard the new widow literally singing a new song.

While it is easy for an individual to see those opportunities for new life, it is usually more difficult for a congregation as a whole to see the new possibilities that are theirs. When

a relationship is severed with a rector, regardless of the reason, there are strong feelings of loss. The work of the Strategic Planning Team has helped to tap ideas for the future, but what usually turns up in a parish self-study after an unhappy departure of a rector is a litany of things that need to be fixed rather than fresh new ideas. I sense that there are some small green shoots of creative thinking and they need to be nourished. The Epiphany service may provide some clues for a new weekly worship service. This and other new activities are signs of the Holy Spirit flapping her wings over us. The Strategic Planning Team has the particular task of discerning three or four elements of new direction by Easter.



Fifty people attended a *Taize*-style Epiphany service on Friday, January 6. The Epiphany service may provide some clues for a new weekly worship service.

Item number two, discovering your special identity and dreams, is well under way.

3. Dealing with shifts in leadership roles that naturally evolve in times of transition, allowing new leaders to come to the fore constructively, and integrating these potential new leaders of the Church with those who have previously borne this responsibility.

The election of new members of the vestry today will bring new leadership to the forefront. This parish is gifted with a multitude of people with diverse talents that enable us to do everything from serving breakfast to over two hundred people this morning as well as having inspiring choral music as part of our worship. One of my hopes is that the opportunity to restore the bell tower will bring forth a new generation of leaders for fund-raising and stewardship. Both the Strategic Planning Team and the Search Team are a combination of ongoing and new leadership.

Number three, developing new leaders, is ongoing. While this item is never finished, please know that right now there are a good many opportunities for leadership in this parish. Ask any of the clergy or vestry.

4. Renewing and re-working relationships with the diocese, so that each may be a more effective resource and support to the other.

This developmental task is done in part because there wasn't much to do. While

Calvary has a reputation of being something of a lone ranger in the diocese, it is the biggest contributor to the diocesan budget and many of our staff and members give generously of their time to diocesan work. We have established a good working relationship with the diocese around the search process that will help make the search proceed smoothly.

Put a check mark beside item number four.

5. Building and developing commitment to the leadership of the new rector in order to be prepared to move into the future with openness to new possibilities of joint mission and ministry.

This last task is sort of part two of the first task that concerned past relationships with clergy. Whatever the previous relationships were, Calvary is going to concentrate on having realistic expectations of the next rector and will foster a relationship that is a partnership based on a shared vision of Calvary's call.

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Look carefully at the language here. We are building and developing commitment to the *leadership* of the new rector. There are several implications of this statement. First, your commitment is not directly to the rector, it's to his or her leadership. You may or may not like the new rector personally, but you need to be clear that you are going to back this person in a leadership role. Second, your commitment remains rooted in the Body of Christ that has managed to endure for a couple of centuries. Remember, 100% of all rectors leave one way or another. If your commitment is just to the rector – the person – and not to the Body of Christ, then what will you do when the rector leaves?

The leadership of the new rector will include pointing away from him or herself to God's presence and God's work in Calvary and in the world. No matter how wonderful your new rector is, he or she is not Jesus. It's up to the rector not to think he or she is Jesus. It's up to you not to expect him or her to walk on water.

Getting this developmental task right is ongoing and is critical to the future of this

parish. To get it right you need to do two things. First, know where and how God is at work in you and in your community; second, know that God is calling you into a future that will be different in many ways except for one sure thing: God will be there with you.

Developmental task number five, positioning yourselves to have a good relationship of joint ministry with your new rector, will be ongoing for many years.

What I love most about interim ministry is working on the developmental tasks with congregations because these tasks are an opportunity for a parish to renew itself as the Body of Christ, and you are doing exactly that.

