



# Calvary Chapel Fernley October Newsletter

*"A Family of Believers Growing Together"* ISSUE 22, OCTOBER 2007

## Dates to Remember



- 10 / 02 Women's Bible Study begins
- 10 / 02 Men's Bible Study begins
- 10 / 03 p.j. and Bob returns from Russia
- 10 / 07 potluck for Home groups kick off
- 10 / 08 Awana Leaders Meeting
- 10 / 13 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10 / 14 Home Groups Begin
- 10 / 15 Men's Prayer
- Oct 21 3rd Sunday Brunch
- Oct 22 Newsletter deadline
- Oct 22 Board Meeting
- Oct 28 Communion
- Oct 29 Missions Committee

## Extended Forecast

- Christmas Play Practice TBA
- Christmas Play

## Perpetual Calendar

### Sundays

- 9:15am Prayer Groups Meet
- 9:45am Sunday Service
- 9:45am Sunday School (K-6th)
- 3rd Sunday Brunch
- 4th Sunday Communion
- 5:00pm Home Bible Study
- 5th Sunday Lunch (when there is a 5th)

### Mondays (alternating)

- 7:00pm 1st - Home Study Leaders Meeting
- 7:00pm 2nd - AWANA Leaders Meeting
- 7:00pm 3rd - Men's Prayer
- 7:00pm 4th - Board Meeting
- 7:00pm 5th - Mission's Committee
- Fourth Mon. Of the Month - Newsletter Submission Deadline

### Tuesdays

- 9:00am Women's Bible Study
- 9:00am Project Linus (last Tues. Of the Month@ 100 Country Ranch Rd.)
- 7:00pm Adult Bible Study / Youth Group

### Wednesdays

- 1:00pm Sr. Bible Study
- 7:00pm AWANA during the school year

### Thursdays

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

## P.j.'s Corner

*"let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our maker."*

Psalm 59:6

Life got me to thinking about David and his harp and I am certain there would have been a problem if David played the same music at home as he did in the palace. There has been 'discussions' about the differences in church music ever since the first prayer was sung. Music is at the root of pleasure and much within the Church. Satan has uses it to introduce disharmony (pun intended) in the Body of Christ. Do you think it's time it stopped? We don't control the world, but we can stop it here.

Isn't it interesting the music some called the 'old stuff' at one time was 'new stuff'. While growing up some of the songs we sing today caused quite a stir. They were a too 'poppy', and 'simple', I heard them called, "Boogie-Woogie". Now they are? 'The mainstream stuff' Soon what is called 'contemporary' today will be 'traditional' in some churches and anything new, 'Boogie-woogie'. Try playing 'A Mighty Fortress' in some ultra-contemporary churches and hear, 'What is that, I don't know if I like the new stuff coming out.'

As I pondered our worship style I went to the best guide I could find to determine what could be our style of worship. I concluded we needed worship which compliments the desired composition of our fellowship. In this time of 'targeted services', the 8:00 AM 'Contemporary', and 10:00 'Traditional' Services, or even a 'targeted church', we are a church for 'the Boomer' or 'the Builder', or 'the Gen-Xers'. Where would we be without our wonderful blend of life experiences looking back and expectations looking forward if we had targeted services with targeted worship? The potential rich blending of lives from diverse backgrounds, cultures and ages formed our desire to have a 'blended fellowship' of all ages and all level of spiritual and physical maturity; people of all ethnicities, and yes, an occasional misplaced or lost Californians worshipping our One God together as one body. We do not need a church just full of people like me; that would be too much perfection, we need people like everyone else, to show people like me just how wonderful we are. So because we want to be a church for every man and woman we need to have worship for every man and every woman. We need grand, majestic and theological hymns to stimulate the mature believers and challenge the new believers. We need worship that reminds us of our histories, even our secular history. We need slow songs. We need fast songs. We need songs with few words and songs with many. But to make this final determination I didn't go to my feelings; I went to the Word. I looked at the Psalms. The Lord's Hymn and Chorus Book; I found short psalms, long psalms, repetitive psalms, deep meaning psalms, those that just make you feel good, those that make you feel challenged and those that just worship and worship and worship. Other songs in the Scriptures tell stories and others bring praise. We can see the songs of and in the Word are blended; so why should we be different.

