Calvary Baptist Church Shares the Gift of Song at Warsaw’s Glenclare

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They come in all sizes and ages, these joyous singers who grace Glenclare Nursing Home in Warsaw. White-haired grandparents, three-month-old babies in arms, young couples, two-year-old toddlers, and all ages in between gather each third Tuesday of every month to bring residents the golden gift of song.

The group of some twenty singers were out in full force during Christmas week. Their bright-faced director Joie Gore, wife of pastor Tim Gore, led the happy carolers into a delightful songfest. Residents joined in, and even a tired reporter got energized enough to stop snapping pictures and sing her way into the happy spirit of sharing Christmas in song.

"Run, Little Children, Run," they sang. Tim Bradshaw shifted the baby he held in his arms and sang solos.

"Go Tell It on the Mountain," everyone sang and finally, came the glorious "O Holy Night" to set the seal on the sweet sing-along.

"Jesus is the reason for the season," chanted Pastor Gore, as he shared the glorious Good News of Christ's birth in a story that never grows old in its telling and retelling.

Singers and residents shared all kinds of hugs and more hugs after the musical portion of the visit ended.

A final happy touch surfaced when two tiny toddlers slipped into a lovely room decorated especially for the young-at-heart residents. Under a glowing Christmas tree life-size elves and reindeer danced to entertain all beholders.

Little Calab Gore, age two, and Dillon Southerland, age two-and-one-half, rode straight for the fake snow and the mechanical toys and settled right down to play in a Fantasy Land created for these Glencare elders.

The entire evening became a delightful blend of young and old in the true spirit of Christmas and Christian love.

Rev. Tim Gore
Calvary Baptist Church

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH SINGERS of all ages visit Glencare Nursing Home in Warsaw each third Thursday of every month. Here the group sings "O Holy Night," as part of their heartwarming presentation of Christmas music.

"WE LOVE THIS FANTASY LAND!" little Dillon Southerland, age 2 1/2, and Calab Gore, age 2, seem to be saying as they play under the Glencare Nursing Home Christmas tree.
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Reception For New Preacher

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Calvary Baptist to Dedicate Sanctuary

Calvary Baptist Church of Warsaw will dedicate its new sanctuary to the Lord on Sunday, Jan. 27, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Pastor Timothy Gore said the new sanctuary will add room for 300 attendees and is the fulfillment of over 40 years of dreams and dedicated service.

“It will be a great day in the life of our church as we thank our God for all that He has done,” said Gore. “All are invited to come and celebrate with us.”
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH of Warsaw had a groundbreaking ceremony Sunday for its new sanctuary, which will be a freestanding building located next to the current church on Memorial Drive. Performing the ceremony with a golden shovel are charter members of Calvary: Marlene Starnes, Johnny Chestnutt, Bea Cook and Iska Killette. Construction was to start this week, with completion expected by late April 2002. (Photo courtesy of Earl Rouse)
New Minister in Warsaw; Reception Planned Sunday

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