

Calvary Family Newsletter

January 2023



New Year's Prayer

Happy New Year! As we kick off 2023 I just want to encourage you all with the words that Paul wrote to the Church at Thessalonica: **16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

As we have been studying John on Sunday mornings, one thing keeps up concerning the Pharisees who opposed Jesus. They believed that the way to a proper relationship with God was to painstakingly follow every little rule and impress Him by how miserable they were. Jesus showed them (and us) over and over again that the way to peace with the Lord is through love and forgiveness: His forgiveness of our sins and our forgiveness of one another (Remember the first part of the GC3; Love God, Love People).

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul gave the Church the instructions above to explain the true way to be in the will of God. First, be happy in the circumstances the Lord has put you in. They may not always be pleasant, and yes, sometimes tragedy strikes, but we can always rest in the knowledge that the Lord is in control and is working to bring all things together for good. Second, be in constant communication with God. He is always there with us and we need to keep that in mind and act like we know it is true. Lastly, think about where you are and where you would be with Christ and thank the Lord for all He had done in each of our lives.

That is my prayer for all of us in this new year. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

In His Love,
Pastor Karl



- 1 **Erelah Rosin**
Leah Reid
Allen Miller
- 5 **Chris Ralston**
- 6 **LaDonna Haefer**
Brent Ralston
- 8 **Chris Mays**
- 13 **Randy Damschen**
- 14 **Angela Emmons**
- 15 **Jim Demastus**
- 21 **Matt Rosin**





February Newsletter Items are Due to the Church Office or Janice, on Tuesday January 25th. We would be delighted to spread the word on something upcoming in your life with our church family.



A Note From Cleta...

After the Calvary Baptist carolers visited Cleta and Joe Sword, Cleta sent us this message she received in a Christmas card:

The older you get the more you realize
 You have no desire for drama, conflict or stress.
 You just want a cozy home, food on the table
 and to be surrounded by kind people who make you happy.

She thanks us for being those kind people who surround her.

Happy New Year to All!

2023 – A Year of Peace

2023 a Year of peace? That sounds like an oxymoron. Predictions for 2023 are not bright. We have possible wars on three fronts, talk of food shortages and famine, high inflation, and problems with the distribution of goods. Not forgetting, the cultural changes with the confusion of wrong and right.

O, not a year of peace for the world, but a year of peace for the followers of Christ! Jesus tells us in **John 14** *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Let not your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid... I am coming back to you.”*

One of my favorite hymns that I often sing when times seem rough is, *Be still, my Soul*.



Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 Leave to thy God to order and provide;
 In every change He faithful will remain.
 Be still my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
 Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: they God doth undertake
 To guide the future as He has the past.
 Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake:
 All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still my soul: the waves and winds still know
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
 When we shall be forever with the Lord,
 When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
 Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
 All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.
 ~Katharina von Schlegel~

The words that speak to me the most are: Leave to thy God to order and provide; In every change He faithful will remain. May this be our soul's sustenance in 2023.

JMH

Men's Breakfast and Workday

Men of Calvary, please mark your calendar for the morning of Saturday, **January 21st**. We will be meeting together at 7:30am for our monthly Men's Breakfast, a time for food, fun, fellowship and foundation building from the Word of God. After breakfast we invite you to stick around for phase two of our three part adventure in replacing the windows in the Church office. We will be trimming out the interior of the windows because it is too cold and I'm too frail to do the exterior in the middle of the winter. It shouldn't take long as many hands make for light work and we will have in our company many master craftsmen. Hope to see you there!

KW



Hook Line & Sinker...

is the category of items we are to fill a Basket with, for Northeast Oregon Compassion Center Banquet and Silent Auction.

Fisher's of Men is this year's theme and will be held Saturday, February 3, at 6 pm. The Office would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions, and help on filling this basket for the fundraiser to have auctioned off to help support their programs. Give Tamera a call and give her your ideas and how you can help.



And a Good Time was had by All

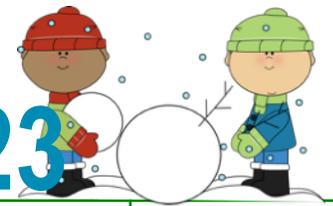
(As far as I know =)

Our East Coast New Year's Eve and Third (hopefully) More Than Annual Calvary Baptist Church Cornhole Championship Tournament (also known as the M.T.A.C.B.C.C.C.T) was a rousing success again this year. About twenty hardy souls stayed up clear until 9 PM to watch the ball drop in the Big Apple. Before that there was a mountain of food to conquer, Five Crowns (a card game) to be fought over, and a Cornhole Tournament for the ages. Wade Christensen was voted (by me) the men's division Player of the New Year as he was on the winning team of every game the guys played. He was awarded with an approving "way to go" by his defeated foes. I'm not sure what happened with the ladies division since I was too busy trying to throw a beanbag into a circle cut out of a piece of plywood. We also used the time as an impromptu farewell party for Crystal Pierce complete with a gluten full cake that she couldn't eat (sorry Crystal, I forgot). It was a great time of fun and fellowship and I'm looking forward to a repeat performance next year. KW





JANUARY 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11a -1pm Serving at Senior Center</p> <p>10a Women's Bible Study in Browning Hall</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:30a-12:30p Lunchtime Bible Study At Yvonne's</p> <p>5:30p Prayer & Meal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5-6p Free Community Dinner: Chicken, Green Beans & Salad!</p> <p>6p Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am Ladies First Friday at Truck Corral</p> 	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6-7:30p BTU Browning Hall</p> <p>6p Men's Bible Study</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>10a Women's Bible Study in Browning Hall</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:30a-12:30p Lunchtime Bible Study At Yvonne's</p> <p>5:30p Prayer & Meal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5-6p Free Community Dinner: Soup Salad & Rolls!</p> <p>6p Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11a-3p Camp Elkanah Staff Reunion In Browning Hall</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church</p>	<p>16</p> <p>MLK DAY</p> <p>6p Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6-7:30p BTU Browning Hall</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10a Women's Bible Study in Browning Hall</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:30a-12:30p Lunchtime Bible Study At Yvonne's</p> <p>5:30p Prayer & Meal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5-6p Free Community Dinner: Something Delicious!</p> <p>6p Celebrate Recovery</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:30a Men's Breakfast & Workday</p> 
<p>22</p> <p>9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6p Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6-7:30p BTU Browning Hall</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10a Women's Bible Study in Browning Hall</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:30a-12:30p Lunchtime Bible Study At Yvonne's</p> <p>5:30p Prayer & Meal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5-6p Free Community Dinner: Spaghetti, Gr Beans & Bread</p> <p>6p Celebrate Recovery</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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