I know we all have personal preferences, and that all they are preferences, there is no one type more or less theologically correct than another in its rhythm and meter, it is the 'context' that determines the 'character' of the person and the music. If we were to go to each car in the parking lot and look at the stations or the CDs in players we would see an eclectic menagerie. It is preference: Thinkers





want to be made to think. Emotional types want to just 'emote'. Worshipers want to worship, not warship. Some like meter and discipline. Some chaff at meter and discipline. So, remember those thoughts when we are singing a song that really doesn't bring you into closer worship, rejoice because the person ahead or behind you is worshipping and they should do the same for you when you worship. I know that is a stretch of Paul's teaching in Romans 12:15, but not that much of stretch for application purposes. Look to others and worship with them you may find yourself singing along, just out of love. There are some who can worship no matter what is being played. Shouldn't we all strive to reach this level of worship? Remember it is about Him, how we feel about Him and what He did for us.

When listening to the fellowship's comments pro and con for both traditional and contemporary worship they run about 50-50. So, blended worship reaches both and it doesn't reach both; it can never reach all but it can never reach any. If we all have the right attitude it can reach most. If we let the Holy Spirit lead, it can reach all.

Let me toss in a little illustration. We know America's two party system has created a uniquely divided and separating America. But we are not a 50-50 demographic. If you take a sample of 100 Americans, you would likely find: 33 Liberals, 33 Conservatives, and 33 moderates that do not know or do not care. As for that last one? He is Green Party. But of the 33 Liberals and Conservatives you will find about an equal split of 11 who would never vote any other way, 11 who are nearly as devoted and 11 who listen. Of the 33 in the middle you'll have 11 who don't care at all, 11 who are attentive and make their decision based on fact, and 11 who can see the benefits of both.

I believe at CCF we have roughly about the same statistical distribution when we look at personal preferences in Worship Style.

11% Adamant about their style and won't sing or worship to the other style.

11% Convinced that one style is better but tolerates the other style.

11% Convinced their preferred style is better but sings the other stuff.

Repeat for the other viewpoint as common for all, But all of both opinions like or love to sing and are not afraid to do so.

Then there are those:

11% Who really hate to sing and hate worship time.

11% Who are convinced they can't sing but like to listen to others do it.

11% Who just really love to sing and love both types.

1% That last person, that is me, but if I have to vote, I am the last type.

So 78% of the fellowship enjoys singing and 56% may or may not have a strong preference either way and

they will smile with whatever opinion is being discussed because it doesn't matter. They will sing whatever is played and pops up on the overheard and worship individually and corporately in the process. Then, there is 22% that for whatever reason wouldn't sing if you paid them a salary. So, when it is all said and done, a blended worship service reaches about 78% of those in attendance all of the time and 11% of what remains is unreachable no matter what you do, and more if you count in those who like to listen. So to target one style can only, at the very most, reach about 56% and a blended worship can reach about 78%. It wasn't scientific but it isn't to outrageously wrong.

So look around as we worship, see those who are worshipping Him and join in with them if only in your heart. Let's not give the World, Satan or ourselves the foothold they desire to ruin what He is doing and wants to do in and through us over the thing that brings Him and us so much pleasure. P.j.

*"But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in the fear will I worship toward the holy temple."* Psalm 5:7

*"Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."* Psalm 29:2

*"All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah."* Psalm 66:4

## Commander's Corner

After much prayer and preparation this club year has started, thank you for all of your prayers. Considering that we had more than 70 clubbers show up on the first night and the numbers keep growing each week, things are going well. Our Lord has provided many faithful leaders for this ministry and this is what keeps things running smooth. That does not mean that there is not room for you to help out, two of our leaders in T&T (3rd thru 6th) will be absent for 4 to 6 weeks while the visit some ailing family and one will be headed home once his work at the power plant is complete, some time in November. Even if you are not able to serve in this ministry I would encourage you to stop by one Wed. night and just watch what happens, if for no other reason than it may give you some faces to pray for.

Every year Awana holds a training conference in Reno. This year the conference will be held on Saturday, October 13th. This is a great day of training not only for Awana leaders but also anyone who works with or is thinking of working with children. If you are interested in participating in this training please let me know and I will get you the information.

