



July Newsletter

Calvary Chapel Fernley, Faith Bible

"A Family of Believers, Growing Together"

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 7/2 PJ's tenth anniversary at the church
- 7/8 Ladies' Koinonia
- 7/9 Israel Trip Meeting
- 7/14 Married Ministry 7:00pm
- 7/16 Board Meeting 4:00pm
- 7/22 Youth Event - Water-skiing
- 7/28 Married Ministry 7:00pm
- 7/30 Church Summer Picnic

EXTENDED FORECAST ☺

- 8/5 Men's Breakfast
- 8/12 Fernley Faith Festival
- 8:18-20 Youth Event - Backpacking
- 8/19 C³A Meeting
- 9/2 Youth Event - Joshua Fest
- 9/29-30 Women of Faith
- 10/14 AWANA Leadership Training

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

Sundays

- 9:45 AM Morning Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School (k-6th)
- 6:00 PM Home Bible Studies

Tuesdays

- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Systematic Theology Bible Study

Wednesdays

- 1:00 PM Sr. Bible Study and fellowship [Canceled for July - Resumes August 2]
- 3:00 PM Project Linus meets on the last Wed. of the Month at 9:00am at 100 Country Ranch Road
- 7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday

- 6:30 PM Worship Team Practice
- 7:30 PM AA meets in the MPR

PJ's Corner - "There are tornadoes in South Florida"

While there are not tornadoes in South Florida, there have been tornadoes in Vicki's and my minds this week.

We are attending the Calvary Chapel Christian Education Association Conference in Fort Lauderdale FL this week. You may see us in the congregation today (if this is issued on Sunday the 2nd) but we have just arrived home Saturday evening. I E-mailed this to Jeremiah from Florida and while I am typing it; our minds are spinning.

First the conference is being hosted by Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale. It is located on a campus that used to be a computer parts factory. It is a church with a congregation the same size as the population of Fernley. Yes, a church of about 18,000 people. So if my math is correct it is one hundred times the size of our humble fellowship. We didn't get too lost; we had a three-page map for the buildings, but that isn't really why our heads are spinning. It also isn't the humidity, you really can see it, it is so thick. A little could be blamed on the food but if you are ever in this area you have to try "Che-Porky's"; it will get you spinning. It isn't because we visited our 'old' neighborhood. It is hard to believe I left Vicki in that neighborhood alone with our babies even to protect and serve my country. But they are not the reasons:

What has our heads spinning is the potential of C³A and the questions and the challenges starting it would bring. The potential is great. But the challenges are greater. And there are so many questions: Is it time for a Christian School in Fernley? Is it God's will for us to do it? I know many others see and agree with the need but are they willing to take the size and scope of a ministry this large seriously and commit to it? Is our faith big enough? What kind of school should it be? Should it be discipleship driven or evangelically driven or merge? Where will we get the staffing? Where will we get the facilities? Where will we get the start up \$\$\$? How much to charge? Will there be enough people in Fernley willing to pay as much as would be needed to support it? I have deleted all of my answers but what would your answers be?

We have been discussing it with many of the other attendees and probably have more questions leaving than arriving.

So where do we go from here? We need to go to our knees to ensure it is what He wants. One church's committee met weekly for a year for nothing other than prayer. I fully believe it takes that kind of commitment.

Then what? While on 'vacation', and as I meditated on "a Christian School in Fernley", I was finishing "Victorious Christian Service; Studies in the book of Nehemiah" by Alan Redpath, (a highly recommended read) and in it he wrote: "There is always a two fold explanation for the success of any work of God. The one is divine the other is human. The first is the fact that it is 'wrought of God'; the second is total, unreserved human cooperation." It is simple. If God is for it and we whole-heartedly follow after it; it will succeed.

But first we also need to see the scope and be committed. There is a passage in this Book I read a lot that says, "Count the Cost." We need to do that. But, to count the cost we must see the cost; so in August there will be an interest 'Potluck' Barbeque to discuss it. Please plan on attending. Look to the bulletin for more information.

July Birthdays

7/1	Andy Breen
7/3	Becky Sturgeon
7/5	David Windle
7/5	Michael Korte
7/6	Tina Smith
7/8	Jason Auger
7/9	Cameron Criss
7/16	Zephram Grocholski
7/18	Helen Bacock
7/18	Ted Saxe
7/19	Shelly Pringle
7/22	Christie Bacock
7/30	Elizabeth Cribb
7/30	Jerald Miller

July Anniversaries

7/3	Kent & Suzy Sands
7/9	Maruice & Jo LaMarch
7/13	Mike & Diana LaVoie
7/24	Jim & Shelly Pringle
7/26	Billy & Lynnette Daniel

Church Leadership

Church office hours Mon.-Thurs. 9:00-2:30

Pastor: Joe Gale

Assoc. Pastor: Jeremiah Loubet

Elders: Ted Saxe, Tom McKay, Leland McIlvain

Deacons: Dave Tustin, Andy Breen, Bill Criss, Dave Dunham, Robert Herron, Flint Smith, Bob Wilson

