



Calvary Chapel Fernley January Newsletter

"A Family of Believers Growing Together"

ISSUE 13, JAN 2007

Dates to Remember

- 1/12-13 Awana - Overnighter Catch-up night
- 1/13 Vision Meeting
- 1/16 C³AP²
- 1/20 Ladies' Koinonia
- 1/27 Men's Breakfast
- 1/28 Annual Church Business Meeting
- 1/31 Awana - Hawaiian Night

Extended Forecast

- 2/10 Awana Weekend
- 3/7-27 Russia Trip
- 3/9-10 Battle Cry
- 3/30-4/1 Youth Winter Camp
- 6/11-15 Vacation Bible School

Perpetual Calendar

Sundays

- 9:45am Morning Service
- 9:45am Sunday School (k-6th)
- 5:00pm Home Bible Studies

Mondays (alternating)

- 7:00pm 1st - Home Bible Study Leadership Meeting
- 7:00pm 2nd - Awana Leader's Mtng.
- 7:00pm 3rd - Men's Prayer
- 7:00pm 4th - Board Meeting
- 7:00pm 5th - Mission's Committee

Tuesdays

- 9:00am Women's Bible Study
- 9:00am Project Linus [last Tuesday of the month at 100 Country Ranch Rd.]
- 7:00pm Systematic Theology Bible Study / Youth Group

Wednesdays

- 1:00pm Sr. Bible Study
- 7:00pm AWANA

Thursdays

- 6:30pm Worship Team Practice
- 7:30pm AA Meets in the MPR

PJ's Corner - 2007 is Here! What is in-store for CCF?

Of course for Bob and I and the rest of the Team, Russia 2007 will be looming large when the New Year is fully rung in; only two months, just eight weeks to prepare. I wish I could take you all with me at least once. But maybe soon we will have some local missions outreaches we can all be a part of.

As these last two months go by we will get all of the 'paperwork' out of the way. We will finalize our agenda, that is as near as we can. From that agenda we will establish prayer support. Then begin the packing and spiritual preparation. The last few weeks prior to leaving there will be a lot of spiritual opposition. There will be a lot of nervous tension in the house and Satan thrives there. Knowing it is coming helps but it doesn't resolve it.

This trip will be different than any I have ever taken part in. Normally it is preach, teach and move on. There was time to develop personal relationships but not too deep. This time we will almost, and quite possibly, live with our groups developing deeper ties and relationship. It could be I may not see the others on the team for a few days. We will probably not let the rookies be alone; however, there is a scheduled need for a solo teacher for about four days. Pastor Gregg is needed for all of the coordination so it will most likely be me. I have never been alone before for any length of time; so that will be new.

So just keep in your prayers these final months. Thanks to your generosity we have nearly reached our support goals for this trip. However, all we raise above our goal will be taken and hand delivered to the various points of need we find along the way. Wouldn't it be a blessing to be able to take enough to help clear their debt and get the church in Zvolge finished?

But before Russia there will be a little trip to the operation center at Churchill County Hospital for yours truly. It will only be my second time that I have been anesthetized. It is a simple and routine kind of personal procedure. But I learned my lesson, please pray for me and the doctors.

While we are talking physical needs, my right arm is being very slow to heal despite the doctors and therapist efforts. Those who have been can tell you Mission Trips are very physically demanding so I need it 100% for Russia.

What else is coming? In June it will be VBS. This year we have a new first time director, Tammy Saxe. It is a big ministry opportunity for us. Please start praying for Tammy and VBS. And be willing to help.

Finally a focus for 2007... Missions and evangelism... It is time we got serious about souls don't you think?

PJ

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, 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: Anne Tillman

Married Ministry Fel.: Bill Criss, Dale & Della Dunham

Rotating Fellowship: Charlene McFarlane

Secret Sisters: Becky Sturgeon

Vacation Bible School: Tammy Saxe

Welcome Ministry: Robert Herron

Worship Team Leader: Bob Wilson

Gap Coordinator: Kirk Selby

Agreeing Hearts: Vicki Gale

January Birthdays

01-02 Charlene McFarlane

01-04 Colin Herron

01-08 Kim Swanson

01-09 Chuck McKinney

01-10 Ean McElroy

01-10 Tammy Saxe

01-18 Guy Clark

01-19 Maddison Allen

01-19 Barbara Wofford

01-24 David Robertson

01-26 Nick Celik

01-27 Donna Braaten

01-28 Richard Swanson

January Anniversaries

01-02 Ron & Fran McKay

01-29 Bill & Kanisha Criss

A Christmas Present to You!

Look to the back tables. There you will find new Bible reading plans in red and green. Take one, tuck it in your Bible, and use it! This year, let's all read through the Bible together. If you take the time to read God's word, you will be blessed, and it will effect your life.

