



# Calvary Chapel Fernley

## February Newsletter

*"A Family of Believers Growing Together"*

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### Dates to Remember

- 2/10 Awana Weekend
- 2/12 VBS Meeting @ 6:30
- 2/28 Awana PJ's & Pancakes Night

### Extended Forecast

- 3/7-27 Russia Trip
- 3/16-17 Trek Weekend
- 3/17 Calvary Chapel 2007 Men's Conference (DVD series Calvary Chapel Reno Sparks)
- 3/24 Couple's Conference (Calvary Chapel Carson Valley)
- 3/30-4/1 Youth Winter Camp
- 3/31 Awana Grand Prix
- 6/11-15 Vacation Bible School

**Got a minute?**  
Check out our new website:  
[ccfernley.org](http://ccfernley.org)

### 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
- Last Wed. Of the Month - Newsletter Submission Deadline

#### Thursdays

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

## PJ's Corner

What a morning... I sit here this morning trying to have my submissions done before the deadline and my mind is full to overflowing with thoughts, with praises, with excitement, with anticipation. So I think I'll just dump them:

Last week, there were many moments which gave me reason after reason to praise the Lord. He is so good. The Russia team had a great blessing, an almost simultaneous answer to a prayer. We received our notice to proceed for the parking lot project. We listened to many blessings we have received in the last year at the Annual Business Meeting and visions for the next year and beyond. We had a great 'vision meeting'. My Mother decided to accompany my niece for a surprise visit. And more... So let me give some of the details.

First, I think I need to give a quick explanation about the parking lot. When the parking lot project was developed it was seen as simple maintenance. We were just grading like we normally do once a year or more except it was being done by professionals from the Operating Engineers Local Three Apprentices and then adding a layer of base, 'grindings', on top to hold the grade against the wind longer than normal. But because of the quantity of 'dirt' we were moving and the quantity of grindings we were adding it became a project requiring a Grading Permit. The City inspector came and 'shut us down'. Well, to keep the story short; Monday morning, I met with the city inspector and we have the 'Permit to Proceed' all signed and subject to our rulers and authorities. But, there was a 'miracle' along the way. The city added a requirement for a 'compaction' test, in case someday we may build on the parking lot, and to ensure we have a quality job. It can be a very expensive test. So far the entire parking lot project had a cost of approximately \$100.00. So I called around trying to find an engineering firm to conduct the test. We found a company called Terracon in Sparks, who graciously said they would donate the test. Praise the Lord...

Soon we will have a parking lot that will be graded, level, all on color, and will substantially improve the 'curb appeal' or the looks of our facility. As I mentioned at the Annual Business Meeting we will then have several areas that will need 'zeroscape' and there will be the potential for a lawn in the front between the entrances that will really enhance the appearance of our property. Because of the jump-start the parking lot will give us, this year we really want to make the appearance of our property a high concern. We will need a lot of help at several work days this spring and summer to complete these projects and a project to replace our aging swing set. Praise the Lord...

Last week at the Annual Business Meeting I gave an update on the upcoming trip to Russia, I asked for prayer for the Yerington portion of the team. They needed about half of their support. At about the same time, they were counting their offering and in it there was a substantial check for enough to bring them up to the 'go' level. That is as an immediate response as I can imagine. Praise the Lord... As for the trip keep it in prayer, the world keeps throwing things in our way and the Lord keeps kicking them out of the way. We had a negative response about our 'invitations'. After prayer seeking the Lord's wisdom, "Is this YOU telling us, 'No.', or is this Satan

trying to stop us?" a call was made, a contact was given, and three hours later we were holding our 'invitations'. We are one passport problem resolution away from going for visas. Five weeks to go... Next month the Corner will have all of the details... Praise the Lord...

The next praise the Lord is, "WE HAVE A WEBSITE"!!! And, it is a great one; it exceeded any of my expectations; it was more than worth the wait. In this day and age having a website is extremely important. If you haven't had a chance to visit it yet please do so at <http://www.ccfenley.com> [ccfenley.org will take you to the same place]. Also if you have ministries whose information should be included on it, get the information to the webmaster. This is a ministry that needs our support to keep it current and useful; ongoing ministries like AWANA or annual ministries like VBS or the Thanksgiving Food Drive need to get their information to Robert, without these updates it becomes a negative instead of a positive.

Almost, finally, I could go on and on, but I have to stop somewhere. I have been asking myself and praying about what to do about the Tuesday Night Bible Study while Bob and I are in Russia. The doctrinal topics we are coming up to are going to be some of the toughest, so what to do? Well this morning while I was walking it came to me. Prayer Meeting... What I am hoping we can do during the month of March is to put the Review of Theology Bible Study on hold and spend those four Tuesdays in prayer. Prayer for the Russia Trip. Prayer for Calvary Chapel. Prayer for..... And if there is time, review what we have been learning.

