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Photo by Christine Cone

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## BEHIND THE SCENES

For a few months, we will be sharing with you information about some of the people who are so important to the work of Calvary Gospel Church but who work "behind the scenes." The first is Carolyn Thorpe, the church secretary.



*Good morning, Calvary Gospel Church, this is Carolyn. How may I help you?*

When you call the church and **Carolyn Thorpe** answers, that is what you will hear. Carolyn has been working as secretary at the church for 34 years.

Married to Bill in 1964, Carolyn then worked at several jobs: typist at State of Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Division, cashier at Treasure Island Department Store (a J.C. Penney's discount store), typist at Cuna Supply (a part of Cuna Mutual Insurance) and part time cashier at PickNSave grocery store while also working a full time job.

In August of 1977, she was a stay-at-home mom when Pastor Grant called and asked if she would be interested in volunteering at the church as a part time secretary, which turned into a full time, paid position. As they say, the rest is history.

When Calvary Christian Academy was started in 1979, Carolyn added to her duties that of secretary for the school. She maintained student records, ordered materials, served as a

## Welcome to the Family of God

Please look for these new "babies in Christ," meet them,



Mike Bloom



Darian Clay



Jeremiah Edwards



Rachel Fon



Andrea Galvin



Aaron Jackson



Tyler Loving



Kellie McCoy



Seth Merkes



Jillian Olson



Kelly Rose



Mary Thomas

monitor in the classroom, was trained as a Supervisor, and did other secretarial work. She worked in CCA for eight years.

As time went along, Sister Thelma Bryant, a woman who loved God very much and was the faithful and competent treasurer for many, many years (as some would say "since the Mayflower came across the ocean") retired from her state job and started visiting her children who lived in Beloit, Wisconsin, and Kankakee, Illinois. Carolyn started to assist her by handling the offerings and all related business matters when she was out of town. In 1990, when Sis Bryant retired from the church position, Carolyn became the secre-

tary/bookkeeper and John Gmeinder was appointed the treasurer.

Pastor Grant was the Wisconsin District Superintendent for 17 years. During this time, Carolyn was his secretary and also assisted him in district work. One of the "projects" that Bro. Grant, Diane Nelson, and Carolyn did was publish the Wisconsin District News from 1982 to 1990. Carolyn recalls those as fun times.

In 1999, when John Gmeinder moved away, Carolyn was appointed as Secretary/Treasurer. In 2002, her position was changed to Administrative Assistant to better reflect her duties, and she was also appointed Trus-

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## Xtreme Days 2011—"Change"

Back to school means it's time for Xtreme Days, a week of fun activities and spiritual focus for our youth group, TeenXtreme. Starting in the Wednesday service and continuing through the following Sunday services, our teens pray together, minister in song and the Word during the church services, and invite their friends to join in. The three services are run exclusively by the teens from music and choir to ushering, praise teams, preaching, and praying in the altar. Some of the songs sung have been written by our own teens, and they are fantastic!

The talent, ability, and devotion exhibited by these young people is so far from what we usually think about teens today as to be totally awesome! These kids are not the church of tomorrow—they are the church of today! And the church is in good hands!

The theme of this year's Xtreme Days was "Change." Wednesday night, Bryce Grant preached about receiving from God all He wants to give to us, not turning to the world's enticements, which would bind and destroy, but becoming closer to God as His beloved bride. He ended by calling on the youth to BE the change they want to see.

Sunday morning's message was preached by our new youth pastor, Karl Grant. In the face of a declining society, he challenged the youth to step out of their comfort zones to be what God wants them to be. He applauded the girls for their modesty and holiness and talked about how men need to be real men, not worldly men, setting up boundaries in their lives and staying close to Jesus. Summing up, he stated, "In a world that will always change, you can rely on God to never change."

On Sunday evening, "Friar Phil" Demos preached his last sermon as youth pastor, officially turning the leadership over to Karl Grant. Fiona Demos sang a song to the youth that she had written, telling them of her love for them and instructing them to "rise up; take your place and shine!"