So, please remember what you have learned from your history and learned about yourselves; be generous in applying your gifts of talent and treasure to support what God is doing in your midst; and most importantly, be open to the inspiration and indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

There are always nuts and bolts issues to manage, some greater than others. Possibly the most difficult task in a parish is rearranging the worship schedule. Nevertheless, with attendance at the 11:15 a.m. service steadily diminishing for several years, it is time to take a serious look at moving to a Sunday morning schedule with two instead of three services. The parish survey last summer revealed that there is already some support for this change in our parish life. Consequently I will convene a group of people – clergy and lay, staff and members – to consider the possibilities and the consequences of making the change. We will consider making the change immediately following Easter as a trial run until Pentecost when we would normally institute a two-service schedule for the summer. It is significantly easier to make this kind of change during transition time than place this burden on a new rector.

And speaking of the new rector... please remember that this person will need about a year to settle into place at Calvary. It has taken me about that long to have a genuine grasp of how Calvary's many moving parts fit together and what buttons to push (and not to push!)

God bless you in your ministry!



The Rev.
Eyleen Farmer,
*Associate
Rector*

I am grateful for the ministries I have been privileged to be a part of in 2011. Highlights include:

Pastoral Care. In April Martin Jellinek and I began launching the 5 pastoral care teams that function to provide care and prayer to people in the parish and beyond. Each team is led by co-captains who organize and deploy their team members to write cards, make visits, deliver meals and flowers, share communion and provide other kinds of support as appropriate. Currently there are 10 team leaders and about 65 team members. Here's one example of the feedback we have received:

“I am so appreciative of the cards I get from the people at Calvary...it is such a wonderful feeling...that people who haven't even met me took the time out of their busy days to send me a word of encouragement. That is an example of a true Christian, to care for a sister in Christ and lift me up in prayer.”

Pastoral care is working! Goals for 2012 include helping the ancillary ministries—Emmaus, Knitting, Grief Support—regain their footing.

Adult Christian Education (ACE). The ACE Committee, chaired by Peggy Owen, has offered a wide variety of educational and formational classes on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and at other times. There have been 2 areas of focus during 2011: 1) Increasing small group offerings, and 2) Collaborating with other faith communities to offer programming not easily offered by lone congregations.

The Small Group Bible Study (the brain child of Andy Cates and Mike Nelson), and classes offered by the Memphis School of Servant Leadership (MSSL) are examples of the 1st focus. In addition to collaborating with MSSL, we have also partnered with Idlewild Presbyterian to offer an Intensive Journaling Workshop. During Lent, Idlewild and Temple Israel will co-sponsor an event featuring Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.

Even as these new initiatives have been underway, the standard of excellent Sunday morning programming has been maintained. While not everyone's needs are met every single Sunday, the committee has done a commendable job of providing something for everyone during the course of the year.

Lenten Preaching Series. The Speakers Selection Committee (Elizabeth Wirls, Steve Montgomery, Phyllis Tickle) has worked very hard to bring together the best speakers we can for the 2012 series. Work has already begun on the 2013 season with some of the most sought after speakers already in place. This year Mary Baird is very capably serving as the Speakers Coordinator and working closely with me and other staff to make the 2012 season a success.



The Rev. Ben G. Robertson, IV, Associate Rector

2011 has been quite a year, personally and vocationally. In May, my immediate family welcomed our newest member, Benjamin Henry and all four of us are so thankful to the Calvary community for your love and support as we brought our sweet boy into the world. Moreover, Anna began Pre-Kindergarten at St. Mary's Episcopal School and Ellen is now serving as an Adjunct Instructor in the Occupational Therapy Department of the College of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. In both institutions, Anna and Ellen are surrounded by Calvary parishioners and those associations enrich their experience even further.

Here at Calvary, my vocational life has been full and varied. I so enjoy collaborating with Philip, Eyleen, and Ellen as clergy colleagues as well as the entire staff, vestry, and congregation. These relationships are incredibly dear to me and I am honored to be associated with all of you and your inspirational ministries.

My day to day life on the fourth floor and beyond has several foci:

Worship. The Worship Planning Team continues to convene and our work has enhanced and brought more variety to weekly worship as well as added several new services, including the vigil at the Altar of Repose, Blessing of the Animals, Family Lessons & Carols, and Blue Christmas. I am excited about new opportunities in 2012, such as a monthly Taizé evening service, a Sunday evening Eucharist, and further diversifying music during worship.

