



Calvary Chapel Fernley December Newsletter

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p.j.'s Corner for December

Dates to Remember in December

- 12/ 03 Missions Committee Meeting
- 12/ 10 Board Meeting
- 12/ 16 3rd Sunday Brunch/Family Sunday
- 12/ 17 Awana Leaders Meeting
- 12/ 17 Newsletter submissions deadline
- 12/ 22 Progressive Dinner
- 12/ 23 Communion Sunday
- 12/ 24 Candlelight Service
- 12/ 25 Christmas

Extended Forecast

January, 2008

- Educational Adult's Night Out
- Season of Prayer

Perpetual Calendar

Sundays

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

Mondays (alternating)

- 7:00pm 1st -**Alternating** Home Study
- Leaders Meeting with Mission's Committee
- 7:00pm 2nd - Board Meeting
- 7:00pm 3rd - AWANA Leaders Meeting
- 7:00pm 4th - Board Meeting
- 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 Men's and Womens Bible Study and 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

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." **Acts 1:8**

Are you ready for that challenge as well?

Just prior to HIS ascension Jesus was asked by one of His Disciples, and I paraphrase, 'Is it now Lord'. They asked, 'Jesus, are you going to establish your kingdom here, right now?' Jesus said it is not for you to know. Jesus then goes to the contradictory conjunction, 'But'. 'It is not for you to know when the kingdom is going to be restored but you will receive power to do what I am leaving you here to do.' Don't worry about the coming kingdom; worry about the lost.

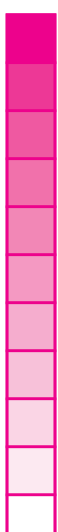
Then the Holy Spirit came; He came alongside of us leading us, showing us our need, showing us our Savior, leading us to Salvation, then after Salvation He entered into our New Lives, changing us and preparing us for His works and then only when we are ready He flows through us empowering us to do what He has for us to do. Some of us are spending an awful long time in step two aren't we?

We know as a part of His body, His bride, His church, we all receive different gifts from the Spirit to perform together with the gifts of others to do the good works He has prepared for the church to do. We all have our special calling and gifting for that calling and when we all use them together in the unity Christ prayed for in John 17 our fellowship will never be the same.

We all have our calling to be a part of the whole, but here in Acts 1:8 He empowers us all, not just certain special individuals, to "*be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*" The passage tells the story of their outreach then and the flags in the Sanctuary guide us to where we are to retell that same story today. Jerusalem, for us it is Fernley. Judea, for us it is Nevada. Samaria, the state near them, and for us, California, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Arizona. Then there end of the earth was as far as they had discovered, for us it is the flags of the nations around the outside of the Sanctuary. We are to be His witnesses to them all. Does it excite you the range of potential you have as an obedient follower of our Lord Jesus?

But today let's look at that potential starting with the outer ring of flags and work our way in. Today, let's talk about Missions.

As most of you know, I have a growing passion for missions; and, it just keeps growing and growing the more involved I am. I would like to lead you all to having the same growing passion for missions. I guarantee you it will radically change and rejuvenate your walk! Find out how it can change you and how much it can change you; our Missions Committee meets on Monday, 03 December 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Whale Room. Because of preparations for the Russia Outreach we will be meeting every other month on the first Monday. So if you have a heart for missions, or would like to know more about our supported missions please come next Monday. I would like to encourage at least one person from each family to attend. I know that when we have that kind of





excitement for missions it will become infectious to our fellowship and we will never be the same.

Also Monday, 03 December, we will be having our first interest meeting for the Tver, Outreach 04-13 August 2007. You may not feel led to go, but we will need a lot of prayer and other kinds of support for this trip. Please is you are thinking about it, come, if you are just curious, come, or you feel like you are being led to attend, don't resist it join us. Oh, just come...

That is the outer ring of flags, but what about our neighbors? What about the middle, what about reaching out to Fernley? Have you ever shared your faith with a relative?, a friend?, a co-worker?, a complete stranger? Have you ever had the joy of being a part of the 'new birth' of a believer? Even easier than that have you ever invited someone to church? Have you ever invited someone to Home Bible Study or any activity, a breakfast, an AWANA event, anything, here at CCF?

