



Calvary Chapel Fernley

April Newsletter

"A Family of Believers Growing Together"

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Dates to Remember

- 4/21 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 4/25 Awana - Team Color Night & guest speaker: Patti Lapin
- 4/27 Guy's Night Out
- 4/29 Messiah in the Passover at First Baptist Church 485 E. Main St.

Extended Forecast

- 5/5 Mother Daughter Luncheon
- 5/13 Child Dedication Service
- 5/19 Reno Pops Orchestra at CCF
- 5/23 Awana Awards Night (Last night of the Awana year)
- 6/11-15 Vacation Bible School
- 6/23-30 Awana Honor Camp
- 7/29-8/4 Summer Camp (grades 3-6)
Counselors in Training (age 15+)

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
- 6:30pm 2nd - VBS Meeting
- 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 Adult Bible Study / Youth Group

Wednesdays

- 1:00pm Sr. Bible Study
- 6:00pm Awana Leader's Meeting (2nd Wednesday of the Month)
- 7:00pm AWANA
Last Wed. Of the Month - Newsletter Submission Deadline

Thursdays

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

THINGS THAT MAKE ME AND YOU GO HMMM...

This month, I had more of those events that make me ponder and wonder. I have had to make a decision about Russia 2007, delaying it until the Fall of 2007 and that was good. I have wondered about the near unanimous response, "*I am so glad, I could not get peace about it.*" I am glad you were praying and seeking Him about it, but don't hide what you are feeling, let someone know. This month, I have made some personal discoveries. I have matured in some areas. I have changed my thinking about some other things. It has been quite a month since the last time I sat down to write an article for the Newsletter. This month, has been a time of great reflection for me.

I have thought about the importance of the Gospel, Unity, Fellowship, the Word and Prayer. I have thought and rethought about my roles as Christian, husband, father, friend, brother, son, chaplain and pastor. I have spent time majoring on the minors and time majoring on the majors. I have written letters as if they were my last. I began my personal, 'What I believe.' reviewing my vision and to establish short term and long term goals to reach that vision. I have spent time a lot of time watching, listening, questioning, and thinking. I have stood quiet at a distance and watched and listened. I want to know you and your heart about the same things I am searching out in my heart. As I watch I realized that you are a very interesting group of sheep.

I have sought the face of our Lord about our direction, "*Lord, Are we on the right track?*". I have listened for Him in the quiet of the morning and His heart has been speaking to mine. At the end, or at this point, I have a sense of excitement like I have never had before.

It became clearer, yesterday, while talking to our daughter, Jenifer; and as I was talking to her, I remembered a saying by Emerson. (I can hear a few of you, Emerson? He quotes Emerson. That is for those who think I am not an intellectual.) I looked for it in my 'personal sayings' to quote it correctly. (The quote for the curious is:)

*"Some of your hurts you have cured,
And the sharpest you have yet survived;
But what torments of grief you endure,
from evils that never arrive."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

First Baptist Fernley's 'reader board' this month has a similar statement.

"The crosses we fear are greater than the crosses we bear."

But, while I was looking I stumbled over other good ones that help me understand this moment in my life and our life as a fellowship:

“Men stubbornly huddle around a candle of their own lighting. It sometimes takes the breath of the Lord to snuff out their candle so they will stumble in their own darkness and then seek His light.”

“The minds of men are not enflamed by small ideas.”

“On the planes of hesitation bleaches the bones of countless millions who on the verge of victory, sat down, and subsequently died.”

Sometimes He puts out our candles and puts us in the dark, so we will seek His light. He has done that to many of us. The things of the Lord, by the nature of the Lord, Himself, are never small. Our God challenges us and encourages us to dream big. And finally, sometimes we quit just on the verge of victory. Keep going. Looking at those three tossed into the furnace in Daniel, sometimes we feel that way in the struggle. But He is there and we will walk out. Sometimes we are tired and we start to lose hope. Sometimes, we get so muddled down looking at the world and its reflection in and through our lives, and the small things, cause us to miss the big things He makes available. We need to persevere through the dark motivated by His big ideas and we will find what He is leading us toward...

