Two churches have revivals

Revival services at Calvary Baptist Church are being held nightly at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Billy Deason, partially blind minister from Lancaster, S. C., is the evangelist.

Miss Myra Epting will be music director and soloist. The pastor, B. I. Epting, invites the public to attend.

Grace Baptist Church starts a week's revival Monday night at 7 p.m. with the Rev. M. O. Owens as the evangelist. The pastor is the Rev. Joe Campbell.
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Public Invited To Singing At Calvary Baptist

There will be special singing at Calvary Baptist Church in Catawba Heights on Saturday night, September 14, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Wilson family of Asheville will be the featured singers and the Rev. Henry Wright, pastor of the church, extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

Homecoming will be observed at the church on Sunday. After the worship service lunch will be spread at one p.m. and singing will follow the meal. All members former members and friends are invited.

Morehead City: Carteret Co. News-Times
Mount Airy News
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Mount Holly News
Mount Olive Tribune
Murfreesboro: Roanoke-Chowan News
Murphy: Cherokee Scout
Nashville Graphic
Newland: Avery Journal
Newton Observer & News-Enterprise
North Wilkesboro: Journal Patriot
Oxford Ledger
Pilot Mountain News
Pittsboro: Chatham Record
Plymouth: Roanoke Beacon
Raeford: News-Journal
Raleigh: Carolinian

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Worship Service
At Cavalry Baptist

There will be a Worship Service and Special Singing at the Cavalry Baptist Church at the corner of East Academy and South Pink St., Saturday night, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. The Rev. Bob Willis is the pastor and will bring the message. Special Gospel Singers from Greensboro and others will have charge of the singing. The public is invited to attend.

Chapel Hill Weekly
Charlotte: Mecklenburg Times
Cherryville Eagle
China Grove: S. Rowan Times
Clarkton: Southeastern Times
Clayton News
Clemmons Courier
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Calvary Baptist Church, 3001 S. York Rd., will hold revival services beginning Sunday at 7 p.m. and continuing through Friday at 7:30 p.m. daily. The final service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday. There will be no service on Saturday.

Guest evangelist for the week will be the Rev. Gerald Rhyne, pastor of Lebanon Baptist Church in Fayetteville. Music will be under the director of Miss LeMerle Alford.

A nursery will be available for small children.
NEW PASTOR

The Rev. Ward Burch began his new work as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church May 8. He came to Calvary from Rowland Springs Baptist Church, Cartersville, Ga. He is a former member of Sandy Plains Baptist Church where he was ordained. Married to the former Miss Alice Lee Hatton, they have a son, Scott, 4; and a daughter, Anita, 1½.
Homecoming dinner at the Calvary Baptist Church will be served in the church fellowship hall following the morning worship service on Sunday. The morning worship will be the first of six revival services conducted by the Rev. Johnny Enloe, pastor of the New Life Baptist Church in Stanley. Additional services will begin at 7:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.
The Calvary Baptist Church Evangelistic Team is conducting services each evening at 7:30 p.m. at Browntown Baptist Church. Services will be held through Sunday.

On Sunday the crusade will be climaxed with homecoming. Browntown has been an organized church for 15 years. The Rev. Robert Helton is pastor.

The Calvary Baptist Evangelistic Team is a group of dedicated Christian young people. They have been visiting in homes this week and providing the speakers and special music for each service.

A special part of the crusade will be Saturday night when speakers will be provided in the parking lot so people can attend without leaving their cars.
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BUILT WITH FAITH

Church to dedicate new building Sunday

By Lynn Wooten
Gazette Lifestyle Reporter

MOUNT HOLLY — About 18 months ago, parishioners at Calvary Baptist Church set its sights on a new building.

With the help of donations and hands-on work, the congregation succeeded with the goal. On Sunday, the congregation will dedicate the result of their hard work — a new church.

“We’re real proud of it,” the Rev. Jay Reeder said of the white structure that will hold its first worship session at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Calvary’s membership unanimously approved a suggestion by the Rev. Reeder 1½ years ago to construct a new church.

“That one’s falling in,” he said of the original, 50-year-old building near Belmont Abbey College.

Having worked in the construction business, the Rev. Reeder drew up architectural plans that called for a 3,500-square-foot building, including a sanctuary big enough to seat 140 parishioners, plus a choir.

Because the 40-member church only had about $3,000 in the bank, some members wondered if the project could become a reality. “They asked how we could build it, and I said with faith,” the Rev. Reeder said.

