

Calvary Family News

A Word from Our Pastor Dave Hoeffner

Values to Live By

As we begin a new year I'd like to highlight each month one of the Values that we hold to be essential for the health, growth and effectiveness of Calvary Baptist. These are not new to you as we have been presenting them each Sunday for the past several months, but their importance makes repeating them as often as possible a priority.

What better place to start the new year than with highlighting the goal of the Christian life? The goal of the Christian life is for each of us to be conformed more and more with each passing day, into the image of Jesus Christ. Therefore, Growing in Christ Likeness is something we value highly.

Paul writes in 2 Cor 3:18, ***But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.***

That transformation into Christ's likeness comes as we are beholding the glory of Christ. Just as Moses face shone with the glory of God after being in His presence, so we too shine with the glory of Christ as we spend time in His presence. And time spent in the presence of Christ will produce change from one degree of glory to another over time.

We behold Christ and therefore grow in Christ likeness not so much by what we do, but by beholding Him as we spend time in His Word, as we come before Him in listening prayer and as we allow His Spirit who indwells us to direct us and change us through the Word and prayer.

Sometimes, our desire to serve Christ can keep us from beholding Christ because we find it's easier or more natural to do something, than to simply behold. There is no fast track or short cut to being like Christ. For all of us, it's a life long process of drawing near to Him and being changed by Him as we behold Him and therefore come to know Him in a deeper and more profound way.

May our hearts desire for the new year be to take the time and behold our Savior so we can become like Him in an ever increasing way. As we do, our lives will give testimony to His glorious grace and goodness with the result that others will be drawn to Him as well.

Pastor Dave Hoeffner

January Birthdays

- 1** **Erelah Rosin**
- 5** **Chris Ralston**
- 5** **LaDonna Haefer**
- 8** **Chris Mays**
- 13** **Randy Damischen**
- 14** **Angela Emmons**
- 21** **Matt Rosin**



The Importance of a Vehicle in Missionary Work

Sometimes we look at vehicles that missionaries pray about and ask for as a luxury. Some of our supporters don't have as nice a vehicle as the one we'll receive. I want to share with you some of the reasons why my Ford Escape has been an answer to my prayers, and how it has blessed others in ways I would never have imagined.

- It has carried me across the border numerous time to my family in Oregon and then back home to Mexico.
- Weekly it makes numerous trips to the city taking myself, students and co-workers to attend a local church, to teach a Bible class or to take us out to lunch to enjoy some fellowship outside the classroom.
- It has taken friends to chemotherapy treatments, pregnant mothers to to their doctor appointments, or sick students to the doctor. It's been used to bring an Indian lady from the mountains to the city to get her kidneys checked. It has helped us make part of a trip to a dental clinic in an Indian village.
- One time it was able to fit perfectly a Ford truck leaf spring (the one that needs two people to carry because of it's weight and length). Once the part made it to the city it was flown to a village so a missionary could fix his truck and bring his family out of the tribe for a needed break.
- It is used to take students to villages to see if cross-cultural missions are for them.
- On more than one occasion it has transported kids to or from school, a soccer game, or a social event.
- It's brought college students "home" to see their parents, taken numerous trips to the Chihuahua International airport to pick up visitors, family, friend or other missionaries.
- It was used to bring urgent medical supplies to the missionaries in the city and villages.
- It has carried birthday and Christmas presents to the airport to be flown to co-workers who live in a remote mountain village.
- It has carried important computers for missionaries and schools, school curriculum, Bibles, books for our Bible schools all safely across the border.
- It has carried tables, propane gas tanks, tires, supplies, wedding and graduation cakes and even my neighbor's dogs. It has taken tribal missionaries around the city for supply shopping.
- Many, many miles have been driven giving rides to friends, students, co-workers. It is very rare for me to derive to the city all by myself.
- And for me, it has been an awesome vehicle to pray in, cry in, laugh in, and a way to be a blessing to others. It's a place where discipleship happens.

These missionary vehicles, however luxurious, basic, or somewhere in between, help us 100% with our ministry responsibilities. Our vehicles really do help us accomplish so much here in Mexico and all around the world.

(excerpt from November prayer letter from Crystal Pierce)



Book Review

The church library is alive and well again. Think about it: curling up with a good book, seated in a comfortable easy chair, the evening warmth all around...hey, no tablet can match that.

