

Calvary Family News

November 2024



Gratefulness for His Faithfulness

As we get into November and the leaves are finally turning and we get to feel the snap of a brisk morning I am once again reminded of God's faithfulness. The Lord has been faithful to His creation for as long as we know by giving us seasons that we can enjoy and also keep our harvest cycle going. As you know, it was an abundance of crop production that was the reason for the first Thanksgiving party. God was faithful to His people then and we at Calvary have been celebrating His incredible faithfulness here in Baker City for the last 150 years.

As we get into the Thanksgiving season, this is a great time to share our gratefulness for God's faithfulness with one another. So, during November we are going to have a "Gratitude Jar" up on the communion table where we can write out the things that we are giving thanks to God for in the way He has been faithful to us as individuals, or a group, or the world. It can be something big that the Lord has done, it could be something small, you can sign it or not. I'm thinking that during our grande finale 150 year celebration in December we will share the praises that everyone has put into the jar (details to be worked out).

Along those lines, I would like to thank everyone who has given their time and energy to help us all learn and experience how our Lord has shown His amazing faithfulness to Calvary Baptist Church over the last 150 years. May we prove our faithfulness to Him until He returns.

Serving Him,

Pastor Karl

Tragedy and God

Augustus Nicodemus Lopes

Faced with catastrophe, many Christians have been led to think about the presence of evil, suffering, and injustice in the world and how these things can be reconciled with the Christian belief that there is an omnipotent and infinitely good God.

No matter how we try to understand suffering, we cannot forget to take into consideration three components of biblical teachings: (1) the reality of the moral and spiritual fall of man; (2) the holy and just character of God; and (3) the suffering of Christ Jesus for us. Genesis 3 tells us how Adam and Eve disobeyed God and fell from the state of innocence, righteousness, and purity in which they had been created. This fall also brought terrible consequences to all their descendants. God imputed their guilt to their children, and the corruption of their nature was transmitted to all their descendants born by ordinary generation. Therefore, apart from grace, all of fallen humanity is subject to the just punishment of God, which includes temporal evils (like disasters) and spiritual afflictions, both in this world and in the world to come.

The fall of man also affected all of creation. God said to Adam, “Cursed is the ground because of you . . . thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you” (Gen. 3:17–19). Catastrophes, whether natural or the outcome of human error, are the result of God’s cursing the earth because of the sin of man. God allows these miseries to wake up the human race, to bring us to repentance, to restrain our sin, to instill in us the fear of God, to detach us from the love of things in this life, and to lead us to reflect on things that are yet to come.

Except for Christ, there are no innocent people before God. Think of that before becoming indignant toward God when faced with human suffering. The question is not, Why is there so much suffering in the world? but, Why is there still so much happiness in the world? in light of what we are.

The just God is also the God who entered into human suffering in the person of Christ. God the Son became man by His incarnation in Mary’s womb and experienced suffering that ended with His death on the cross. The suffering He carried was not from sin, for in Him there was no sin. He carried our pain and experienced our suffering so that we may be forgiven of our sins, justified, and accepted by God as His sons, and that He might rid us of eternal suffering and give us eternal life. Because of this, we may find in Him answers and comfort in times of pain.

(Submitted by Forrest Schroeder from Ligonier.org)

December Newsletter information will be due on Tuesday, November 26th, and we would love to have some input from you if possible. Also be praying for our 150th year celebration on Saturday, December 7th, and getting ready!



Thanksgiving Out Reach

We are having our usual Thanksgiving Out Reach for Community Dinner from 2 – 4 pm, Thursday, November 28, 2024, in Browning Hall, where we will again have the privilege of serving our community a Thanksgiving Meal. We will be serving a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings—dressing, mashed potatoes, rolls, pies, various salads, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, veggie tray, pickles, and olives, etc. As usual we will soon have a sign-up sheet and a board to take home a picture of what we volunteered to bring. A visual reminder is always good during this busy time of year. We will be serving dinner at an earlier time, especially since the days are getting shorter, and will enable more folks to feel comfortable coming before it gets dark. It is always a great time of seeing old friends and meeting new folks in the community.

November Birthdays

8th **Bill Yeager**

17th **Deb Demastus**
Anne Popa

20th **Dennis Wright**



New Learning Curve Has Begun

Well, this is the first Newsletter on the new computer. It was different to work with, playing around with things to make it do what I wanted and moving things around. Karl even helped me with some pointers to help me over some rough spots, (and that I was extremely grateful for. My two usual tech folks (Danielle & Chris) were unavailable, and someone put off doing things until the last minute as well. Thank you again for the new office computer, it is working very nice and extremely fast!



Tamera Pierce

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<p>3</p> <p>9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30p Youth Group 6:00p Ladies Bible Study 6pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Election Day 10:30a-1:30p CBC Serves at Sr Center NO LADIES BIBLESTUDY</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11a-Noon Ladies Luncheon Bible Study 5:30 Prayer & Dinner in Browning Hall</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5-6pm Community Dinner— <i>Oven Fried Chicken & Mashed Potatoes!</i> 6pm Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> 
<p>10</p> <p>9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans' Day 5:30p Youth Group NO Ladies Bible Study 6pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10a Ladies Bible Study in Browning Hall</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11a-Noon Ladies Luncheon Bible Study 5:30 Prayer & Dinner in Browning Hall</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5-6pm Community Dinner— <i>Leftovers!</i> 6pm Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>15</p> <p>High School ExNE Camp at Camp Elkanah</p>	<p>16</p>
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<p>24</p> <p>9am Adult Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Nursery</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30p Youth Group 6:00p Ladies Bible Study 6pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10a Ladies Bible Study in Browning Hall</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11a-Noon Ladies Luncheon Bible Study 5:30 Prayer & Dinner in Browning Hall</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Thanksgiving 2-4 pm Community Dinner-- <i>Turkey & all the trimmings!</i></p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>