Admin. Assistant: Shawna Miller

Awana Commander: Andy Breen

Bible Study Leaders: Vicki Gale, Robert Herron, Lois McKay, Ron McKay, Ted Saxe, Bob Wilson

Dir. of Christian Ed.: Jerald Miller

Financial Secretary: Linda McIlvain

Food Closet: Christina Herron

Hospitality&Food Serv: Fran McKay

In-reach Outreach: Kanisha Criss, Anne Tillman

Married Ministry Fel. Bill Criss, Dale & Della Dunham

Rotating Fellowship Charlene McFarlane

Secret Sisters: Becky Sturgeon

VBS Director: Michelle Mackler

Welcome Ministry Robert Herron

Worship Team Leader: Bob Wilson

"What we obtain too cheap we esteem to lightly...It would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated." Thomas Paine

Correspondence & Updates

Do you have questions or comments on the newsletter, or perhaps something you would like to see added? Are you in charge of a ministry or an event you would like promoted? Please e-mail or to talk to Pastor Jeremiah. The e-mail address for newsletter items is ccfnewsletter@hotmail.com Please put "newsletter" as the subject.

Vacation Bible School

Yeah, I know that we thanked pretty much everyone two weeks ago, but there is just so much to be thankful for. Many of you gave your time (even using up precious vacation), your energy, and your money, to lead, decorated, donate, shop, teach, do menial but necessary tasks, and an unending list of helpful things. Thank you all very much. I have not seen much of past VBS's here, so I can't say personally, but I have heard that this was the best here so far. That does not happen without hard work, generosity and a whole lot of prayer.

By now you are probably wondering, "what is that colorful table in the south-east corner?" Those are blankets that our kids made to give to needy kids in South and Central America. These are part of Operation Kid to Kid (OK2K), and a cool part of the ministry our VBS kids got to be involved in. These blankets say "Jesus loves me" in both English and Spanish, and will be accompanied by a Spanish language Bible book. So, here's another thing to pray about: Pray that the kids who get these books and blankets get a clear presentation of the gospel in a gentle and loving fashion.

Sonshine Secret Sisters

Here's an idea (I didn't make this up and I take no credit, just thought it was cute). How about attaching this to a Fernley rock, or any interesting rock you might have around, and giving it as a "just because" gift?



I'm your little prayer rock
And this is what I'll do
Just put me on your pillow
To stay till day is through.
At night turn back the covers
And climb into your bead.
And whack! Your little rock
Will hit you on the head.
Then you will remember
To kneel and say your prayers
As you are supposed to do.

When your prayers are finished
Just drop me on the floor;
I'll stay all through the night
To give you help once more.
When you get up next morning
Ouch! I'll stub your toe,
So you will remember your
Morning prayers before you go.

Put me back upon your pillow
When your bead is made
And your little prayer rock
Will continue in your aid
Because your Heavenly Father
Cares and loves you so
He wants you to remember
To talk to him, you know.

Submitted by Becky Sturgeon

Crisis Pregnancy Center

There are so many stories . . . stories that cannot be told because they are held in strict confidence. A woman who finds out she is pregnant in the most challenging circumstance and has nowhere to turn. Her friends, family and even the baby's father may suggest abortion but who is going to speak for the unborn child? Crisis Pregnancy Centers offer free pregnancy tests and in turn talk with women about the choices they are facing. Crisis Pregnancy Centers are PRO-LIFE and everything they do is in the love of our savior Jesus Christ.

So what about the Crisis Pregnancy Center here in Fernley? Many women come to the Fernley Crisis Pregnancy Center for pregnancy tests. Some are married, some are not, some are pregnant and others may not be pregnant . . . this time. Others are living with the pain of a previous abortion. All need the guidance of a Christian woman who can come along side, be truthful, be supportive, and be willing to pray for them with whatever decision they make.

A picture says a thousand words. When I worked as a medical assistant in and OB/Gyn office I remember a patient who came in who just found out she was pregnant. I didn't know but she was considering an abortion. I strongly suggested she get a sonogram. She did . . . and after she saw her child living in her womb, she could not possibly get an abortion. In the same office we had a doctor who shared office space with us. She had a patient who miscarried at 15 weeks, and so the doctor performed a D&C to extract the already dead fetus. I

remember seeing the jar . . . only barely big enough to hold the tiny fetus after the procedure. The fetus was perfectly formed with tiny features . . . hands, fingers, toes, eyelids, nose. I only looked for a moment and it broke my heart. I was not yet a Christian . . . and although I felt that I could never personally have an abortion, I felt that it was a woman's right to choose. And there I was . . . staring at this tiny baby. I became a pro-lifer the moment I saw this tiny unborn child.

The Fernley Crisis Pregnancy center is in the process of obtaining a sonogram machine, and already has a building to house the machine . . . that picture that helped one woman choose life will be available to clients of Crisis Pregnancy Center. But they need your help. They need a registered nurse who is a faithful Christ believing Christian who could volunteer her time to help these women. Also the center needs funds to keep their doors open, to purchase pregnancy tests, to provide for many needs of women who choose to keep or give up their child for adoption. There are many Fernley families who depend on the Crisis Pregnancy Center to be there week after week. All of this needs money, resources, volunteers, and the support of Fernley Churches.

