

CALVARY FAMILY NEWS

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Values to Live By

Our Christian lives begin on the basis of grace through faith and we continue to live them on the basis of grace through faith. Dependent faith is an essential aspect of Christianity and something we highly value here at CBC. God calls us to believe and trust in Him at every point in our lives.

The author of Hebrews says in **Hebrews 11:1**, **“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for...”** Faith provides the firm ground on which we stand, waiting for the assurance of the fulfillment of God’s promises. Faith believes God and banks on it. It’s the assurance that what is promised has essence, content, and reality. If you really believe that the future God has for you is for real, then you’ll wait patiently for it.

It’s also **“...the conviction of things not seen.”** Faith is the conviction that the unseen exists. This phrase goes further than the first by implying action. This is banking your life on your hope. Faith is living on the basis of things not seen. Faith in the first phrase of Hebrews 11:1 actualizes a future truth; in the second phrase it commits a life to it.

Take the example of Noah for instance: God said it would rain and Noah believed God even though he had never seen rain before. That which God had promised became a reality to him because he believed God. But he didn’t stop there - he spent the next 120 years building a boat. Faith believes and then acts.

To the unbelieving world, to be able to bank your life on some invisible, spiritual, future belief, looks like the most preposterous thing imaginable. But dependent faith isn’t based upon a whim. It’s grounded in God’s acts in creation and history and in His infallible and verifiable revelation through His Word and in His Son.

The OT saints who lived and died by faith had very good reason for trusting in the unseen promises of God. God had demonstrated a very impressive track record over time of His power, sovereignty and trustworthiness. They could believe God for the future because they saw His acts in the present and in the past.

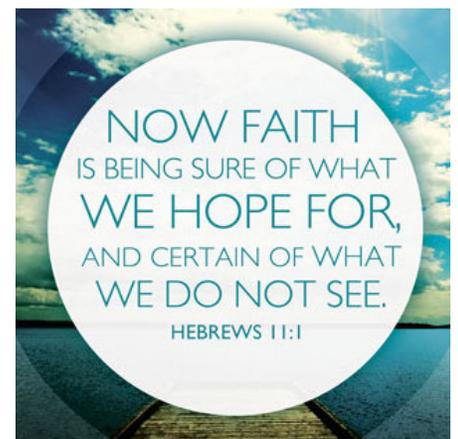
As we seek to walk by faith before God as a church, we can do so with great confidence because of God’s track record over time of His power, sovereignty and trustworthiness.

God has promised that He will bless us, use us and provide for us. Faith - believes those promises to be true and steps out and walks before God in obedience to His will and ways made known to us in His Word. May our desire be to grow into a people who continually and increasingly, simply take God at His Word!

Pastor Dave Hoeffner

February Birthdays

- 16 Jewel Boucher
- 24 Cheri Smith
- 25 Yvonne Hesseltine



Prayer for Our Pastors

If we are honest with ourselves, we have all thought or said at some time or another something along the lines of, “So-and-so is really going to need a lot of prayer.” It is entirely right that we acknowledge that our brothers and sisters who have more noticeable weaknesses have a great need for our prayers. On the other hand, however, those to whom God has given the most gifts and graces are also greatly in need of our prayers. Contrary to what some might suppose, ministers of the gospel desperately need the prayers of the saints.

Pastors need the saints’ prayers because they are ever the object of the flaming arrows of the evil one. In addition, the world is eager to run them over at any opportunity. Sadly, this is even a reality for pastors within the context of the local church.

With so much opposition and difficulty within and without, pastors constantly need the people of God to be praying for them.

Here are five straightforward scriptural categories of prayer for our pastors.

1. Pray for their spiritual protection from the world, the flesh, and the devil.
2. Pray for their deliverance from the physical attacks of the world and the devil.
3. Pray for doors to be opened to them for the spread of the gospel.
4. Pray that they might have boldness and power to preach the gospel.
5. Pray that they might have a spirit of wisdom and understanding.

(Edited from an article by Nicholas Batzig, Ligonier Ministries)

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Who is this Calvary Classic?

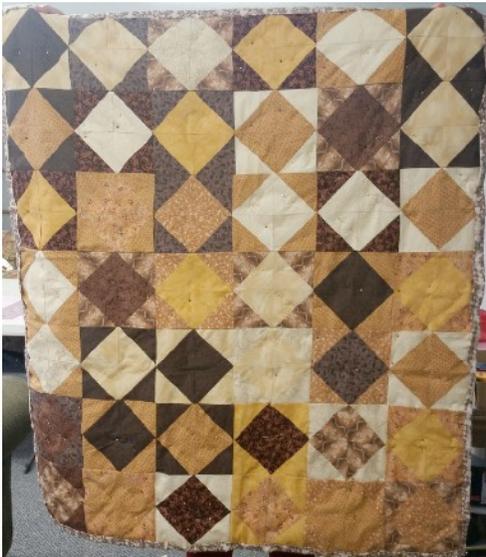
This month's Classic is a local girl, born in Baker City and raised in North Powder. She came to the Lord at age 16 by the help of a high school teacher who helped her understand that though she had a head knowledge of Christ what she needed was a heart knowledge of Him.

Before her marriage at age 29, she was able to bike across France and also attended the University of Portland and there gained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. She served 25 years as an RN in La Grande and Coos Bay. She and her husband have 5 children. Her hobbies are knitting, crocheting, sewing and she is an avid reader.

Her favorite scripture passage is **Romans 8:38-39** ***“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

Who is this Calvary Classic? See Page 3 for the identity of this mysterious lady.

What are those Community Crafters up to on Saturday mornings in the Youth Room, from 9 am until noon?



Here are two quilts that were worked on Saturday Morning.



Some of the completed Dresses for Girls in other countries.

We don't have pictures of all of the other projects have been done, such as the quilt that is in the design phase now, a bathrobe, finishing up Christmas Stocking to be hung on the mantle, more than one weighted blanket, and other quilts and dresses. I am going to bring something to work on that my husband appreciates...his socks to darn. I have done them for years, but lately have let them pile up and its time to tackle them. They are not as exciting as new dresses, quilts or blankets, but definitely will help me get that ordinary task done for my home. What project have you been putting off that you could come and work on Saturday Mornings and visit with us, or just come and enjoy the fellowship?

Submitted by Tamera Pierce

*Our Calvary Classic for February is...
La Donna Haefer.*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church 1st Q Business Mtg	27	28 10a Small Group @ Shumway's	29	30 5:30 - 6:15pm Community Dinner 6:15pm Celebrate Recovery	31  Men's Equipping Retreat at Camp Elkanah	1 9a-Noon. Communing Crafters @ Youth Room
2 9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church Soup & Bread Luncheon 	3	4 10a Small Group @ Shumway's	5	6 5:30 - 6:15pm Community Dinner 6:15pm Celebrate Recovery	7	8 9a-Noon. Communing Crafters @ Youth Room
9 9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church	10	11 10a Small Group @ Shumway's	12	13 5:30 - 6:15pm Community Dinner 6:15pm Celebrate Recovery	14 Valentines Day 	15 9a-Noon. Communing Crafters @ Youth Room
16 9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church Classics Valentine Lunch	17 President's Day	18 10a Small Group @ Shumway's	19	20 5:30 - 6:15pm Community Dinner 6:15pm Celebrate Recovery	21	22 9a-Noon. Communing Crafters @ Youth Room
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