Is that enough to ponder about for this month? I hope so because I am finished. I hope, I have created many questions and few answers. So you start looking for the answers. Do you want a hint where the answers are? You'll find them on the knees of your heart and in His Word. Imagine???

What if?

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to our kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This IS something to make you go...hmm...where IS my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phones, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. And no dropped calls!



April Birthdays

04-09 Ronna Swanson

04-14 Kelsey Robertson

04-14 Anne Tillman

04-18 Rod Windle

04-19 Kylie Kerr

04-23 Ethan Breen

04-24 Dale Braaten

04-26 David Tustin

April Anniversaries

04-10 Richard & Kim Swanson

04-22 Robert & Christina Herron

Commander's Corner

Vroom Vroom Vroom, if you did not make it to last month's Grand Prix you missed an exciting, fun filled, action packed day. All kidding aside we had a great day of racing and fellowship, every year the races keep getting better.

Only 7 weeks of club left. WOW its gone by fast. Please be in prayer for all of us that are serving in this ministry, pray that we finish strong. As the days get longer and the weather gets better we start to see a drop off in both clubber and leader attendance but we also see many new faces. Last year we had 17 new clubbers sign-up in the last 2 months of club. It would be great to have new leaders sign up as well (hint..hint..hint).

As I said things are starting to wind down but they have not come to an end. There are many clubbers that are diligently trying to finish up their books for the year. They are reaching for that grand prize, a pie with which to smack a leader. We are also preparing for this year's Honor Camp (formally known as Scholarship Camp). This week-long camp is a great experience for those clubbers who are going into the 6th grade or higher and have completed at least one book this year. It is also an awesome week for those of us that will be serving as leaders at camp.

And last, but not least, the Penny War is ON! What is a penny war you ask? Well a penny war is a fundraiser we are doing for Patti Lappin with CEF. Here is how it works: Each of the clubs have a coffee can (Sparks, T&T, & Cubbies/Trek). The clubbers are encouraged to put pennies & dollars in their own cans. These count as positive points for their club and then put silver coins (nickels, dimes, & quarters) in the other clubs' cans as these apply negative points. This has truly been a war as each of the clubs tries to stay in the lead. They may earn 1,500 points (\$15) but then take a hit of 1,200 points (\$12) from the silver put in by the other clubs. Either way it's a bigger love offering for Patti. So far we, the clubbers and leaders, have raised close to \$400 to help support this local missionary.

Thank you again for all of your prayers and support through this last club year,

Andy Breen

Awana Commander

The Prayer Closet

How Great is the Lord, part II

How Great is our Lord...

He is high above... "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts"... **Isa 55:8-9**

The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof... For you Lord art high above all the earth: you art exalted far above all gods." **Ps 97:1 & 9**

"Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool; for He is holy" **Ps 99:5**

How Great is His Mercy...

"I will praise thee O Lord among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. For Thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and Thy truth unto the clouds. Be Thou exalted O God, above the heavens: let Thy glory be above all the earth." **Ps 57:9-11**

"Be Thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: Thou hast given commandment to save me for Thou art my rock and my fortress." **Ps 71:3**

"I cried unto the God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and He gave ear unto me." **Ps 77:1**

He is Sovereign...

"For this God is our God forever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death." **Ps 49:1**

"The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof... And the heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself. Selah." **Ps 50: 1 & 6**

The Divine Providence of Jehovah...

"Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power to be

known... He saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy." **Ps 106: 8 & 10**

"He hath sent redemption to His people: He hath commanded His covenant forever: holy and reverend is His name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His commandments: His praise endures forever." **Ps 111:9-10**

Well, we cried out and He heard us... He hid us 'neath His wing and His blessings has He showered upon us... Or to say it more plainly... On February 12th... we were facing the loss of income and certain financial ruin... by March 12th I received a call and He blessed us with everything we prayed for... He provided and more... No relocation: work from home, with some travel, and Best of All... We can stay and serve and worship with our Church Family... because He is Sovereign. He is bigger than any giant... He is merciful and faithful and in control... ALL, things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose. **Rom 8:28**

Have you said your prayers today? He really does answer. Won't you call upon His name? Taste and see that the Lord is good! Baruk Hashem Adonai (Blessed be the Lord)

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Site Insight

Did you leave your bulletin behind on Sunday? Missed some detail before throwing it away? Do not despair! Past bulletins are available online. Visit ccfernley.org and click on the Bulletins button. If you have any ideas for the website, send Robert an e-mail at postmaster@ccfernley.org.



