



# Calvary Chapel Fernley March Newsletter

*"A Family of Believers Growing Together"* **ISSUE 28, APRIL 2008**

## p.j.'s Corner for April 2008

### Dates to Remember in April

- 04/07 VBS meeting @ 6:30pm
- 04/10 Ladies Book Club @ Lois McKay's
- 04/14 Board Meeting
- 04/18-20 Weekend to Remember
- 04/19 Ladies Brunch
- 04/28 Newsletter Deadline
- 04/28 Board Meeting
- 04/29 Project Linus

### Extended Forecast

- 05/03 Church Work Day
- 05/11 Mother's Day
- 05/17 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 05/31 Ladies Brunch

### Perpetual Calendar

#### Sundays

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

#### Mondays

- 6:00am & 6:00pm Men's Prayer
- 7:00pm 1st - **Alternating** Home Study Leaders Meeting with Mission's
- 7:00pm 2nd - Board Meeting
- 7:00pm 3rd - AWANA Leaders Meeting
- 7:00pm 4th - Board Meeting
- 7:30pm NA Meets in the MPR
- 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

#### April's Quick Hits:

Even though I am taking up a lot of space this month I cannot pass up this opportunity to talk about all of these issues.

#### Strike One and pitch Two is on the way

**STRIKE ONE:** Last week, you really missed out by not attending the High Sierra Pastor's Conference. Don't let the name mislead you, it is not just for pastors anymore. Originally, it was but it has grown and the name is the name. But it is two really great days of fellowship around the word and worship. Make plans to attend next year.

**PITCH TWO:** I do not know if there is even still time to get registered, I know the group rate may be gone, and it can be expensive, but the 'Weekend to Remember' marriage conference is a wonderful two days to really refuel the tank in your marriage with good hi-octane fuel. Vicki and I have a great marriage and she 'talked' me into going a few years ago.

**PITCH TWO, PS:** There is also a good conference coming up at Calvary Chapel Dayton Valley.

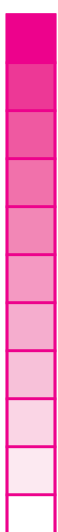
**Why Settle?** ---As we progress through the book of Hebrews we are moving into a new section. So far have been come to an amazing conclusion: "Why are we going back to the old life, when He has something so incredible awaiting us?" For the original hearers was the old life of bondage found in Judaism; for us we are in danger of slipping into the old bondage of 'religion', 'sin', or life. I know this section of Hebrews has had such a powerful effect on my life. I want to leave the old stuff; all of it: the old life that hands on, the drags of my old religion, etc. To see it bobbing up and down in the wake of my life would be a blessing.

There is such a great life available to us in Jesus. On Easter, I asked Vicki as we drove down from Sunrise Service, "How can anyone live without Jesus?" "Where would we be without Him?"... Spend a moment pondering, "What would my life be without Him?"

I have been a Christian for a long time, since April 1965, and something happened on Easter 2008 which left me changed. I have always loved the Lord for what He did for me on Calvary, but when I went to sleep that Easter evening, it was like I fell in love with the Lord all over again. No epiphanies, no visitations, nothing more than one of those days. I just have this love for Him, my family, and all of you that is fresh and new, and with a renewed passion; it is great, I am so excited. If you hang around long enough, I am going to bore you into a new life with or without your permission.

**Russia 2008**-----We are now under 120 days until we depart for Russia. I found out this week the other churches may not be joining us; we will have to split our time between Tver and Moscow, and there is a financial benefit for teams of 10 or more. We have six, and only the three who have been on short term mission trips before are not having early signs of cold feet. That means at least four of you are needed.