Children and Youth. I was thrilled to work with Heather Anderson (until October) and am thrilled to work with Andrew Moore and Ellen Coleman on this dynamic program. One only needs to witness the little bright faces skipping off to Children's Chapel and/or Sunday School to know how these ministries are

building the Church. I am energized by the consult with Youth Ministry Architects in late January and hope that will be a springboard to improve participation levels and enrich our already fine ministries. I am also delighted to teach our Youth Confirmation Class which, this year, has an exceptionally fantastic group of teenagers and mentors. Also, to further my competencies in these ministries, I am again co-coordinating the Adults Who Work With Youth conference at Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, NC in June.

Evangelism & Communications. In collaboration with Ebet Peebles and Robyn Mauldin, in the past year we clarified how we welcome visitors and the processes through which we make said visitors new members. Robyn and I have also collaborated on expanding our web presence. She did a wonderful job overhauling our website and we continue to capitalize on social media outlets, including Facebook, Twitter, and FourSquare. Last October, I attended a Magnetic Church workshop to continue my education in these areas and in December I wrote an incredibly juvenile and bemusedly popular Star Wars themed Advent blog.

Young Adults. In collaboration with Robyn, our Young Adult ministry continues to be a bright light in the life of the parish. Over the past year, the YAMs have enjoyed special events, such as building a wheelchair ramp with MIFA, the annual canoe trip, a low-country boil and Corn Hole tournament, a pool-side Eucharist, as well as regular events such as Pub Theology and Saturday morning breakfasts. YAMs have also celebrated multiple weddings and births!

And while not program areas that I supervise, I certainly participate in other aspects of parish life, including leading worship, preaching, pastoral care, outreach, and adult education. For Adult Ed, I taught a Lent class on *The Parables*, a Creation Season class in the Great Hall, and Wednesday night class on *Spiritual Heroes*. In November I began facilitating *Family Sanctuary*, a Wednesday night group of incredibly awesome and dedicated parents who meet for discussion, prayer, and support. Their witness and ministries enrich me, as a parent and a disciple. For preaching, I used some continuing education time to attend the National Preaching Conference in March. And, due to Alison Merritt's departure, as of January, I serve as the vestry staff liaison, coordinating communication, electronic votes, and the distribution of documents to wardens and vestry members.

I anticipate another wonderful year in 2012. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve among you. I am richly blessed.



The Rev. Ellen Roberds, Associate Rector

After several years of working with Community Service, Mary Jane Viar stepped down this year and passed the torch to Katy and Bailey Leopard. Thank you, Mary Jane, for your work.

Gratefully, Mary Jane will stay involved with outreach in particular with our ongoing relationship with the LAMB Institute in Honduras. In 2011, we discussed ways to keep our mission to the children of LAMB in front of us between trips to Honduras. To this end, we provided funds to LAMB so they could buy a tractor and created prayer cards for each of the children. A mission trip is being planned for 2012.

Calvary's relationship with Carnes Elementary continued with success in a number of small ways including working the school garden, collecting school supplies, and providing a holiday party. Regular tutors are still needed.

Parishioners under the leadership of Sue-Ann Ehmer also supported the new Veritas College Preparatory Charter School located in Calvary's building with book drives. Regular volunteers to help in the lunchroom and to be mentors are still needed.

The Community Breakfast continued its good work each Saturday with Saturday Prep and each Sunday morning serving thousands of meal in 2011. They saw an increase in cost as food costs rose in addition to seeing more guests arriving in need of a hot breakfast, a warm hello, and a change of clothes. In addition they would like to move from Styrofoam containers to a compostable and recyclable container but find it cost prohibitive.

The Hospitality HUB hired Kelcey Johnson as the Assistant Director. Now open every weekday, the HUB has become the single entry point for the homeless, providing an invaluable service to guests as well as other homeless agencies.