Church pastor, the Rev. Jay Reeder, who worked in the construction business, drew up the plans for Calvary Baptist Church’s new building.
With that, ground was broken on wooded acreage behind the first structure. The building went up through the efforts of the Rev. Reeder and other church members with construction know-how.

The results are striking: An airy sanctuary with large baptistry and seafoam green carpeting, Sunday school classrooms, a nursery and a church office.

All but $65,000 of the construction tab has been paid, the Rev. Reeder said. The balance on the $200,000 project was provided through donations.

Plans call for the original church to be torn down eventually, replaced by extra parking space.

A resident of Denver, the Rev. Reeder, has served as Calvary’s pastor for 14 years. This month, he marks his 36th year in the ministry.

Calvary’s new building is the fourth church the Rev. Reeder has helped build. And, he points out, it will be his last. At 72, he said, “This is it. I’m too old to build another church.”

Even so, the Rev. Reeder hopes Calvary will be looking at expansion plans within a couple of years.

**CHURCH DEDICATION:**
Calvary Baptist Church, 207 Louise Ave., Mount Holly, will dedicate its new church at 11 a.m. Sunday. A lunch, singing and open house follow.
Ministry seeking to inspire men to live like Christians

By KEN GARFIELD
Staff Writer

Ninety men in search of godliness learned Monday what can happen if they find it through Promise Keepers.

"The women have been calling and saying, 'What have you done to my husband? He's buying me flowers and candy and he wants private time with me,'" evangelist and former Marine Jim Bention told church leaders raring to sign up for the new Christian male-bonding movement coming to Charlotte.

"Today is monumental in my view," Bention declared at a Promise Keepers kickoff brunch featuring french toast and shouts of "Hallelujah!" "This is it, guys."

Fervor ran high for two hours Monday as preachers and lay leaders from some 60 churches rallied around a Colorado-based ministry designed to inspire men to live more like Christians.

Founded in 1990 by University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney, Promise Keepers is the new rage among many evangelical Christian churches.

Some, of course, question the fairness and/or value of one-gender movements. Responding to such criticism, one church leader jokingly labeled Monday's participants "dastardly chauvinists."

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Male bonding: Waddell Henderson (left), pastor of Weeping Willow AME Zion Church and Steve Rumley, pastor of First Baptist in Matthews talk at the Promise Keepers meeting Monday. Area preachers and lay leaders from about 60 churches attended the program.

Male-bonding ministry seeking to inspire men to live like Christians

Rally

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But there was no questioning the enthusiasm men brought to Monday’s meeting, no challenging the emotion Promise Keepers stirs in the hearts of many males.

Promise Keepers volunteer organizer Jeff Flowers played a video showing men weeping at a Promise Keepers rally last July that drew more than 50,000 to Folsom Stadium in Boulder, Colo.

“They’re not coming home macho,” declared McCartney, advising wives to stay up late to greet their changed men. “They’re coming home with hearts that are tender ... to start over.”

Engineer John Mendes of Charlotte stood up and told the group his wife cajoled him into attending the Promise Keepers rally in Colorado by paying his way. There in the spectacular Rockies, he found God and a new way to live.

“Being a man is not sitting idly by and letting your wife take the helm for you,” said Mendes, 37, who paid his own way to a second rally in Texas.

Putting his name on a Promise Keepers mailing list, the Rev. Bruce Pittman of Calvary Baptist Church in Gastonia said men need help dealing with sexual temptations.

Promise Keepers are asked to abide by seven promises, including a commitment to spiritual, moral, ethical and sexual purity.

“People may slam this as being anti-feminist, but it’s not at all,” said Pittman, 32. “I’ve found it’s easier to deal with some issues with just men.”

In a country club ballroom generally reserved for golfers and partygoers, white and black churchmen held hands, sang “Glory, Glory Lord” and took the first step on the path they believe leads to better men.

“Thank you, Jesus, thank you for this morning,” said Flowers, 47, a father of eight and associate head for development at Charlotte Country Day School. “God is moving among men like never before in Charlotte.

Seminar

More than a quarter-million men have attended national rallies for Promise Keepers so far this year. The nondenominational ministry has 9,000 Carolinians on its mailing list.

Some 1,100 men are expected to attend the next event in Charlotte — a two-day leadership seminar Nov. 18-19 at Victory Christian Center, 7224 Old Pineville Rd. Twenty-eight churches are co-hosting the conference. The cost is $25 in advance, $35 the day of the seminar. For more information, call (704) 821-9800 anytime.
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
GEORGE W. DAVIS, PASTOR
GASTONIA, N. C.

October 30, 1930.
South Gastonia, N. C.