Imagine if we all resolved to invite just one person, couple or family a month to church and one person, couple or family to another activity and then let the Holy Spirit do what He does so well, when we get out of the way. Imagine if we all resolved to tell one person a month or quarter about our relationship with Jesus Christ? I think that should be one of our goals for 2008. We should all resolve to invite someone to church and someone to home group every month for a year. Even if they attend another church, especially if it is a Reno church, as long as the local church doesn't have PM activities. I guess for some the first person they should invite to home group is themselves, I will invite you; "Please come to home group this week." You don't know what you are missing; and sadly we know what we are missing, you. So I think we need a practice Sunday when we all invite someone to church and then have one event we all invite someone to. We will not have a massive arm twisting gospel push day with an hour alter call that will make you sorry you invited them because of how uncomfortable it made them. We will just have a normal fellowship around the Word Sunday and let the Holy Spirit do what He does best when we get out of the way. I was thinking about the 16th and/or 23rd as a our target dates for, "Invite Someone to Church Sunday" and in addition to those Sundays lets all invite someone to Candlelight Service. If you have out of town guest don't let them keep you away, bring them.

I never get tired of Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; I have been going to them for fifty two years. To spend that first hour of my Christmas Eve, singing as many carols as we can stuff into the time frame, just using them and a little of the Word getting focused on the true reason for the season before all of the Holiday

busyness begins, hearing the gospel from a manger perspective. This year please share that hour with us and invite as many of your unsaved friends and relatives as you can to come and start the Celebration together.

In the country of Wales at the turn of the last century Evan Roberts lead a few men in an unimportant city in prayer and through them the Holy Spirit and the Lord changed the world. They started in their city of Loughor, it spread to their region of Glamorgan, then the next and the next, it eventually reached around the world. Do not limit this event to history, our Lord is the same today, yesterday and forever. Someone totally lost to history invited Evan Roberts to church. Maybe in Tver, or Costa Rica, or Mexico you can be used by the Lord and lost to history, too. And maybe in Fernley your simple invitation is what the Lord will use to spark another revival. Imagine???

Agreeing Hearts Women's Ministry

It is December! It is clear to see because of the Christmas trees, the icicle lights, and bright packages you see everywhere, from the mall to the airport. What kind of "decoration" do we adorn ourselves with to show we celebrate Christ every day? It should be obvious-love, joy, peace, patience, kindness...even to the lady who cuts in front of us in line, or says something rude about our children or grandchildren. We should adorn ourselves with the evergreen of His amazing power and strength within us!

Ephesians 2: 4-10 says "But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by faith you have been saved, through grace, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

We are His workmanship. As I look at the decorations this time of year, I think of how much work goes into it. Ladders and lifts, nails and tape. Just to make it look festive. Christ put that work in us. He wants us to do our job-show who He is by our lives.

Speaking of Ephesians....it is not too late to join our Bible study on Ephesians! We have a wonderful time of learning from each other and sharing our praises and needs.

Keep December 6 open! We will be having a Book Group on *Blue Like Jazz* by Donald Miller. There are some copies floating around, ask Pastor Joe. It is a book that will make you think, make you mad, and make you question. It should be an interesting discussion! It is at Lois McKay's house at 7:00 on Thursday, December 6. Bring some Christmas goodies to share!

Vicki Gale





The Prayer Closet

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith He unto his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. **Mat 9:35-38**

How often do we neglect the harvest...How often do we become so engrossed in our own circumstance and day to day that we completely forget about the lost...That we neglect our calling to Go into Jerusalem, and all of Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the world...Why is our focus so narrow, and why do intentionally look away from the fields? We are supposed to be redeeming the days...we are supposed to be seeking out the one; that one lost and wayward sheep.

Soon it will be the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior...It should be a time of remembrance, a time of becoming re-focused on what our lives were meant to be...our calling and our divine purpose. Yet, we would allow ourselves to become distracted and bent on gifts and parties and gatherings...which are supposed to direct us toward Christ, not away from Him. The enemy is very clever...he comes to rob and kill and destroy. It is no wonder we are so easily swayed away from the true meaning of the holiday we call Christmas.

We need to not only celebrate our Lord's appearance to man; His co-habitation with the world He created by the word of His power, but we need to redeem the time for the days are evil...

Jesus told Peter, "If you love me...Feed my Sheep...and Follow me! **Jn 21:15-19** If we are truly followers of Christ and not caught up in a feeling that is generated from **Christmas**, then we will again put our hand to the plow and begin to till that fallow ground of our heart; that it might bring forth Good Fruit in due season...and we should continually "Pray to the Lord of the Harvest"...that He would send us forth...instead of waiting for someone else to go into His harvest.

Jesus said, "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done...Truly I say to you that the servant is not greater than his lord; neither greater is he that is sent than he that sent him. **Jn 13:15**

Now He said this after He had washed the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper...yet I believe He meant it in a broad application as well as for the moment.

His statement, "I have given you an example", could apply to all of the miracles, and all of the healings, and all of the compassion, and mercy, and love...that He gave every minute, with every breath, in every moment He was with us: don't you?

