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**Be joyful always;
pray continually;
give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in
Christ Jesus.**
~ 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Kid's Korner

We are in the midst of yet more change in the church hour children's ministries here at Calvary Baptist. If you volunteer in this ministry, you have seen many changes over the past year and a half and more is to come. We are planning for two specific changes that will come in September. First, we will implement a pager system (kind of like the ones at Olive Garden) that will enable workers to alert a parent that their child needs them. Second, we will start a Jr. Church program for 4+5 year olds in the first service. This is due to the fact that we consistently have more than 10 children in the 2-K class each Sunday. Splitting the 2-3 and 4-5 year olds will enable more effective teaching of the children. In September, the 4+5 year olds in the 8:30 service will be in the service for the singing and then exit to the kindergarten classroom with their teacher for their lesson.

All this change means more opportunities for you to serve. In the fall, we will need 4 volunteers for the baby nursery at the 8:30 service and 1-2 teens for the 2-K class in both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. If you wonder how you might be involved in this ministry, please contact Jennifer Rosario at 845-258-1142 or jerosario@optonline.net.

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Calvary Library Book Review -

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

Finding intimacy with God in the busyness of life

Joanna Weaver

Most of us have probably been there...desiring nothing more than to just sit at the Lord's feet, but find ourselves bogged down with the daily grind of our busy schedules. In this book, Joanna Weaver (a self-proclaimed "Martha"), provides a fresh take on a well-known story. She shares many of her own personal struggles as she has strived to spend less time in the "kitchen" (like Martha), and more time in the "living room" (like Mary).

Not that Martha is painted in a negative light, more so the beautiful qualities of both women are explored. Service is not a bad thing-- in fact it is essential—but where is our heart? Are we so overextended that we are serving resentfully instead of joyfully? Did we sit with the Lord and seek His counsel before committing to yet another ministry? Do we steal somebody else's blessing by stepping up for every opportunity? Feeling only we, and we alone, can handle it? When perhaps God is calling us to do something not so obvious, or comfortable. Maybe it doesn't even fall in the range of one of our "spiritual gifts". The point is we will never know unless we are sitting with the Lord and finding intimacy with Him first. When God is number one in our life and we surrender completely to His will, He will always lead us to something that we can do for Him joyfully. Perhaps in ways we never expected, while growing us greatly in the process.

Making room for the "Better Part" in our lives is not easy. The book is filled with creative strategies on how to balance work and worship, and how to serve joyfully, as well as some tips for inspired quiet times. Weaver also shares how she learned to cultivate gifts that did not come easy or naturally to her. A 12-week companion bible study is also included at the end of the book for those interested in going a little deeper.



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May 20, 2006 is a very important day. Two community wide events are taking place at the same time. It is my prayer that the whole family would be involved on May 20, 2006. We see women being fed by the Word, and men standing up for life and walking with their children!

*All for Jesus
Ladies' Brunch
Speaker: Sue DeVurst
From Warwick Assembly of
God
Topic: Life of Praise
Place Warwick Senior
Center
(behind police station)
Time: 9:30 to 12:00 noon
RSVP by May 10th
Pat DeSomma 986-4338
Sarah Lane 986-5218
Caret's Walk for Life
Time: 10AM*

*Registration is at
9:30AM
Place: Orange Heritage
Trailways, Goshen, NY.
[http://www.caretrockland.com/CareTeam
Rockland/Walk%20for%20Life.htm](http://www.caretrockland.com/CareTeamRockland/Walk%20for%20Life.htm)
If you cannot attend,
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time
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