Look at this as a way not only to enrich your life and relationship with



God, but to grow together with your brothers and sisters in Christ here at CCF. Have you ever read something in your Bible in the morning, and had it come back to you throughout the day, giving you wisdom and comfort that you never saw as you were reading? Imagine sharing in the same reading with your brothers and sisters. If you have a question, you know they have been over the same passages. If you have an insight, you can share with them knowing that it will connect with what they read that very day. What a way to draw closer as a fellowship!

Commander's Corner

What a year we have had so far. We have seen a drop-off in the number of clubbers, this is directly proportional to the number of leaders we have, they have dropped off as well. But even with the drop in attendance we are still averaging 60 clubbers each week and what wonderful children they are. We have some exciting stuff coming up in the near future - Hawaiian Night on January 31st, Awana Games, Bible Quizzing and Sparks-O-Rama on Feb 10th, PJ's & Pancakes Feb 28th, Trek Weekend March 16th & 17th, and Grand Prix March 31st. Please be in prayer for these upcoming events as the parents of many un-churched clubbers will be attending some of them. Pray that we can reach these parents as well as their children with the Good News of our Lord.

Also pray that we do not lose more of our numbers, we take off 2 weeks for Christmas & new years and after this break some of our clubbers (and leaders) have a tendency to disappear.

Do you need a little something to help you remember to pray for us? If so, come see me and I have a little gift just for you.

Thank you again for your prayers and support,

Andy Breen

IS IT WORTH YOUR TIME?

Recently, Pastor Joe asked if doing a Billboard on I-80 between Fernley and Reno that says something like, "Worship your Lord in your hometown. The ministry you are traveling for could be your ministry to your hometown." and many thought it sounded good. We have an opportunity. There is an empty billboard currently available near Wadsworth. The setup cost is \$500.00 and the monthly cost is about \$500.00, with a one year commitment. Is this an outreach and a step of faith that we are willing to make?

We also have an update on getting a good Bible teaching radio station in the Western Great Basin. The FCC has been sitting on a request for a new translator for this area for several years, and the money is already available to pay for CSN. What we need is divine and / or congressional intervention to get the ball rolling. Do you have connections?

We still have several very important ministries which need coordinators and help: the Visitor Follow up Ministry, the Greeters Ministry, the Nursery for Tuesday and Sunday Mornings, the AV Ministry and more; maybe this is your place to serve and share?

The Prayer Closet

As I was sitting in church Sunday I began to recall and realize even more, that our hope is an assured thing...it is not smoke and mirrors; it is not pie in the sky, by and by, it is not some fantasy concocted by men. It is deliberate, precise, accurate, it's inspiring, unimaginable, eminent, indescribable and yet believable, provable and, like His word, infallible. It is described as a more sure word, a substance, something to be chased after a fulfillment, a realization.

It is an anchor, a foundation that I bind myself to with chains...I look for it around every corner, behind every bush under every rock, in the smallest crack and crevice, and like the proverb, sometimes I cannot see the forest for the trees. Still I am assured it is there.

Both Peter and John torque the nuts down on the boiler plate for me in **II Pet. 1:16**, "For we have not followed some cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of His majesty" ...and, **I Jn 1:1-4**, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that you may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write unto you, that your joy may be full". Oh what powerful, awesome, life-changing words; words of Hope!

For the grace of God that brings salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works...**These things speak and exhort, and rebuke with all authority...**Let no man despise thee! **Tit 2:11-15**

Clearly, I find no greater purpose in life than to become deliberate...To spend my time wisely; not anxiously as others do...I place my hope in the reality that I cannot see and I find no reason to listen to the minds of men who declare that I shall, having nothing in this life to gain, save to become food for worms and fertilizer for trees...For they are hopeless shipwrecks, squandering their time on what the present brings with no reward...wanting to live as good men, yet having no power within themselves to make it so...

In their eyes I am a fool, my head filled with fables and stories...Yet history speaks of truth and documents men's lives who spoke these words so faithfully...Who were eyewitnesses; who saw and touched and felt, who laughed and cried and prayed with the Creator of all things.

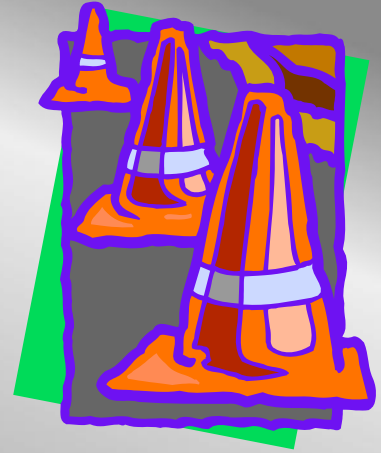
Each day when I speak with those I come in contact with...my heart begins to melt, knowing that my loved ones...my family and friends who do not have this hope...shall perish horribly and forever...It is then I cry out and beg for Yahweh to give me a heart...for the lost, and for the lonely, for those blinded by their sin and hardness of heart...I ask for strength to pray for them...to set my wants and needs and desires aside and to *Pray for Them...*

This New Year I pray for those who are without hope...who have no knowledge or desire to know the truth. I beseech you, the faithful, the humble, the servants of the Most High God, that you would turn your heart to the Father, that you would humble yourselves and pray, and seek His face, so that all might come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord...and that as is His wish, none should perish, but that all might be saved from the wrath that is to come...