Every year the Fernley Crisis Pregnancy Center has held the Fernley Faith Festival to help raise funds to keep the center going through the next year. This year the Indian Taco Sale is at risk of not happening. Food, supplies, trailer, insurance rider, permits, etc., are just a few of the needs. Crisis Pregnancy Center needs you to help provide these supplies. Please pray and search your heart

on how you can help. Can you cook Indian tacos for two hours? Can you bring five pounds of ground beef? Can you help with clean up? All this and more are needed to make this event a success. Please take a look at the list of sign ups and see what you could do to help. **Carlyn G.**

Cleaning Ministry

Our cleaning ministry has been suffering steady attrition. Once again the burden of keeping our buildings clean has fallen on the shoulders of one person. She needs help! If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Joe or to Tina Clark. You can lighten this burden and share in a tangible ministry to your church body here at CCF.

This July 4th, remember that praying for your country is one of the most patriotic things you can do!

Can you help?

"By this we know love, because He laid down his life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 3:16

Help your fellow man this summer. Consider donating to our church food bank. We help 5-10 families per month. You can help through either food or monetary donations. If you know of a family in our community who needs assistance, please see Christina Herron or call the church office.

Currently we are in need of healthy cereals (Corn Flakes, Bran Flakes), pasta, peanut butter and jelly.

Adding to the Noise

Even now, in the distance I hear it. Noise-noise-noise. There is no end to it. Radios and TV's blare and issue forth a constant barrage of sound. Cars and trucks roll by with the pounding bass pouring forth far past their air-conditioned interiors. The house across the way seems to vibrate with the roar of the television inside it. Two young men walk by, one carrying a howling boom box. Another kid walks the other way, cords dangling from his ears to an i-pod in his hand.

All this comes down to a question. Why? Why do so many of us we spend our days drenched in an ever-present flood of packaged sound? Can it be that we are afraid of silence? Can it be that we are afraid to be alone with our thoughts? Do we drown our lack of inward peace, having never learned to live with ourselves? Are we afraid that if we pause the stream, we will have to listen to that quiet whisper within: the whisper that shows us our wrongs? That points us to the often-painful truth that our relationship to our maker is not what it should be?

I think at times the answer to most of these questions is "yes." Yes, we are afraid, of our thoughts, of ourselves, of silence, and of the time to be alone. More, though, I think we are afraid of the still small voice that was not in the wind that shattered the mountains, or the earthquake, or the fire.

This is an understandable desire in one who is running from God, but why do we as believers still hide ourselves in the uncertain solitude of noise? Surely we know that the Lord has promised that the one who meditates on His word will be blessed (Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:1-3). Surely we know that we are to make the time to not only read, but to meditate on, to consider, to examine, and to apply the communication that God Himself has graciously preserved and placed in our very hands. We know that we need to pray, and our focus in prayer is hindered by

“Most of one’s life...is one prolonged effort to prevent thinking.”
Aldous Huxley

distractions. And sometimes, the deepest part of our prayer life is when, as Pastor Joe is fond of saying, we just shut up, and listen to God. All of this is awfully hard to do when we are surrounded by the distraction of music and other forms of entertainment.

Now this is not to say that music is bad. Far from it! The Bible speaks repeatedly of singing and making music to the Lord, both internally and externally. Music in and of itself can be right and good if not abused, but it should not fill every void out of the assumption that silence is hostile to life. Our enemy, the Devil has had thousands of years experience manipulating humanity, and I think that, to a large degree, he has worked toward our society’s fierce dependence on distraction. As long as we keep from thinking we don’t come to grips with ourselves. We

don’t consider the consequences of our actions. We don’t grow.

So, this month I have a challenge for you. Take some time in silence. Turn off the TV, the radio, or whatever else is distracting you, and think, pray, and meditate on God’s word. If this is already a part of your life, great! Don’t stop. Pj

“RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTS A NATION, BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE.”

Proverbs 14:34 (NKJV)

Systematic Theology Class Schedule

July 4 th	-	No Meeting
July 11 th	-	Chapter 11
July 18 th	-	Chapter 11
July 25 th	-	Chapter 12
Aug. 1 st	-	Chapter 13
Aug. 8 th	-	Chapter 15

Married Ministry

Interested in joining an innovative Ministry dedicated to creating Healthy Marriages? Then we have a Ministry for you!!! The Calvary Chapel Fernley Married Ministry was established early this year to promote Healthy Marriages by focusing on God, Love & Communication. Please join us this summer as we study the book, "The Five Love Languages", written by Gary Chapman. Also note, we have started a rotating schedule. We will be meeting twice per month on either Friday Night or Saturday Day. For more detailed information and a schedule overview, please contact Bill & Kanisha Criss @ 835-8133, or Bill's cell @ 336-7992. Thanks!