Amy Oates, a Rhodes College sophomore from Baltimore, Maryland, said this about CORE (Community of Rhodes Episcopalians):

"I come to CORE every Sunday because it provides a kind of Christian community not found anywhere else on campus. While some of my friends go to groups on campus that seem to add extra work to their already intense homework load, CORE only asks that students try to be there each week.

The *Compline* and occasional Eucharist help to end my weekend with a sense of peace I would normally find in Church without digging into my schedule. The informality of CORE also creates a sense of equality and true togetherness that doesn't put any extra pressure on me. With CORE, I am able to find spiritual community in a way that helps to put me at peace with no stress."

Though this was a common feeling among the loyal but few CORE students, we decided that a larger conversation within the diocese around college ministry needs to happen in order to make a group like CORE successful for the students and the parish.

The greatest new outreach effort was with the Green Initiative. The Green Initiative took many forms from putting in place a comprehensive recycling program to a month long focus on our relationship to the world through liturgy, preaching, and teaching. The Green Team was commissioned in October of 2011 and continues on with this important work.

In 2011 Flashmob Outreach projects created simple ways to connect to the ministries of Calvary with one time opportunities to bring in-kind donations or to volunteer. In this way we collected hats and gloves for Emmanuel Meal, hygiene items for the HUB, and turkeys for Carnes holiday baskets among other things. A Facebook group for Outreach and for Green Ideas became an easy way to garner interest and share ideas.



Volunteers gather on Saturday morning to prepare soup for Soup Sunday, which continues to be one of Calvary's strongest outreach ministries.



Summer
Jenkins,
Organist-
Choirmaster

Each year our choirs face different levels of transition. We said goodbye to two staff singers in May of 2011 and hello to two new staff singers in August. We are all most pleased with these two new additions, Bethania Baray joins us from Truth or Consequences, NM and is currently pursuing her doctorate in music at UofM. Ryan Jones joins us from Ohio and is working toward his BA in Music at UofM. In addition to joining the Calvary Choir, these singers have joined the core singers supporting the Parish Choir. The beauty and sensitiveness of each week's offering of music is simply unsurpassed. Calvary is truly blessed to experience such dedicated musicians. These two adult choral ensembles come

together each summer to continue the great choral tradition of Calvary Episcopal Church. Calvary is one of the few parishes that rarely goes a week without a choir. The few weeks that the choirs are off are truly earned.

Our Children's Choir and Calvary Ringers hand bell choir, under Carrington Wise and Karla Philipp respectively, offer music approximately one a month to the 9:00 a.m. liturgy. The bell choir often plays a prelude for 11:15 on that same Sunday. Both groups continue moving forward on their journey of musicianship. It is obvious that each member works to improve not only his or her individual skill but the overall skill of the respective group.

Sunday evening, November 27, 2011 marked the 85th performance of Handel's *Messiah* at Calvary. The chorus was joined by current staff singers Sarah Squire, Kell Christie Gary, and Chris Thomas along with Frank Anthony and former staff singers Rebecca Flaherty and Betha & Ted Christopher to form the soloists for the concert. The weather was lovely and crisp that evening to help put the 175 attendees in the holiday mood. The seventeen-member orchestra is drawn from the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. Many of the players repeated their feeling that Calvary's performance is their favorite of all the *Messiah* performances they play.

Calvary's parish picnic offered a unique musical opportunity this year. The Pentecost 10:00 a.m. liturgy was held at the Ornamental Metal Museum. With the Mississippi River in the background Tony Thomas and his jazz trio brought spirit-filled songs to our celebration.

The Calvary & the Arts concert series enjoyed yet another year of outstanding

concerts. Highlights included Kirk Whalum and his band, the Memphis Jazz Orchestra and the closing Christmas Pops concert (on which I actually get to play). We were distressed by very low attendance this year. It is my feeling that the lunchtime concert model has passed its effectiveness in downtown Memphis. The series offers outstanding concerts for free to the public and I feel strongly that it should continue. However, its time frame and format should be examined. One model which should be considered is that of an early evening program preceded by a light supper, perhaps soup and sandwich. Solo performers or small groups (quartet, trio) offering a less invasive style of music (i.e. light jazz, light classical) would better suit this time frame. I am most indebted to Jack Jones and his family for sponsoring this series. Calvary's *Messiah* concert was also carried under the Calvary & the Arts umbrella this year.