Let's make a commitment this year to get on our knees and to seek Him...to wait upon Him...to serve Him with the same measure of devotion that He gave us when He came, He died, He rose, and He conquered sin and death for us, once...for all...forever. The needs of others first, is the bread of the servant...Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord...for He alone is worthy!

Have you said your prayers today? I hope you have...

CONSTRUCTION AHEAD



If you haven't already noticed, we are in the middle of getting our parking lot fixed. The mountain of grindings behind the church is finally going to be used. In the mean time, the parking situation will be erratic. Watch for signs, traffic cones and surveyors stakes. A lot of work by several young men has already been done to get this far. Please respect the workers who have spent valuable time, and drive carefully and slowly. Soon we should have the blessing of good parking lot.

Adult Bible Study Schedule

Doctrines of the Application of Redemption	
Jan 9 th	Common Grace
Jan 16 th	Election and Reprobation
Jan 23 rd	The Gospel call and Effective Calling
Jan 30 th	Regeneration

If you haven't been coming to Adult Bible Study, now is an excellent time to start or rejoin. We are beginning a new section of doctrine. Class is Tues @ 7:00pm

Missionary Moments

Greetings for the ends of the earth!

This Christmas I traveled south to visit Phil and Rachel Stucky and help out with a two-day retreat for their teens. What a blessing!!! It was exciting to see thy young people of a new church plant saved this year! This is literally a church of kids and teens, with a few adults thrown in!

We enjoyed the retreat Friday and Saturday. Sunday was the special Christmas program with included special music, a skit about the three Wise Men, a skit about the tree trees and other specials. Mavia and I accompanied one of the songs in sign language. Afterwards there was a special church dinner. Then Monday we had a quiet Christmas at the Stucky home.

This next week, January 2-8, will be our field conference. Please pray as we finish getting together the last details before Tuesday. Also pray that this would be a time of relaxation and fellowship for our missionaries, and that we would have wisdom in the decisions that will be made as a mission at the field business meeting.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers!

Happy New Year!

Ellie Driesenga



Ellie is a missionary with Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission. If you wish to write to her, her Email address is ellie@bgfmission.org.

The following letter and Pictures come from Awana Missionaries in the Ukraine

Dear Friends,

We heartily thank all for your prayers and support of my serving.

We would like to share with you! At the 28th of October in Kirov-Chepetsk there happened a memorable event. An Awana Club gave birth two new families!

Eight years ago the young leaders came to the club for serving God. From them I want to pick out two young sisters. They are as blood sisters and sisters in Christ, Lena and Sveta Shitov.

They heartily work in the club and didn't think about marriage. In the club were many single men. But they knew better those people with whom they serve God together. They started attentively looking at the single brothers. Actually, those in the club. At the same time they didn't know how many nights those brothers had been in prayer for those sisters. But God heard their prayers and united those loving hearts together.



Alexander and Svetlana & Dimitry and Elena - Two new families. As missionaries we are so glad of the blessing of two families created by God in this big Awana family.

The above letter was "lightly edited for readability."

A Christmas Present for the Church

Have you ever considered giving the church a Christmas present? No? Well, maybe it's worth considering! If you're strapped for ideas, here are a few:

Help with getting awnings over the doors on the Pavilion.

Sponsor a flag – we still need several national, state and service flags, and they average about thirty dollars each.

It doesn't have to cost money either. You could offer your time, to help in the nursery, or to help with the cleaning ministry.

Take on a project – ask Pastor Joe, there are plenty to go around.

Home Groups Are In Full Swing!!

Calvary Chapel Fernley's home groups are going strong and we aren't even at the midway point of our study. The "Babylonian Minors" studies are currently studying the book of Zechariah in chapter 5 and we still have Malachi to go, and the study that Meets at Pastor Joe & Vicki's is just about to start a new book. We currently offer three small groups at the homes of Pastor Joe & Vicki, Robert & Christina Heron and Bob & Raffael Wilson. All three groups start at 5:00pm on Sunday nights and are open to anyone who wants to fellowship and study God's word in an intimate friendly environment. Psalm 119:17 "Deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live and keep Your word." For more info on times and directions talk to the various leaders and remember it's never to late to join and to receive the awesome blessing of a deeper relationship with Jesus!

In His Grip.....Bob Wilson

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