



Calvary Family News

September 2020

Final Steps of Pastoral Transition

Dear CBC Family -

Last year at our annual business meeting we approved a proposal for Karl Wittich and Justin Emmons to be mentored into the roles of vocational elders. Due to unforeseen circumstances it was necessary for Justin to discontinue that pursuit. However, the process was continued and intensified with Karl. The primary focus of the mentoring process has been on the shepherding of God's people and much growth and progress has been made. It is my belief that Karl has progressed to the place where he is now ready to assume the position of lead vocational elder (pastor) of Calvary Baptist Church.

My number one concern with Justin having stepped out of the pursuit of vocational eldership has been that Karl not be placed into the role of lead shepherd without team support. The Biblical model is a plurality of leadership. One person being responsible and unaccountable for leading a church is a dangerous and lonely position to be in. For this reason it has been important for me to continue with leadership development among the men of the church.

I am happy to announce that the team support Karl needs is now available and so the transition process can now come to a resolution and Calvary Baptist can move forward in establishing its new identity and continue to grow both in health and numbers. At the annual business meeting this September 27th we will present Mike Popa for affirmation as an elder. Mike is a mature spiritual man who comes to us with vast experience in ministry and who aspires to the position of elder here at CBC. I believe that together Karl and Mike will make a great team and hopefully others will be added to the team in time.

As per CB Northwest's recommendations and Calvary Baptist's constitution, the timeline and process for transition looks like this: we are announcing our intentions both for Karl and Mike at this time so we give ample time for any feedback from the church body. Between now and September 27th Karl will fill out the necessary application and required information from CB Northwest. At our annual meeting we will affirm Mike Popa as an elder. At that time we will also announce the makeup of an assessment committee that will review Karl's application, doctrine, performance and character. Assuming a unanimous endorsement by the assessment committee of Karl for lead vocational elder, we would then affirm Karl at our quarterly business meeting on October 18th followed by an installation service on October 25th.

There are still issues to be worked out in regards to Karl's current employment. The nature of the church's finances at this time is such that Karl will need to be bi-vocational. Hopefully in time, as the health and growth of the church progresses, he will be able to move into a full-time ministry position.

My exhortation to you as a church is to first of all rejoice in what God is doing. Secondly to be supportive of and in prayer for the process as it goes forward. But more than anything be praying for Karl and Mike as they develop their team relationship and their vision for what God wants to do in and through Calvary Baptist Church.

Sincerely in Christ.

Interim Pastor Dave Hoeffner



Jehovah Jirah—God Provides

God provides. It is amazing how giving first to God, makes the rest work better, it is hard to explain but it works. Unfortunately, we had not always given to God his portion when we first got paid; but once we started giving to the church, we never stopped, in part to help make up for not doing so from the beginning. At first it was tough, but as we faithfully gave, the more it was something we wanted to do regularly. We continued to give first to God, through changes in jobs, living off one part-time income, self-employed, and living apart more than once. But through the years, we had enough to eat and pay our bills, stay in touch with our parents, and do some fun things with the kids. God has provided and we are very grateful.

Tamera Pierce

Getting Older Better

When do we start getting older? The automatic response is that the moment we are born we start to die, because that is our final destiny.

But let's talk about "living better" as an older person. When all of the parts get to maturity and are working well, I would say that we are grown-up, and then we can say that we start to die. For some reason, in my mind the number "26" sticks out in this context. I guess perhaps maybe if you were 26 years old on your last birthday your brain is fully formed. (just a thought)

I don't think we actually notice this process of starting to get older physically until our late 30's. And this usually happens in the company of youth. They run faster and longer. They assimilate information more quickly, though we are not certain that they have any idea of what to do with that information.

The most common words we use are "life stages, seasons, cycles." Then there's transition periods which refers to the times of struggle to change, going from one stage to another. If we go through these stages well, if, as Christians, we "get older better" there will be certain evidence, qualities that will come forth that are natural to the Christian faith and to the Christian culture in which we live. I think we would be living better versions, more suitable to the love and patience, the hope and faith of our lifetime walk with the Lord.

To get older better as a Christian, I think requires three basic things. We need to keep in touch with the bigger picture, keep in fellowship with believers and keep growing in our spiritual lives and ministry activities. There is enough here to ponder for a month. **Bob Haskell**

All Church Picnic at the Schroeder's!



This Year's Church Picnic will be at the Schroeder's home on the Old Auburn Road on Sunday, September 13th after the Worship Service approximately 12:30pm. It will be slightly different in that the food will be prepared so we don't need to cook! Be sure to bring something to sit on, a good attitude and an appetite! Barbecued Burgers and Hot Dogs will be furnished, as well as Bags of Chips and Cookies, and Chilled Canned Drinks. We will be served Baked Beans and Potato Salad!

So one of those easy times to just come and safely enjoy fellowship and great food!



Here are the words to the new song we recently started singing:

The Servant King

Verse 1

From heav'n You came helpless babe
Enter'd our world Your glory veil'd
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

Chorus

This is our God the Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King

Verse 2

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
Yet not my will but Yours He said

Verse 3

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails
Surrendered

Verse 4

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

Keep on the Look Out...

As the weather cools, some of our hearts turn to creating and making things. Be watching for the safe restart of Community Crafters on Saturday Mornings.

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Please enter these dates on your calendars to attend:

Men's Leadership Development Group is Back! Starting Saturday, **September 12th**, at 7:30 am, with a working breakfast in Browning Hall to take full advantage of that time to begin a 4-week study with Pastor Dave Hoeffner. If you have any questions, please give him a call.

Our Annual Business Meeting will be Sunday, **September 27th**, after our Worship Service.

Our 4th Quarter Business Meeting will be Sunday, **October 18th**, after our Worship Service.



September Birthday

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Service & Live Streaming on FaceBook	31	1 Be Kind Day 	2	3 5:30 - 6:00 pm Community Dinner Biscuits & Gravy & Fruit Salad 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery	4	5 Bacon Day 
6 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Service & Live Streaming on FaceBook	7 Labor Day	8	9	10 5:30 - 6:00 pm Community Dinner Sloppy Joes & Tater Tots 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery	11  Patriot Day	12 7:30 am Men's Leadership Development in Browning Hall 
13 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Service & Live Streaming on FaceBook Church Picnic at Schroeders	14 	15 <i>National Cheese Toast Day</i> 	16	17 5:30 - 6:00 pm Community Dinner Nachos & Fruit Salad 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery	18	19. 7:30 am Men's Leadership Development in Browning Hall 
20 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Service & Live Streaming on FaceBook	21 	22	23 October Newsletter Items Due 10am 	24 5:30 - 6:00 pm Community Dinner A Variety of Culinary Delights 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery	25	26 7:30 am Men's Leadership Development in Browning Hall 
27 9a Sunday School 10a Worship Service & Live Streaming on FaceBook Annual Meeting	28	29 International Coffee Day 	30	1 5:30 - 6:00 pm Community Dinner Tasty Cook's Choice! 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery	2	3 7:30 am Men's Leadership Development in Browning Hall 