Please be in prayer for Me and my family as we will be heading down to Mexico for five days to work with the Pepito Family (local missionaries) at a orphanage out side of Tijuana. This is a very poor orphanage in need of many clothing and food items. If you would like to know more of what we are doing and how you can help please let me know.

Thank you again for all of your prayers and support,  
Andy Breen  
Awana Commander  
Serving Him by serving them.





## The Prayer Closet

In Matthew 26: 30-46, after the Passover celebration, Jesus and eleven of the twelve take a walk to the Garden of Gethsemane... On the way according to the Gospel of John, Ch.15-17, He delivers the Olivet Discourse. And as they approach their destination the Master tells eight of them to wait and He continues on with His closest of friends... Peter, James and John. As they walk a bit further into the Garden, He also directs them to wait and Watch (pray) with Him; as He continues on.

I see three distinct pictures here The call of the church to walk with Him... The call of certain ones, whose gifts are special, whom have devoted themselves deeply to Him, those who refused to settle for mediocrity... the one who walked on water, the Sons of Thunder, the inner circle... and The God –Man Himself leading the way.

I see the humanness of this whole setting; the fragileness of Christ Himself before His Father as He faces the greatest test. He gently tells the three to watch with Him while He goes a bit deeper into the garden to pray... (again leading by example and going a bit deeper) and falls on His face before His Father in supplication, agonizing now intensely from the weight of the sin of the world.

His only desire is to do (Action-word here) the will of His Father. He is not interested in His fate per se. Rather His focus is on His mission. And the very first thing He does before stepping into battle is to pray. You see, Jesus understood His need to pray, to constantly communicate with the Father; they were partners in this. Three times He makes it emphatic, "Not My will but Thine."

While He pours out His needs to be strengthened and renewed so He can face the coming brutality, the imminence the moment cried out for; He waits... as  
Isaiah beckoned Him, 450 years

before...They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary...they shall walk and not faint! Jesus knew the power in waiting...On His Knees!

But like myself, the three who were not so far off...fell into slumber, comfortable and stricken with the frailty of the flesh. How often have I neglected to wait when my Savior called upon me to stand fast? How often have I become consumed by my own needs; that I have once put my hand to the plow and looked back? How often have I looked at the raging sea and took my eyes off of the Master... when all I had to do is "Wait"? He said... wait here and watch with Me. How tough is that? But as so often happens with us, Jesus calls and we neglect to respond to Him and stand fast.

Oh how many times have I cried...Jesus, "All" for Jesus; All I am and have and ever hope to be. Moreover, how many times have I been the picture Isaiah described of the sheep who has gone astray and turned to my own way...While Jesus took my sin and paid the price and appeased the wrath and washed my sin away?

And in His deep compassion and love for us...He walks over and says...sleep now, take your rest...when His hour is at hand and we are fast in slumber. His love is so great...I cannot imagine... It is too high for me... Higher than the heavens... Deeper than the oceans... Reaches to the stars in the sky... His love knows no bounds...

So my friends, I ask you to wait with me, to watch. For no man knows the hour nor the day, no not even the angels in heaven... but My Father only Watch therefore, for He shall come like a thief in the night. It's time to trim our lamps, bring extra oil... Have you said your prayers today... I hope you have, watch with me won't you... the fields are ripe, even white unto the harvest...  
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### Nursery Schedule

Oct. 07 Mitch & Karen Turner  
Oct. 14 Judy Korte & Amanda Thompson  
Oct. 21 Tina Clark & Misty Grgich  
Oct. 28 Cristina Herron & Deana Holmes

### Opening Prayer Schedule

Oct. 07 Andy Breen  
Oct. 14 Dave Dunham  
Oct. 21 Robert Herron  
Oct. 28 Tom McKay

### Tuesday Evening Adult Bible Study

Both Men's and Women's studies will began Oct. 2, @ 7:00pm

#### Women's Study

The Perfect Fit-Sizing up the full armor of God Eph. 5:10-20  
A woman's look.

#### Men's Study

Row-mans for Men

### Home Groups Potluck Kick-off Today!(10-7)

Sunday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm . in the MPR We will have a potluck get together to kick off our home groups.