It is with some sadness that I write this, my last annual report to the parish. Just before Christmas I announced that I am leaving Calvary in the summer of 2012. I cannot begin to speak of the amazing music offered by all of Calvary's choirs week-in and week-out. I have often said that Calvary parishioners are quite well spoiled by the excellence in music that is presented. Before you think wrongly of me, it is thanks to the dedication of each member of each choir that this is made possible. Each week I find that the anthems seem to 'suspend time' for those who hear them. There are moments when we seem to be transported outside of this time and place. These are the moments that I will carry with me long past my departure from this place. It has become my custom to offer a brief prayer of thanks after each anthem that is presented, and indeed, I offer one now, "Thanks be to God."



The 85th performance of Handel's *Messiah* was held on Sunday, November 27, 2011, and featured members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra.

Parish Statistics

Compared with the membership rolls of an average Episcopal church, Calvary is young. A demographic breakdown shows most of our members are married, a majority are female (56%), and one-third of parish households have children. We're also relatively new to Calvary: More than half of our congregants have been members for less than nine years.

In line with church data for our diocese and the Episcopal Church as a whole, our Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) has experienced a decline. Statistics for 2010 show an ASA of 336, a 13% decrease since 2005. During that same period, the number of communicants in good standing (CGS) and Sunday school attendance have been stable. CGS increased somewhat to 992 in 2010, compared with 940 in 2005.

Our congregants reside throughout the city and in surrounding communities in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi. Still, the vast majority (84%) live within eight zip codes situated between the Mississippi River and the city's eastern border. These Poplar Corridor zip codes contain residents of diverse race, income, and lifestyle. Eleven percent of our members live in suburban communities, including Bartlett, Germantown, and Collierville; 5% come from neighboring states.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	
	763	736	705	Confirmed Persons
	1000	992	985	Baptized Persons
	11	18	10	Baptisms
	26	18	3	Confirmations & Receptions
	3	5	6	Weddings
	17	10	5	Burials
	33	31	21	Transfers In of Confirmed or Baptized Persons
	47	57	52	Transfers Out of Confirmed or Baptized Persons
	1	1	0	Confirmed or Baptized Persons Reinstated from Inactive Status
	39	28	16	Confirmed or Baptized Persons Added to Inactive Status *
	200	0	0	Confirmed or Baptized Persons Added to Non-Participating Status +
	49,686	45,323	42,221	Total Attendance for all Services and Events
	18,561	17,474	16,342	Total Sunday Attendance
	357	336	314	Average Sunday Attendance

* Inactive status is a canonical status, which indicates that a person has formally requested their name be removed from the parish rolls. Members are involuntarily added to this designation when we have lost all contact with them, including a current address.

+ Non-Participating status is an internal designation of membership status, which indicates that a person is currently not active in the life of the parish, but that they have not asked formally for their names to be removed from the parish rolls.

Membership

Baptisms (10)

Vivian Overton Atkinson
Linda Margaret Herburger
Anna Katherine Hinnenkamp-Faulk
Augustus Legacy Hurst
Eleanor Frances Johnson
Veronica Marie Johnson
Zoe Ann Koury
Katherine Louise Rogers
Patrick Heuer Snowden
Mara Helen Stratton

Confirmations & Receptions (3)

Michael Anthony Nelson
Chris Picuch
Mary Elena Simpson Stratton

Transferred In (21)

Heather Shelton Anderson
Craig P. Barnes
Ellen Ann Barnes
Nathan Barnes
Fred L. Bowyer, Jr
James Keith Councill
Gabriela Noemi Cuellar-Councill
Kathleen A. Faulk
Marilyn Ponzer Morris
Susan Neely-Barnes
Matt Petty
Therese Ann Ruhland Petty
Roy L. Pickrell
Robert Alan Quiriconi
Stacey Quiriconi
Benjamin Henry Robertson
David Stuart Netz Rupke