All of these sermons are available to listen to and download at the church's website: [www.calvarygospelchurch.org](http://www.calvarygospelchurch.org). Be sure to pick up the next copy of TeenXtreme's newsletter with photos and more information on this action-packed week. —Ellen Haupt



**Shane and Vana Maki** will lead the Hyphen ministry (singles ages 18 to 35) and will assist **Hannah LeDuc** with CMI, which will operate as an outreach of Hyphen.

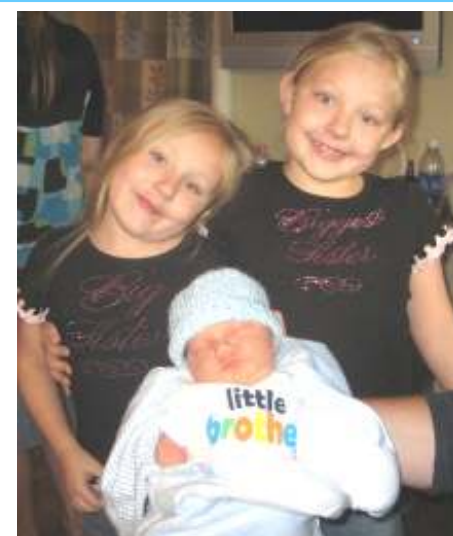
**Tim and Kim Knaup** will serve as Student Ministries Life Coaches for students in the teenXtreme, Hy-

phen, and CMI ministries who have no family or mentors in the church.

**Rev. Phil and Sis. Fiona Demos** are the new Pastors of Student Ministries.

**Peter and Kasey Saindon** - young couples ministry

## Welcome Baby!



Nicole and Rick Solberg added **Grant Christopher** to their family on August 8. Grant's two sisters, Madison and McKenzie (shown above) are sure to spoil him!

Blessed grandparents are Larry and Sally Solberg and Kevin and Linda Brown. Congrats to all.



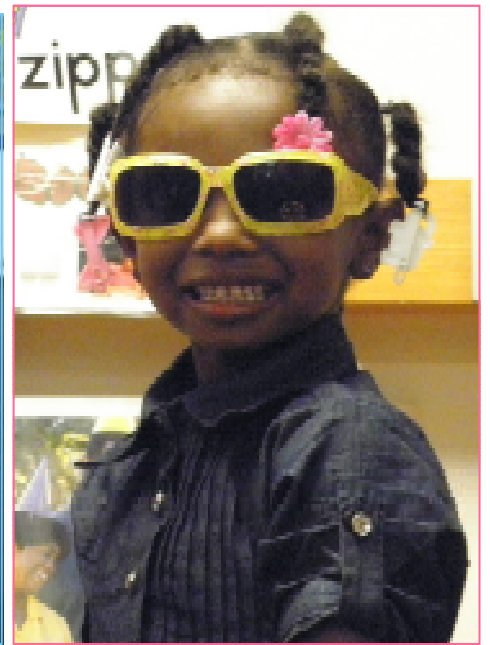
Chris and Alma Boehning welcomed their first child, **Reina Elizabeth**, on August 24. Alma's parents from Bosnia have arrived to be with the family for a month-long stay. Congratulations to the new mommy and daddy as well as the happy grandparents!



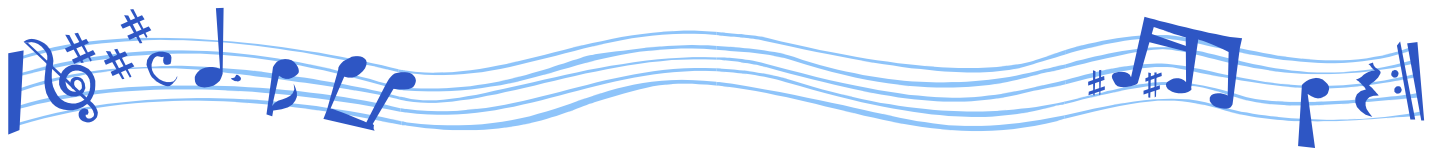
Group photo!



Kenlee joins in the action songs.



THE SON IS SHINING BRIGHTLY HERE!



"I may never fly o'er the enemy, but I'm in the Lord's ar-my.  
I'm in the Lord's ar-my! I'm in the Lord's ar-my!"