If you haven't signed up for home group, do it today and come to the potluck with your favored dish to share today @ 5:00pm- See you

### October Birthdays

10-02 Fran McKay  
10-03 Jean Santos  
10-03 Judy Nichols  
10-05 Jack Johnson  
10-17 Alycia Tustin  
10-18 Andi Bolstad  
10-19 Norm Sturgeon  
10-23 Niki Smith  
10-24 Emma Herron  
10-24 Ryan Swanson

### October Anniversaries

10-03 Tony&Annie Tillman  
10-30 Jack&Lucy Johnson





## Thanksgiving Food Baskets

YOU PROBABLY HATE PEOPLE WHO START CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS EARLY, BUT WE DON'T!

Thanksgiving is less than 2 months away. HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! We are counting down to our food basket drive. There are many ways you can help! You don't have to be physically fit, just have a love for the Lord and a passion to serve others.

\* Pray! Pray! Pray! Letters need to be written and names need to be gathered. Food need to be collected and boxes need to be packed. This is a great ministry to help those who Jesus called us to minister to. Please pray for all that is involved.

\* If you or someone you know may need assistance, please contact the church office. All requests are confidential.

\* Consider volunteering to help make calls, gather food and pack boxes. In October sign-up sheets will go out for volunteer sign ups.

\* Consider cleaning out your pantry to help us fill boxes. This is a

great time to get rid of that food you bought to much of. Please make sure the food is non-perishable, unopened and not expired.

For more information please see Christina Herron or contact the church office.

## Church Leadership

**Pastor:** Joe Gale

**Elders:** Ted Saxe, Tom McKay, Leland McIlvain

**Deacons:** Dave Tustin, Andy Breen, 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, Rans Herzinger, Ron McKay, Ted Saxe, & Bob Wilson

**Financial Sec.:** Linda McIlvain

**Food Closet:** Christina Herron

**Greeter:** Dave Tustin

**Hospitality & Food Serv:** Fran McKay

**In-reach Outreach:**

Anne Tillman

**Married Ministry Fel.:**

Dale & Della Dunham

**Men's Prayer:** Kirk Selby

**Nursery Coordinators:**

Dave Dunham, Judy Korte

**Rotating Fellowship:**

Charlene McFarlane

**Vacation Bible School:**

Tammy Saxe

**Worship Team Leader:**

Bob Wilson

## Agreeing Hearts Women's Ministry

**PRAYER.** What is it? What is the purpose, and what is its power? Is it worth giving up 30 minutes a week, and if we do, what do we expect God to do?

I believe in corporate prayer. God works through the prayers of His people. So often, we tell ourselves that we will just pray at home. God hears us there. Yes. But how often do we do it? On Sunday mornings we are getting dressed, getting our kids ready, reading the Sunday paper and all the ads, and making breakfast. Do we really take time out to pray for the service, children's church, worship, and the nursery? What about the needs of others? Corporate prayer brings fellowship, discipline and accountability. As women, we should be praying together. The battle is raging in our world-our community, our schools, our streets, and even our church. We have to get into the battle as an army, not individual soldiers.

Our last brunch was disappointing. I am going to be honest-I believe that you should let your yes (I signed up and am coming) be yes and your no be no. There were nine people who signed up but didn't show up. This makes planning hard and I don't feel like I am a good steward of what God has given us when I spend money on table set-ups and the tables are empty. I feel like I am taking from other needs of the church and throwing the money away. I have a hard time calling people to remind them to come. Please write it on your calendar or program it in your cell phone. We really want you there!

The Agreeing Hearts leadership team is considering other options for fellowship. The interest in the brunch format is dropping. Maybe the Lord desires us to change in some way. We are praying about this, and would like your input, too. We are seeking His will, and we know that He desires us to have fellowship. We might just have to look at this in a new and fresh way.

I am sorry if I am being harsh. I don't like to be, but I feel like I need to be honest and share my heart. I love every one of the ladies of this church, and I just want to have a closeness that is unusual in our modern culture. I believe that it is possible!

Ladies Bible study begins on Tuesday, October 2. I am so excited about this study. Joe's sister Mona, who wrote this study, is such a sincere woman of God. I know she has some great things to share with us. She has exposed her heart and made herself vulnerable, which is a brave thing to do. I hope many of you can join us!

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