And finally, finally ... Prayer teams, Russia, pre-worship service, post worship service. We need them staffed and ready...

Thank you!!!!

PJ

## Youth Winter Camp

Coming up on March 30th - April 1st we have an opportunity to join three other Calvary Chapel's for a weekend winter camp at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Center. Youth grades 7-12 are invited. There will be worship, games, Bible studies with gifted speakers, as well as workshops on Evangelism, Prophecy, Obedience, and Prayer/Spiritual Warfare. This will be an excellent time of fellowship and growth.

There are packets available with all the information and forms needed. All who can are encouraged to come, but space is limited. More than half of the available spots have already been taken so if you want to go the time to get your deposit in is NOW! If money is keeping you from going, but you want to go, talk to Pastor Jeremiah.

## Commander's Corner

What can I say, club has been going great this year! We do have a couple of items coming up this month. On the 10th we will be competing in Awana Games and Quizzing for both our Sparks and T&T Clubs. This will be a great day of fun and I encourage you all to come out and support those kids that have worked hard to earn the right to participate this year. Also we are getting ready for Grand Prix. The order forms for the cars will be going out the first week of this month and everyone is welcome to participate. We have a special class of races just for those of you who aren't part of Awana but would still like to build and race your own cars. If you are interested just let me know and I'll get you an order form.

As I have mentioned in previous updates we are still short handed in the leader area. Please prayerfully consider becoming a leader/helper. If you have any questions stop



Bible Quizzing practice on "Hawaiian Night"

## February Birthdays

02/01 Lucy Johnson  
 02/08 Allison McKay  
 02/13 Linda McIlvain  
 02/20 Brandon Quinonez  
 02/21 Gordon Littlejohn  
 02/22 Noah Osterman  
 02/24 Teddy Saxe  
 02/25 Audrey Grim  
 02/25 Caitlin McCain

## February Anniversaries

02/24 Kirk & Diane Selby

by one Wednesday night or just ask me when you see me around. If you do not feel led to be a part of this ministry I ask that you pray for those who are working with these children and that our Lord will fill the needs that we have.

Thank you for all your support and prayers  
 Andy Breen  
 Awana Commander

PS,

I still have a few of those special reminder gifts for any that want something to help remind you to pray for our club.

## The Prayer Closet

In Nehemiah, Chapter 1, the prophet is told of the great suffering of the Israelites and the utter destruction of the walls and the gates of Jerusalem. In verse 4 he says, "When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of Heaven."

The model of his prayer resembles the model Jesus gave the masses on the Mount during His great sermon...

His prayer begins with "Reverence", and acknowledges the sovereignty and providence of Jehovah. He continues by praising God for His loving-kindness (which we call or equate to Grace these days) and how the Lord attributes it and bestows it on those who love Him and keep His commandments...

Nehemiah make his requests known by humbling himself in request so that His attention would be toward the requestor by opening His eyes and ears to his supplication...

He continues by admitting his faults through sin and the sins of the people...(as an intercessor for the nation, His nation) He confesses the sin by naming it. He acknowledges how the sin of people and his own house has separated them from the blessings and mercies and grace of God. He reminds the Lord of His commandments, not as though the Lord would ever forget, but in a manner to set his heart aright with Jehovah and seek repentance by a true change of heart.

He calls upon the Lord to remember how mighty He is and how powerful and awesome He is as the Only True and Holy God. With adoration and praise he lays his contrite and broken heart before his Maker and makes one final plea for the deliverance of Israel...

It is a simple and direct prayer and certainly employs the acronym **A.C.T.S.**

**A**doration...**C**onfession...**T**hanksgiving and **S**upplication...

Our prayer life, our relational time with the Creator should be a blend of these things...Revering Jehovah for His greatness and throwing our arms around the neck of our Abba...our Daddy, our friend...the Lover of our soul...

Take the time to read this simple and yet fundamental model of two way communication between the Creator and His creation...a Father and His child...and then take the time to learn to use this method of a God ordained life-skill when you seek the face of the Most High and Holy God, until you see Him face to face....Have you said your prayers today...I hope you have.

## A Pastor's Business Card

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10". Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

## CONSTRUCTION AHEAD



Our parking lot construction continues, despite several unexpected hurdles. For the next few weeks we may still have restricted traffic and cones, signs, and grade stakes to watch for. Please respect the work that has been done by our gracious volunteers. Thank you for your continued patience and caution as we move closer to completion.