Heidi Joy Netz Rupke
Rosalyn Anne Netz Rupke
Ann Saccomano
James Withey

Added to Inactive/Removed by Request (16)

Elizabeth Parker Creech
Lisa Trudy Fisher
Margaret Blakemore Fisher
Samuel Tucker Fisher
William Hunt Fisher, II
William Hunt Fisher, III
Gloria Jean Grissom
Robert Bryan Humphreys
Joyce R. Laws
Aubrey Diaz Nelson
Lars Watson Nelson
Carolyn Gray Nunnelee
Gabrielle Morgan Nunnelee
Graham Joseph Nunnelee
Gretchen Nunnelee
Rowena Jewell Phillips

Transferred Out (52)

Phillip Dale Austin
Bartley G. Barnett
Bayley Glenn Barnett
Richard Henry Billings
Carrie Anne Stubblefield Boone
Matthew Bowlin
E.A. Carmean, Jr.
Kathryn Shelton Carmean
Stephanie Turnbull Cheney
James Philip Coleman

Regina Thomson Coleman
Katharine Greenway Collier Creech
Robin Swaim Davis
Camille Deaderick
Adam deNobriga
Susannah Morse deNobriga
Lisa Kenny DiScenza
Timothy Richard DiScenza
Lois Stephanie Donnelly
Caroline Grace Dorroh
Charles W. Dorroh
Christopher Campbell Dorroh
Glenda Lynette Dorroh
Mary Ann Fisher Gore Eagle
Jeanine Wharey Edwards
Lindsey Watson Edwards
Madeleine Watson Edwards
Thomas Edward Edwards
Edee L. Fuller
Dennis Chris Green
Eleanor Jennings Grehan
Lucy Grunkemeyer
Parker Grunkemeyer
Mark Dewyane Henderson
Whitney Suzanne Alexander Henderson
Claire Helen Schwartz Hunt
William Harvell McCuiston
Mark Terrell Mitchell
Grace Kathleen Shaw
Julie Evans Shaw
William K. Shaw
William Lane Shaw
Charles Dudley Sullivan
Cheryl Oswald Sullivan
Garland Williams Sullivan, Jr.

Garland Williams Sullivan, III
Marvin Allen Townsend
Oscar Austin Townsend
Emilia C. Vails
Laura Clayton West
Eugene Woods
Gail Woods

Burials (5)

Ellen Craft Clark
Parthena Etra Moore
Leah Patrick Nichols
Florence Swebston Snowden
Paul A. Watson

Weddings (6)

Wendy Crenshaw and Mark Bolding
Gabriela Peters-Cuellar and Keith Councill
Ginny Monypeny and David Gault
Julie Davidzuk and David Leigh
Lucia Crenshaw and Joe McKnight
Michelle Walker and Paul Pellay



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Associate Rector

The Rev. Deacon Audrey Gonzalez

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The Rev. Ellen Roberds (x106)

Associate Rector

The Rev. Ben G. Robertson, IV (x124)

Associate Rector

Clergy In Our Midst

The Rev. Senter Crook

324-3607

The Rev. Mike Ehmer

672-7049

The Venerable Mimsy Jones

685-6916

The Rev. Bill Kolb

438-0751

Vestry

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Sam Cole (1) • Desi Franklin (2) • Mark Johnson (3) • Brett Norman (1) • Dana Sue Percer (2) • John Pruett (1) • Drew Smith (1) • Jerry Stiles (2) • Ginny Strubing (3)

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Example: Philip Wiehe, *pwiehe@calvarymemphis.org*

Parish Staff

Ellen Coleman (x104)

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Music Admin. Assistant

Fred Goldsmith (x115)

Information Officer

Barbara Hawkins (x103)

Parish Admin. Assistant

Sumner Jenkins (x120)

Organist-Choirmaster/IT

Brenda Johnson (x109)

Parish Administrator

Robyn Mauldin (x108)

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