What can I say about short term ministry in Russia to entice you to go? I can almost guarantee you if you go, and it will be a sacrifice, you'll have to spend vacation time; it will cost you time and money, you will have to be away from your family, you will be outside, way outside, of your comfort zone. You may get sick; have you ever heard my story about the city water in Zavolghé? You will be pushed and shoved in





customs, passport control, security lines to have the longest airplane flight you have ever flew. You will have tenacious, near terminal, jetlag when you get home. You will be confused. You will come out of customs in Moscow, to a wall of smoke and black suited cabbies that would scare, General Patton. You will eat food you never thought you would eat, but it is okay you don't know what it is anyway. You will sleep on short uncomfortable beds. You will ride on hot smelly trains and buses that are worse. You will speak to people who will look at you like you are speaking a foreign language; because you are. You will be the fish out of water. You will stand on Red Square, in front of The Kremlin and Lenin's Tomb with the Tomb of the Biblical Adam behind you. You will cool your feet in the Volga River. You will walk down streets Catherine the Great walked down. You will become familiar with a culture, the Russian Culture and not the Soviet Culture that is old and beautiful and meet people hungry for what the Lord Jesus has to offer them. You will never forget the eyes and smiles. And best of all you will have a really cool stamp in your passport.

When you come home, tired, poorer, bruised you will never be the same. Your faith will have grown. The confidence in your testimony will be new. You will have seen and felt the Spirit working in like you never before. I never bet unless I am positive I am right and I can confidently bet you it will be ten days that change your life, your walk, (and I didn't mention we walk a lot in Russia, everyone does.) and renew your relationship with the Lord. You will have sights and sounds forever in your mind. You will have faces imbedded into your heart and mind you will never forget. You will do what we are created to do. You will impact your world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Be brave, and say, "Da, Lord, Da" and watch Him work miracles.

I remember the first time I went to Russia, for every really good reason I had to go, I created several reasons not to. I was afraid. So if the Lord is calling you to go, go, do not ignore Him, and if you ignore the 'nyets' you are creating and concentrate on the 'das' He is encouraging, your life will never be the same.

Ask Bob Wilson, Shawna Miller, Vicki Gale, Veronica Quinonez, or p.j. about what a short term mission trip to Russia meant to them. Talk to anyone who went on any short term mission trip.

August 04 to 13 a few days to forever change your life. Short term mission trips are like potato chips, you can't eat just one. Go as a couple and let it change your marriage.

Talk to me soon, today, don't let fear stand in your way. Don't let Satan give you an excuse. Don't let money stand in your way. If it is meant for you to go, the Lord will provide. Don't sit on the fence; even if you are arguing with the Lord about going, get your Passport and when you give in you'll have it.

There is a cost, and we need your help. The cost for this trip is approximately \$1,200.00 plus travel cost about

\$1,000.00. So the total cost of all ten of us, I have faith the four of you will sign up an no one's feet will get cold, will be about \$22,000.00. We have about 10% of it. The first payments for the plane tickets, approx. \$1,000 ea. and visas \$350 are due soon. So pray we get our support. Pray we get prayer support. Be a part of this important outreach in any way you can. We are going to help a Bible Study become a church in a very pretty Russian City between Moscow and St. Petersburg on the Volga River. And if you go, pray, or support in any way, that means feeding dogs and animals as well, you are a part.

#### **Air Conditioning, Tver Outreach and ... (Let's let Bush fund them)**

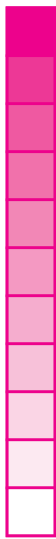
Let's let George Bush buy our new air-conditioning system for the Pavilion and if there is any left over let's let him fund the Tver Outreach and then some...

Do you remember those five weeks last summer when it was HOT in the Pavilion? We need some kind of efficient cooling for the Pavilion. Soon many of us will be getting a 'Tax Incentive', 'Let me buy your vote' or whatever political name it is being given, to stimulate the economy. Lets combine Bush's Bounty and stimulate the economy together and cool the sanctuary. We need about \$9,000.00. Most of us are getting \$600.00 per person. So if 15 people gave their 'bounty' we could all complain about 'the cold' in July. If more than that gave, we could fund the Tver Outreach, have enough to finish getting the Old Chapel ready for Mid-Week Service, and get the building fund really started off with a bang. That sounds like a lot but not all that many, just 67 people. If 67 people give their Bush's Election Year Bounty, we could air condition the Pavilion, fund the rest of the Tver Outreach, finish getting the Old Chapel ready for Mid-Week, and have some left over to seed the building fund. What were you going to do with it? Pay bills? Spend it at Wal\*Mart? Pool it all together and buy p.j. that Midnight black cherry Victory Jackpot? Why not? Just put, Pavilion Air Conditioning Project on the Memo line. Oh, yeah, Tax Returns will help too.

