

Calvary Family News

August 2020

Values to Live By

The on-going pandemic we are living through has had numerous effects on all of us. It's elicited at times things like fear, anxiety, anger, and frustration. But hopefully it hasn't all been negative. It has also kindled things like concern for others, compassion, generosity and love for our neighbor.

A danger we all face as this pandemic stretches out farther and farther is that those negative emotions we feel could easily begin to impact our relationships with one another. Not everyone sees things the same way. There is disagreement over whether to wear a mask or not. The seriousness of the virus is debated. Following or not following the government's mandates and a host of other things, are not agreed on by all.

It's important for us to remember that a value we hold to dearly, is a commitment to Loving One Another as Family. Jesus says in John 13:34-35, "*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*"

Don't miss the fact that we are commanded to Love! If we're commanded to love, then it must be something we can obey. The love God is commanding us to have for one another is agape love which is a love of the will. A volitional choice to treat others the way God treats us. It's an unconditional love.

Jesus said, "*By this all men will know that are you are My disciples if you have love for one another.*" The world is watching. News travels fast in Baker City. If we, as Paul says elsewhere, were to "*bite and devour one another*", our testimony would be damaged. Our effectiveness would be minimized.

For the sake of the reputation of Christ and His church, we don't want to fall short in our efforts to love. That doesn't mean we don't address any differences or problems we might have. Love doesn't ignore or sweep things under the carpet. What it does mean, is that we work through our differences, misunderstandings or conflicts God's way. And God's way is always in love and for the building up of the body.

We are a family! The family of God! And loving other family members, no matter what, is what family members do! The crazy times we are living in will not last forever. Let's get through them together and come out on the other end stronger and more committed to each other than ever before!

Pastor Dave Hoeffner



Jehovah Jirah - God Our Provider

When I was asked to share about a time I recalled God's provision, my first thought was how He provided for our financial needs as a young married couple heading back to Multnomah Bible College, with two young kids and a third due shortly after we got to Portland. And there is no doubt in my mind that God provided in many practical ways from the gleaning program to King's Kloset, for household items and clothing, as well as providing a job for Karl just as our bank account neared \$0.00.

But as I thought more and more about His provision, I was reminded of His fundamental provision for mankind; His redemptive work through the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures," (1 Corinthians 14:3-4, ESV). God's provision was to redeem me and restore me to a right relationship with Him that I might bring Him glory and honor and praise. Ephesians 2:8-10 reminds me that I am saved by God's grace to do His good works; and it is here that I find God's most abundant provision.

I recognize His provision in day to day events. Through my job and the opportunities to minister to the broken and hurting. When talking with friends and family and experiencing the Holy Spirit guiding the conversation and providing spiritual wisdom from His word. Or His providing opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ in very real and practical ways. I think of the visual reminders He provides that prompt me to pray for others. Or the provision of family and friends who hold me accountable for thoughts, words, and actions that do not glorify my Father in Heaven.

So, when I think of God's provision for me, I think of His redemptive and restorative work that enable me to be a vessel used for His glory to further His kingdom numerous times each day. And I think of how He provides the Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and teach me so that I might better serve and glorify Him. My prayer is that I will become increasingly aware of the opportunities He provides and more tuned into His Spirit so that I am able to preach the gospel in every situation.

Laurie Wittich

August Birthdays

1 Danielle Pierce
3 Jannet Hoeffner
10 Sharon McGuire
11 Gary Smith



15 Elora Emmons
15 Adena Rosin
17 Kevin Bernardy
21 Stephanie Mays

31 Chis Wittich

Our Church Library Corner

There are some great books in the Calvary Baptist Church Library. So, check it out!

I've been reading Charles Swindoll's book, "Hope Again." Do you need encouragement? Read from 1 Peter "The Old Fisherman's Letter". When we fear the worst, hope brings reminders that God is still in control. Lamentations 3:21-26 God's faithfulness is new every morning. The book "Hope Again" has 17 chapters on reasons to hope again and closes with a prayer, "Help us put it into practice what we have read."

Other books by Charles Swindoll that are in the library that I have read are--

- "Laugh Again" on joy and rejoicing 3:1 Philippians
- "Life of David" Shepherd Boy & King
- "David's Song Book" - Psalms

All books are easy reads and uplifting.

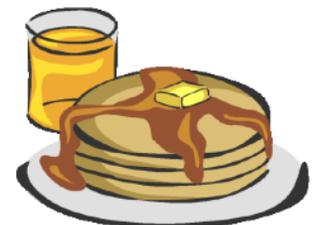
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Items for the September Newsletter are due Wednesday, August 26th, to Janice or the Church Office. We would LOVE to hear from you! Your Co-Editors, Janice Haskell & Tamera Pierce Thank You! If you have any ideas, comments or questions, please contact us.

Women's Monthly Breakfast

Every first Friday of the month ladies from Calvary Baptist and other churches meet together for breakfast and fellowship at the Truck Stop. However, since the COVID 19 came to town we had to suspend our time together. That was until this last month. Due to the inventive thinking of our organizers we were able to fellowship at any outdoor breakfast. Each one brought her own food and we had a socially distanced breakfast outside at the Pierce home. Our friend Ann, from the Nazarene church brought her guitar and we had a good sing. A neighbor came over and requested that we sing "God Bless America". It was good to be together again and enjoy each one's company. If you would like to attend our monthly breakfast contact Yvonne Hesseltine. (We will be following the guidelines in place at that time.)



Jonah Review

For the last 4 Sundays you have heard the book of Jonah read in our worship service. How much did you capture? Here is a little quiz to see how well you listened and retained the contents of Jonah.

1. Who was Jonah's father?
2. Where did Jonah run to trying to hide from God?
3. What did the ship's crew do after they threw Jonah overboard?
4. What was wrapped around Jonah's head inside the belly of the fish?
5. How large of a city was Nineveh?
6. Why was Jonah greatly displeased and angry?
7. Why did Jonah want to die?



The answers to these questions are found in the book of Jonah. You should know at least 4 of the answers. If not, it's time to read Jonah again.

Let's look forward to Women's Camp, September 17-19, 2021!

Women's Camp for 2020 has been cancelled due to lack of volunteers and concerns over the virus and its restrictions, but has been moved to September 17-19, 2021, LORD Willing!

Some of the items planned are: Special Speaker, Becky Stockton on "Back to Our Roots" via God's Word; 40 Days Worship Team, Sharon Carpenter, wife of late husband Marcus, will share; Lynne Franze, will host skits; Jo Murphy will share memories of her mom (Maybelle Sanderson) who led our camp choir for 20 years; Joe Wind Camp Elkanah Director, will share how God uses camp for His glory, and other things LORD Willing!



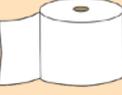
What to do while we are anticipating the fun next year in September? Please pray for God's direction, cooks and boldness, as we prepare for His glory! Because He Lives!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10a Worship & Children's Church	27	28 	29	30 5:30-6p Community Dinner BBQ Chicken 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery	31	1 
2 10a Worship & Children's Church	3 Friendship Day 	4	5	6 5:30-6p Community Dinner French Toast Casserole 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery	7 Homemade Pie Day 	8
9 10a Worship & Children's Church	10	11	12	13 5:30-6p Community Dinner Frito Pies 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery	14 	15 National Honey Bee Day 
16 10a Worship & Children's Church	17 	18	19	20 5:30-6p Community Dinner Baked Spaghetti 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery	21 	22
23 10a Worship & Children's Church	24	25	26 National Toilet Paper Day 	27 5:30-6p Community Dinner Various Delights 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery	28	29
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