

# Calvary Family News

January 2021



## 2020 Hindsight The Year in Review

2020 is a year that most of us will never forget, no matter how hard we try. While it has been difficult in many ways, as I look back, I see God working in many ways in my life and the life of Calvary Baptist Church. It all started back in March while Laurie and I were at the CB Northwest Annual Enrichment Conference in Seaside. After the last session on Wednesday a group of us from the Blue Mountains went out to eat and I watched on TV as the NBA started cancelling basketball games because one of the players tested positive for Covid-19. I didn't think much of it and we drove home the next day. I went to work at the store on Friday and it was just plain crazy as people came in panic shopping. That was the highest sales day the store has ever had. (I think I said and heard the words "toilet paper" more in March and April than the rest of my life combined).

At church we had to scramble as "in person" church services were suspended, but we were able to figure out how to live stream our services so that we could still meet together even though we were apart. We also recorded the services on DVDs and I enjoyed cruising around town on Sunday afternoons delivering them to folks who didn't have internet access. I believe we have been blessed in many ways. As a small congregation in a big building we have been able to get back together and do church when many are still not able to, and I am thrilled to be able to see y'all on Sunday mornings.

Obviously, the biggest change for me is the reason I am writing this from the church office and not at my house. I want to thank all of you for your support, spiritual, and emotional, as well as financial, giving me a lot more time to work as an undershepherd of Jesus Christ to help build us the body to do the work of the ministry.

Here's to looking forward to 2021. I'm excited to see where the Lord will be taking us this year.

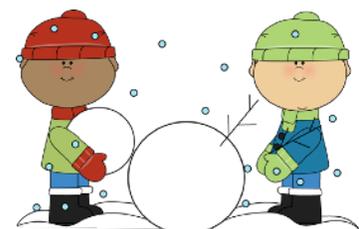
Serving Him,

**Pastor Karl**



### January Birthdays

- 1 Erelah Rosin**
- 5 Chris Ralston**
- 6 Brent Ralston**
- 6 LaDonna Haefner**
- 8 Chris Mays**
- 12 Randy Damschen**
- 13 Angela Emmons**
- 21 Matt Rosin**





## A Few Missionary Greetings...

A Christmas gift of devotions about keeping Christmas Simple can be found at [worldventure.com/simple-christmas](http://worldventure.com/simple-christmas).

**Glenn & Teo & Derek Urquhart, UIM, Mexico**, have traveling plans for next year hopefully. In January they plan to visit the UIM Hispanic field director in McAllen Texas, February a UIM Mexico field conference, March to Arizona UIM Headquarters, & Nevada Family reunion, then in April in Oregon to visit Baker and other churches until July and head home to start classes in August! Derek will continue his homeschooling in their travels and Glenn may do the Minor Prophets Class via Zoom.



**Ben & Carla Morrison, Ethnos 360, Missouri**, share that life at EBI has been very challenging this year, but the Lord has been faithful. They thankfully did not have to close the school at any time, despite the many COVID19 cases that they had, including Nate, Syd and Ben Morrison.

A BIG praise is that 5 people groups will be rejoicing in our Saviors Birth for the first time this year based on the collective efforts of you all and Ethnos 360. Let us know how we can be praying for you. We love you and hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas. -The Morrison Family

The Morrisons are also sharing their secret fudge recipe this year with us, here it is:



### **Christmas Fudge Recipe**

4 1/2 Cups of Sugar, 1/2 Teaspoon of Salt, 1 Large Can of Evaporated Milk, 1/2 Cup of Butter, 1 Pint Marshmallow Cream 16 oz, 3 Bags of Chocolate Chips 6oz.

Boil Milk, Salt and Sugar 8 minutes. Bring to full rolling boil. Add Melted Butter remove from stove, Add Marshmallow Cream and Chocolate Chips. Beat until creamy, Add Nuts and Vanilla (1 Teaspoon Vanilla) pour into buttered pan 13x9. Makes 5 lbs. let cool and slice into pieces.

**Christmas Devotional Thought:** The Birth of our Savior brought much joy and anticipation to so many and then there was a 30 year gap until Jesus was proclaimed, “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” by John the Baptist. It is hard to imagine what took place in Jesus life and in the lives of those who heard the stories of His birth in that gap of 30 years since very little is written of that time. It seems even Jesus’s brothers and sisters struggled to believe Him to be the long awaited Messiah. History tells us at that time messianic expectations were high in Israel and there were many that were offering themselves as false messiahs. Much confusion and doubt had occurred from the time of unequivocal clarity 30 years prior given by Gabriel, Elizabeth, Mary, Angels, the shepherds, the wisemen, Simeon and Anna. Although the people felt confused and some doubted the timing for the Ministry of Christ was masterfully planned.