## Agreeing Hearts Ministry

Isn't God good? Through our prayer ministry, we have seen jobs being provided, growth in ministries, sicknesses healed, and families restored. God has called us to prayer. It is a sweet fragrance to Him, better than any fancy air freshening system we could buy.

Interested women of Calvary Chapel meet on Sunday mornings from 9:15-9:30 in the "old kitchen" of the pavilion (starting February 4). It is open for any woman who can join us; there is no sign-up list or schedule. If you are able, we ask that you move to the front during the closing song, to allow the congregation to see who is available for prayer.

Thirty minutes a week could change the course of many lives, and more importantly, impact eternity for the lost. Please consider joining us-you won't be disappointed!

If you have any questions, please call Vicki Gale.

# Missionary Moment

*Excerpted from "Bylines from Bogota"*

We recently passed our eight year anniversary living here in Colombia; we are staggered by how the Lord has provided, how He has used the ministry of IMC to reach children and adults, how we have been blessed by being here, how grateful we are to be able to serve Him in this Beautiful paradise. Please Praise God with us as we share some of the harvest we have witnessed:

We marvel that in the past six years a bare piece of property has been turned into a safe, loving environment for 24 boys. The farm has two main houses, an improved road and entrance gate, a well, a water treatment plant, a greenhouse, a small guesthouse, a soccer field, children's park, an irrigation pond, and the workshop. Thus far eight teams have come in seven years from the US and Great Britain to help with construction and discipleship.

Viviana Amezcua [...] was the first of the IMC children to graduate from high school in 2001. She will soon start her third year of college [where] she is studying to be a teacher. She and her small son were abandoned by her husband and every day is a struggle. Her US sponsors have continued helping her after high school, and she is praying for the day when she can support her son and spread the Gospel to Columbian children. She is already a Sunday school teacher and a leader among the women in her church.

We are especially grateful for the opportunity to minister to the "Saturday Girls" - the group of girls that came begging food at our door many years ago. The group has expanded and we are seeing many of them make decisions for Christ. They are desperately poor and that may never change but *poco a poco* we see them come to the Lord.

Our MK school has a burden to bring the gospel to Bogota. This year our presentation about the plight of displaced peoples won first place in a city-wide drama competition. [The school...] also has a vision of pointing our students toward the 10/40 window. Columbians are beginning to catch the idea of going to Muslim and Far East countries, the last corners of the world that have not heard about Christ. [...] Colombians are naturals for the mission field - they look Arabic and have many Arabic customs in their culture because of the 800-year Moorish occupation in Spain. It is an exciting time to teach in an MK school that has a student body that is 60% national.

There is so much more we could share. Thank you for being a faithful partner in all that is happening in this ministry in Columbia. We would not be here without you and we are more grateful than we can say. In Christ,

Grant, Kathleen, Addison, Elizabeth and Keegan

## AVALANCHE RANCH

Round 'em up for a Wild Ride through God's Word! We're getting ready for VBS and a Whoopee Ki-YI-Yo good time. We need all the ranch hands we can get for:

- Decorating
- Bible Story
- Chuch Wagon Chow
- Chadder's Wild West Theater
- Cowpoke Crafts
- Spotlight Drama

The dates for this years VBS are June 11th - 15th.

In order to make it a success we need to have our leaders in place. We want to bless the children in our community and reach the lost. Monday Feb. 12th at 6:30pm will be the first VBS information meeting. The materials for the various stations are available and ready for distribution. We've had over 100 children in years past and our community is growing, so the more people we have in place the better. VBS is a great place to serve. Now let's start a stampede!

*This year's VBS coordinator is Tammy Saxe. If you are interested in helping out, or have questions, please give her a call at 575-7574.*



## 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, Kirk Selby**

**Admin. Assistant: Shawna Miller**

**Agreeing Hearts: Vicki Gale**

**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**

**GAP Coordinator: Kirk Selby**

**Hospitality&Food Serv: Fran McKay**

**In-reach Outreach: Anne Tillman**

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

**Nursery Coordinators: Judy Korte, Dave Dunham**

**Rotating Fellowship: Charlene McFarlane**

**Vacation Bible School: Tammy Saxe**

**Welcome Ministry: Robert Herron**

**Worship Team Leader: Bob Wilson**

## Adult Bible Study Schedule

Doctrines of the Application of Redemption

- Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Conversion (Faith and Repentance)
- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Justification (Right Legal Standing Before God)
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Adoption (Membership in God's Family)
- Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Sanctification (Growth in the Likeness of Christ)
- Mar 5<sup>th</sup> Baptism in and Filling With the Holy Spirit

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