# Riveting...

## CGC's 4-Year-Old Sunday School

If you are a 4-year-old or know a 4-year-old, we have a Sunday school class for you! This class is located in the education wing next to the doors that lead outside to the fenced-in playground at the back of the church. It is taught by Juanita Hittesdorf, Jim Rivest, and Tara Huber.

Juanita has always been interested in this age group. As a teenager, she helped her mother teach the 4- and 5-year-old class in the Lutheran church where she grew up. She thinks everyone needs to find a place that allows God to use him or her. She feels this is her place!

Thirty-plus years ago, Pastor Grant asked Juanita just to help out in the 4- and 5-year-old class. She not only enjoyed it but also felt this was where God wanted her to work for Him. Over the years, there have been times when she wondered if God wanted her to move on. When she prayed about it, however, Juanita always felt led to stay with these 4-year-old blessings.

Juanita's funniest memory is when a student misquoted "Go teach all nations" as "Go teach all dalmations"!

One of the most rewarding things about teaching this class for Juanita is when she hears about the students singing worship songs or practicing memory verses at home. This makes her feel like she made a difference in a life – like she gave someone the opportunity to think about God at home.

The first period of time in the 4-year-old class is social time. This allows the kids time to play and get to know one another. After free time, comes worship time and then a Bible story followed by work on a memory

verse. After the brainwork, it's time for a snack and then craft. If there is time left after these activities, the kids head out to the playground for a few minutes to burn off some energy.

Juanita says the most important thing 4-year-olds will learn in this class is that Jesus loves them. They will also get a basic foundation in Bible salvation and gain social skills interacting with others.

The children currently in this class include Dashon, Callie, Olivia, Jayla, N'asia, Eio, Kate, Kenlee, Michael, Bella and K'mireh.

All I can say about these precious kids is...man, are they cute!!

--Martha Czerniakowski



The Bible story has captured Michael's attention!



Above: Calli joyfully praises the Lord!



Left top: Tara Huber with two of the children.

Left bottom: Jim Rivest gets into the Bible story.

Below: Juanita Hittesdorf has taught in this class for over 30 years.



# Be More...

*More Healthy, More Spiritual and More Happy!*

## Is It OK to Eat Expired Food? Deciphering Food Labels:



### a) Sell By Date

"Sell By" indicates how long a store should display the product for sale. The product can still be used after the "sell by" date if it is safe, wholesome and of good quality. However, consumers should buy the product before the date expires. A common example of such a product is milk, which can be used for as many as seven days after its "sell by" date.

### b) Expires On

"Expires On" indicates the latest date that the food should be eaten or used. The one exception is eggs that are federally graded by the United States Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), which mandates eggs be stamped with A, AA, etc. If these eggs are purchased before the expiration date, it is safe to use them for three to five weeks after the date.

### c) Best If Used By

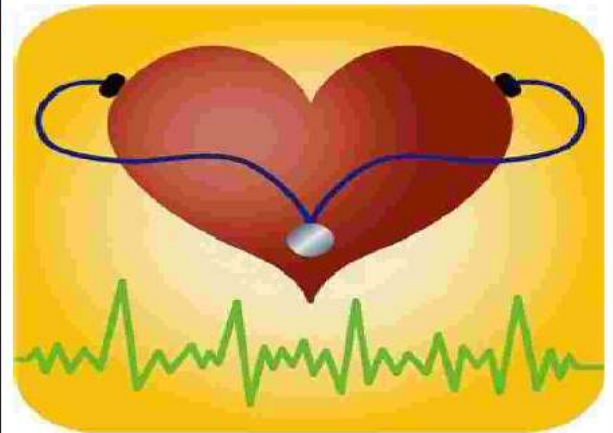
"Best If Used By" indicates the recommended date of consumption for the best flavor and quality of a product. It is neither a purchase nor a safety date, and it does not mean the food is unsafe to eat after that date.

