



Calvary Family News

January 2025

His Amazing Love

As you may have noticed, it has been a rough last few weeks for our Calvary Baptist Church family. As we rang in the new year we also had to say goodbye to a lot of folks that we have known and loved for quite a while. And while they will most definitely be missed by those of us who are left behind, we know they are currently and forever more will be enjoying life with joy that we won't be able to understand until we also get to Heaven and are at the feet of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Often when someone passes away people say things like "well, they are in a better place." While that is true for the believer, it is also one of the biggest understatements ever. It's not like we just moved into a bigger, better house. It is so much more than that. All sin is gone, all pain is gone, all fear is gone, and life is literally perfect (which we can't understand here on this fallen earth). And the best part is we will be with the One who created us in love, and died so that our sins are forgiven and live forever with Him.

The church in Corinth had some questions about life after death and the apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, let them know the reality and the joy of the next life for those who are in Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:53-58

53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

We grieve and mourn the loss of our loved ones, which is completely appropriate, we miss them. But don't feel sorry for them, not for a moment. Their life today and forever is infinitely better than anything we are experiencing in this sinful world. I'm looking forward to spending a perfect eternity with you all.

In His Love,

Pastor Karl



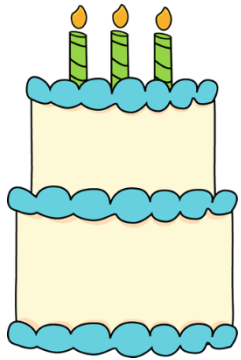
A New Year Begins

2024 was ushered out and 2025 was welcomed in (well, almost) at our annual East Coast New Year's Eve Party. Sixteen hardy souls stayed up clear until 9pm to watch the ball drop in the Big Apple (we had a couple folks bail early 😊). There was food galore and all kinds of fun to be had.

Physical activity was encouraged through exciting cornhole and golf competitions while, for the more cerebral crowd, there was thought provoking game of Telestrations. It was a great time of fun and getting to know one another better.

Happy New Year Y'all!!

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January Birthdays

- 5th Chris Ralston
- 6th Brent Ralston
- 13th Randy Damschen
- 14th Angela Emmons
- 15th Jim DeMastus
- 21st Matt Rosin

“Friends Bring Joy & Light” is the theme of our Basket for the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center’s Annual Banquet, Friday, February 7th, at 5pm at the Family Life Center at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene. This ties in with their overall theme of **John 8:12, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.** We will fill our friendship basket with items like games, puzzles, food items, and things that would be fun to do with friends, *on or before Sunday, January 26th.*

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5 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery	6 6pm Ladies' Bible Study 6pm Men's Bible Study	7 	8 5:30 Prayer & Dinner in Browning Hall	9 5-6pm Community Dinner— <i>Baked Potato Bar</i> 6pm Celebrate Recovery	10 	11 
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19 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery	20 Martin Luther King Day 6pm Ladies' Bible Study 6pm Men's Bible Study	21 	22 5:30 Prayer & Dinner in Browning Hall	23 5-6pm Community Dinner— <i>Yummy Delights!</i> 6pm Celebrate Recovery	24 	25 7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
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2 9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery	3 6:00pm Ladies' Bible Study 6pm Men's Bible Study	4 10:30a-1:30p CBC Serves lunch at the Sr Center! 	5 5:30 Prayer & Dinner in Browning Hall	6 5-6pm Community Dinner— <i>Fabulous Vittles!</i> 6pm Celebrate Recovery	7 9am All Ladies' 1 st Friday Breakfast at Truck Corral 5pm NE Oregon Compassion Center Banquet @ Family Life Center - Naz	8  