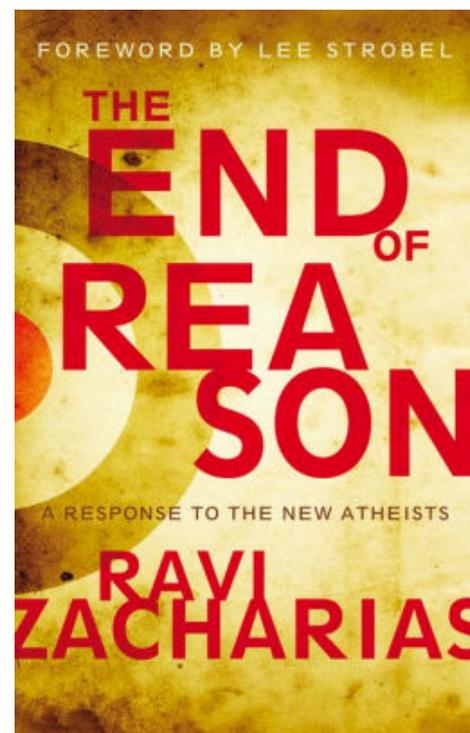
Our first review is over a smaller book entitled The End of Reason, written by Ravi Zacharias. It's about the new atheism or as some have said "militant atheism." This book, (published in 2008) is like a letter of the New Testament which speaks to the readers as an interested group who are engaged in the subject matter, that is, it's important to them. The themes discussed are thoroughly modern (ie abortion, cloning, etc.). Think of a group of people who together have a list of questions they want answers for when they get to heaven. This list is a mix of traditional categories and new ones, from the sciences to the general humanities.

It's a smaller volume. From the "Forward" by Lee Strobel, a popular evangelical apologist, on to the beginning of "Notes" is only 127 pages. In the forward this is what Strobel says of the author:

"Ravi is thoroughly conversant with the evidence for Christianity.

In this book, he doesn't just refute Harris, but he also builds an affirmative case for the existence of God.

Despite the protestations of Harris, Dawkins, Hitchens and their ilk, this (Christianity) is where truth resides. There are no answers in atheism."



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He is Coming Again

There is a four hundred year silence from heaven between the Old and New Testaments. God did not speak, prophets ceased, and no angel messengers came to man. While God was silent, the sons of Abraham practiced their religion, they had no expectations, no anticipation, even the prophecies of the messiah in Isaiah, Jeremiah, Micah, David, Daniel became mute as false messiahs appeared. Then in the blink of an eye, God came into the world and the Son of God, Emmanuel (God, with Us), the Savior, the Christ was born in Bethlehem. The Temple and synagogues had been lulled into a sleep, no longer looking for the Lord. So it was a shock when Zachariah, the high priest heard from an angel in the Holy of Holies and was told He would have a son and to name him John. Zachariah's unbelief was the norm, God had been silent for four hundred years, and no angelic messengers had come either. Now, suddenly there was one in the Temple talking to him. Elsewhere, in Nazareth, a woman, a virgin, an ordinary girl who revered the Lord had an angel appear to her, telling her, "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.". Suddenly after a silence of four centuries, the anointed One, the Christ comes into the world! But many did not believe.

Now, think about the times we live in. A silence has crept over our sanctuaries, revival is happening in the wider world, but in America Humanism, Globalism, Consumerism, Atheism, and Liberalism has taken hold. In our country the Millennial generation is the first to hold fewer Christian convictions than its predecessors.

It is time for us to study the Scriptures and know all the End Times sections. We need to know Christ and keep watch for His Second Coming. The religious elite of the day missed Emmanuel's first coming and only a few (the wise men) knew the meaning of the Star of Bethlehem. While all will see Jesus coming in the sky, only a few, His church, will understand what is happening and not be afraid. We will be filled with hope The writers of the New Testament never missed a chance to mention His 2nd coming, as well, either in warning or encouragement.

As a church will we be keeping watch, anticipating and talking about the signs of His coming.

Robert and Janice Haskell





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church	23	24 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service 	25 Christmas Day	26 5:30-6:15p Community Dinner	27	28 9a-Noon Community Crafters in Youth Room
29 9a Sunday School 10a Worship <i>NO Children's Church</i>	30 	31	1 New Year's Day	2 5:30-6:15p Community Dinner 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery	3	4 9a-Noon Community Crafters in Youth Room
5 9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church	6	7 10am Small Group @ Shumway's	8 	9 5:30- 6:15p Community Dinner 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery	10	11 9a-Noon Community Crafters in Youth Room
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