**Speaking of it, why Mid-Week?-----**Why not? But about the middle of the week don't we all start to need a bump to get us to Friday. Well, it is the same spiritually; we need to have a little bump to get us to Sunday.

What we are looking at is a service of about an hour and a quarter, with worship, open mike praise and prayer, a brief, really a brief, message, and some fellowship, here during or at Wig-Wam or Starbucks afterwards. I think it will be a blessing to all who attend. I have been praying about the topic and I am not certain what we will be studying, but I am leaning toward perpetual Old Testament Survey with each pass getting more in-depth. So imagine on one night the man who preaches for 45-50 minutes on a verse will cover, Deuteronomy in 15-20 minutes. That would be worth your time to come and to see.

We will have child care if we have volunteers or if there is enough interest to make it a good act of stewardship to fund it.





## The Prayer Closet

How fortunate we are to have the word of God in our daily lives: to possess it, to hold it, to hear the word...to honor it and put it before any other thing in our lives...There are those today who hold onto a scrap of a page, as though it were a bag of gold...a few words that they read and recite over and over, because it is the only piece of life they can cling to. Others are blessed to have multiple copies of the entire word, in multiple translations with commentaries and notes, concordances, and other reference materials to guide them through the depth and the breadth and the length of it...to have the Creator's heart opened to them in a bountiful and mighty way...

For those like me who are blessed to have at least one and perhaps many Bibles, I fear at times we take for granted the richness of the blessing. We are so accustomed to having it around that when we neglect it or are too busy for our devotional time in the word, we cast it off as mere happenstance and move on toward the next day's tasks. But that is not what the word of God commands us, nor is it anything short of reckless and fool-hearty. The word of the Lord, like Himself, is never changing...there is no shadow of turning: it is distinct in its direction and it is unwavering in its course...Listen to it, and hear what the Lord's heart is for us.

**Hear O' Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates. Deut. 6:4-9**

The Lord Jesus, in **Matt 22: 37- 40**, expanded this to include lov-

ing you neighbor as your self...and then made the Heart of God quite clear when He called them the great commandments and said that, **"On these two commandments hang all of the Law and the Prophets."**

So what does all of this really mean? What relevance is there in our daily lives...Well, first we need to understand that love is action. It is not passive, it is driven by choice. We have been so bombarded by the Cinnabon-sticky-gooey emotional drool that the media has set in front of us each day that we have lost sight of love. We have lost touch with the word pictures given throughout the word like; If any man come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. This is love that we walk after His commandments. Greater love hath no man than he would lay his life down for his friend. That is love. We are to give beyond measure to give until it hurts...

That means getting up while it is yet dark, and spending time in the word and in prayer before the Lord our God, our Maker. That means setting the bar high for ourselves and our families..."You shall teach them to your children diligently and you shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up!"

We need to quit looking like the world and acting like the world! We need to be the light and the salt we talk about...That is gonna take persistence and tenacity on our parts. That is going to cause us to push ourselves when we just don't "FEEL" like it. When we reach that place in our lives where When we rise up and When we lay down...When we constantly keep the word of the Lord bound to our hearts and in front of our eyes, When all that we do is done unto the Lord, Then loving the Lord your God with all of our hearts and souls and minds and strength will draw men to Christ...This is my fervent prayer for this fellowship and for the Church...

Have you said your prayers today...I hope you have. Take the time to read...Jesus took the time to bleed for our sins and the sin of the whole world...Blessings on YA. KS

## Nursery Schedule for April

04/06 Mitch & Karen Turner  
04/13 Judy Korte, Misty G & Amanda T  
04/20 Chrisina Herron & Deana Holmes  
04/30 Kristen Wallitner & Hannah S

## Food Closet News

As many of you know, I am giving this ministry over to Jamie Kerr. Many people have asked if I was "burned out" or "tired" of food baskets. But that isn't it at all. This is and always has been a ministry of the Lord's and doesn't belong to me. I have been happy to serve, and am sorry to leave. I know Jamie will do a great job and have no doubt that the Lord has prepared her heart for this ministry.

