

Calvary Family News

November 2021



It's Been a Year...

I like milestones. Holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, and basically any excuse to get together and remember things that have happened and celebrate what God has allowed us to experience in our lives. (As I'm writing this, my phone just reminded me it's my daughter Jessie's second anniversary) . For me, it is good to use those times to reflect on what has taken place since the cause of the milestone and see how things have changed and what I have learned.

All that said, November 1st will be the one-year anniversary of my stepping into the position of pastor at Calvary Baptist Church. In some ways it feels like the last year has flown by and in others like November 2020 was forever ago. So now you get to read while I ramble on about what the Lord has taught me in the last year.

I've learned a lot about myself. I was looking forward to having the opportunity, for the first time in my life, to do most of the preaching. It turns out I enjoy it more than I thought I would. It is a joy to have more time to study the text and to be able to build on what we learned last week as I prepare for the next week. It has amazed me to see how God's Word fits together around the theme of Jesus, who He is, what He has done, and how we need to respond to Him.

The other thing I am excited about is how much our church family has grown closer over the last year. I love hearing about how people are helping out one another and checking up on folks they haven't seen for a while. Doing the things that families do is a great way to show our love for the Lord by loving on His people.

To wrap this up, thanks for the privilege of being able to serve y'all, and thanks for jumping in and serving alongside us all. I'm looking forward (Lord willing) to many years of fruitful service with our church family.

Serving Him,
Pastor Karl

November Birthdays

- 5 **Katie Zinn**
- 8 **Bill Yeager**
- 11 **Hannah Ralston**
- 13 **Jim Evarts**
- 16 **Dana Densley**
- 20 **Ash (Tasha) Vogt**
- 20 **Dennis Wright**
- 25 **Ben Morrison**



**Remember to Set your
Clocks Back Saturday,
November 6th,
Daylight Savings Time
Ends!**

Off the Shelf...

I have read, and recommend two more good books from our church library, Volumes One and Two of *The Attributes of God*, by A. W. Tozer. Each chapter in these books, is a sermon given by Tozer as he preached on “Journeys into the Father's Heart”, a total of 20 chapters teaching about the attributes of God.

Psalm 36:5 Your love reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness reaches to the heavens,
Your righteousness reaches to the heavens,
Your justice reaches to the heavens.

So, sing with me
How great, how great is our God.

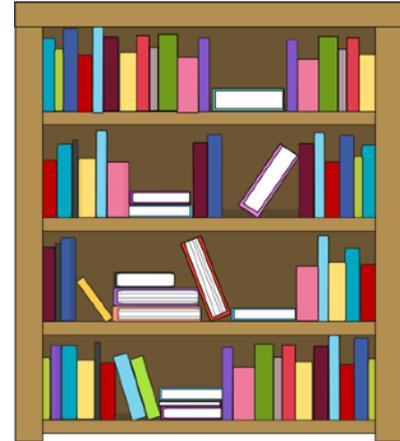
By **Cleta Sword**

Who was A. W. Tozer?

Adien Wilson Tozer, born in rural Pennsylvania, was only 17 when the Lord found him and changed his life. He became a preacher and author with a true heart for God. After his ordination at 20, he retreated to a quiet place in the woods and prayed what he later wrote down and titled, “The Prayer of a Minor Prophet,” in which he asked God for a vision and faithfulness to complete it. He was known as a man of prayer. God granted him that prayer. What Tozer gained from his studies and prayer he turned into books, his most well-known being *The Pursuit of God*. Tozer died in 1963.

His simple epitaph reads: “A. W. Tozer – A Man Of God”

In life and after his death, Tozer was regarded by many as a modern-day prophet.



Janice Haskell

CoVenture is Coming to Eastern Oregon...

What is CoVenture, you may ask? I'm glad you did. CoVenture is a church-based leadership development program designed to help churches train men and women based on **2 Timothy 2:2**: “and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” It will be facilitated by Royce Curtis, who was my convergence leader. CoVenture is a self-paced 3-4 year commitment and will meet once a month, probably in La Grande.

There will be a kick-off meeting At Homestead Family Fellowship in La Grande on December 4th (more information to follow). If you have any questions or would like more information, please talk to me.

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How Firm A Foundation

This old hymn was first published in 1787. Its author is unknown but its beautiful lyrics exalting the Word of God has made it one of America's best-loved hymns. It is also used as the theme song for J. Vernon McGee's, "Through the Bible" radio program.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose;
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!



“Who's in the Kitchen with Dinah?”



Well, Dinah is not there but we do have “chief cook and bottle washer”, Stephanie Mays, who has been part of the dinner crew every Thursday night for 7 years.

Stephanie regards working with the dinner crew as her ministry at Calvary Baptist. She and Laurie plan the monthly menu and see that the ingredients are on hand for each meal. She sometimes prepares some part of the meal at her home.

What she enjoys most is the fellowship and friendship with the crew and serving the people that come to the meals. I asked if there had been any cooking disasters over the years. She remembered undercooked rice, burned or runny casseroles.

Another mishap was discovering that the horrid smell from the oven was due to a pan of fish forgotten for a week!

But, we love her cooking, especially tacos and spaghetti. Stephanie spends about two to three hours a week preparing and serving the Thursday night community meal.

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Dear Church Family,

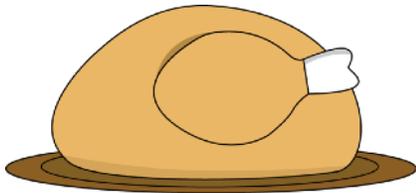
I am back home now from my summer travels. Went to Colorado, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska and now in California. 90 degrees here today, warm for the beginning of October.

Trust you are all doing well and being safe. I am doing very well, God is very good.

All of you have a great winter, & I miss everyone.

Love you all,

Angie



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Watch for the sign up for items to share at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 25th at 3pm. It will be posted, so make sure you dust off your recipes and get ready to make or pick up something delicious or supplies for that Thursday as we will service the community on Thanksgiving....

See Laurie, Karl or Stephanie for more details...



December Newsletter Items are due Tuesday, November 16th, to Janice or the Church Office.



You are invited to Celebrate 65 years at Camp Elkanah on Saturday, November 13, there will be:

- A Commemorative Service at 11 am
- Lunch & Fellowship at 12:30 pm
- Cake & Cookies at 1:30 pm
- Share Memories, Games & Fun at 2:00 pm
- Ending with Prayer in the Chapel at 3:30 pm



Operation Christmas Child
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child is close to being completed, but your help is needed. One fun wow toy for 2-3 older boys and that fits in a shoebox (spending maybe \$5-7 on the item) to fill in with matchbox-type cars and other small items. Also, fun kid socks would be a great addition with supplies on hand to fill boxes. We have 7 to 8 boxes ready to go towards a goal of 12. If folks would like to give towards mailing costs, it is \$7 per box. Please check with Janice on how you can help or if someone beat you to it, before the deadline of November 15th!

NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church 	1	2 10a Bible Study in Browning Hall	3 Lunchtime Ladies Bible Study at Yvonne's 11:30-12:30p	4 5-6p Free Community Dinner: Baked Potato Bar!	5	6 Set Clocks Back! 
7 9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church	8	9 10a Bible Study in Browning Hall	10 Lunchtime Ladies Bible Study at Yvonne's 11:30-12:30p	11 Veterans' Day 5-6p Free Community Dinner: Baked Chicken & Rice! 	12	13 Camp Elkanah Celebrates 65 Years! 11a-4p at Elkanah!
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21 9a Sunday School 10a Worship & Children's Church	22	23	24 	25 3p Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Turkey with all the Trimmings!	26	27 
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