

Calvary Baptist Family News

September 2026

To the Glory of God

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:131

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 1:31

Let's start at the beginning, shall we. The interesting thing is that it is only the beginning because God (who) created it. Time (when) that is. He also created the matter (what) that everything is made of. And he created a place (where) to put it. We call that the universe. And it was all very good. In fact, it was perfect. There are trillions of galaxies that we know of with billions of stars in each one. There are a lot of other cool things out there as well, like nebulae, quasars, black holes and many more. And God just spoke them into existence (how).

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. 2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Psalms 19:1-4a

And there is the why. The glory of God. That is why everything was created, so that the glory of God will be observed and acknowledged. And if you think about it that is why we were created as well, for the glory of God.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

We all know what happened next. Adam and Eve decided they knew what was good for them better than God did so they did the one thing He told them not to do. That first sin, and every sin since then, should have cost every human a chance to have a relationship with God. But instead, God made a plan to restore that broken relationship by becoming a man, living the perfect life that we can't, dying to pay for the sin that we should have, and rising from the dead so that we too may live forever with Him. Why did He do that? For the same reason He created this incredible universe and everything in it: to bring glory to God. As His children, that should be our goal every moment of every day.

...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31b

The Story behind the hymn...

“Ever wondered about the history of your favorite hymn? Charlotte Elliott was born, into a minister’s family in England, in 1789. She suffered from on and off health issues all her life, and excelled at writing, music and other arts. In 30’s became bedridden for the rest of her 50 years of life. Withdrawing from society, and reflecting on herself and the guilt of her sins, she believed she could never be saved, having nothing to offer God. A pastor visited with Charlotte, talking of the love and grace of God, said: “*You must come just as you are, a sinner, to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.*” Pondering these words, she came to a true saving faith in Christ.

Later, while her family was helping with the church’s fundraiser for a school, she was saddened that she could not help yet again, due to her physical challenges. Left home alone, Charlotte, remembering her conversion, and wrote a poem to encourage others who felt they too had nothing to give:

*Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!!*

*Just as I am, and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, tho' tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elliott, came to see how she was doing and bring news of the fundraiser. Charlotte showed her what she had written, and she asked to take a copy back with her. As the use of this hymn spread near and far, the royalties raised more money for the school. The hymn has spoken to many hearts of our need to come to Christ just as we are.

I would love to hear what your favorite hymn is, and if we could share it's story.
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She Has Done a Beautiful Thing Matthew 26:6-13 by Tim Keesee

Just days before Gethsemane and Calvary, as Jesus dined with His followers, Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, came and broke open a costly flask of fragrant spikenard and poured it without reservation on the head of the Lord (Matt. 26:6–13; John 12:1–8). He knew that in just a few days, His head would be torn with thorns and the hair that now glistened with fragrant oil would soon be matted with blood and spit. Somehow, perhaps because she had been listening, Mary knew this too. To their shame, seemingly the disciples shook their heads and said, “Why this waste?” Sometimes the strongest and most hurtful voices of opposition to lavish, loving, risk-taking abandon come from other Christians. But Jesus rebuked them, saying: *“Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me”* (Matt. 26:10).

Once as I was traveling in the Middle East, I made a brief stop in Bahrain, a tiny island kingdom off the eastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula. I wanted to track down the remnants of the ministry of one of my missionary heroes, Samuel Zwemer. Zwemer is known as the “Apostle to Islam” because of his pioneering gospel work to the Muslim world. I visited the hospital in Bahrain that he, his wife Amy, and their team started in 1903—one of the first hospitals in all of Arabia. But there was something else I wanted to see, so I went to the Old Christian Cemetery, a dusty half-acre enclosed by a high wall. Buried there were sailors, soldiers, and diplomats who died in service in Bahrain, and crosses stood stark against the brown, barren ground. It’s a lonely spot. There were also many small graves of children, who were the most vulnerable to the epidemics that swept through the island with fearful unpredictability. Among them were the graves of Amy and Ruth Zwemer.

In July 1904, dysentery ravaged the community. Within the space of a week, the Zwemers buried their firstborn, a seven-year-old daughter named Amy, and their youngest daughter, three-year-old Ruth. Zwemer wrote little about this in his memoirs. However, years later he pulled back the curtain of his and Amy’s grief and in so doing showed the depths of their sorrow—and their worship—as they buried their precious ones. Zwemer said that his wife wrote their daughters’ epitaph, which said simply, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive riches.”

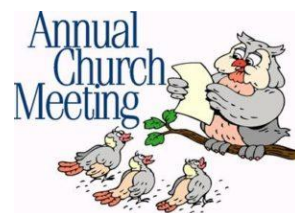
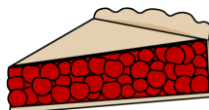
Just like Mary of Bethany, Amy of Bahrain’s tearful, worshipful act is a reminder that following our Cross Bearer—and all that requires—is ultimately only for an audience of One. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13 that love keeps no record of wrongs, and neither does love keep a record of acts of sacrifice and service and suffering. And yet, the One we love never forgets His own. *“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine”* (Isa. 43:1). (submitted by F.S.)



**September
Birthday**

8 Joe Sword

**All Church Picnic 12:30pm-
ish Sept. 13th
At Sue & Forrest’s Home.
More details
to come!**



**After Worship
Sunday,
September 20th**

SEPTEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10 AM Worship at CAMP ELKANAH NO CHURCH IN BAKER CITY	31 6 pm Men's Bible Study	1 10:30a-1:30p CBC Serves at the Senior Center 3-4 pm Ladies' Bible Study	2	3 5-6pm Community Dinner: <i>Dinner & Dessert!</i> 6 pm Celebrate Recovery	4 9am First Friday Ladies' Breakfast at Truck Corral	5
6 9 am Church Body Pray & Sunday School 10 am Worship Children's Church & Nursery	7 Labor Day	8 3-4 pm Ladies' Bible Study	9	10 5-6pm Community Dinner: <i>Dinner & Dessert!</i> 6 pm Celebrate Recovery	11	12
13 9 am Prayer 10 a Worship & Children's Church & Nursery 12:30p Church Picnic-- More Info Coming	14 6 pm Men's Bible Study 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study Starts Book of Esther	15 3-4 pm Ladies' Bible Study	16	17 5-6pm Community Dinner: <i>Dinner & Dessert!</i> 6 pm Celebrate Recovery	18	19
20 9 am Church Body Pray & Sunday School 10 am Worship Children's Church/ Nursery Annual Meeting	21 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study in Esther 6 pm Men's Bible Study	22 3-4 pm Ladies' Bible Study	23	24 5-6pm Community Dinner: <i>Dinner & Dessert!</i> 6 pm Celebrate Recovery	25	
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