

Times Remembered
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Our church had homecoming yesterday, Sunday the 18th. That means we gathered to celebrate one more year of being a Christian family of brothers and sisters in Christ who meet to worship the Lord at Calvary Baptist, 21 Glory Street, Irvine, Kentucky.

The church was established in 1921 by a group of people holding a tent revival. That was 98 years ago. Later a small white clapboard church was built and the present sanctuary was constructed and dedicated in 1995.

Sunday school and the Fellowship Hall addition was added to the old church in 70s. The church has seen many people come and go through its many years. Some moved on to other churches when they left the area and many have gone on to be with the Lord.

Church Homecoming

The building is not really the church. The church belongs to God, and the people are the church. The church building is where we meet. But that doesn't keep the church building from holding many fond memories and meaning something special to those who have sat on the pews. The church building is where we gather with our Christian family and feel at home.

I've been a member since 1979 when I transferred my letter from Providence Baptist. My husband, Bob and I were married at Calvary in 1986 and my daughter, Tara and Bob are both members; they made a profession of faith and were baptized in 1987.

The Homecoming Celebration began on Saturday night with special singing and celebration of the Lord. Calvary's own Glory Road Quartet opened the celebration with old time Blue Grass gospel music followed by the awesome Promise Trio from Bowling Green, Kentucky. The long time favorites, The Calvary Heirs were the headline group rounding out the night with Southern Gospel. If this is rehearsal for heaven's choir, I can't wait to hear those melodies.

Sunday services were serenaded with special singing from Kara Beth England and girls from

her youth class. Dalton Riddle gave an outstanding special on the trumpet followed by Glory Road.

Following the morning worship, the Fellowship Hall was calling everyone to eat the Homecoming meal. You could smell the aroma of food floating up the hall to the sanctuary. Mouths were watering in anticipation of the upcoming meal. After the closing prayer everyone went to the hall for a bountiful dinner. "Someone once said, I'd love to lose weight, but I belong to a Baptist church."

There were tables of all kinds of food from fried chicken to country ham and lasagna. There were many colorful salads and fresh vegetables. I should have taken a picture of the dessert table. Just looking at it might make you gain ten pounds. The dessert table was over the top with Barbara Hunt's pound cake with homemade caramel icing; also there was banana pudding, cherry cheesecake, angel food cake, brownies, chocolate cake and many others goodies. There's nothing to compare with Calvary's cooks. Their food is always the best.

No wonder you feel like family at Calvary . . . we share the same Heavenly Father! I hope your week is as lovely as this day was.

Televangelist prays for man's hearing, proving sometimes we ask amiss



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I heard the story the other day about a fellow who asked the televangelist to pray for his hearing. The televangelist did so as he took the fellow's head in his hands and gave it a good shaking, then shoved him over backward.

"How's your hearing," the televangelist asked.

"I don't know. It's not until Wednesday at the courthouse."

That old story reminds me of the Bible verses that say, "Ye have

not because ye ask not. Ye ask and receive not because you ask amiss" (James 4:2-3).

It would seem that televangelist had asked amiss.

Perhaps we've all asked amiss at some point in our lives. Often that means selfishly asking for things that aren't really in our best interest. The Lord mercifully says no to such prayer requests. We may not be happy with that answer at first, but later, perhaps even years later, we thank God for not listening to us.

Country music singer Garth Brooks captured this truth in one of his most popular songs that says:

Sometimes I thank God for unanswered prayers

Remember when you're talkin' to the man upstairs

That just because he doesn't answer doesn't mean he don't care

Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered

prayers We should all be thankful that the Lord is in control, instead of us. If we had our way in all things, we'd likely make a royal mess. But he has a purpose and a plan for each of us, and he's working within us and around us to help us fulfill that purpose and plan.

"The steps of a man are ordered by the Lord" (Psalm 37:23).

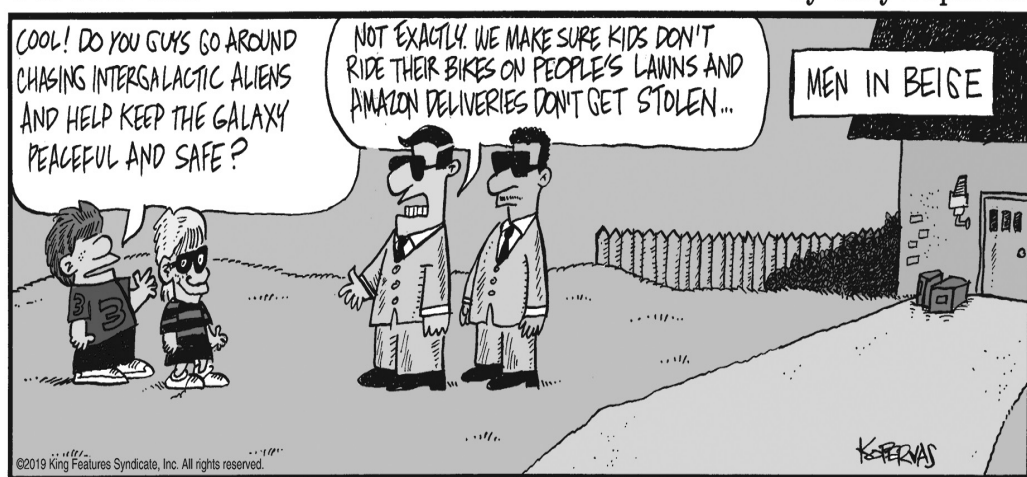
So, we can take courage in knowing that the Lord has our best interest in mind as he leads and guides us through the journey of life, that he is busy working all things together for our good.

We may not be able to trust the televangelist to get it right when he prays for us, but we can always rest assured that our Lord WILL get it right.

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