Mother Daughter Luncheon

Saturday May 5th at 12:00 noon - we will be having a Mother Daughter cake decorating contest. Prizes awarded for best, most original, funniest, etc. More details to follow.



HELP HELP HELP HELP!!!

OUR FOOD CLOSET SHELVES ARE BARE. WE ARE DOWN TO OUR LAST FEW ITEMS. THE ONLY AREAS WE *DON'T* NEED SUPPLIES IN ARE PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY. PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION OF ANY KIND TO HELP OUT THIS MINISTRY. PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINA HERRON OR THE CCF STAFF IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Guy's Night Out

Yeah, ladies, the guys get one too.

Friday April 27th

we will be having a Back Country BBQ.

Bring your own meat, a friend, and your 4x4 or if you don't have one or don't want to scratch your "baby", come anyway and go with someone who does. We will meet at the CCF parking lot at 6:00pm and go from there.



Local Christian Concert

What - Oregon Trail Tour - featuring Falling Up, Run Kid Run, & The Send with special guests A Dream Too Late and Ever Stays Red.

When - Friday May 11th 7:30pm

Where - Summit Christian Church

Cost - \$12 advance/\$15 at the door

Info - (480) 812 1100

Missions in our Midst

Pj - Devon, I hear that you're doing something different this summer. What's up?

Devon - I'm going to a Christian Youth In Action summer missionary training school.

Pj - That's quite a mouthful. What are you doing there?

Devon - I'm going to learn how to present the gospel to children, and then go help with at least three 5-Day Clubs with Patti Lapin.

Pj - Awesome! I wish more people would get out there. When are you going?

Devon - June 8th through 14th.

Pj - What does the camp cost?

Devon - \$300.00, but I already earned \$150.00.

Pj - That's cool! Do you need any help?

Devon - Yeah, I'm looking for odd jobs, sweeping, mopping cleaning, yard work, the whole nine yards.

Pj - Well, I have this really dirty garage...

(Edited for length. You knew Jeremiah couldn't keep a conversation that short! :-P)

AR Avalanche Ranch

Wah-Hoo! Trail blazers, we're on the look out for Wild West items, such as, wagon wheels, horseshoes, spurs, lanterns, barrels etc. Also if anyone has a hot knife tool and you could loan it out when we commence to decorating let us know. This tool would be used to sculpt Styrofoam. If anyone happens to have some big sheets of Styrofoam we'll put it to good use too. Our Chadder Wild West Theater will need some items, such as, flashlights (5), pencils, washable markers (20-30), Kool Aid pitchers (5), vanilla oil (5), that one has me curious. The Sing and Play Stampede needs women's size 6½ cowboy boots and spurs, crutches, and an ace bandage (are these connected?). The Wild Bible Adventures will need about 4 light blue sheets, 2 six foot step ladders, and a few plastic tarps. Also three 6x9 foot drop cloths that will be painted (in other words, these won't be returned, and about a dozen large plastic green plants. If you would like to contribute any of these items please see Tammy Saxe, your VBS director.

We're praying this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with God's love. Help kids in our community discover that:

- God is real,
- God is with us,
- God is strong,
- God is awesome, and
- God is in charge.

As we plan and prepare for Avalanche Ranch, our team would cherish your prayers. Pray that God would give us wisdom in planning. Pray for the right staff members to join our team. And pray that God would begin working in the hearts of the children who will come to Avalanche Ranch! Our next meeting is May 14th at 6:30pm in the whale room.



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, Ranse Herzinger, Ron McKay, Ted Saxe, Bob Wilson

Dir. of Christian Ed.: Bill Criss

Financial Secretary: Linda McIlvain

Food Closet: Christina Herron

GAP Coordinator: Kirk Selby

Greeter: Dave Tustin

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

April 10th "Easter Break" no class

April 17th Glorification (Receiving a Resurrection Body)

April 24th Union With Christ

The Doctrine of The Church

May 1st The Church

May 8th The Purity and Unity of the Church

May 15th The Power of the Church

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