

Calvary Family Newsletter

June 2025

You are Free Indeed

This time a few years ago Laurie told me she had the day off because it was about Juneteenth which is now a national holiday. I had no idea what Juneteenth was but I wished that I got another paid day off. Not having any clue what this new-fangled holiday was about, I asked my good friend Google about it and was told that...

“Juneteenth, also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Emancipation Day, is a holiday that commemorates the day enslaved people in Texas, and later the rest of the United States, learned of their freedom. It is celebrated annually on June 19th, the day in 1865 that Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce that all enslaved people in the state were free.”

Freedom is something we all desire. It feels good to not have to answer to anyone and decide for yourself how you are going to live your life. The problem is that for the most part freedom is just an illusion. We may not be in bondage to another person but we are all held captive in a very real way.

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin."

John 8:34

Sin is a terrible master. It keeps a hold of you for a while, then it slowly releases its grip until you think that you have escaped and are actually going to be free. Just when you think you have won a victory; sin suddenly grabs you again and back into slavery you go.

Paul understood the problems we have with sin. I call Romans 7 the headbanging chapter because I can see him hitting his head on the wall as he recalls his actions while he dictated these words:

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Romans 7:21-25

There is only one way to truly get out of our sins claim on us. That is a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. The more time we spend with Him, in the Word, in prayer, doing the things He has called us to do, the grip of sin is reduced and the more we become like Him.

36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:36

In His Freedom,

Pastor Karl

Thank you!

Dear Calvary Baptist Family,

Thank you so much for coming alongside us and serving us in so many ways to help during this time of our loss.

Rejoice with us in knowing Ila's gain is Heaven.

You are all much appreciated now and always

In His Love,

Dan & Sharon

Philippians 1:3

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.



June Birthdays

3 Duane Shumway

9 Diana Hays



The "Let's Gather!" Community Outreach with Rural Christian Women of Eastern Oregon took the lead bringing other sisters in Christ from other churches, to put on the events.

On Friday, May 16th about 200 attended Friday night, and on Saturday, May 17th, 80 men for breakfast with the speaker Wes Price, and 150 women came for the women's retreat "Jars of Clay". Ladies from the community were encouraged, enjoying food and fellowship together. Everything ran smoothly, and the all-women band did very well with just a few practices together, Diana Hays the base player from Calvary really enjoyed playing with the group.

Janice Haskell's little crocheted fish, Nemo, was used as an illustration to "just keep swimming" and turning to God through the trials and difficult situations, really touched on one woman's heart & life situation. tap



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6p Men's Bible Study 6p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30 p Prayer & Dinner</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5-6p Community Dinner <i>Baked Chicken & Salad!</i> 6p Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am Ladies' 1ST Friday Breakfast at Truck Corral</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6p Men's Bible Study 6p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 p Prayer & Dinner</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5-6p Community Dinner <i>Entrée Encores!</i> 6p Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Father's Day Baby Bottles Due!</p> <p>9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6p Men's Bible Study 6p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30 p Prayer & Dinner</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5-6p Community Dinner <i>Stroganoff & Salad & Veggies!</i> 6p Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6p Men's Bible Study 6p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 p Prayer & Dinner</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5-6p Community Dinner <i>Chicken & Rice!</i> 6p Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6p Men's Bible Study 6p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30 p Prayer & Dinner</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5-6p Community Dinner <i>Cooks' Choice!</i> 6p Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>