## Recommended Length of Storage after purchase

Poultry: 1 to 2 days  
 Beef, veal, pork or lamb: 3 to 5 days  
 Ground meat or poultry: 1 or 2 days  
 Fresh variety meats: 1 to 2 days  
 Cured ham: 5 to 7 days  
 Pork or beef sausage: 1 to 2 days  
 Eggs: 3 to 5 Weeks



## 17 Minutes to a Healthier Heart



Staying in shape takes less time than you may think. That's the word from Norwegian researchers, who recently discovered that getting just 17 minutes of exercise three times a week can significantly improve heart health. "The key is that one of these workouts must involve a high-intensity session of 4 minutes, when the heart is working at up to 90 percent of its capacity," says study author Ulrik Wisloff, Ph.D. His exercise Rx: Do a 10-minute warm-up, push yourself for 4 minutes, then cool down for 3 minutes.

Taken from First for women magazine

## It's Easier

It's easier to settle for average than strive for achievement.  
 It's easier to be saturated with complacency than stir with compassion.  
 It's easier to be skeptical than successful.  
 It's easier to question than conquer.  
 It's easier to rationalize your disappointments than realize your dreams.  
 It's easier to belch the baloney than bring home the bacon.

Success one day at a time by John C. Maxwell

## God's Will

Circumstances may be outside your control, but the way you respond to them is not.

- When God speaks, listen.
- When God commands, obey.
- When God leads, follow.

God in the small stuff by Bruce & Stan



Pastor John Grant, John Jr., and Sis. Darlene Grant



Our First Lady of Boating Fun!



Waiting for their ship to come in: Rachel Brown, Rachel Plowman, Shivette Griffin, and Sarah Schlobohm



Linda and Rachel Brown



# Ladies Boat Outing



A boat-load of laughs



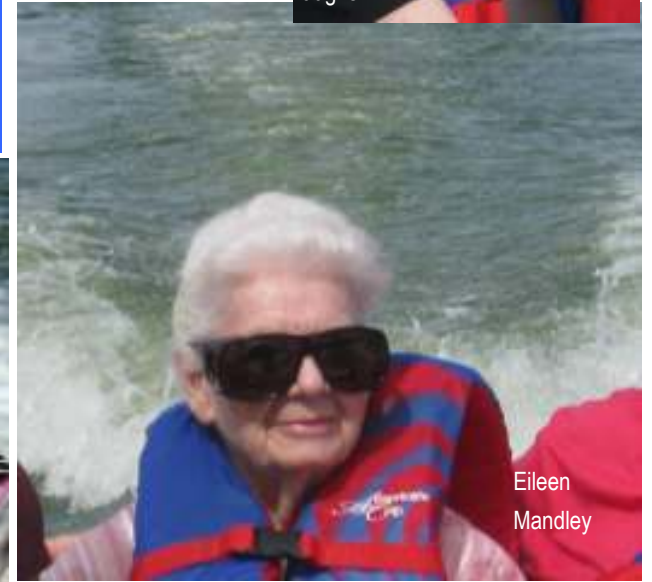
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Rachel Brown



Bette Weekley



Eileen Mandley



Roy Grant drove one of the boats.



Nicole Nakielski

The fun began as people came through the doors. With a theme of honoring our eldest members, those born in the 50s and before, all were encouraged to dress according to the decade of their birth. The 70s and 80s definitely produced the most outlandish outfits. Sis. Grant was very stylish and beautiful in her 40s outfit, and Audrey Hawk dressed in the only way she ever remembered seeing her mother, who accompanied her to the service and the fun. Ray and Lillian Westbury were a pair right out of history, but the biggest hit was Tim Powell, who was very evidently born in a different decade from his wife!

# SUMMER

AUGUST 14

The choir led worship with some old songs and some new. After a powerful worship service, food was served under the big tent and fellowship was enjoyed by all.



Clockwise from upper left: Cool Dan Powell; Susie Jimenez, Nene Shepherd, Scotia Leonardson, Cecily Grant, Nicole Nakielski, Kim Stace, and Cassidy Van Buren; Glen and Bonnie Uselmann; Jane Breseman and Sandra Watkins; Fernando Torres.

(More photos on following page.)

# FUNFEST



Pastor Roy Grant was "the establishment" in front and the "anti-establishment" from the back! Perhaps the most imaginative costume!