Have you said your prayers today?...Pray indeed to the Lord of the Harvest, for the fields are white...Take up your sickle...and thrust it in and see that the Lord is Good!Life is Short... Pray Hard! Merry Christmas! KS

A Thank You from RawlisCC *Dear Precious People!*

*What a awesome God we serve!! Your gift is a blessing and we will use these funds wisely, as we prepare to begin again! God is so good and we thank Him upon every remembrance of you
God Bless you all
Pastor Randy & Stacy
Phil 4:17*

Nursery Schedule

- Dec. 02nd Cristina Herron & Deana Holmes
- Dec. 09th Kristen Wallitner & Hannah Saxe
- Dec. 16th Mitch & Karen Turner
- Dec. 23rd Judy K., Amanda T., & Misty G.
- Dec. 30th Cristina Herron & Deana Holmes

December Birthdays

- 12-01 Justin Turner
- 12-11 Bearett Henkins
- 12-15 Jennifer Windle
- 12-19 Toby Herzinger
- 12-19 Troy Smith
- 12-20 Alex Abbey
- 12-20 Steven Tustin
- 12-25 Cory McCain
- 12-25 Lani Kirshman
- 12-27 David Tustin

December Anniversaries

- 12-19 Gordon & Betty Littljohn
- 12-21 Chuck & Alice McKinney
- 12-31 Guy & Tina Clark

Opening Prayer Schedule

- Dec. 02 Dave Dunham
- Dec. 09 Robert Herron
- Dec. 16 Tom McKay
- Dec. 23 Ted Sax
- Dec. 30 Kirk Selby





Food Closet News A Great Many Thanks

I want to tell you about a family:

Mr. and Mrs. R are originally from Virginia. They have 5 children ages 11 to 2 years old. They moved here about a year ago with Mr. R's work. Mr. R is in the Navy. Mrs. R quickly found a job as a mortgage loan processor. Soon after arriving here Mr. R received word that he was being sent out on ship for one year.

Two months ago, Mrs. R was laid off from her position. She has been unable to find work and is trying to make ends meet on Mr. R's send home pay.

A few weeks after losing her job, Mrs. R began suffering from chest pains. A couple of weeks later she had tests done only to find that heart rate was erratic. Just after Halloween she was admitted to the hospital for a week. They did several tests and found a heart valve defect which had gone unnoticed for many years. Without family nearby, she had to rely on a in-home childcare service to care for her children while she was in the hospital. This was very expensive.

She was released from care on Friday, November 16th. She came home to a home with no food. She was tired and broke. She was able to get by on what she had for Saturday and Sunday. She began to feel helpless and told me she spent Saturday night praying, even though she wasn't "religious". I called her Sunday night to tell her that a food basket was ready for her.

When she arrived with her kids Monday night and told me her story, I knew I needed to tell you. She just wanted to say thanks to everyone that helped. Her kids were so excited that they could have turkey and that they were going to have food in their house.

This is only one of the 176 families we helped this year. Thank you for all your prayers, donations and support. I am especially thankful for the 88 turkeys which the Wal-Mart distribution center donated to us.

We are getting the food closet ready for the rest of the year. If you weren't able to donate food during the basket drive, consider bringing it down to fill our closet. This closet helps families in need throughout the year.
Christina Herron

From Missionary Ellie Driesenga---- Brazil Gospel Fellowship

This was an interesting little activity that got me thinking about what the Lord has done. So I decided to share this with you. I translated this from an email I received in Portuguese. Enjoy! Focus on the text below and allow your mind to read it correctly. You will be surprised!

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That teste matematica was really cool! I never stopped to think about how God has made our minds to dicifer so quickly what we are looking at. It is also a good warning to be careful what I am looking at because my mind will absorb and decifer more than I could have imagined.

CCF Shirts are Ordered!

The shirts will be here Wednesday!

The prices are as follows:

Hoodies.....	\$33.00
Polo.....	\$20.00
XXXL Polo.....	\$30.00
T Shirt.....	\$12.00
XXL T Shirt.....	\$14.00
XXXL T-Shirt.....	\$15.00

If you can't remember what you ordered, see p.j.

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

Financial Sec.: Linda McIlvain

Food Closet: Christina Herron

Greeter: Dave Tustin, Guy Clark

Hospitality & Food Serv:

Fran McKay, Wendy

Tustin, & Shelly Pringle

In-reach Outreach: Anne Tillman

Men's Prayer: Kirk Selby

Nursery Coordinators:

Dave Dunham, Judy Korte

Vacation Bible School:

Tammy Saxe

Worship Team Leader:

Bob Wilson

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