I encourage all of you (as I always have) that you continue to support this ministry through your prayers, food and monetary donations and physical help. Thank you again for the many years of blessing I have received through this ministry. I can truly say that in true service to him the blessing we receive is greater than anything the world can offer.

## April Birthdays

04-07 Duke Kahn  
04-09 Ronna Swanson  
04-14 Anne Tillman  
04-18 Rod Windle  
04-19 Kylie Kerr  
04-19 Gary Minyard  
04-19 Cristin Keyes  
04-23 Kory Herzinger  
04-23 Ethan Breen  
04-24 Dale Braaten  
04-26 David Tustin

## April Anniversaries

04-10 Richard&Kim Swanson  
04-22 Robert&Christina Herron





**VBS.....**Introducing FIZZ he's our bible buddy on Day 1 at **Power Lab**. On Day 1 children and adults will learn that Jesus gives us the power to be thankful. Colossians 3:15 "Always be thankful" will be our power verse on that day. Thankfulness is something we all know and experience as sinners saved by grace. We have the awesome opportunity to share this thankfulness and our faith in Jesus when we invite children to attend Power Lab VBS. Please be in prayer for all that needs to be accomplished. The FoR+Mu/La 4 success = Prayer+Prayer+Prayer.

I am very excited and thankful to report that we now have many of our Station Leaders in place... they are: Sonic Sing & Play Leader = Tammy Saxe, Squeaky Beaker's Preschool Director = Christina Herron, Cinema Science Leader = Catherine Cota, Bible Blast Leader = Vicki Gale, Hyperspeed Games Leader = Shawna Miller, Wacky Works Crafts & Missions Leader = Raffael Wilson, Faith Fusion Finale Leader = Karen Turner... We are looking for someone to be the Test Tube Treats Leader and again that may = YOU!! So come out-come out wherever YOU are and join the fun! Of course Crew Leaders are very important and we need more+more+more = Sign up today!

Last year for VBS 2007 Avalanche Ranch we registered 146 children and had 41 volunteer leaders, pray we will be up to the task again this year. Power Lab VBS 2008 is 64 days away! You are invited to attend our upcoming meeting this Monday April 7th at 6:30 pm in the whale room. You may also help us with our VBS budget by sponsoring a child. In order to get a visual+vision of how this sponsorship works notice the Power Lab poster with science beakers on the shelves. Each beaker will = 1 child + \$25 contributions. Always be thankful for what the Lord has done and for what he

empowers us to do when we help others. Visit the CCF Power Lab website

<https://www.groupvbs.com/webtoebox/myvbs/ccfernley> or <http://www.ccfernley.org>

which allows you to register children or volunteer online. It's way cool. Aha!

*T Saxe VBS Director*



### **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, Ransie 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, & Shelley 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**

### **Agreeing Hearts Women's Ministry**

April showers...so many of us feel like the rain is pouring on us. I don't mean showers of blessing, but of heartache and sorrow. There are many in our congregation who are in the middle of some spiritual storms. But, just as April showers bring May flowers, beauty comes into our lives in unexpected ways. God is doing a great work in the lives of our church fellowship. Prayer is becoming a natural part of every interaction we have. I praise God for that.

In Psalms 31: 23-24 it says "Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints! For the Lord preserves the faithful, and fully repays the proud person. Be of good courage, and He will strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord." This passage encourages me as I fight the battle. I hope it encourages all of you in your daily struggles for your family.

April is an exciting month! On Thursday, April 10, our book club meets to discuss "The Curates Awakening" by George McDonald. There are a few copies left. We will also choose our next book at this meeting. It is a great, stress-free, low prep evening of just talking (a woman's favorite pastime!) Join us at Lois McKay's house at 7:00 pm.

Our next Women's Fellowship Brunch is April 19 at 9:00 am. This will be a potluck, and a sign up sheet will be going around soon. It is a wonderful time of worship, prayer and being fed by each other. Don't miss it!

All ladies are welcome to join us in prayer for our services on Sunday morning at 9:15 in the Whale room. We lift up the worship time, the preaching, Sunday school, and the nursery, along with the other ministries of the week and each other's needs. Come and be blessed.

If you have any questions, please call the church or talk to Vicki!

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