Clockwise from top center: Roy Grant; Darlene Grant; Fiona and Phil "the Nerd" Demos; Peggy Bakcr and Linda Brown (Jeff Merkes and Chris Zimmerman in background); Audrey Hawk and her mother, Louise Church (top); Ray and Lillian Westbury (bottom); Jane Rossing and Diane Nelson; Kayla and Tim Powell.

# SUMMER FUNFEST KIDS



## “Discover the Difference”

[Calvary Gospel Church](#)

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

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**Calvary Gospel Church exists to**

“REACH UP” in Worship  
 “REACH IN” in Discipleship  
 “REACH OUT” in Evangelism

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## A Sunrise Baptism

*Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism....* Romans 6:4

At sunrise on Saturday, August 27, our prayers were answered when Simon and Rachael Troyer were baptized in Jesus' name.

During our family prayer time, our children especially have been praying for Simon and Rachael to be baptized. God does hear and answer prayer. The morning was an example to us of how God brings things to pass when we “pray without ceasing,” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Almost a year ago, the Troyers left the Amish community. They felt a strong tug on their hearts to know the way, the truth, and the life that would set them free. They recently have been attending a very modest church, but they felt that God had more for them. *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no*

*man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* John 14:6

The Troyers stepped out in faith, out of their comfort zone, while Rachael was expecting their third child. *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.* Hebrews 11:6

Bro. Cone was involved in teaching a Bible study that helped Simon and Rachael become aware of their need to be baptized in Jesus' name. Praise God! Simon and Rachael now have their sins removed!

The occasion of Simon and Rachael's baptism was a family event. Both of our families woke up at 4:00 a.m. to prepare to meet at a lake half way between our homes by sunrise. Our oldest daughter, Christine, took the pictures.

God's kingdom continues to grow.

--Rev. Andrew and Heidi Cone

*The beautiful photo (on the front page) was taken by 11-year-old Christine Cone, who attended the baptism with her family.*

**Behind the Scenes***(Continued from page 2)*

tee and, in 2005, to the Church Board.

For 21 years, Carolyn worked in the Wisconsin District Campgrounds office for Family Camp. She says, “This was a privilege as the campgrounds are very special to me. At the age of 16, I received the Holy Ghost there in the “holey” circus tent that served as the Tabernacle for those first few years until a building could be built.”

Carolyn says, “I have tried to ‘Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might...’ “ She has been involved in the music ministry since she was 16 years old, was a Sunday School teacher for 25 years, and was treasurer for our Youth back in her teenage days.

Carolyn’s duties are many, but the major ones are answering the phone, assisting our pastor and staff, processing the offerings, paying bills, producing payroll and paying taxes, maintain-

ing large file cabinets filled with data, buying and ordering multiple supplies, and maintaining financial records for CGC and Voces Unidas. But the “duty” that brings her the greatest joy is praying along with staff for people who come into the church during the day and being a witness to them being baptized in Jesus’ name and filled with the Holy Ghost!

Her favorite scripture is Matthew 6:33, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things (God’s provisions and blessings) shall be added unto you.”

“I have been greatly blessed,” Carolyn says. “I have a wonderful husband, three awesome children and spouses, and six precious grandchildren. I sure do love and appreciate Bro. and Sis Grant, Sr., our pastoral staff, their spouses, and my exceptional church family.

“I used to think that I did not have a testimony, because I did not have to be delivered from smoking, drugs, alcohol, jail, and other

“major” sins. But I do have a testimony – I did not HAVE to be delivered from these gross sins! God has protected and kept me, and it is all because I allowed Him to come into my heart and life. Have you ever seen the painting that shows Jesus knocking on a door? Have you ever noticed that there is not a door handle? Why? Because Jesus will knock on your heart’s door, but YOU have to open it from within and let Him in.

“May I encourage you to do just that and let Him direct your feet down the pathway to success, peace, and happiness. There is Victory in Jesus!

*Sis. Carolyn, we thank you for your many years of service to the family of God here at Calvary Gospel Church. Our thanks also to your husband, Bill, who is always quietly working in the background on anything that needs to be done. You both have given generously to every need of CCG, both physically and financially. May God continue to richly bless you both and your family. –Ellen Haupt for CGC*



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