As I have pondered this thought I can’t help but to think of 2020. We, similar to those in Christ’s day, have been dealing with, confusion, uncertainty, struggle and doubt, yet we can live with unequivocal clarity as well since we know that God has a masterful plan for all of us in 2021, allowing us to be able to look to the future with confidence. Happy New Year!!!! (Ben Morrison)

*If you would enjoy receiving copies either paper or email, of the missionary letters, please let Tamera know.*



## Be Still, My Soul

The formation of "Be Still, My Soul" as it appears in our hymnal covers three countries – Germany, Scotland, and Finland – and well over 100 years. Little is known about the author of this hymn, Katharina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel, born in 1697. She is thought to be the leading female hymn writer of her time. The hymn comes to us via a translation by Jane L. Borthwick (1813-1897), a member of the Free Church of Scotland. Borthwick brought many of the riches of German hymn heritage to the English language. This is a hymn written long ago whose truths and encouragement still speak to us today.

Be still, my soul: The Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently thy 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: thy 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,  
Sorrows 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.

—Janice Haskell

**Our First Quarter Business Meeting will be Sunday, January 17th, right after our Worship**



**February Newsletter Items Due Tuesday, January 26, at 10am to the Office or to Janice. Thanks!**

**Please contact the Co-Editors, Janice Haskell and Tamera Pierce, for any feedback, ideas, or submissions. Thank you!**





## Know Your Bible—Read Your Bible

Our new year of 2021 will probably be similar to 2020. We need encouragement. We need the mind of Christ. How do we get those things our hearts need and desire. It is by reading and knowing your Bible. My husband, in his humor, likes to give his opinion of books he has never read. (Example: Gone with the Wind, one of my favorites. He has never read it but has a definite opinion about it.) Know your Bible. Know what it says and what it does not say. The way to do that is to read it!

I owe my continuous reading of the scriptures to the practice of setting a goal for the year. For several years that goal was to read the whole Bible in one year. Last year it was to read the N.T. through 3 times. Setting a goal makes getting into your Bible easier. Those who are disciplined enough to read their Bibles everyday are blessed. But this doesn't work for everyone. Many start out with good intentions but then miss a few days and get behind and then give up. With a reading goal you always know where to read. After 3 months you should have finished 1/4 of your goal; after 6 months you should be half way there, and so on. Here are a few tips for Bible reading



\*Set a goal for the year (or half a year, etc.) Keep that goal!



\*Read a whole book at one time or in a certain set time.  
The books weren't written in pieces. Read a book as a whole.

\*Use a different translation than the one you usually use.  
There are Bibles that are specifically designed to read in one year.

\*Anne Popa says she is helped by reading and listening to the word being read at the same time.  
This helps with your consecration and absorption.

\*Keep setting reading goals for yourself. If you need more time – take it, but finish your goal.

At a small group last year we took as our theme song, “In Times like these You Need the Bible”. If you choose to set a goal of Bible reading for 2021, let the editors know so we can encourage each other in this important task.—*Janice Haskell*



**Women's Tuesday Morning Bible  
Study will begin on  
January 12th, at 10 am.**

**Teacher: Janice Haskell**

**Subject: The Book of Genesis**

**Place: Browning Hall**






# JANUARY 2021



| Sunday  | Monday                              | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday                     | Saturday |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--|----------------------------|----------|
| 27<br>9am Adult Sunday School<br><br>10a Worship & Children's Church & Nursery                                    | 28                                  | 29      | 30        | 31<br>5:30-6:00pm Community Dinner:<br><b>Spaghetti, Green Beans &amp; Garlic Bread!</b><br><b>No Celebrate Recovery</b> | 1<br><i>New Year's Day</i> | 2        |
| 3<br>9am Adult Sunday School<br><br>10a Worship & Children's Church & Nursery                                     | 4                                   | 5       | 6         | 7<br>5:30-6:00 pm Community Dinner: <b>Soup &amp; Roll!</b><br>6:15pm Celebrate Recovery                                 | 8                          | 9        |
| 10<br>9am Adult Sunday School<br><br>10a Worship & Children's Church & Nursery                                    | 11                                  | 12      | 13        | 14<br>5:30-6:00 pm Community Dinner: <b>John Wayne Casserole</b><br>6:15pm Celebrate Recovery                            | 15                         | 16       |
| 17<br>9am Adult Sunday School<br>10a Worship & Children's Church & Nursery<br><b>1st Quarter Business Meeting</b> | 18<br><b>Martin Luther King Day</b> | 19      | 20        | 21<br>5:30-6:00 pm Community Dinner:<br><b>Leftovers!</b><br>6:15pm Celebrate Recovery                                   | 22                         | 23       |
| 24<br>9am Adult Sunday School<br><br>10a Worship & Children's Church & Nursery                                    | 25                                  | 26      | 27        | 28<br>5:30-6:00 pm Community Dinner: <b>Bagel/ French Bread Pizzas!</b><br>6:15pm Celebrate Recovery                     | 29                         | 30       |
| 31<br>10am Sunday School<br><br>10a Worship <u>NO Children's Church</u>   | 1                                   | 2       | 3         | 4<br>5:30-6:00 pm Community Dinner: <b>Tacos!</b><br>6:15pm Celebrate Recovery   | 5                          | 6        |