History of Calvary Baptist Church

In February 1920, the Executive Committee of the Gaston County Baptist Association secured Reverend M. L. Barnes, of Mount Holly, to begin the Baptist work in South Gastonia. Mr. Barnes began his work the second Sunday in February, having only six present at the first meeting. Services were held in the old school building each afternoon, and, as a result the church was organized March 21, 1920 at 3 P. M.


The charter members were: W. P. Lee, W. A. Marley, Mrs. W. A. Marley R. J. and Mrs. R. J. Lyday, O. J. and Mrs. O. J. Lyday, J. O. and Mrs. J. O. Epps, Lula Hovis, Virginia Hovis, Earl Milling, C. A. and Mrs. C. A. Sparks, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Ray and Clyde Marley.

Rev. M. L. Barnes was unanimously called as first pastor and W. A. Marley as clerk, in which capacity he has served since the organization of the church.

A union Sunday School had been organized prior to the organization of the Calvary Baptist Church and continued to function until June 1921. As there was no other building available the Baptist attended this Sunday School and divided time into the use of the building with the Methodist. The Union Sunday School was not a success and discontinued its work as such; the Baptist took advantage of the opportunity to organize a Baptist Sunday School, which was done June 26, 1921.

Rev. Mr. Barnes continued as pastor until September 1, 1923, during which time great progress was made in every department of the church. It was during his pastorate that the church, the Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., and W. M. S. were organized; and the present building was erected and the membership increased to about two hundred.

Rev. T. P. Stanfield was the second pastor and began his work in October 1923. Great gains were made throughout the organization during this pastorate, the more notable of which were the increase in membership and the reduction of the church debt.

Rev. J. M. Trogdon accepted a call from the church November 22, 1925 and began his work in December. Under his leadership the church continued to grow and a parsonage was built. Mr. Trogdon resigned to accept work in another state.
Rev. George Davis became pastor May 13, 1928 and under his leadership the church continued to progress, the membership being considerably increased and a noted growth in Sunday School and Young People's work.

From a small beginning the church has grown to one of the leading churches in the county. The report to the Association showed that the church had on September 30, 1930, four hundred sixty-three members. A Sunday School with an enrollment of four hundred twenty-three and an average attendance of two hundred seventy-eight. Four B. Y. P. U.'s with a membership of one hundred nineteen. The value of the property is estimated at $23,000 and the last year budget was $5,650.10. This is a regime of ten years of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Signed W. A. Marley

Clerk.
Signs draw the curious to revival

By Lynn Wooten
Gazette Lifestyle Reporter

GASTONIA — When the Rev. Billy Graham preached in Charlotte last year, the Greater Gaston area was plastered with signs and bumper stickers declaring, “Good News Is Coming.”

Of course, the Rev. Graham’s crusade was jammed with people.

Now a Gastonia church has caught onto its own unique marketing notion with teasing signs that tout the church’s revival — if you can figure out what it means.

Yards and businesses throughout south Gastonia are displaying signs that ask the question, “Are you anchored?” But the signs don’t read exactly that way. Instead, the question is in more of a riddle format, using a drawing of an anchor in place of the word anchor so that it says, “R U (picture of anchor)’d?” It then offers the church’s phone number to call for more information.

Calvary Baptist Church used these signs to tout its revival.

“This is the first time we’ve tried anything like this,” says Leigh Anne Dockery, a revival volunteer and member of Calvary Baptist Church.

And it seems to be working. The mystery of the sign’s message has prompted a lot of inquisitiveness. “It’s piqued people’s curiosity,” Mrs. Dockery says. “They’ve never seen anything like this.”

As a result, interested residents are calling Calvary to find out what the sign and its message are all about.

The Anchor Holds Revival will feature...
Revival

Evangelist Robert Shaw of Rock Solid Ministries in Gastonia. He is expected to preach on whether people are anchored with their walk with the Lord, Mrs. Dockery says.

Each night, the revival will spotlight special music, which begins at 6:45 p.m., 15 minutes before the start of preaching.

Here’s a lineup:
- The men’s choir of Tabernacle Baptist Church
- Renew, a quartet from Calvary
- Destiny, an all-female quartet
- Soloist Becky Hyde-Smith

Mrs. Dockery says the church usually holds a revival each spring, but the signs are a first in terms of promoting one. Organizers hope the marketing ploy will help draw big crowds.

▶ Want to go? The Anchor Holds revival begins at 7 each night from Sunday-Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church, 3001 S. York Road, Gastonia. Special music performances begin 15 minutes earlier. For more information, call 865-8229.